

# **Beyond Beaumont**

Information Evening 2024

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#### Aim:

- To support developing plans
  - For those with plans for University, to explain and prepare for the applications process
  - For those interested in apprenticeships, employment, or other pathways to start planning next steps



#### Introduction:

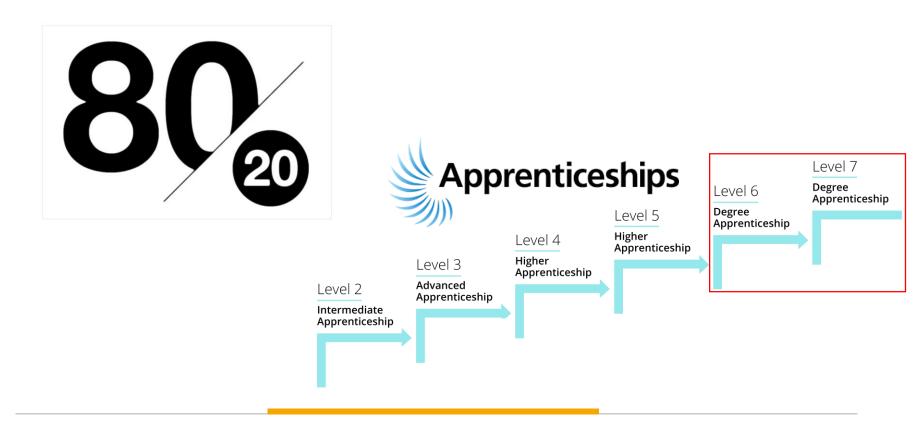
My name is Charlie, and I am currently a year two degree apprentice at Vodafone. I am studying a Business Management degree, specialising in Finance at Lancaster university, and work within the Global Talent Acquisition Technology and Employer Brand departments.

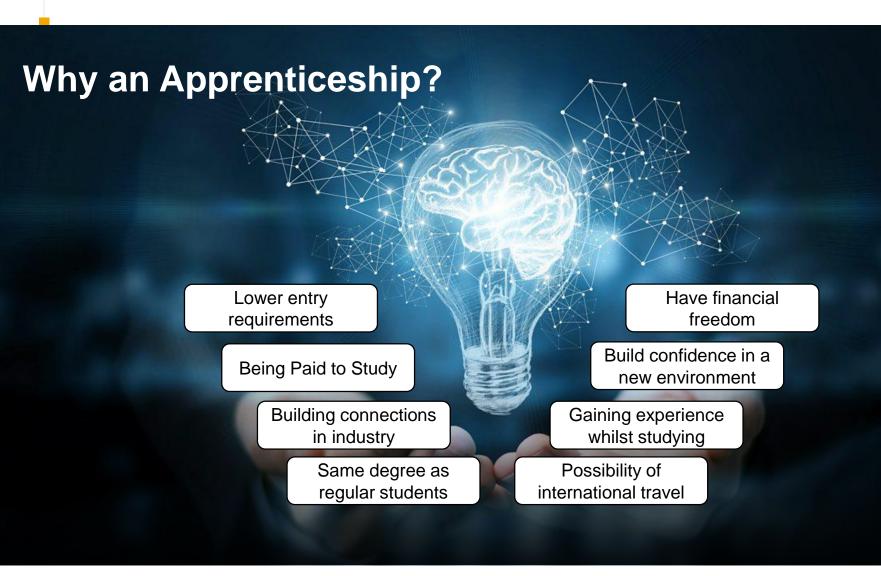






## So, what is an apprenticeship?





## **Top 100 Apprenticeship Providers 2024:**



## **Apprenticeships Vs University:**

#### Apprenticeships:











#### **University:**









## Finding an Apprenticeship & Application Process:













Application Form:



Online Assessments:



Assessment Centre:



Offer Letter:





## Thank you for listening!







#### **Positives**

- A life-broadening experience
- Improved earnings potential
- Pursue an academic interest
- Essential for many careers

## **Negatives**

- Debt
- Lack of practical experience



#### Which Course?

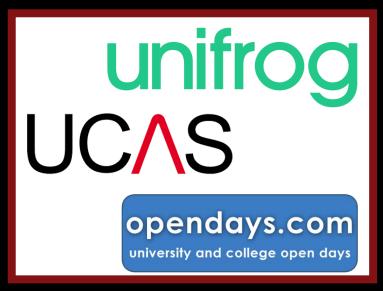
The most important choice and the range is vast.

- Vocational or academic?
- Traditional or sandwich?
- Single or joint subjects?

## Which University?

- Home or away?
- City or campus?
- Traditional or modern?
- Reputation or reality?





### Where can you find information?

- University websites, prospectuses and admissions offices
- University Open/ Taster Days
- Unifrog (featuring parent access)





## **Unifrog and You**

- Independent research
- Personal record of what you have done
- Drafting personal statements
- Drafting CV / Resumé

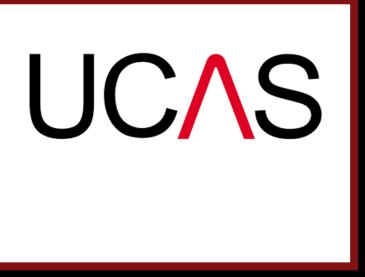




### Changes to the Process

- How we complete references has changed
- Personal statements will not change until 2025



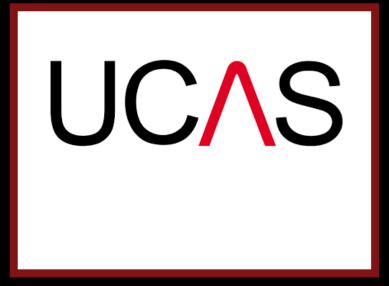


#### What students do

- Choose a degree subject
- Write a personal statement
- Choose up to 5 courses
- Apply via www.ucas.com
- Accept two offers







#### **UCAS** and Your Child

- Student's application
- Student adds personal details, choices and personal statement
- Student makes payment to UCAS and submits by our deadline so school can add a reference

#### **UCAS** and Beaumont

- We monitor progress on applications
- Once paid and submitted, we add a school reference and forward to UCAS







#### **What Beaumont does**

- Provides structured time for guidance and advice (starting this today)
- Reviews personal statement drafts
- Provides 'UCAS grades'
- Provides a school reference
- Dedicated member of staff who processes all applications

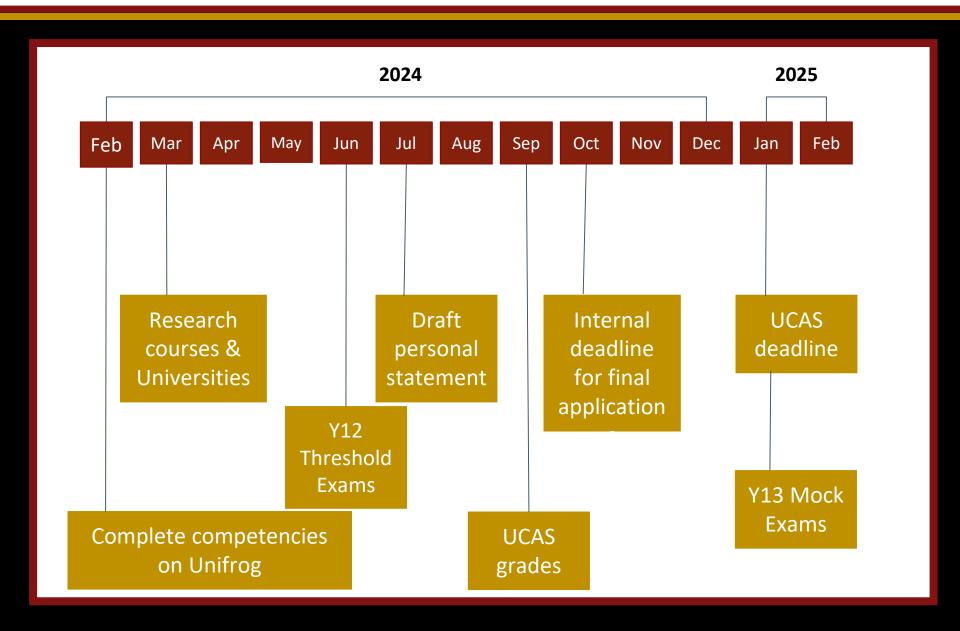




#### **Deadlines**

- Student completion by internal deadline of Sunday 3rd November ensures UCAS receive application by Christmas
- Oxbridge and medic applications required by Sunday 29th September
- Please remember compiling student references takes time









#### Support as standard

- Dedicated time
- Support in tutorial sessions
- Access to Unifrog

#### Additional support

- Medics/ Vets: alumni talk, medics society, MMI event, work experience opportunities
- Oxbridge: early preparation and guidance including mock interviews
- Art/ Drama/ Music: subject specialism help with portfolio and interview
- Others: various taster days and work experience opportunities promoted





## Support as standard

- University & Careers fair Friday 21st June 2024
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - University Open Days
  - Complete EmployerContact programme
- Personal Development Week





#### **Key Success Factors**

- Strong Yr 12 Threshold Exam performance (determines UCAS/ Apprenticeship grades)
- We apply a three grade uplift to grades achieved.
- For example, subject grades of BBB will lead to a UCAS prediction of AAA.
- Our policy is deliberately positive to allow students to be aspirational, however the Threshold Exam results are a realistic indication of what the final outcome will be.





## **Key Success Factors**

- Realistic range of choices (aspirational, safe)
- Focused personal statement
- Meeting deadlines
- Final results closely match offer





#### Unconditional and altered offers

#### **Positives**

- Reduced exam pressure
- Certainty

### **Negatives**

- Usually conditional on Firm acceptance
- Potentially lowering ambition
- Impact upon Y13 exam outcome





#### **Common Questions**

- What if Year 12 grades don't match aspirations?
- Can I apply through school after I leave?
- How does deferred entry work?
- Can I apply for two very different courses?
- Do I have to include all academic qualifications?
- What does firm and insurance choice mean contractually?



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