

Post-18 Destinations Evening

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University Applications

**Early Applications (Oxford, Cambridge,
Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science)**

Gap Years

Apprenticeships

Employment and Careers

**Equal Consideration
University Applications
Wednesday
13th January 2027 6pm**

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September 2025 – Students register with Unifrog

26th February 2026 – How to prepare for the UK Universities and Apprenticeships Fair (University of Sheffield)

11th March 2026 – All students attend the UK Universities and Apprenticeship Fair (University of Sheffield)

April 2025 – Unifrog Programme begins during Form Time

16th April 2026 – All students attend University of Sheffield Outreach. Why University?

What's happening?

28th April 2026 – Post-18 Destinations Evening, Tapton (**Option 4**)

11th May 2026 - Form Tutor 1:1s to prepare UCAS Reference

1st June 2026 - Deadline for submitting Extenuating Circumstances returns

9th June 2026 – UCAS Convention, Utilita Arena Sheffield (**Optional**)

6th July 2026 – Taster Day at the University of Sheffield

8th July 2026 – Destinations Day, Tapton (UCAS Registration and Personal Statements)

15th July 2026 – UCAS Predicted Grades released following Y12 Trial Exams

October 2026 – Predicted Grades Update

2nd November 2026 – UCAS Application Internal Deadline

Wednesday 13th January 2027 6pm – University Application External Deadline

February 2027 onwards – University Offers and Student Finance Applications

Early Applications
Wednesday
15th October 2026 6pm

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Follow the University Applications Timeline with the addition of below:

What's happened?

September 2025 – Tapton Diploma and EPQ

12th November 2025 – Widening Participation Visit to Oxford University

13th April 2026 – Form Tutor Early Application 1:1s

27th April 2026 - Oxford and Cambridge Presentation for Parents, Carers and Students at Birkdale/SGH

What's happening?

28th April 2026 – Post-18 Destinations Evening, Tapton (**Options 1-3**)

7th May 2026 – Applying to Medicine and Dentistry (University of Sheffield)

14th May 2026 – STEM Alternatives to Medicine (University of Sheffield)

20th May 2026 – Registration for **UCAT** opens (closing on 19th September)

June/July – Registration for Admissions Tests, such as LNAT/ELAT/ESAT/TMUA etc.

July 2026 – Tapton Diploma Conference

8th July 2026 – Destinations Day (**Trial Admissions Tests**)

21st September 2026 – Early Applicant Internal Deadline

Thursday 15th October 2026 6pm – Early Applicant External Deadline

Autumn Term 2026 – Early Application Admissions Tests

January 2027 – Oxford and Cambridge offers

February 2027 onwards – Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Offers and Student Finance Applications

2024-2025 UCAS Cycle

Equal Consideration Applications January 2025

157 students applied

145 students placed

92% success rate (>9 in 10)

Early Applications October 2024

50 students applied

28% success rate (>1 in 4)

Cambridge – 3 placed (1 in 5)

Oxford – 2 placed (1 in 2)

Medicine - 6 placed (1 in 4)

Dentistry - 3 placed (1 in 3)

Veterinary – No Applications

Insurance – 36 students

Gap Years

Follow the University Applications timeline for 2026-2027

This will allow students to have a completed reference and personal statement in place for the following year by the end of summer term 2027.

What's happening?

28th April 2026 – Post-18 Destinations Evening, Tapton – **Gap Year Session**

9th June 2026 – UCAS Convention, Utilita Arena Sheffield (**Optional**)

September 2027 - Students contact school in September for instructions on how to apply and also to inform school they are applying to university in 2027/2028

In the 2024/2025
UCAS Cycle **25**
students took a gap
year followed by a
UCAS Application.

Apprenticeships and Employment

What's happened?

September 2025 Students Register with Unifrog.

11th March 2026 UK University and Apprenticeships Fair

What's happening?

28th April 2026 – Post-18 Destinations Evening, Tapton (**Option 5**)

9th June 2026 – UCAS Convention, Utilita Arena Sheffield (**Optional**)

8th July 2026 – Destinations Day, Tapton – **Apprenticeships and Employment Session**

Careers Meeting with Independent Careers Advisor to support application.

In the 2024/25 UCAS Cycle **2** students successfully applied to an apprenticeship (Accountancy and Dental Hygiene) and **0** moved into employment.

Programme 2026

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	University Applicants				Non University Applicants
	Oxbridge with Medicine/Dentistry	Oxford or Cambridge (No Medicine/Dentistry) (if don't want a gap year, leave early)	Medicine & Dentistry (No Oxbridge) (if don't want a gap year, leave early)	All Other University Applicants (Non Early Applicants) (if don't want a gap year, leave early)	Alternative Choices: Employment & Apprenticeship (if no gap year and not interested in University, leave at 7.45pm)
	Option 1 ↓	Option 2 ↓	Option 3 ↓	Option 4 ↓	Option 5 ↓
5.30pm-6pm	Medicine/Dentistry University of Manchester Room 001	Post 18 Options A Wright - Tapton Main Hall	Post 18 Options A Wright - Tapton Main Hall	Post 18 Options A Wright - Tapton Main Hall	Post 18 Options A Wright - Tapton Main Hall
6.00pm-6.30pm				What Parents Really Want to Know University of Sheffield Main Hall	What Parents Really Want to Know University of Sheffield Main Hall
6.30pm-7.00pm	Oxbridge University of Cambridge Room 003	Oxbridge University of Cambridge Room 003	Medicine/Dentistry University of Manchester Room 001	Apprenticeships Sheffield Hallam University Main Hall	Apprenticeships Sheffield Hallam University Main Hall
7.00pm-7.15pm	15 Minute Intermission				
7.15pm-7.45pm	Applying to Competitive Universities University of Sheffield Main Hall	Applying to Competitive Universities University of Sheffield Main Hall	Applying to Competitive Universities University of Sheffield Main Hall	Applying to Competitive Universities University of Sheffield Main Hall	Careers in the Civil Service DWP Room 003
7.45pm-8.15pm	Student Finance University of Leeds Main Hall	Student Finance University of Leeds Main Hall	Student Finance University of Leeds Main Hall	Student Finance University of Leeds Main Hall	Student Finance University of Leeds Main Hall
8.15pm-8.45pm	Post 18 Options A Wright - Tapton Room 001	Gap Year Dr Nick Harris - Tapton Main Hall	Gap Year Dr Nick Harris - Tapton Main Hall	Gap Year Dr Nick Harris - Tapton Main Hall	Gap Year Dr Nick Harris - Tapton Main Hall



Any Questions?