

Year 12 IAG

Tuesday 12th September

‘Looking towards the next 21 months’



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A run down of important dates...

Friday 28th September	Last possible date to make changes to A Level subject choices
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Wednesday 3 rd October	National Apprenticeship Show - Cheltenham
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Wednesday 7 th November	Year 12 Tutor evening
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- Mrs Brenton



The difference between A level and GCSE...

Much more enjoyable –choice of study.

BUT

Much, much harder.

Students will need to work SO much harder
than last year!

Core time – 2 lessons a week

- Core Maths (1 year course – 4 lessons a week)
- EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- Sports leaders
- Voluntary work (may be outside core time)
- Also 6th form sport

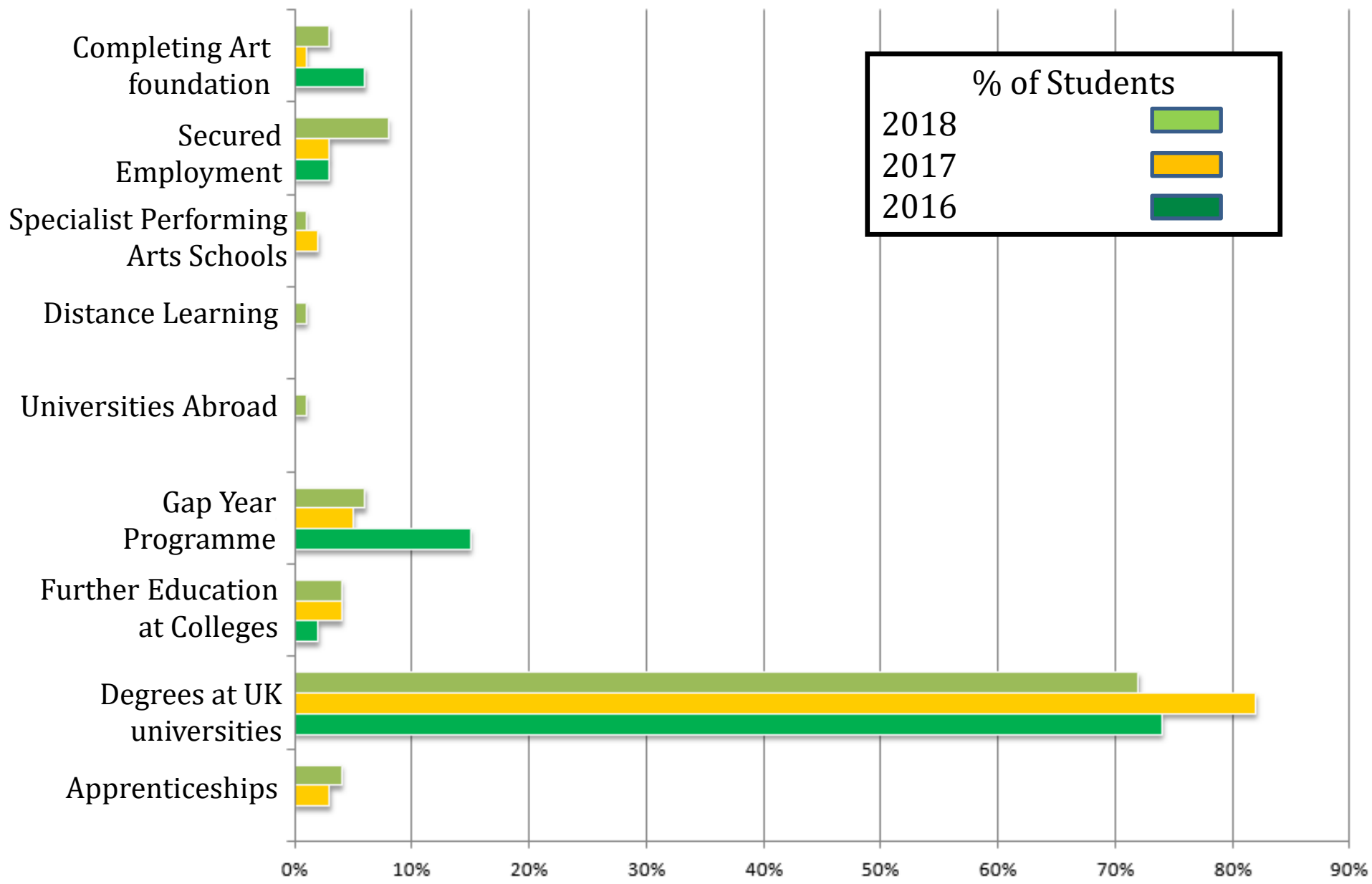
Work Expectation

- We listened to parents requests who wanted students to be in 8.30-3pm.
- We have introduced a 'study skills' element in registration sessions as many students were struggling to get to grips with the demands of A Levels.
- They should be spending at least 2 hours per week on other CV enhancing activities!

Show My Homework

- All staff will be setting all homework using the Show My Homework platform.
- This platform, available through a website or through an App for smartphones or tablets, enables teachers to clearly explain the task that has been set, suggest how long pupils/students should spend on it and be clear on when it is due in. Teachers can also upload help sheets and other resources needed to complete homework.
- All pupils/students and parents will have unique usernames and passwords to Show My Homework so they can access the website or App; only seeing the homework that is relevant to them.

Change in Destinations



University Applications

- We assume many students will want to apply to higher education.
- Reading University Visit - March
- Throughout the Summer Term is an intensive programme of activities including work on applying, gap years, University vs Employment, personal statement and financial issues.

Planning Ahead

- The route into Higher Education can be daunting and seem like a very long way off. Do not be fooled! It comes around faster than you think.
- Tutors will be a constant source of advice as well as the sixth form team.
- There will be many visitors from the universities, yini, colleges, gap year organizations giving presentations.

UCAS - University & Colleges Admissions Service

- Website: www.ucas.ac.uk has a wealth of information.
- Students can sign up and gain updates and information which provides ideas for courses students might be interested in.
- Once you have decided on a course, you can search by: Course (and related subjects).
- Prospectus – online, in study room and library.

Research

- Entry requirements – courses will want specific grades in certain subjects at A level and GCSE, (first sitting, amount of work experience etc)
- New Ucas Tariff – A*=56/A=48 and so on....
- ‘The Sunday Times Good University’ guide – out soon!
- Guardian University rankings (online) - good university guide
- Some publications say which is the best University to do a particular course.

Open Days

- Encourage students to go to many!
- Many now on weekends
- Most are in last 2 weeks of June and September – we encourage June if possible.
- Students can visit UCAS Convention in Bristol

We are here to help....

- Some students will find the jump from GCSE to A level very stressful.
- We pride ourselves on our pastoral care but students will not always come to us.
- Please feel free to contact us or the tutor if things aren't right.
- Most students really enjoy it – but it is hard work!