



Stoke Newington School  
& Sixth Form  
MEDIA ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE

# Year 12 Parents' Support Session



# What do they need to do?

- Choose which courses they want to apply to at which institutions
- Complete their personal statement
- Search for careers/ apprenticeships/ degree apprenticeships/ volunteering/ gap years etc

# Where can you get information/support?

- Careers Office in School
- UCAS website/ Unifrog website
- A variety of other web resources – see the school website
- Your son/daughter's tutor
- Mr Hesse
- Mr Carpenter
- Mr Sutton

# UCAS

- Universities and Colleges Admission Service
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- This is the first place to search for the different types of courses available.
- You do not need a login or password to search for courses.
- Students are currently also using **Unifrog** which can be used alongside UCAS

# Personal statement

- The most important part of the application process for the student to complete.
- Opportunity to stand out.
- Students have been given one-to-one interviews this week to help them start the process.
- **They should have a first draft completed by the time they return in September**

# Key Dates

- **24<sup>th</sup> August 2017** AS Results
- **5<sup>th</sup> September 2017** First draft of statement to be submitted
- **15 October 2017** **Deadline for** Applications for Oxford, Cambridge or courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science
- **15 January 2018** **Deadline for** Applications for the majority of courses
- **7 May 2018** Final date by which all universities will have made their offers.
- **4 June 2018** Deadline for accepting offers.
- **16 August 2018** A Level results day – and the start of the full Clearing vacancy.

# What have we done/are doing in school?

- Visiting speakers on gap years, career opportunities, employers, universities, student finance
- Creative days for UCAS statement and researching.
- Careers interviews
- Careers fair
- Department of Work and Pensions - CVs and job applications
- Attending UEA Open Day this Friday
- Individual session with tutor/HOY
- Booklet on how to write the UCAS statement
- Work experience
- Continuing support with personal statement from tutors

# How can you support your child?

- Note the deadline and make sure they stick to it
- Help them research courses and institutions
- Discuss their choices with them and make sure they have thought them through and are choosing courses, institutions, etc. for the 'right' reasons
- Proof read their supporting statement
- Encourage them to have high but realistic expectations
- Make sure they keep working throughout the year - they will need to get the grades to get in