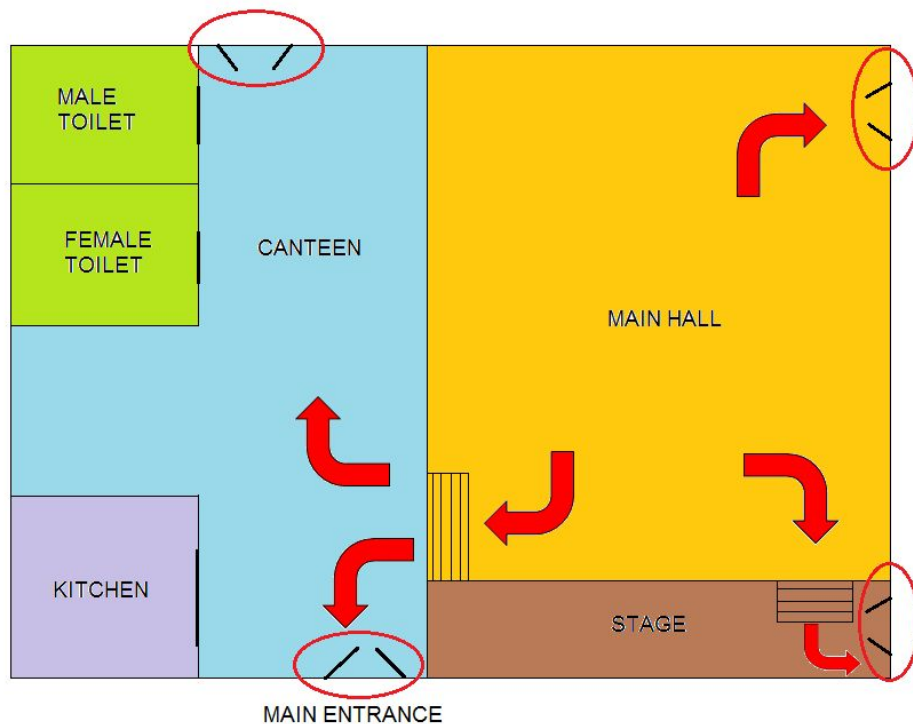




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- We are not expecting a fire alarm but if one were to go off, please evacuate through the nearest available exit highlighted on the map. We will congregate on the main field at the back of the school. We will only re-enter the building when advised and it is safe to do so.
- Please turn off your mobile phone or place it on Silent Mode





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Mrs Ahmet
Head of Year 12



Mr Ford
Sixth Form
Manager



Mrs Jones
Head of Year 13



Mr Prendergast
Assistant
Headteacher

Sixth Form Team

Mr Pooley

Deputy Headteacher

Deputy DSL linked to Sixth Form Safeguarding

Mr Trueman

EPQ Coordinator

Mr Poley

Lead Scholars Programme

Mrs Rattigan

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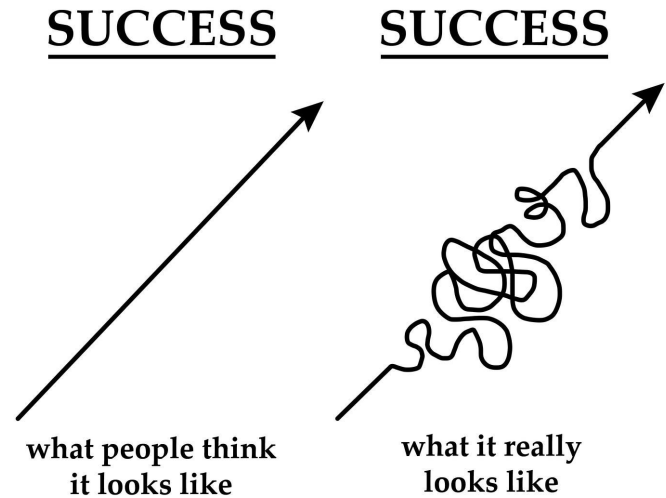


Journey



Stepping up

- Everyone's journey will be different
- Varying starting points
- Growth mindset
- It will be hard





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Aspire

Creating
tomorrow's
citizens
today

A photograph of a computer lab with several students. In the foreground, a young woman with long brown hair is looking intently at a computer screen. Behind her, another student with dark hair is also looking at a screen. In the background, a male student is visible, wearing a green lanyard. The room has wooden desks and computer monitors.

Purpose

Knowing why I am here and where I am going.



Success and Achievement

A Level Results

A*-A 29%

A*-B 56%

A*-C 81%

Vocational Results

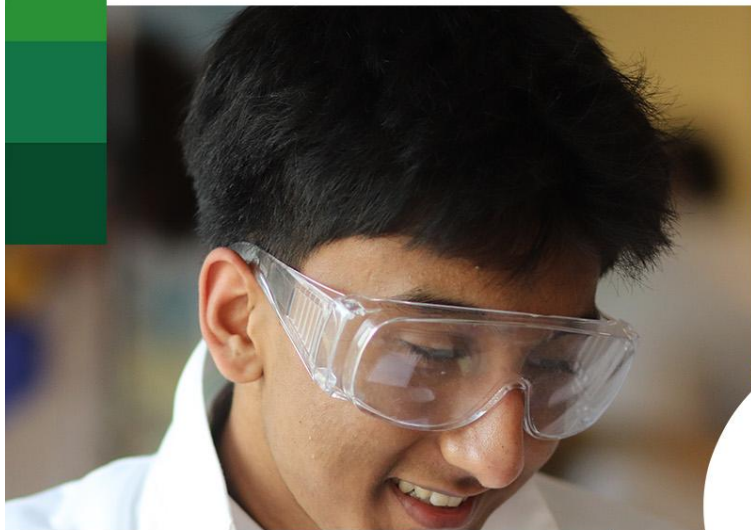
D*-D 61%

D*-M 94%

Destinations



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**SOHAM. D
ALUMNI 2026**



A* A*
A* A*

**MATHS & FURTHER MATHS,
BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY**



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A* A

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Physics, Computer Science

MORE *than just*
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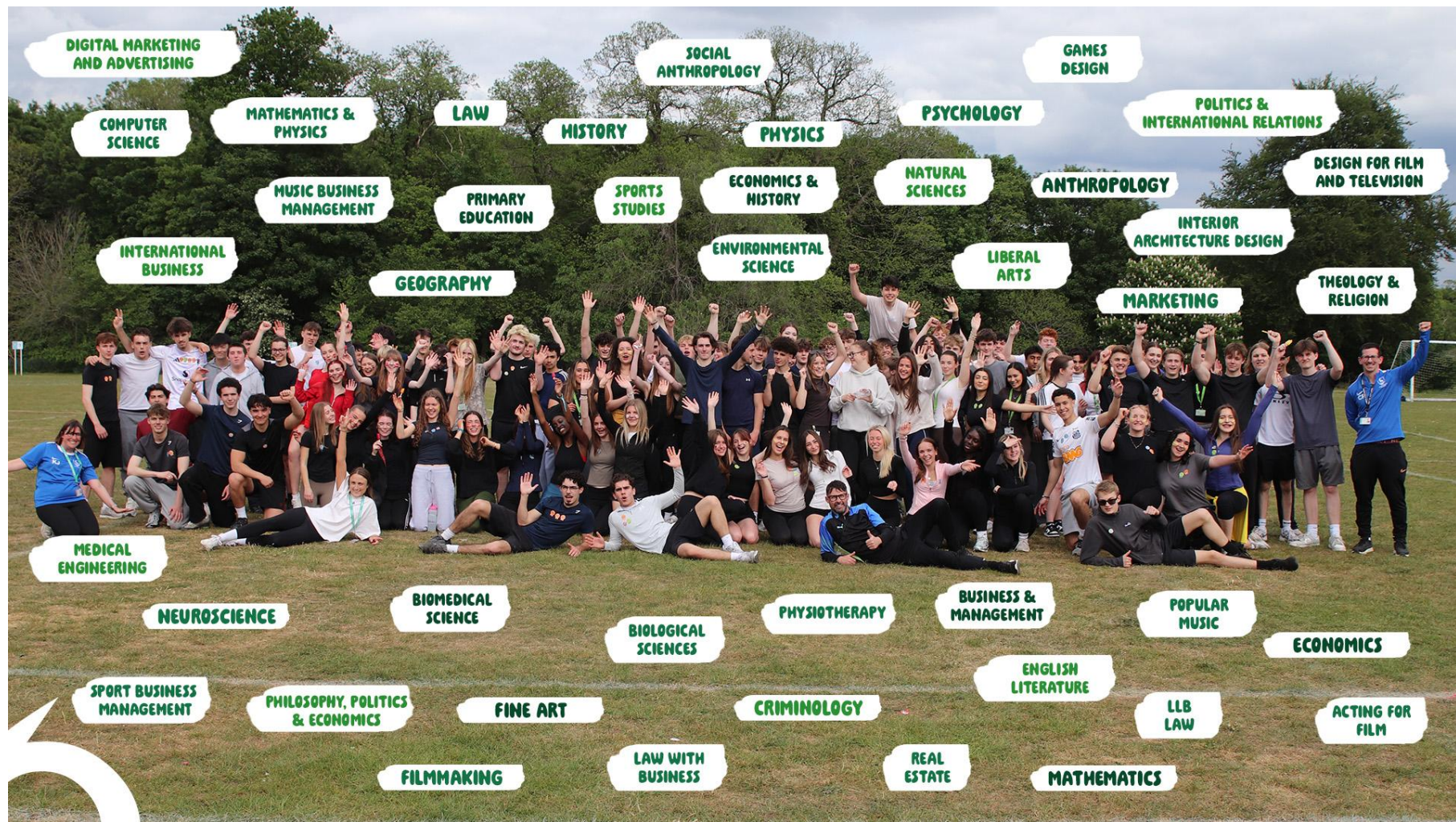
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YOUR FUTURE**

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UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE**







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Sixth Form

READY



Settled Subjects

**Positive Attitude to
Learning**

Suitability to Sixth Form

Changing Subjects

If you think you require a subject change. **Don't wait too long!**

The deadline for all subjects changes ins Tuesday 22nd September 2026.

- Do I meet the subject entry criteria?
- Are there spaces available on the course?
- Does it work within the option blocks?

Speak to Mrs Ahmet or Mr Ford.

Sixth Form Induction





**Safeguarding Training
w/ Mr Pooley**



**Community Hour w/ Mrs
Ahmet**



**Enrichment Options w/ Mr
Ford**

Sixth Form Rounders Cup





**Post-16 Wellbeing
w/ Mr Brown**

**How to Use Independent Study
Effectively in Sixth Form**

University Challenge Quiz

'Get Active' Morning
Organised by Mr
Finch and our Year 12
BTEC Sport students

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The Sixth Form still follow the same

- Timings of the school day
- Signing in/out at procedures at main school reception
- Attend PSHE lessons weekly
- Arrive with a charged device daily

Monitoring and Tracking

- Arbor - Data and reports, student attendance and behaviour
- Google Classroom - Home Learning
- Parent Portal - School payments and catering



Changes in Sixth Form

There are some elements which are different for students:

- Uniform and student ID cards
- Independent study hours
- Sixth Form Enrichment
- Dedicated Learning Space (before and after school)
- Access to the Coffee shop from 10am
- Use of mobile phones in the Learning Centre (break/ lunch)



Secondary timings - Slight change

Mon, Weds, Thur, Fri	Time
8:40-8:55	AM reg
8:55-9:55	Period 1
9:55-10:55	Period 2
10:55-11.15	Break
11:15-12:15	Period 3
12:15-13:15	Period 4
13:15-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:10	Form
14:10-15:10	Period 5

Tues	Time
PSHE	8:40
P1	9:10
P2	10:10
Break	11:10
P3	11:30
P4	12:30
Lunch	1:30
P5	2:10
End of day	3:10

Lunchtime

As mentioned in Mr Prendergast's recent email, **Mr Moss** is currently **reviewing the lunchtime arrangements.**

“

Being present gave me opportunities I never expected. Every experience, challenge and connection has helped shape who I am and where I'm going next.

”

Kayla. N
Student President
2025-26

Be Here. 
Become More.

Missing one day of school every half term = 6 days of opportunities.
6 days of experiences. 6 days that could make a difference.

Attendance & Punctuality

Learning Centre is open
from 07:45

Onsite by 08:35

Punctual to all lessons

Get the most out of your
Sixth Form journey. You have
chosen to be here!



Sixth Form Dress Code





Level 3 Work Ethic

Putting in the Required Time

- The move to level 3 study is demanding and you will need to prioritise your studies and get off to a flying start.
- You will need to do at least 4 hours of study per subject per week outside of lesson time from the outset.
- You will need to use independent study periods effectively and complete work at home.



Effective Study

How to use the Learning Centre:

- Silent study each morning throughout the Sixth Form Learning Centre.
- Devices and tablets only during lesson hours (no mobile phone policy).
- All study sessions are monitored by the Sixth Form team

Essentials

- Arrive on time.
- Make good decisions.
- Be prepared to work! Ideally plan your study periods at the weekend.



FAQ - Can Sixth Form students...

- Remain at home when they don't have a lesson?
- Leave site to attend paid employment?
- Book driving lessons during the school day?

Sixth Form students are expected to be in school each from 08:40 - 15:10

- Park their car on the school site? (when driving to school)

No. Parking is available for staff and contractors only.



Study Pathways

A Level Pathway	Mixed Pathway	Vocational Pathway	A Level +
Internal end of Year 12 examinations	Internal end of year exams + Some external assessments (mix of exams/ coursework)	Mostly coursework + Some external exams	Students wishing to study more than 3 A levels • 4th subject • EPQ
Course content assessed with 3 exams in June 2027	Already started coursework elements + First real exam in January 2027 + A Level content assessed in June 2027	Already started coursework elements + First real exam in January 2027	

Life in the Sixth Form

The Sixth Form Learning Centre is the base for all Sixth Form students.

- Two communal areas available
- Silent study room with 24 individual pods
- Students have access to the library

Some students arrive in the Learning Centre before school to work or remain after school to continue their study.



Prepare to Succeed

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Saturday	Sunday	
AM session	x	x	x	x	x				
Registration	08:40-08:50 w/ Tutor & form group	08:40-08:50 w/ Tutor & form group	08:40-08:50 w/ Tutor & form group	x	08:40-08:50 w/ Tutor & form group	08:00	x	x	
P1	Geography	Business		Psychology		10:00	Gym	Gym	
P2	Geography	Business		Psychology		11:00	Gym	Gym	
P3	Next Steps	Psychology (15 mins) 11 cards	Psychology		Geography	12:00	x	x	
P4	Business	Geography - Technics: Quietlet (30 mins) Powerpoint (30 mins)	Geography		Psychology	13:00	Business (30 mins) 20 marker	Geography (15 mins) Complete HW (30 mins) 12 marker	
Lunch	13:10-13:55	13:10-13:55	13:10-13:55	13:00-13:40	13:10-13:55	14:00		x	
Registration	13:55-14:10 L4L	13:55-14:10 L4L	13:55-14:10 Assembly	x	13:55-14:10 L4L	15:00		Business make notes on page 272	
P5	Business	Meet Mr Ford	Geography	Enrichment 14:40-15:10 PSHE	Psychology	16:00	x		
PM session	x					17:00	x		
17:00						18:00	x		
18:00					x	19:00	x		
19:00	Gym	Gym	Gym		Gym	20:00	x		
20:00	Gym	Gym	Gym		Gym	21:00	x		
21:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	22:00	x		
22:00	x	x	x	x	x				

All students should plan their independent study.

We can help students develop a structured timetable to support progression.

If you feel your child would benefit from some support please contact us.



MORE
than just
GREAT
A LEVELS

Enrichment Explained

Why?
When?
What?



Sixth Form Enrichment - WHY?

Benefits of our Enrichment block.

- Makes you unique - **‘More Than Just Great A Levels’.**
- Support your development - personal & social skills.
- Pushes you out of your comfort zone, helping your grow.
- Gain work life awareness - supports Next Steps.
- Acquire a new skill/ learn something new.
- Make new friends, meet interesting people.
- Support mental health and stress.
- Opportunity to give something back to the community.

Sixth Form Enrichment - WHEN?

Enrichment runs from late September through to Easter.

As a Year 12 student you will have up to 5 hours of enrichment each week.

Unless you have a timetabled lesson in block A.





Sixth Form Enrichment - WHAT?

Each enrichment session has a unique purpose.

- Workshops and presentations to **Inform** you.
- Opportunities for you to **Explore** growing passions.
- Sessions available to help you **Enrich** you.

Inform

Thursday - P2



Based in the main hall you will have a range of **workshops** and **presentations** from Sixth Form staff, universities and employers to *support* your **academic studies** and **personal** and **professional development**.

All students will follow a set programme decided by the Sixth Form team from September to Easter.





Responsible Driving



Interview Preparation





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Careers

- The Future of work
- Using AI effectively
- Preparation for Work Experience
- Life after Simon Balle All-through School



EPQ

Model
United
Nations

Larch
Outreach

Mock
Law

Business
Enterprise

Music
Scholars

Senior
Sport

Teachers
of
Tomorrow

Hartham
Leisure
Centre

Language
Cafe

Personal
Finance

Sixth Form Enrichment begins Tuesday 22nd September

Deadline for choices Wednesday 10th September 9:00

Complete the Google Form

**Gives us time to
arrange the
classes + add
your option to
your timetable**

**Ready to begin
on Tuesday 22nd
September**

YOUR decision

- Be individual.
- Be independent.
- Be unique with your decision.

Community

Sixth Form Events



Colour Run - P5 29th September



Pumpkin Carving - 22nd October





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Supporting YOU.

At Simon Balle All-through School we offer students daily support, links with external agencies and the long-term connections and guidance required to build their own support network.

Our trained and experienced staff are able to help you safely navigate your way through your A level studies and find the balance required to be a successful Level 3 student before moving on to your next step.

Designated
Safeguarding
lead and team



Continued
support from
an established
Head of Year



Daily contact
with your
experienced
Sixth Form
Tutor

Enrichment
and well-being
opportunities



Academic
coaching with
our Sixth Form
Manager



Peer-to-peer
support and
well-being
awareness



Outstanding
Sixth Form
subject
teachers



Trained Mental
Health
First-Aiders

Impartial
Careers
Guidance



Future
Living



MCR
Pathways



Balance

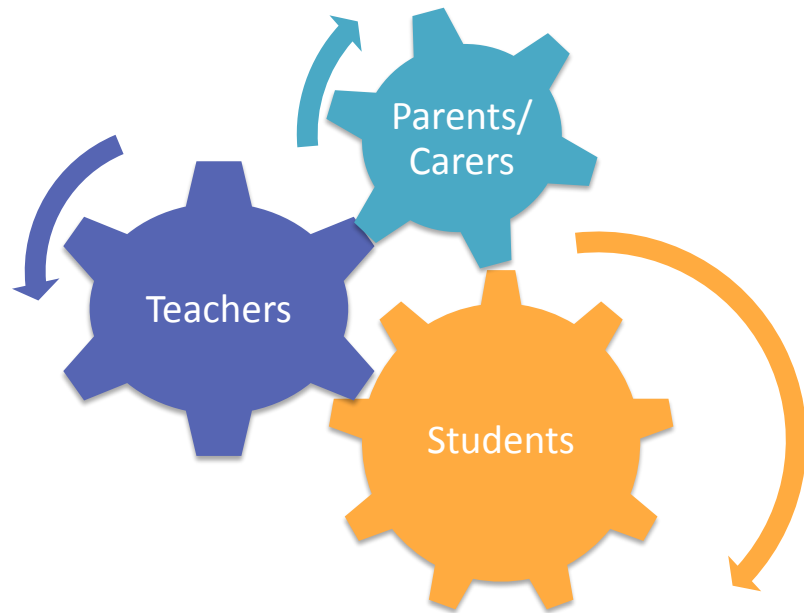


Balance as a Sixth Form student

- Homework/ Independent Study
- Part-time employment
- Fitness/ Exercise
- Clubs/ hobbies
- Driving lessons
- Outlets - reading/ social media/ gaming
- Social life
- Work experience placement
- University and career visits
- Volunteering/ Charity work
- Netflix and Spotify



Working Together



Volunteering/ Super-curricular

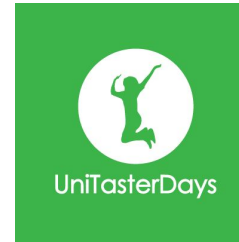
Outside of school

How is your young person spending their time?

How is your young person developing and progressing?

What are they reading/ watching/ listening?

Super-curricular (outside of school)















Next Steps

Life after Simon Balle

Next Steps Process

Life after Simon Balle.

The Next Steps process for Year 12 students begins in January 2027

Students should be thinking about and researching courses , universities and employers.



Year 12 Work Experience

19th April - 23rd April 2027



Work Experience

Students need to start planning this now, considering where they would like to go

Many companies have additional paperwork and security checks, these can take a long time. This should not be left until the last minute!





Expectations

- You should complete **30 hours of WEX** during the week.
- Confirmed employers must have **Employer Liability Insurance**.
- The school must have completed a **risk assessment** for you.

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Unifrog Process

1. Employer details (entered by the student)



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1 Student initial form

Completed on 5 December 2024

Placement coordinator Miss Ahmet

Name of business / organisation University College London

Start and End dates 10 March 2025 - 14 March 2025

Student age at placement scheduled start date 16 years old

Employer placement lead

What are your objectives for this placement?

On this work experience, I would like to: - Expand my understanding of biology beyond the A-level curriculum by learning how cutting-edge research is conducted on pathogens and the immune system. - Develop my practical skills and apply my current scientific knowledge in a laboratory setting. - Gain valuable insight into potential careers in biology and explore next steps.

Placement address Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, United Kingdom, WC1E 6AE

Is this the workplace where you'll be based throughout the placement?

Yes

Will you live at home as normal during the placement?

Yes

How will you travel to and from the placement?

Train from Hertford East to Tottenham Hale. Victoria line tube to Warren Street. Then walk to Cruciform Building.

Unifrog Process

1. Employer details (entered by the student)
2. Placements details (completed by the employer)



Does the student need a criminal records (eg DBS or AccessNI) check?

No

Are there any additional risks associated with this placement and its environment, beyond those of a typical low-risk workplace?

Yes: The student will be working in a containment level 2 laboratory which carries risk of exposure to biological and chemical reagents as well as risk involved with running specialised equipment. The student will have a health and safety induction at the start of the week. They will be closely supervised while carrying out work in the laboratory. they will never be left alone in the laboratory. they will be provided with PPE in the form of lab coat and gloves.

Dress code

casual with closed toed shoes, no shorts.

Is PPE or other special safety equipment required?

Yes: lab coat and nitrile gloves. These are provided by us in the laboratory

Working hours

10 - 4

Eating and refreshment arrangements

The student will bring lunch (or money for lunch). We have a fridge, a kettle and a microwave. Also there are plenty of cafes and supermarkets around.

Confirm that your Employers' Liability Insurance policy covers work placements

Yes, it covers work placements

Insurance provider, policy number, expiry

HDI Global SE, 01162766-30039, 31 Jul 2025

Employers' Liability Insurance certificate

 [ucl-employers-liability-policy-letter-2024 \(2\)](#) 

18 Dec 24

Confirm that your organisation follows Fire Risk Assessment rules.

Yes, I confirm that the statement is correct

Unifrog Process

1. Employer details (entered by the student)
2. Placements details (completed by the employer)
- 3. Parent agreement**
- 4. Student confirmation**
- 5. School authorisation (including any required risk assessments)**

We complete 150+ risk assessments ready for you to begin the placement in March.



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- ③ **Parent / Guardian agreement** Completed on 18 December 2024 [more ▼](#)
- ④ **Permission** Completed on 18 December 2024 [more ▼](#)
- ⑤ **During-placement check-in** Check-in 1 completed on 13 March 2025 [more ▼](#)
- ⑥ **Employer review form** Completed on 19 March 2025 [more ▼](#)
- ⑦ **Student reflection form** Completed on 15 March 2025 [more ▼](#)



WEX Confirmation Deadline.

Thursday 25th March 2027

All completed paperwork must be with the Sixth Form team.

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Personal Development

The process is important:

- It helps you build communications skills and confidence to speak with employers
- Highlights the importance of networking
- Develop resilience



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Contacting Employers

The responsibility to secure a placement is yours.

It's important to take the responsibility seriously and talk with your parents/ teachers/ friends about potential links and connections.

After Christmas your form tutor will be having weekly check-in meetings with you to track what you are doing to secure a placement.

We will try to support you... but we are led by you!



Key Dates

03 September
Begin Year 12

January 2027
Vocational
Examinations

April 2027
Year 12 Work
Experience
Week

June 2027
A Level Mock
Exams



22 September
Enrichment
starts

February 2027
Next Steps
Launch

May 2027
AS & Vocational
Examinations

July 2027
Begin Year 13



Thank you for attending



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