

# **Post-18 Destinations Evening**

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**University Applications**

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

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**Gap Years and Volunteering**

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**Apprenticeships**

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**Employment and Careers**

**University  
Applications  
29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 6pm**

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- September 2023** – Students register with Unifrog
- 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – An Introduction to Higher Education and Apprenticeships (Sheffield University and Sheffield Hallam University)
- 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024** – How to prepare for the UK Universities and Apprenticeships Fair (University of Sheffield)
- 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024** – All students attend the UK Universities and Apprenticeship Fair (University of Sheffield)
- March 2024** – Unifrog Programme begins during Form Time (15 Sessions)

### **What's happening?**

- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – Post-18 Destinations Evening, Tapton
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024** - Form Tutor 1:1s to prepare UCAS Reference
- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024** - Deadline for submitting Extenuating Circumstances returns
- 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – UCAS Convention, Utilita Arena Sheffield (**Optional**)
- 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – Destinations Day, Tapton (UCAS Registration and Personal Statements)
- July 2024** – UCAS Predicted Grades released following Y12 Trial Exams
- September 2024** – Predicted Grades update (where appropriate)
- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024** – UCAS Application Internal Deadline
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 6pm** – University Application External Deadline
- February 2025 onwards** – University Offers and Student Finance Applications

**Early Applications**  
**15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 6pm**

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**Follow the University Applications Timeline with the addition of below:**

**What's happened?**

**September 2023** – STEM Diploma (Sciences)

**January 2024** – Super Curricular Challenge (Humanities)

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024** - Oxford and Cambridge Presentation for Parents, Carers and Students at SGH

**What's happening?**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – Post-18 Destinations Evening, Tapton

**June 2024** – Super Curricular Challenge Presentations

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – Registration for **UCAT** opens (closing on 19<sup>th</sup> September).

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – Destinations Day (**Trial Admissions Tests**)

**July 2024** - STEM Diploma Conference

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024** – Early Applicant Internal Deadline

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 6pm** – Early Applicant External Deadline

**Autumn Term 2024** – Early Application Admissions Tests

**November 2024** – Trial Interviews including MMIs

**January 2025** – Oxford and Cambridge offers

**February 2025 onwards** – Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Offers  
and Student Finance Applications



# Gap Years and Volunteering

Wide variety of volunteering opportunities

Opportunity to try out a sector or type of work

Enhance applications for competitive degree courses or careers

See 'A Year Out' on [www.caroljames.co.uk](http://www.caroljames.co.uk)

**Follow the University Applications timeline for 2024-2025.**

This will allow students to have a completed reference and personal statement in place for the following year by the end of summer term 2025.

**What's happening?**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – Post-18 Destinations Evening, Tapton – **Gap Year Session**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – UCAS Convention, Utilita Arena Sheffield (**Optional**)

**September 2025** - Students contact school in September for instructions on how to apply and also to inform school they are applying to university in 2024/2025

# Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Opportunity to continue to study whilst working

Range of Higher and Degree Apprenticeships – as well as Level 2 & 3

Competitive

Available for a wide range of sectors, reflecting labour market need

[www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

## What's happened?

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**18<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – An Introduction to Apprenticeships (Sheffield Hallam University)

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2024** UK University and Apprenticeships Fair

## What's happening?

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – Post-18 Destinations Evening, Tapton – **Apprenticeships Session**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – UCAS Convention, Utilita Arena Sheffield (**Optional**)

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – Destinations Day, Tapton – **Apprenticeships Session**

**Careers Meeting with Independent Careers Adviser, Carol James, to support application.**

# Employment and Careers

Labour market extremely buoyant at the moment

Wide range of sectors/types of work

Can be a stepping-stone into more structured careers e.g.

NHS and Civil Service degree apprenticeships

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# Vocational Courses at College

Wide range of full-time vocational courses at college leading to direct entry to employment

Level 3 qualifications = A levels, and give entry to university

Many vocational courses at college have a route onto foundation degree courses

See [www.sheffcol.ac.uk](http://www.sheffcol.ac.uk)

## What's happening?

If you are thinking of leaving Tapton at the end of Year 12 please contact the Sixth Form Office so that we can arrange a careers meeting with our Independent Careers Adviser, Carol James, to support your application.

# UCAS Applications/Offers 2023-24

These are the number of students who made an application

Current status of application:

**242**  
Students in Y13  
And  
**18**  
Leavers from  
2022/23  
  
**Total**  
**260**  
students

**208**  
Students  
applied to  
University

**Didn't Apply**  
**to University**  
**52**



**Early**  
**50**

**Non-Early**  
**158**

- Applying for Apprenticeships - 6
- Gap Year then University - 16
- Employment - 3
- University Abroad – 1
- Unsure of Destination – 26  
(These students will be contacted over the next few weeks)

**Y13 - 45**

**Leavers 5**

**Y13 - 145**

**Leavers - 13**

**Offered - 40**

**Still Awaiting Offer - 10**

**Offered - 2**

**Still Awaiting Offer - 3**

**Offered - 141**

**Still Awaiting Offer - 4**

**Offered - 10**

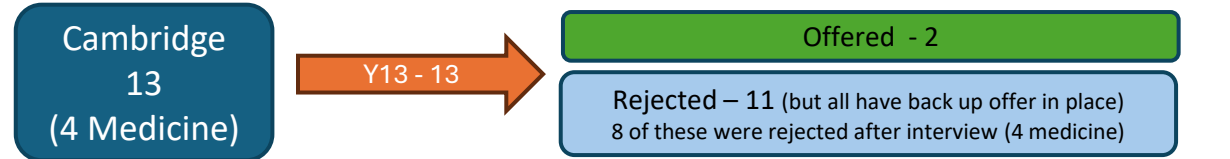
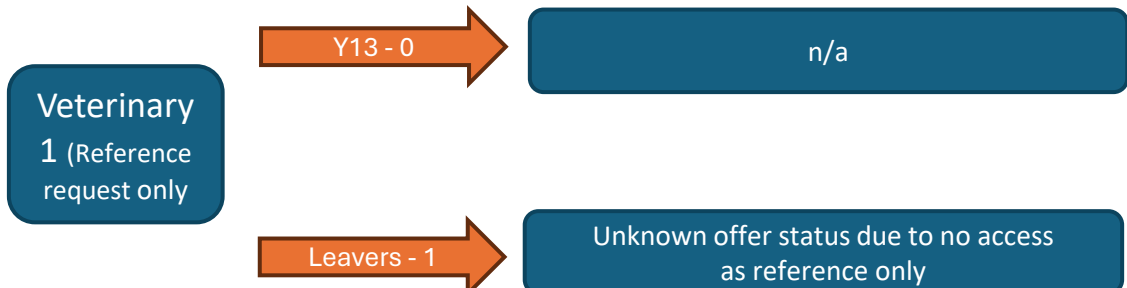
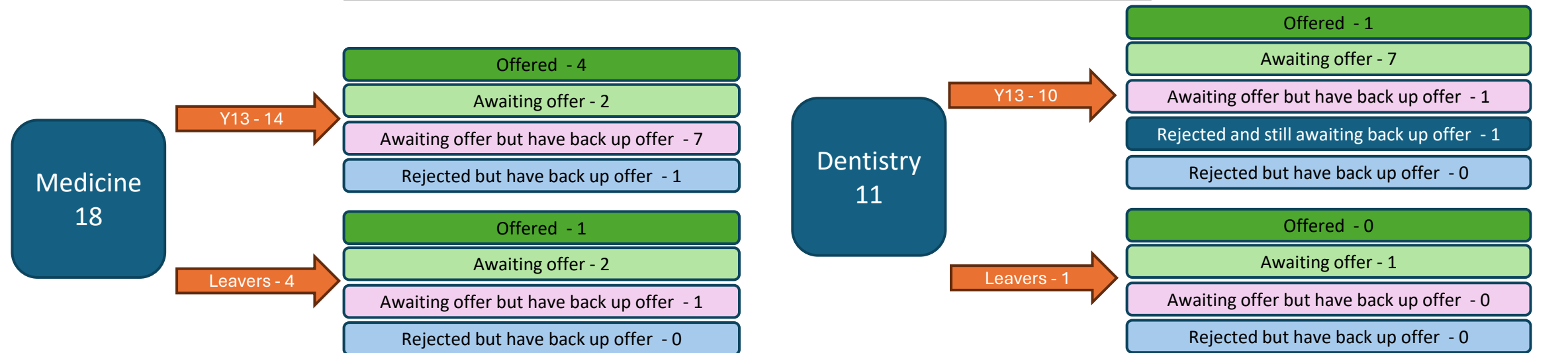
**Still Awaiting Offer - 3**

**No**  
**rejections**



# UCAS Applications/Offers 2023-24

Early Applicants - Current status of application:



**Total 50**  
(5 applied to Oxbridge medicine)

- 18 Medicine
- 11 Dentistry
- 26 Oxbridge

- 12** Have received offers for their main subject choice
- 12** Still awaiting any offer
- 9** Awaiting offer for main subject but have a back-up offer
- 21** rejected but have a back-up offer in place
- 1** Rejected and still awaiting back-up offer
- 0** rejected without a back-up offer in place

# An Overview of the Post-18 Destinations Evening

## University Route

- **Post 18 Options at Tapton** – Andrew Wright, Head of Sixth Form  
(This session will provide you with **essential information** regarding student options and school support and will be followed by the opportunity for a brief question and answer session).
- **Applying to Medicine and Dentistry** (Drew Tarmey, University of Manchester)
- **Applying to Cambridge or Oxford** (Virtual with Tom McGatchie, Cambridge University)
- **The UCAS Process and Competitive Universities** - Everything you need to know about the UCAS process and also Applying to Competitive Universities (Bernard Strutt, University of Manchester)
- **Introducing Apprenticeships** - Higher and Degree (Jack Hellewell, Sheffield Hallam University)
- **Gap Year** – Making the Most of a Year Out (Carol James, Independent Careers Advisor)
- **Civil Service** – An alternative route to successful employment via Apprenticeships specific to the Civil Service (advance within the Civil Service to careers in biomedicine, marine biology, forestry, Environment Agency and many more)
- **Student Finance** (Leeds Beckett University)
- **What Parents Really Want to Know About University** – Clearing up Common Misconceptions of University (Chris Stead - University of Sheffield)

## Apprenticeship, Careers and Employment Route

- **Post 18 Options at Tapton** – Andrew Wright, Head of Sixth Form  
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- **Preparing for Employment** (Helen Brown, Department of Work and Pensions)
- **Civil Service** – An alternative route to successful employment via Apprenticeships specific to the Civil Service (advance within the Civil Service to careers in biomedicine, marine biology, forestry, Environment Agency and many more)
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- **What Parents Really Want to Know About University** – Clearing up Common Misconceptions of University (Chris Stead - University of Sheffield)
- **Careers appointments** – pre-bookable, individual appointments on a first come, first served basis, if your child is unsure about their Post 18 direction or wish to leave at the end of Y12.



Any Questions?