

UPREP TALK

University Placement and Preparation

Every other Wednesday

08:30 - 09:15 am

Secondary Hall, Chaofah City Campus

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UPREP: CHOOSING SUBJECTS AND CAREERS



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SUCCESS IS NOT THE KEY
TO HAPPINESS.

HAPPINESS IS THE KEY TO
SUCCESS. IF YOU LOVE
WHAT YOU ARE DOING,
YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

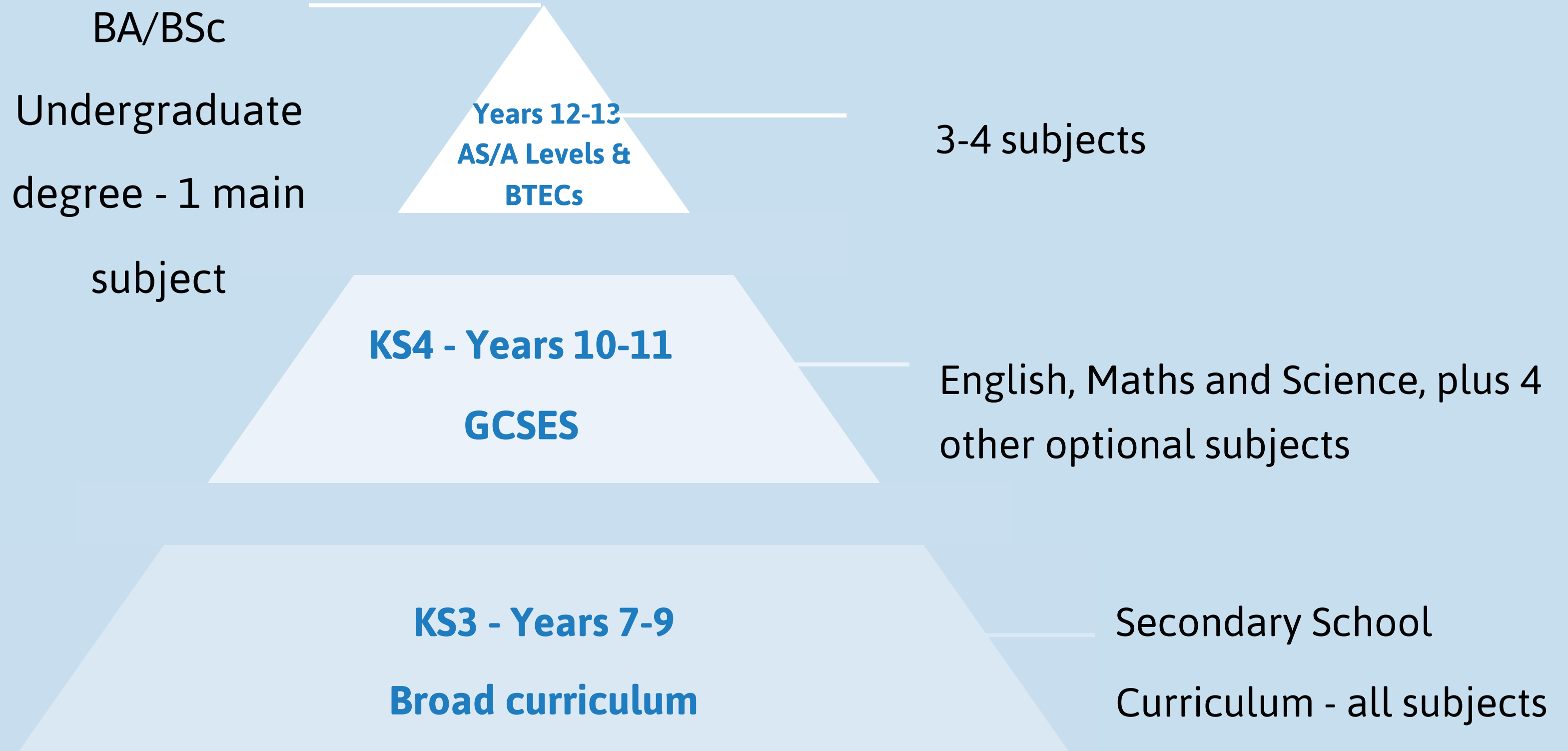
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PATHWAYS AND PLANNING

DEGREE PATHWAY



KEY MOMENTS



YEAR 9: IGCSE
OPTIONS

YEAR 11: A LEVEL
AND BTEC OPTIONS



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OPTIONS IN YEAR 9



ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE IGCSE, PLUS 4 FROM: ART AND DESIGN; BIOLOGY (TO MOVE FROM 2 TO 3 SCIENCE IGCSES); BUSINESS (BTEC OR IGCSE); COMPUTER SCIENCE; DESIGN TECHNOLOGY; DRAMA; ECONOMICS GEOGRAPHY; GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES (NEW); HISTORY; ICT; LANGUAGES; MUSIC; PE (BTEC OR IGCSE); PSYCHOLOGY (NEW); TRAVEL AND TOURISM BTEC.

Date for your diary:

Wednesday 19th November 2025, 2:20 - 5:30pm Parent Meeting: Options, followed by the Options Fair.



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OPTIONS IN YEAR 11



3-4 A LEVELS, EPQ AND BTECS:

ART AND DESIGN; BTEC APPLIED SCIENCE; BIOLOGY; CHEMISTRY; COMPUTER SCIENCE; BUSINESS (AL OR BTEC UP TO EXTENDED DIPLOMA); DRAMA; ECONOMICS; BTEC ENGINEERING; ENGLISH LITERATURE; GEOGRAPHY; HISTORY; BTEC IT; LANGUAGES; MATHEMATICS; BTEC MUSIC; PHYSICS, PSYCHOLOGY; BTEC SPORT; BTEC TRAVEL AND TOURISM.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 21st October 2025, 08:30 - 09:30 - Parent Meeting: Introduction to Sixth Form, A Levels & BTEC Curriculum

Wednesday 22nd October 2025, 3:30 - 5:00 pm - Options Fair



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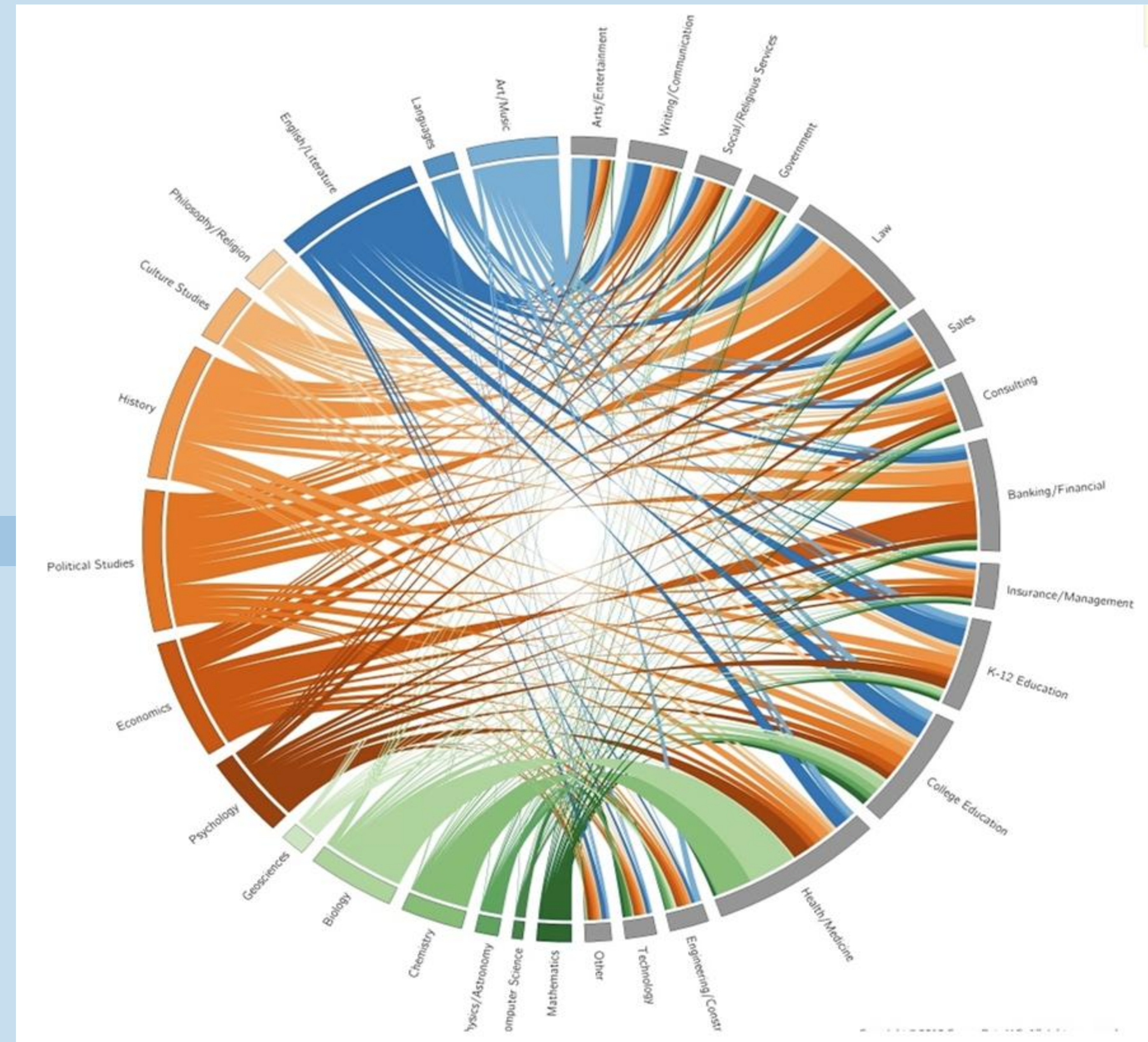
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CAREERS AND DEGREES

Some pathways are defined.

To be a doctor, you do need to study Medicine, and have particular A Levels/GCSEs.

Others are very open!



THINK ABOUT...



- Your child's plans when they leave school
- Subject combinations
- Their enjoyment of / interest in their current subjects
- Their ability in their current subjects
- Examinations vs coursework
- Interest in a 'new' subject



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THINGS TO UNDERSTAND



- Subjects get more difficult at IGCSE and then more difficult again at A Level
- Many subjects cover completely new content (especially new subjects)
- There are many misconceptions about subjects needed for university courses
- Subjects 'dropped' are difficult to 'pick up' again later on



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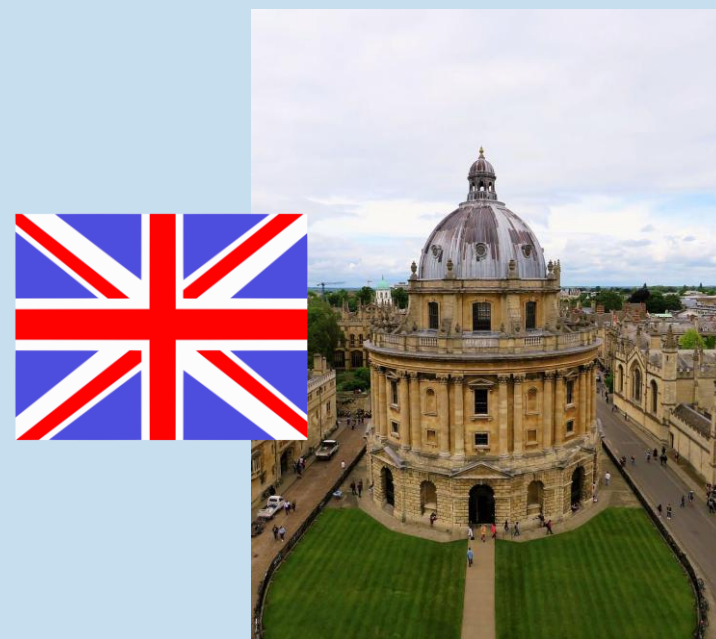


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WHAT DO UNIVERSITIES WANT?



Academic focus

- US vs UK systems?
- Thai universities?
- Global universities?



Holistic focus

PSAT/SAT

IF THEY KNOW WHAT THEY WANT TO DO... COMPULSORY* SUBJECTS



Medicine: Chemistry (sometimes Biology, and more - it depends)

Engineering: Physics / Mathematics (Chemistry/SAT - depends on the course and university requirements)

Economics: Mathematics

Architecture: Art, Mathematics (?)

Computer Science: Mathematics

IF THEY HAVE A GOOD IDEA ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO DO... USEFUL SUBJECTS



- Business: Mathematics
- Earth Sciences: Geography
- Law: History
- Medicine: a non-science subject
- Psychology: Mathematics
- Politics/International Relations: History



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IF THEY HAVE NO IDEA...



- Don't panic!
- Keep their options open by taking some 'facilitating subjects'
- These subjects have transferable skills
- Choose subjects your child is good at
- Choose subjects your child enjoys
- There are lots of university courses (and the careers that follow) where it doesn't matter what A Levels or BTECs you have done:
Business / Sociology / Philosophy / Anthropology / Liberal Arts and Sciences /Hospitality etc.
- America / Canada /Thailand are pretty flexible...

RUSSELL GROUP: 'FACILITATING' SUBJECTS

- Maths
- English Literature
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography
- History
- Languages



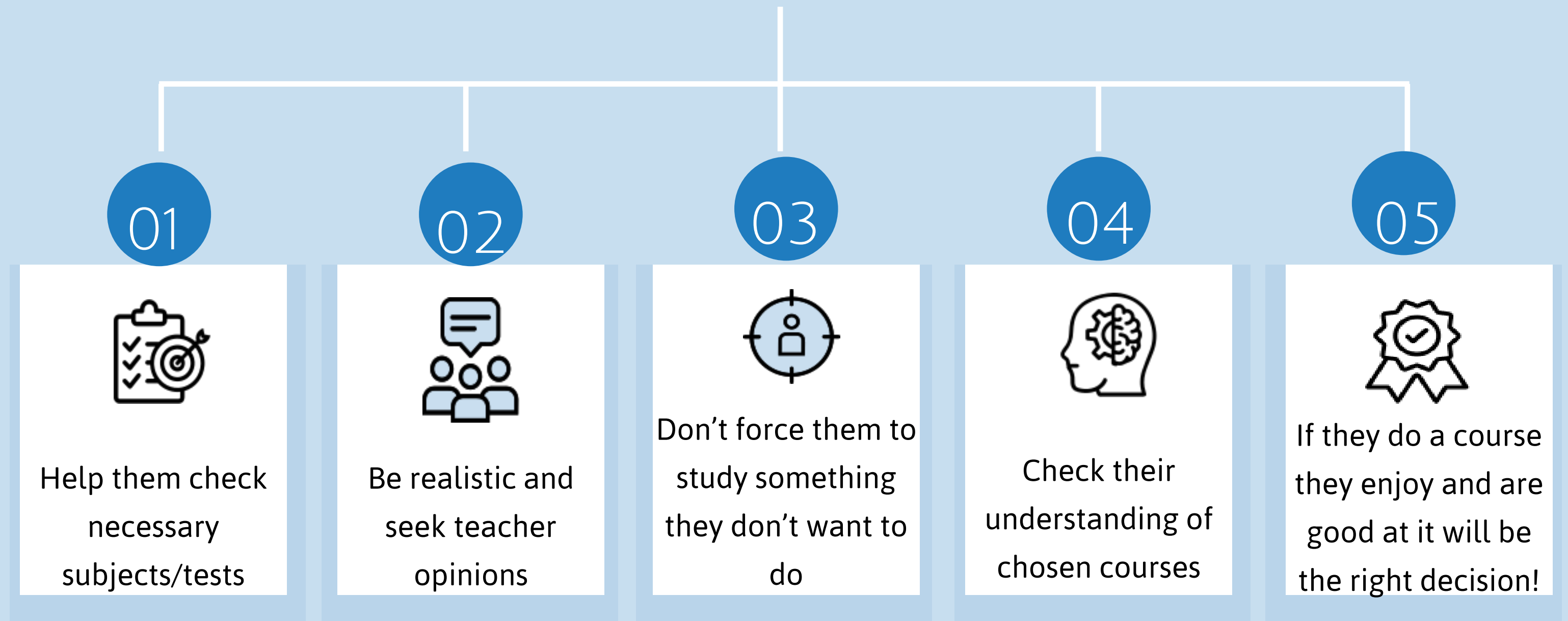
Many top universities will ask you to have at least one A-Level in a facilitating subject

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HELP AND
SUPPORT

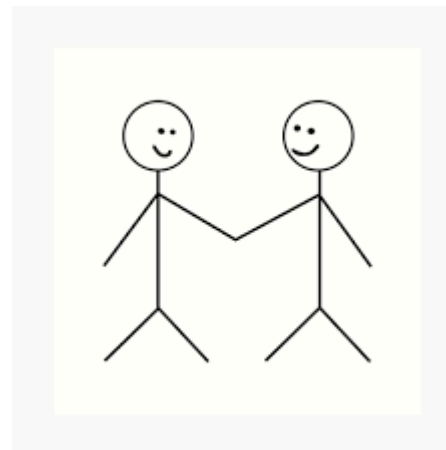
IT'S UP TO YOUR CHILD, BUT YOU CAN HELP THEM!



CHALLENGE POOR REASONING FOR PICKING SUBJECTS



Because they like
(or don't like!) a
teacher



Because their
friend is doing it



'I've always
dreamed of being
a chemist...'



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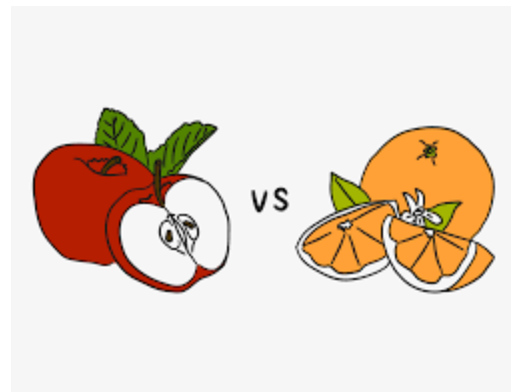
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AND TRY TO BE OBJECTIVE YOURSELF!



'When I was at
school...'



'Why can't
you be
like...'



'Our friends
say that...'



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SCHOOL WILL HELP!



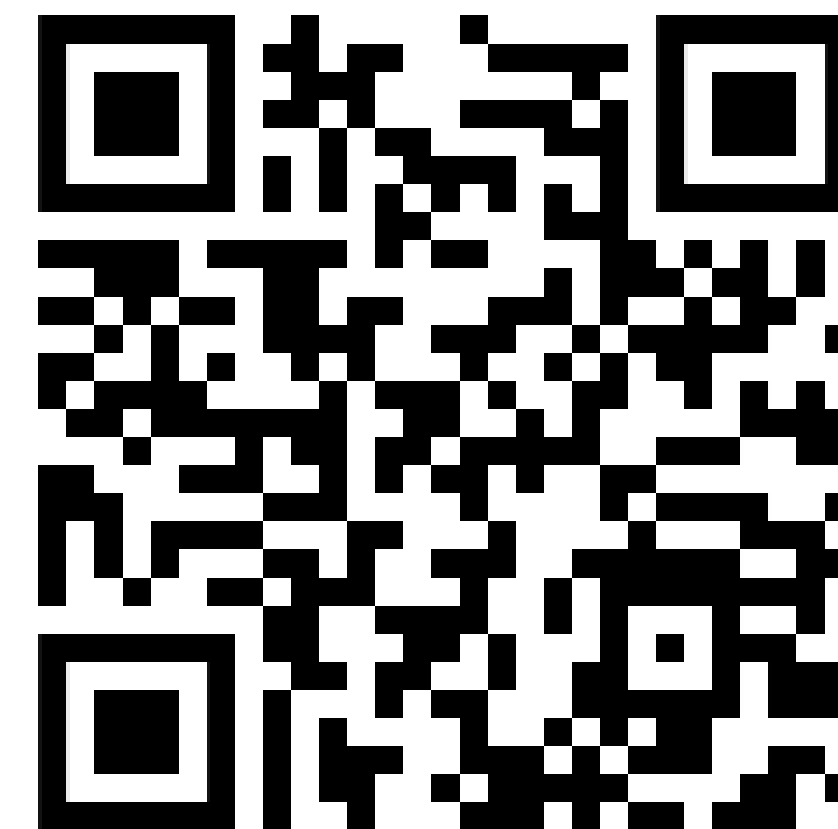
- Talks with teachers
- Meetings with guidance counsellors
- PSHE lessons
- UPrep sessions for students in Years 12-13
- Individual and family consultations
- PTCs/ SLCs
- Subject and Career Fairs
- University Fairs
- [Further information](#)



THAI UNIVERSITY FAIR

Friday 3rd October 2025 at HeadStart International School, Chaofah City Campus
8:30 - 11:00am in the Sports Hall

Y10 -13 students and interested parents are invited to our Thai university fair to find out more information and to meet representatives from universities in Thailand.



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USING
UNIFROG

WHAT IS UNIFROG?



- Unifrog believe that destinations - where students end up after school - is even more important than their academic performance. They partner with schools to support students to progress into the best opportunity for them.
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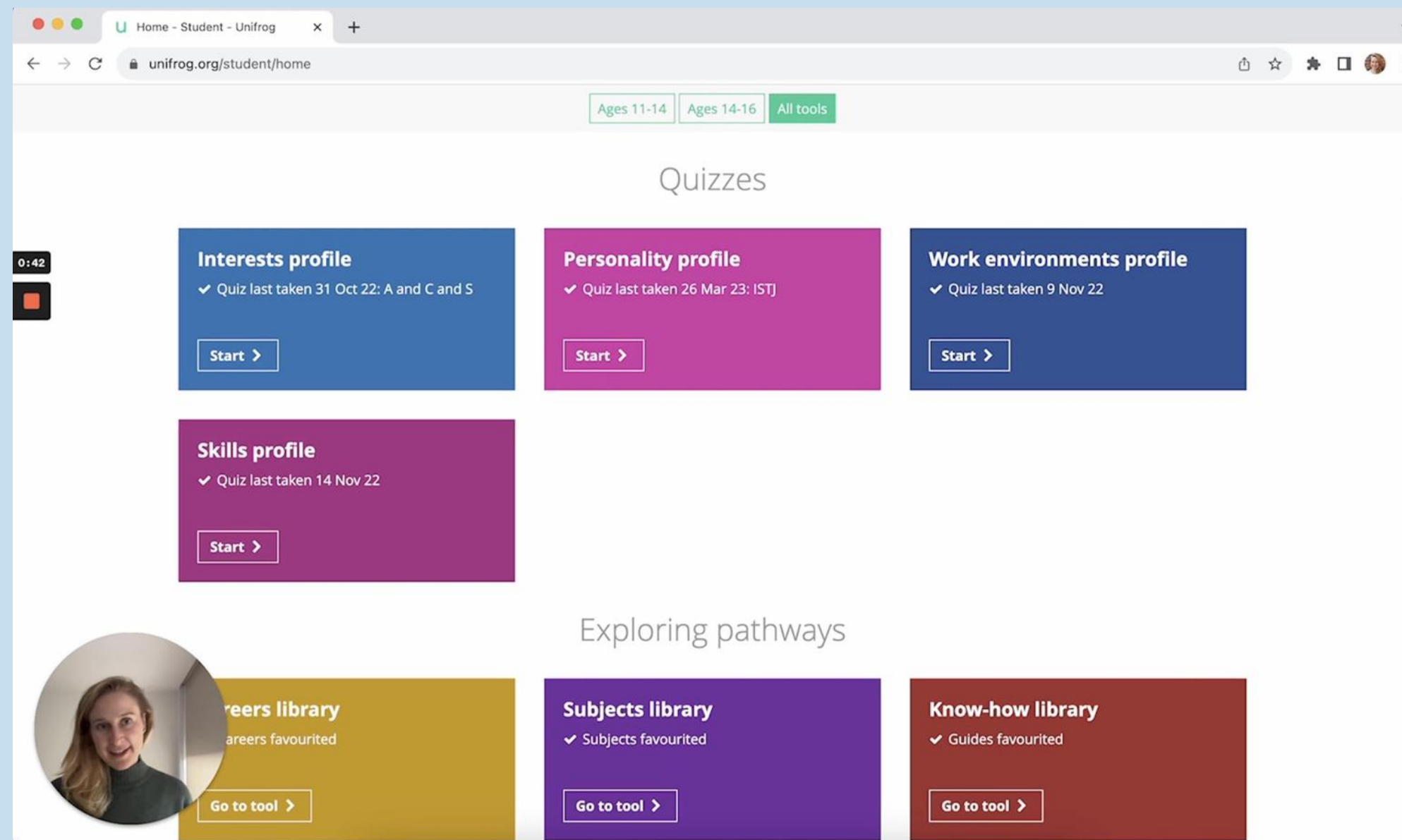


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UNIFROG FOR PARENTS



UNIFROG QUIZZES



Interests profile

Personality profile

Work environments
profile

Skills profile

The tools in the **Quizzes** section allow students to understand how their personality, skills, and aptitudes relate to possible future pathways in a fun and engaging way.



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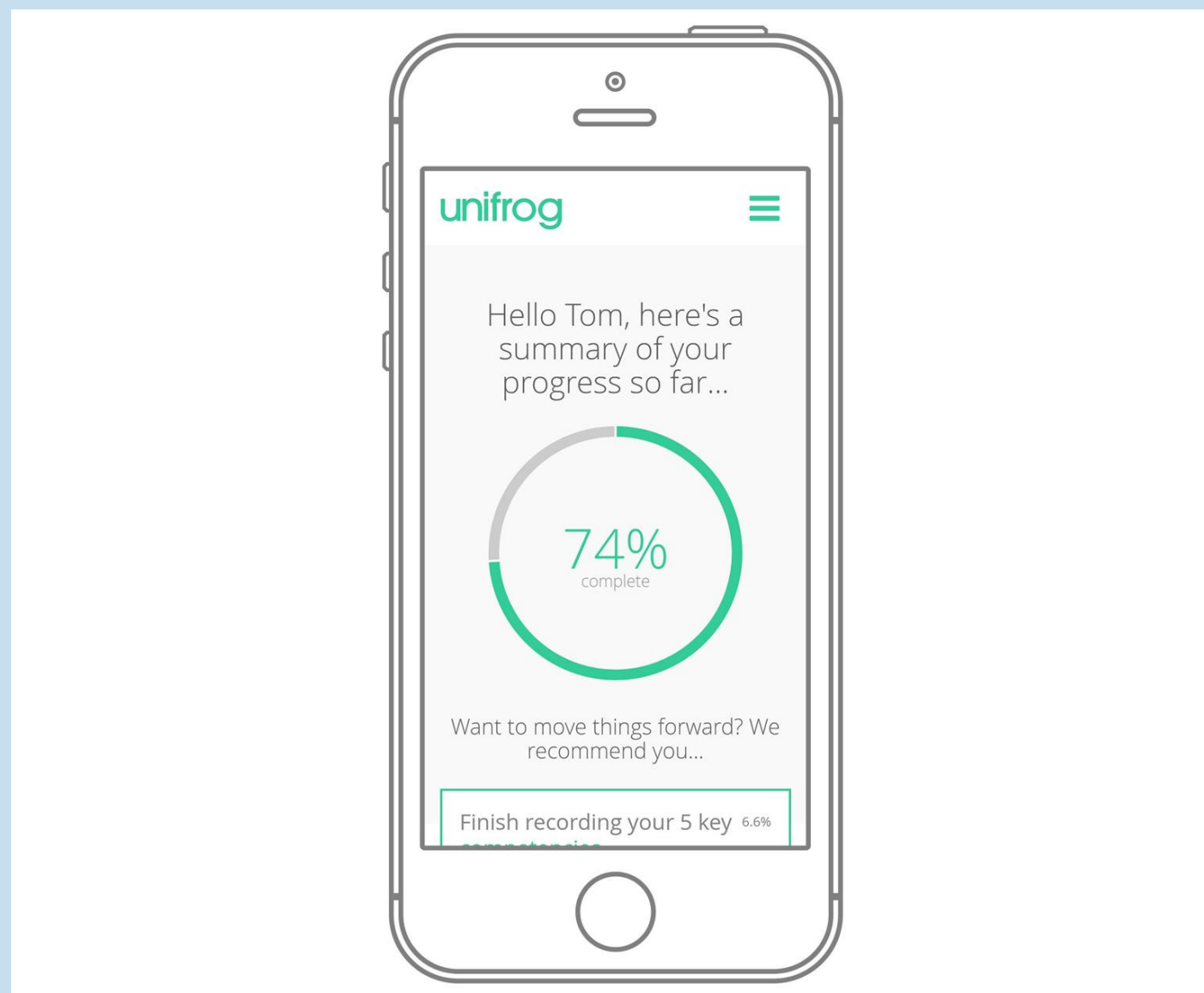


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UNIFROG TOOLS

Exploring pathways	Recording what you've done	Searching for opportunities	Drafting application materials	Making applications
Careers library	Activities	UK universities	UK Personal Statement	Post 18 Intentions
Subjects library	Skills	US universities	Classes	Locker
Know-how library	Interactions	European universities	Subject References	Applications list
MOOC		Oxbridge	CV / Resumé	
Webinars		Canadian universities	Writing tool	
Read, Watch, Listen		Asian universities	Common App Essay	
		Australasian universities	US recommenders	
		MidEast and Africa unis	Notes for Reference writers	
		Irish universities		
		Special Opportunities		
		Events		

PARENTS – GET SIGNED UP!



Go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time' You'll be asked for some details and a form code: **HSISparents**

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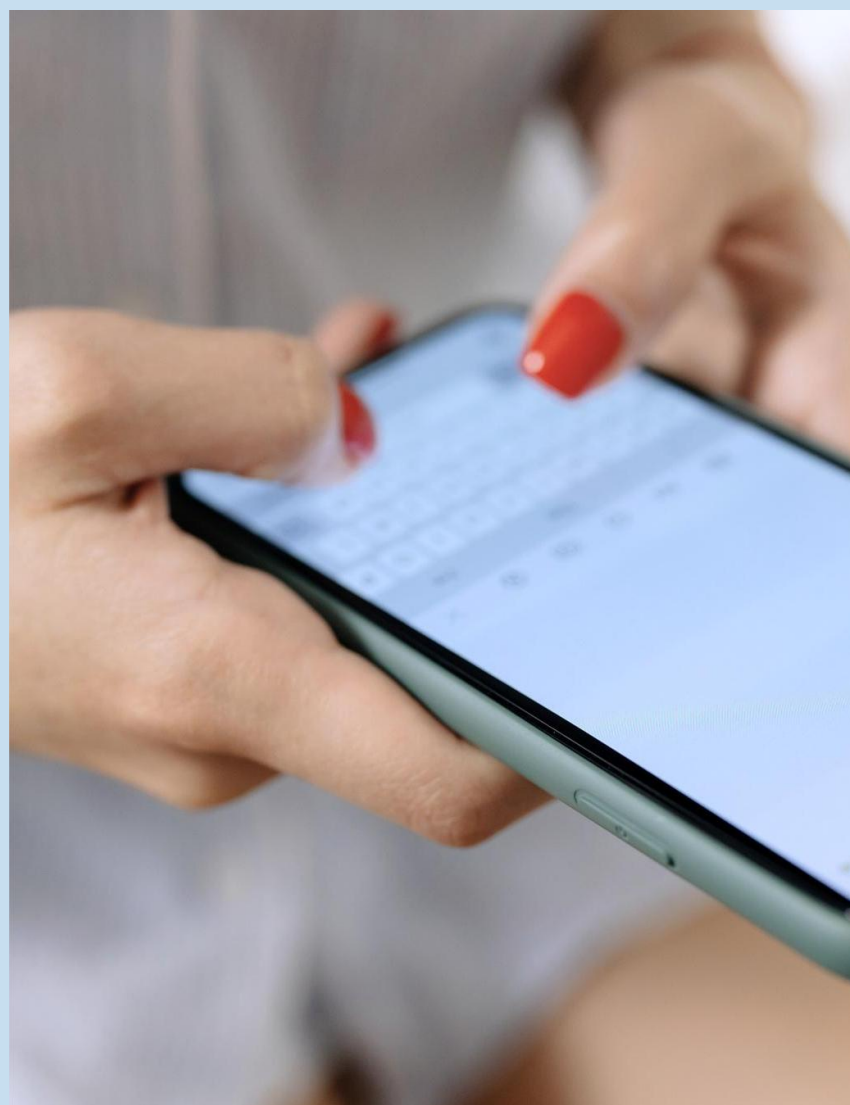


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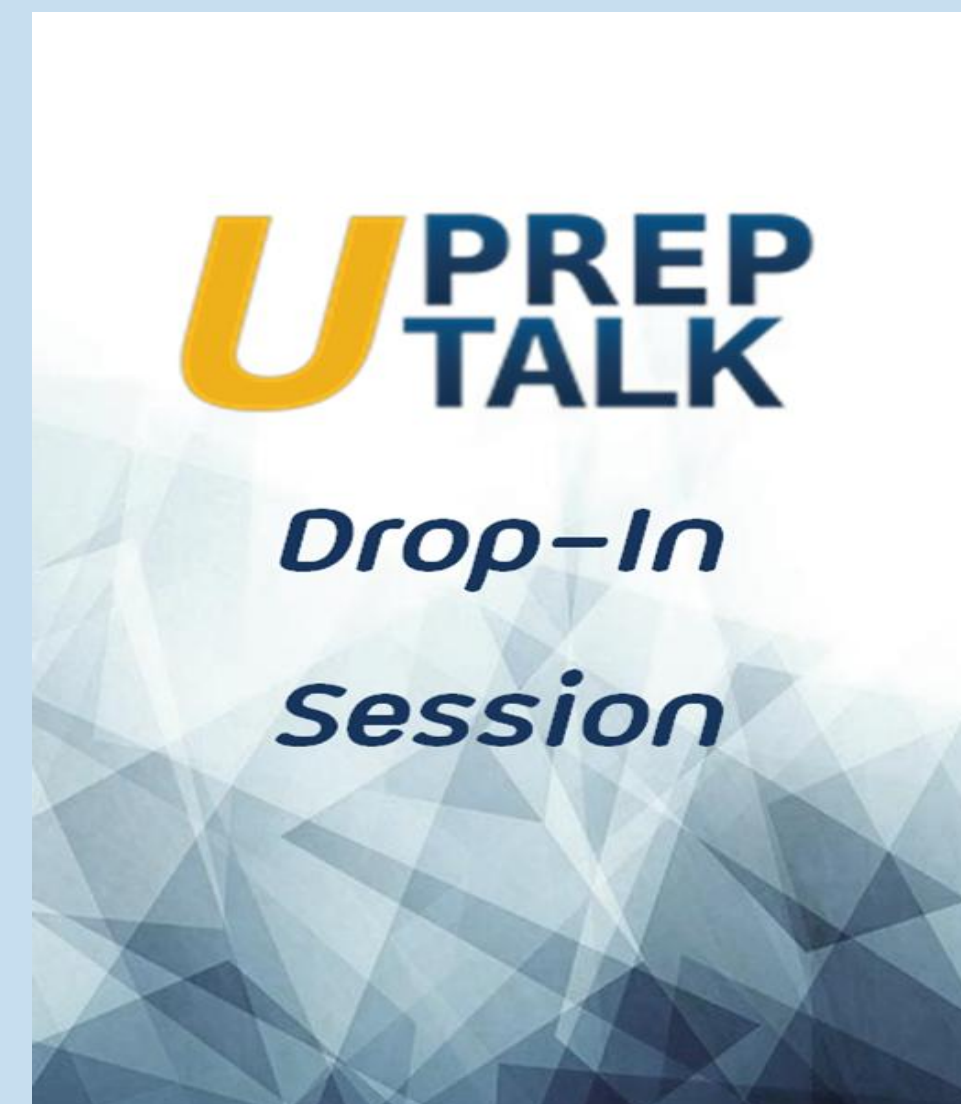


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CAN YOU HELP?



DO YOU (OR A CONTACT) HAVE EXPERTISE IN THESE AREAS?

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



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ANY QUESTIONS? UNIFROG SUPPORT 1:1 ADVICE



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