

# EAL Post Piggott Pathways Information Evening

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June



# Welcome

Aims of the evening:

- Post school pathways options
- Apprenticeships
- Employment/ Employment with training
- University
- UCAS
- International student information
- In school support
- Resources



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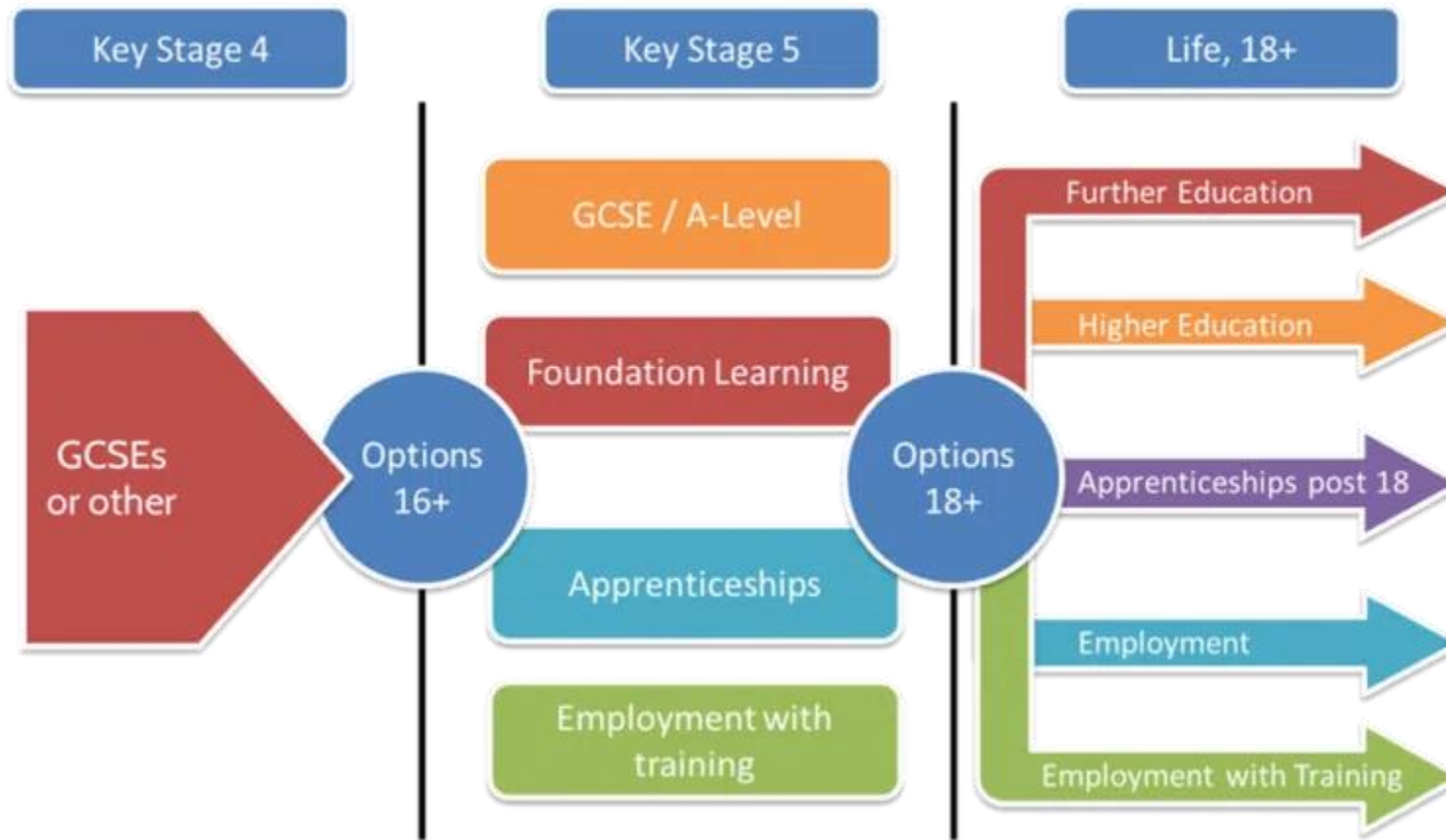


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# Our EAL Community

The Piggott School is committed to being an inclusive environment where we offer EAL children the very highest quality of education. We reflect and celebrate the diverse backgrounds and cultures that make up our school community and support families who come to live in our local area.

# Post Piggott Pathways



# Apprenticeships & Jobs

## What is an Apprenticeship?

- Just like getting a job (employment contract, salary, holiday and sick pay etc.)
- Work 4 days per week, study 1
- 8 months – 7 years
- Learn as you work AND get a recognised qualification

# Apprenticeship roles

- Over 500 employment options across all sectors
- Level 2 – Level 7
- Includes finance, law, engineering

# Education Levels in the UK

Your child is here



LEVEL	QUALIFICATION		
8	NVQ 8	Doctorate	
7	NVQ 7	Master's Degree / Postgraduate	
6	Higher/ Degree Apprenticeships / NVQ 4, 5 and 6	Honour's Degree	
5		Foundation Degree, HND	Diploma in Higher Education
4		HNC	Certificate in Higher Education
3		Advanced Apprenticeship / NVQ 3	T level / BTEC Cert / Diploma
2	Apprenticeship / NVQ 2	BTEC First Diploma	GCSE Grades 9 - 4
1	Traineeship / NVQ 1		GCSE Grades 3 - 1
ENTRY	Basic Skills / Skills for Life		

# Pros & Cons

- Gaining real experience whilst getting qualified
  - Paid roles with no cost for the education (so no student debt)
  - Salaries for apprenticeships are keeping up with inflation better than graduate roles
  - Graduates are finding it very difficult to find work at the moment
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- No 'university' experience
  - The qualifications are not always offered by prestigious institutions



**Capability:**

Audit

**Programme Length:**

5 Years

**Qualifications:**

AAT Level 3/4 plus the ACA qualification

**Entry Requirements:**

- 5 GCSEs\* at 4 – 9 (inc. English Language and Maths at 5)
- 120 UCAS points (B, B, B)

**Salary:**

£24,000-£28,000

**Competition:**

50,000 applications for 900 roles



**Capability:**

Maintenance Technician

**Programme Length:**

4 Years

**Qualifications:**

Level 3 (option to progress to Level 4 and beyond) from BMET

**Entry Requirements:**

- 5 GCSEs\* at 5 – 9 (inc. English Language and Maths at 5)

**Salary:**

£22,000

**Competition:**

1,000 applications for 3 roles

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**Capability:**

Product Design and Development Engineer

**Programme Length:**

3.5 years

**Qualifications:**

Level 6 (Degree) from University of Warwick

**Entry Requirements:**

- 5 GCSEs\* at 5 – 9 (inc. English Language and Maths at 5)
- A Level Maths (B)

**Salary:**

Not stated

**Competition:**

Not stated



**Capability:**

Digital and Social Media Executive Apprentice

**Programme Length:**

3 years

**Qualifications:**

Level 6 (Degree) from Burnley College

**Entry Requirements:**

- 5 GCSEs\* at 5 – 9 (inc. English Language and Maths at 5)
- Business or Media A Level (grade C) or BTEC (Pass)

**Salary:**

£20,000

**Competition:**

Not stated

# University (Mrs Penson)



What do universities offer?

Undergraduate degree  
(typically 3 years full time)

Sometimes a year in industry /  
year abroad

Links to employers

Independence - living away  
from home

Entry requirements:



A level or BTEC grades (as specified  
on each university's website)

Reference from school

Personal statement

**SOMETIMES** – entrance exams /  
interviews...

## Russell group universities:

*24 prestigious UK universities renowned for academic excellence, robust industry connections, and high graduate employability*

Typically require ABB or higher

## Oxford and Cambridge:

Very prestigious!

AAA – A\*A\*A\*

You can only apply to one, not both!

Early deadline = October 2026

Interviews and entrance exams?



# Timeline of Important UCAS Dates

<b>Summer Y12</b>	<p>UCAS preparation day: all students write a draft personal statement and CV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mock interviews and workshops (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> July)</li><li>• Y12 PPEs inform predicted grades</li><li>• Research and attend open days</li></ul>
<b>September 2026 (Y13)</b>	UCAS open for submission 1 <sup>st</sup> September
<b>October 2026</b>	Piggott internal early entry deadline- 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2026 UCAS early entry deadline- 15th October 2026
<b>December 2026</b>	Piggott internal deadline – 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
<b>January 2027</b>	UCAS deadline- 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2027

# International Students- EP



## Tuition fees

- Average £11,400 - £38,000 per year
- Medicine at Cambridge: £70,500 each year (5 years)
- Unlikely to get a UK government loan
- Need to be a UK resident for at least 3-5 years to count as a 'home' student (plus other requirements...)



## Visa

Check your visa requirements



## English

Generally GCSE English or IELTS 6.0 – 7.5

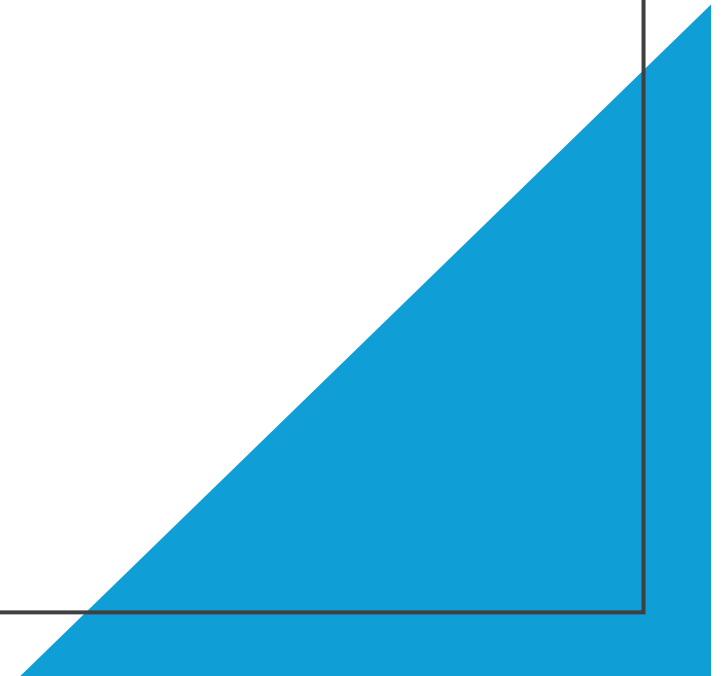
# In School Support

- Mentoring & TEFL
- Tutor time support
- More & Most Able Support
- Careers Appointments
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

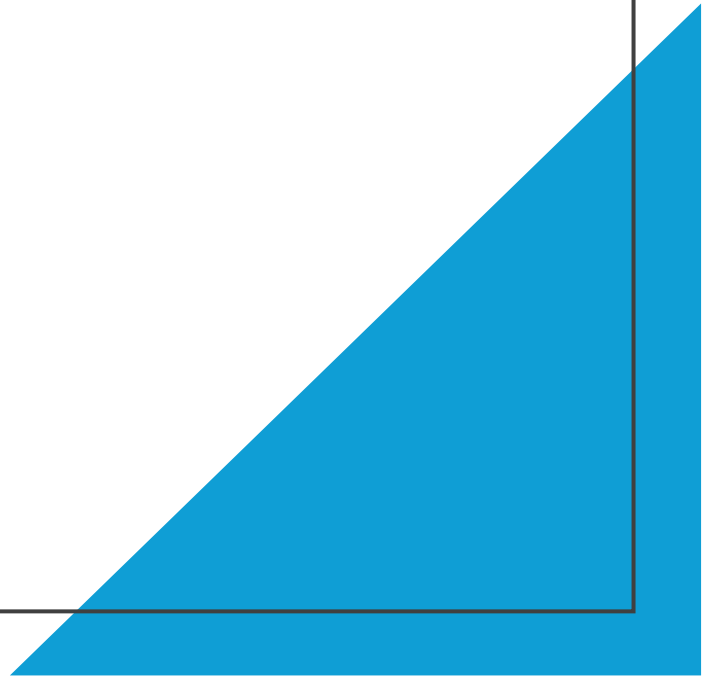
# TEFL & Weekly Mentoring For Sixth Form Students

- TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)
- The school offers a Level 2 Certified Learning Course in TEFL.
- An internationally recognised 20 hour course, which provides students with the skills to teach English privately in the UK, in schools abroad or online.
- This course is offered at the end of the summer term at school over a period of two days.
- For further questions contact Ms Bradshaw, who will speak about the course in detail at the year 12 assembly on 5/05/26.
- Students who complete the course have the opportunity to mentor the EAL students at school.
- These largely 1:1 sessions are aimed at building communication skills of the younger EAL students.
- A great opportunity for the Sixth form students to practise the skills learnt in their TEFL course and for younger students to learn more about life in the sixth form and beyond and strengthen their English conversation skills.
- Sessions are once a week at tutor time from Monday to Thursday- in the Sixth form common room.
- EAL afterschool Club

More &  
Most Able  
& Tutor  
Time  
Support



# Careers Appointments



# EPQ: Extended Project Qualification Level 3

The Level 3 Extended Project is an A-level standard standalone qualification designed to extend and develop students' abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare them for university or their future career.

- it can be taken as an extension of other Level 3 qualifications or vocational qualifications
- it's worth half an A-level (max 28 UCAS points)
- it's recognised by universities and employers
- many universities make lower A-level offers to students undertaking an EPQ.

The EPQ allows students to lead their own projects. Students get to plan and carry out research on a topic that they've chosen and isn't covered by their other qualifications.

They can take inspiration from something touched on in class or something personal and unrelated to their studies.

They then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical projects, an artefact or a production.

# EPQ: Extended Project Qualification Level 3

## Key Skills:

- become more critical, reflective and independent learners
- develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills
- increase their planning, research, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- learn to apply technologies confidently demonstrate creativity, initiative and enterprise.
- Projects are overseen by project supervisors who guide their student through the process.

# Resources

<https://www.bell-foundation.org.uk/app/uploads/2024/10/Post-16-Guidance.pdf>

<https://www.ucas.com/advisers/help-and-training/lesson-activities/lesson-plans/supporting-students-eal-careers-ideas-and-activities>

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

Look at individual university websites

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Questions?

