

Planning ahead

This calendar shows you key dates to look out for over the year!

**Top Tip**  
You can remove this chart and use throughout the year

| SEPTEMBER   | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER  | JANUARY  | FEBRUARY | MARCH  | APRIL   | MAY  | JUNE   | JULY  | AUGUST   | SEPTEMBER |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|----------|--|---|--|--|---|--|-----------|
| Talk to your friends, parents, carers and teachers. Ask questions about your options so you know what grades you need to aim for.   |         |          |   |  |          | National Apprenticeship Week! Every year in March. | If you're in Year 11 and above you can also think about work experience all year round. |  |  |   |  |           |
| You can apply for apprenticeships all year round.   |         |          |   |  |          |  | Lots of apprenticeships vacancies, usually April – September.                           |  |  |   |  |           |
| Attend University Open Days. Apply for university – write personal statement – see <a href="http://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a><br>Oxbridge applications close mid October.           |         |          | Deadline for most university courses applications mid Jan.            | University offers come in and you may need to attend interviews. |          |  | A2 Exams  | IB Results Day 1st Monday in July.<br>BTEC Results Mid July. |  | A2 Results Day! 3rd Thursday in August. University clearing process for some. |  |           |
| Attend university open days and research what grades you need for different options.  |         |          |   |  |          |  | AS Exams & start A2 studying.   |  | BTEC Results! Mid July.                              | AS Results day! Third Thursday in August.                                     |  |           |
| Register and search for apprenticeships on the National Apprenticeship Vacancy Matching Service (NAVMS) at <a href="http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk">www.apprenticeships.org.uk</a> . |         |          |   |  |          |  |   |  | Can start an apprenticeship from 4th Friday in June. |   | GCSE Results Day! 4th Thursday in August.<br><br>You may need to talk to your college or sixth form about your grades. |           |
| School, college and sixth form open days – talk to individual schools for dates.  |         |          | Apply for College. Find out the deadline from individual colleges.    |  |          |  | GCSE Exams  |  | BTEC Results! Mid July.                              |   |  |           |
| Ask questions about your options so you know what grades you need to aim for.   |         |          |   |  |          |  | GCSE Exams  |  | Most schools offer work experience in July.          | GCSE Results Day! 4th Thursday in August.                                     |  |           |
| Think about GCSE options or talk to your school about alternatives to GCSE.   |         |          | Pick your GCSE options. Your school will tell you the exact deadline. |  |          |  |   |  |  |   |  |           |

Key Academic Dates