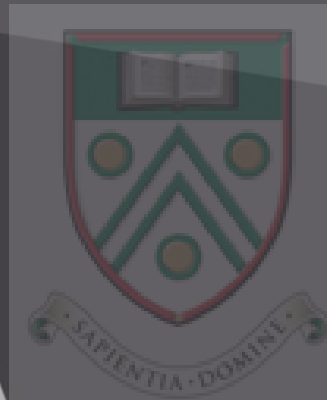


# Year 13 Raising Achievement Evening



# 2024 A Level Outcomes

A\*-A grades 58.3%

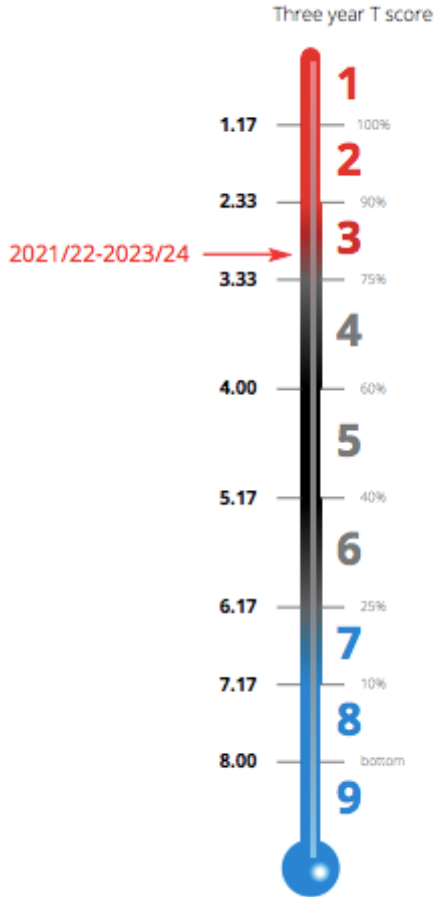
A\*-B grades 85.3%

A\*-E grades 99.5%

154 achieved their first choice

52% Russell Group Universities

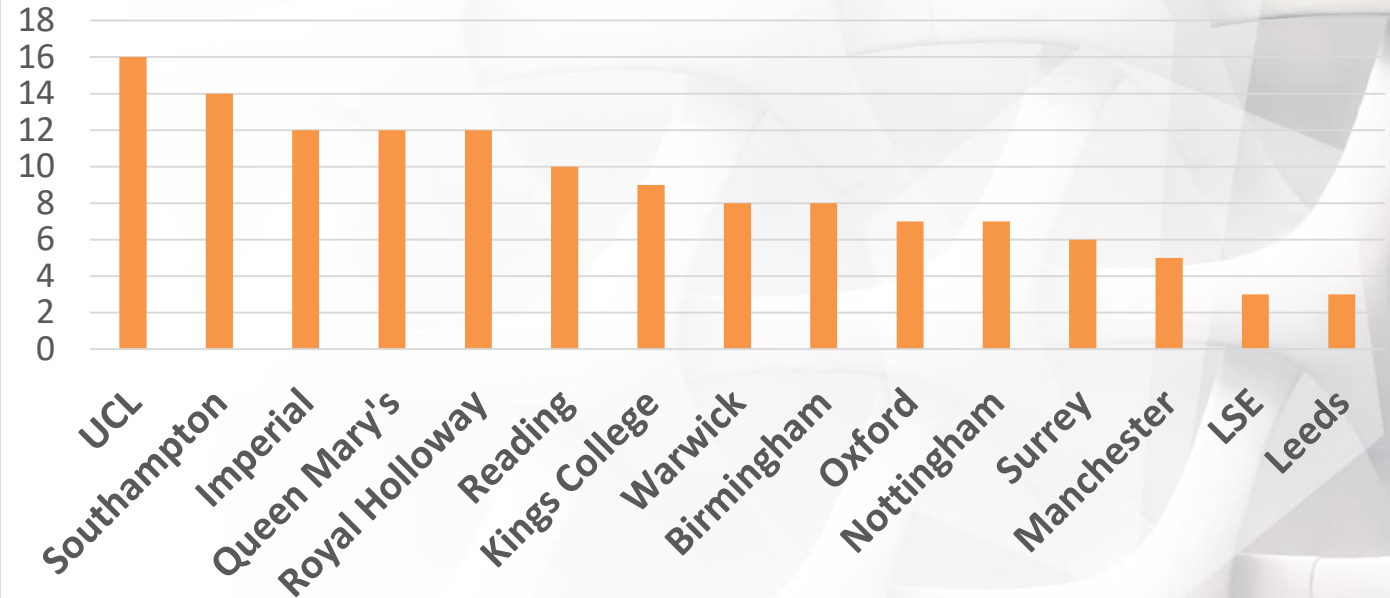
# ALPS Value Added





# Where are they going?

## Most Popular 15 Universities

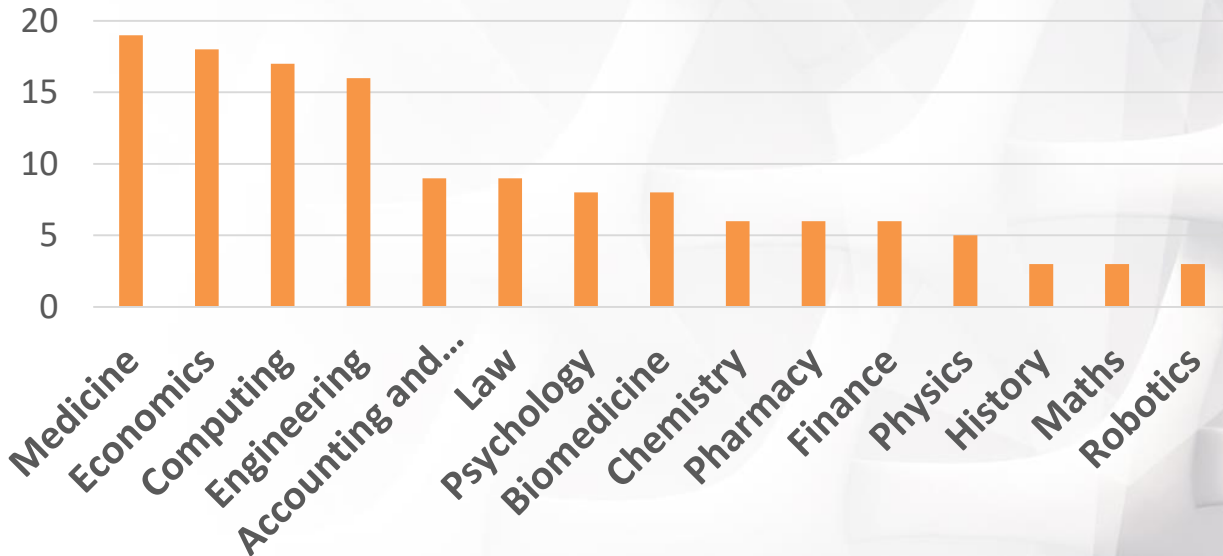




# What are they reading?

**Class of 2024**

**What are they going to read?  
Most popular subjects?**



# First Steps

## Review

Review Year 1 results to identify strengths and weaknesses.

## Choose

Choose 3 (or 4) subjects to continue to A Level which build on Year 1 successes

## Review

Review approach last year- use of time, engagement with teachers outside lessons.





# Minimum target A level grades Based on average GCSE point score

Alps Band	GCSE score band	Min. Exp. Points	MEG aspiration
1	7.75-9.00	124.00	A*/A
2	7.00 - < 7.75	109.82	A
3	6.55 - < 7.00	101.33	B
4	6.10 - < 6.55	95.00	B
5	5.65 - < 6.10	89.52	B/C
6	5.21 - < 5.65	83.75	B/C
7	4.77 - < 5.21	79.00	C
8	4.37 - < 4.77	74.89	C
9	3.79 - < 4.37	70.00	C/D
10	3.05 - < 3.79	65.71	C/D
11	0.00 - < 3.05	70.77	D

# Predicted Grades



- ▶ *'Universities and colleges take much more than just grades into consideration when deciding whether to offer a place – things such as the personal statement, relevant experience, interview performance, your motivation, and commitment to study. They also consider the overall demand for places on the course, and the success of past students who achieved the same A level grades as you are predicted. Remember, this is an **estimate** based solely on past applications from other people studying the same A levels and with the same predicted grades.'*  
Source: [ucas.com](http://ucas.com)

- ▶ **Our predictions at Langley Grammar School are based on evidence and allow for progress in Y13 and in addition are 'optimistically realistic'**



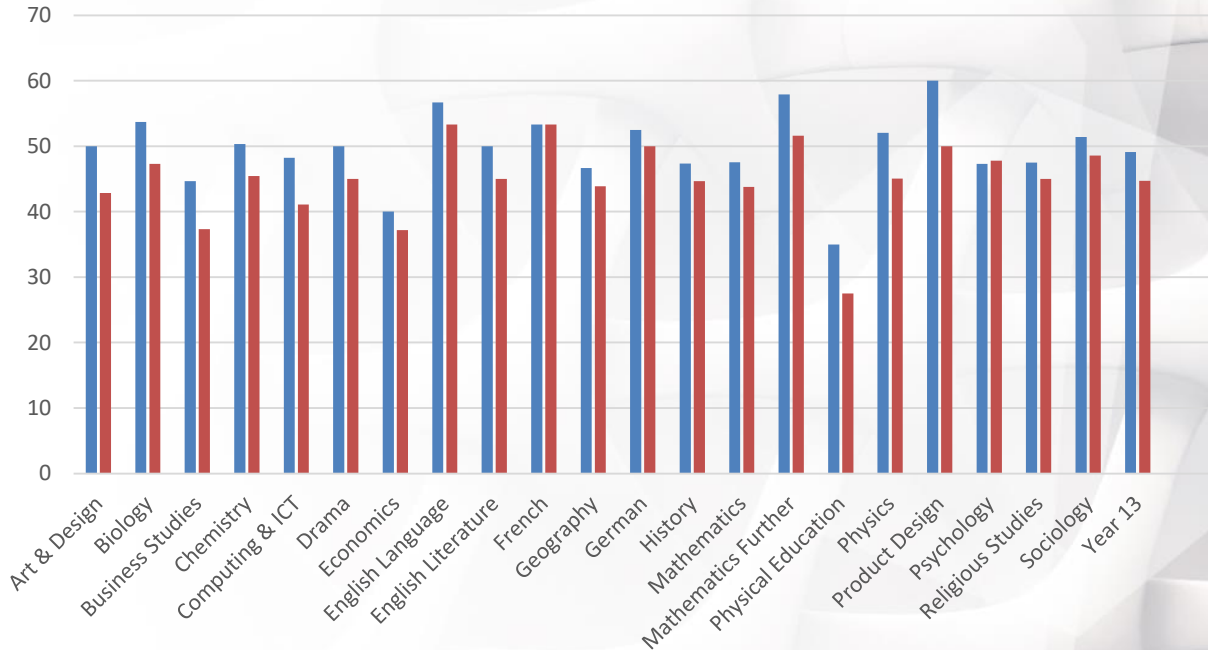
# Inflating Predicted Grades



- Universities have lists of schools who do
- Universities provide fewer offers to institutions that inflate their grades.
- Students receive higher offers that they are unable to achieve on results day.
- ALPS target grades as predictions- do not enable students who have not achieved well at GCSE to show progression in the Sixth Form.

# Predicted Grades at Langley Grammar School

UCAS vs. Actual Results



# How realistically optimistic are we?

In summary in 2024.

We predicted an average point score across the subjects across the cohort of 49.11 points.

The actual average point score across the subjects across the cohort was 44.7 points

Our predictions were generous by 4.41 points,  
10 points is a grade = approx half a grade.

Changed our process last year.

# UCAS References



Section 1- School Context  
(compulsory)



Section 2- Extenuating  
circumstances/ support  
provided at school (optional)



Section 3-, Supportive  
Academic Information  
(optional)

# Post 18 Pathways



- Applying to University-  
full degree, foundation  
degree
- Applying for Higher  
Apprenticeships
- Applying for Degree  
Apprenticeships
- Gap Year- structured
- Careers advice and  
support limited to non-  
existent when they leave  
school.



# What is happening?

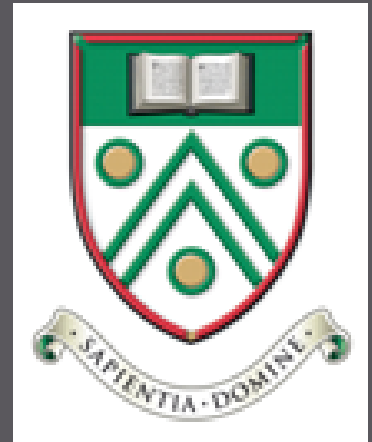


- Academic Mentoring
- Guidance/ support from subject teachers
- Academic Excellence Programme



# Assessment Points

- 23 September- UCAS predicted grades issued
- Wednesday 16 October- Parent Teacher Consultation 1
- WB 06 January- Y13 Practice Exams
- Tuesday 25 February- Parent Teacher Consultation 2
- June- Public Examinations begin
- Thursday 14 August 2025 Results Day



## Good attendance is key

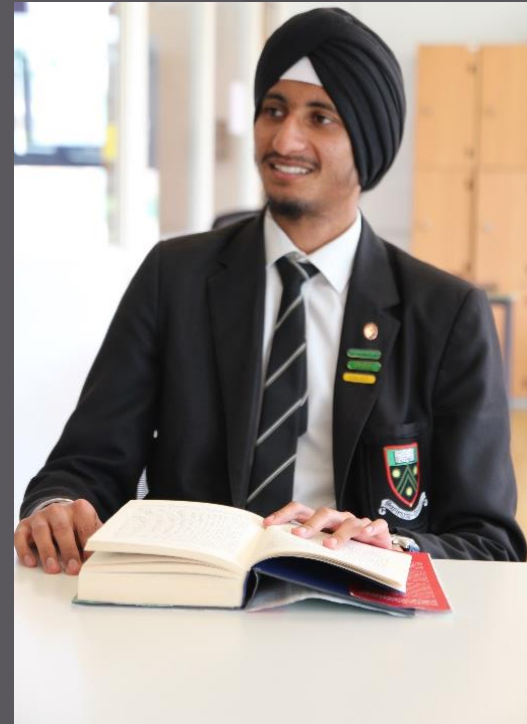
- As close to 100% as possible
- Evidence shows poor attendance correlates to poor outcomes.
- Routine appointments outside school hours
- Applicant days/ interviews.





# Attitude is key

- Getting Post 18 pathway applications in early
- Unremitting approach
- **Proactive with teachers both inside and outside lessons**
- Completing additional work to tasks set by the teacher, which is shown to the teacher.
- Spreadsheet of past papers and their scores



# Making progress at A Level Make it happen!



Remember  
Year 2 is  
**HARDER**  
than Year 1

- Ask for advice from teachers in areas of uncertainty and about how to achieve the next grade up (within and outside) lessons as you go through the course
- Use the exam specification as a checklist, Checking their revision against these or PLCs
- Review lesson content afterwards, complete topic past paper questions and read ahead for the next lesson.
- Use distraction blocker apps -self control or cold turkey

# Independent Learning



Take personal responsibility for progress



Universities want people who have a real interest in studying the subject and can show evidence of this.



Productive use of the independent study periods



**Think** about what constitutes an A\*

# Support from home



Personal  
Organisation

Places to study

Support good  
working  
practices

Remove  
distractions

Are they talking  
to teachers  
outside lessons?

Start revision  
early, this is their  
independent  
learning.

What is the  
plan for UCAS  
applications?

UCAS website



# How should they organize their time?

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1							
2				Hwk		10-12 Volunteering	10-12 Psychology
3	Hwk						
4			Hwk		Hwk	1-4 Chem	1-4 Maths
5							
3.15-4.30	Transport home and relaxation time						
4.30-5.30	Homework						
6.30-7.30	Psychology	Maths	Chem	Bio	Psychology	6-8 Football	6-8 Chem
8.00-9.00							

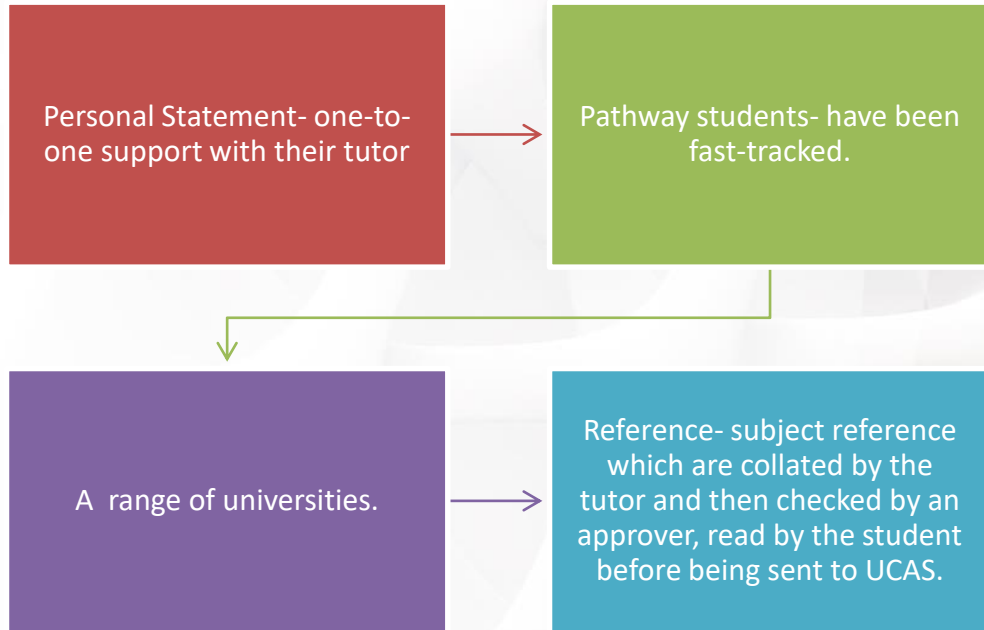
# What is the UCAS Process

- Predicted Grades out soon
- Students complete the UCAS form online and print a hard copy to submit to us. Date logged
- Process of writing the reference 3 weeks
- We show them the reference
- They wait to hear... offers, interviews...
- Select a firm and an insurance- June deadline
- Student finance applied for by May 31 2025
- Results day confirm their option



UCAS

# Key elements to the UCAS Application Form



# Key UCAS Submission Dates 2024/25



## School Deadlines

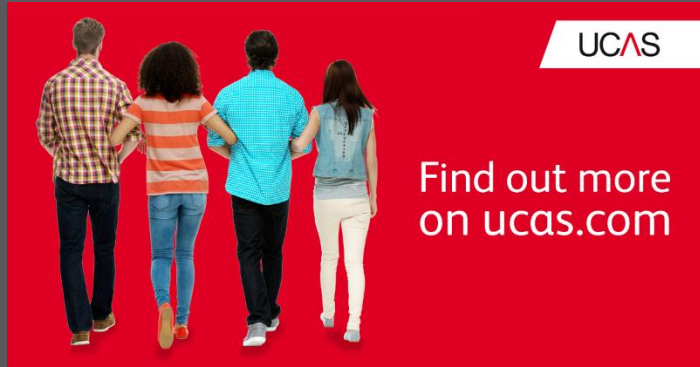
Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science by **25 September**

- Other competitive courses (Russell Group universities) by **9 October**
- All other UCAS applications by **4 November**

## UCAS Deadlines

Early Applicants 18.00 16  
October 2024

- All others 18:00 31 January 2025





# Self Release

- If your son/ daughter has an offer in the UCAS cycle
- Achieves better grades than this offer
- Can phone around as many universities that have places in adjustment.
- If students decide they no longer want to go to their insurance choice.
- Opt to self release on results day and opt to go through clearing.

## What if they do not achieve their offers?

### Clearing

Track delivers the news early on results day.

Clearing number

UCAS website and university websites display vacancies.

Clearing Plus

### Applying the following year

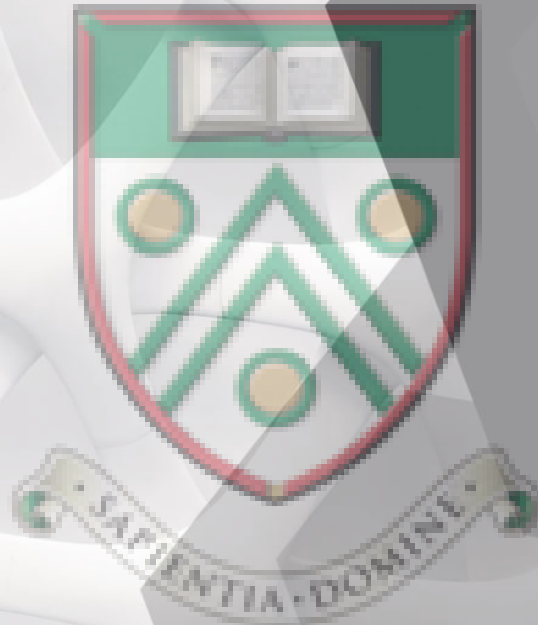
Is it worth it?

Resits and UCAS support we only have limited resources.

Making good use of their Gap Year.

Better to apply this year for something- opens doors.





# Summary and Questions