

UPREP TALK

University Placement and Preparation

Every other Wednesday

08:30 - 09:15 am

Secondary Hall, Chaofah City Campus

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How do we prepare students for university?

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Introductions



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Who else is in the room?

- In what year group are your children in?
- What are you hoping to find out today?
- What are your hopes and fears?



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Where did HeadStart students secure offers in 2025?



University Destinations



Top Offers: Class of 2025



- Stanford University, USA
- Durham University, University of Nottingham, UK (Law)
- Poly U, Hong Kong (Aerospace Engineering)
- Chulalongkorn University, Thailand (Economics, Dentistry, Architecture, Biotechnology)
- Twente, Netherlands (Computer Science, Engineering)

How did they get there?

Academics

Extra curriculars

Team
work



Skills

Leadership

Work experience



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How did they get there?

- Research, research, research!
- Choose a country/course
- Carefully check requirements (more research!)
- Produce documents as needed: CVs, portfolios, personal statements etc.
- Apply (with teacher references) to a range of courses
- Sit any entrance tests/interviews
- Achieve grades, get visas etc.



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UPrep before Sixth Form

- PSAT testing - October
- SAT Tests - various dates across the year
- Year 11 Transition programme
- Options counselling in Years 9, 11 & 12
- PSHE and Unifrog sessions in Year 11
- Morrisby Career Profiling in Year 11
- Subject Fair- meet the teachers to choose subjects
- Careers Fair- meet representatives in range of careers from our community

UPrep for Sixth Form - Year 12

- Weekly group sessions
- The Apprentice - Term 1
- CV writing
- Writing letters of application
- Interview skills
- UPrep Terms 2 & 3
- Comparing systems
- Planning standardised testing (SAT / IELTS)
- Choosing universities
- Choosing courses
- Costs and financial arrangements
- Preparing personal statements
- Oxford and Cambridge prep



UPrep for Sixth Form - Year 13

- **Weekly group sessions and 1:1**
- Administrative assistance with application portals e.g. UCAS / Common App / Studielink
- Finalising personal statements / essay writing
- References / recommendations
- Careers and University Guidance lessons:
 - Interview practice
 - Personal finances
 - Personal safety
 - Dealing with culture shock
 - Country/system choices, course choices / institution choices
- **Individual counselling**
- Final admission decisions
- University visits

HeadStart University Fair:

22nd September 2025

Workshops and talks from 5:30pm - 8:00pm, with representatives from around 50 international universities.

Find out about:

- Specific advice on reps' universities
- Preparing CVs and personal statements
- Applications to medicine
- Hospitality courses
- Producing portfolios
- IELTS
- Studying in Europe, Canada... and much more



UPrep for families

Knowledge is power! We offer:

- Family and individual consultations
 - *Country / system choices*
 - *Course choices*
 - *Institution choices*
 - *Application support*
 - *Final admission decisions*
- Resources and materials
 - *Unifrog access (coming up)*
 - *Presentations, documents, admissions support*
- Parent Talks (see next slide)

UPrep Parent Sessions

Dates 2025/26	Topic
1: 27 th August 2025	Introduction to UPrep
2: 10 th September 2025	Your child's 5 year plan
3: 24 th September 2025	Choosing subjects and careers
4: 8 th October 2025	Comparing different university systems
5: 29 th October 2025	Applying to Thai universities
6: 12 th November 2025	Application and standardised testing
7: 26 th November 2025	Applying to the UK and Europe
8: 10 th December 2025	Applying to USA and Canada
9: 7 th January 2026	Applying to Australia, New Zealand
10: 21 st January 2026	Applying to Asian universities
11: 4 th February 2026	Alternative pathways and gap years
12: 4 th March 2026	Fees, funding and finances
13: 18 th March 2026	UPrep For Parents by Parents going to the Netherlands and/or the UK
14. 29 th April 2026	Applying to Oxbridge
15. 13 th May 2026	Applying to Ivy League and top US universities



- Unifrog is a one-stop-shop where students can explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their best next-step after school.
- You can find information on careers, universities, scholarships and much more.

The Unifrog tools

Exploring pathways	Searching for opportunities	Recording what you've done	Drafting application materials	Making applications
Careers library	UK universities	Activities	Personal Statement	Post 16/18
Subjects library	US universities	Competencies	CV / Resumé	Locker
Know-how	European universities	Interactions	Teacher	Applications list
MOOC	Oxbridge		Common App	
	Apprenticeships			
	College/ Sixth Form			
	Canadian			
	Asian			
	Special			

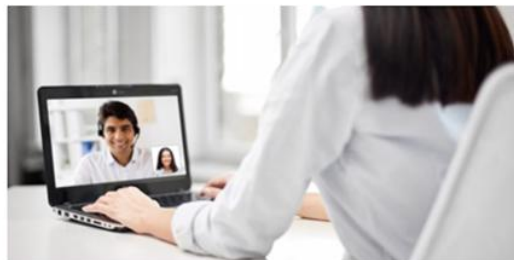
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How to interview like a boss

3rd June 2019

Got a job or apprenticeship interview coming up? No problem - follow this guide and you'll be wow-ing your new employer in no time..... [Read more >](#)



How to survive online university interviews

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We'll admit that the title of this guide is a little sensationalist - interviews are rarely a Hunger Games-style Battle Royale; you will most certainly survive any that you have... [Read more >](#)



Oxbridge interviews: humanities

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The Oxbridge interview process can be daunting. Some students are deterred from even applying by horror stories circulating on student forums featuring awkward silences and outrageous, unpredictable questions... [Read more >](#)



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US interviews for international students

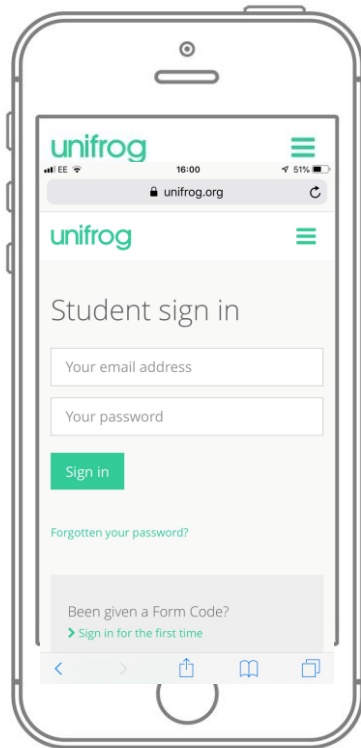
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Study in Canada: how to ace your letter of intent

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Students, Parents & Guardians, get signed up!



Go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in with a code'

You'll be asked for some details and a sign up code. This is what you need:

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After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the sign-in page!

DROP IN

Help your child become future ready

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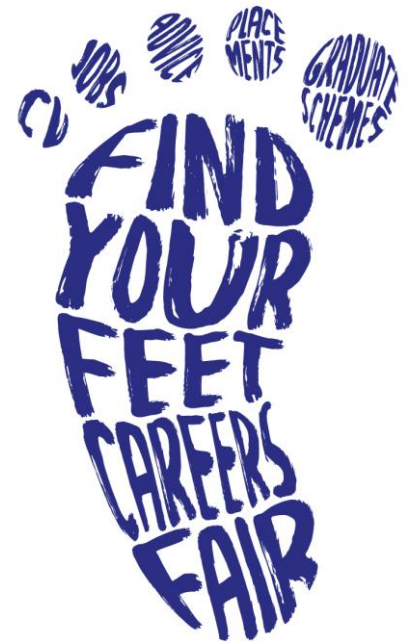
Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers

Do you (or a contact) have expertise in these areas?

Please let us know!

- Hospitality/Tourism
- Engineering/Architecture
- Computing/Digital Media
- Charities/Development
- Food and Beverage
- Entrepreneurship
- Medical/Psychology
- Art/Design
- Entrepreneurship/Marketing /Commerce



Please get in touch to book an appointment



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Takeaways

- Don't stress but do research the options available
- We offer lots of support and guidance
- Be aspirational yet realistic
- Keep in touch!

QUESTIONS?



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