

## YOUR ULTIMATE APPRENTICESHIP & UNI TIMELINE

Smart move keeping your options open! Whether you're exploring both paths or using one as your backup, this timeline keeps you on track for every deadline, interview, and decision point.

### MAY TO JULY

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** University research season begins! Start exploring courses, unis and entry requirements. Loads of universities start their open days, too. Go! Chat to current students and get a feel for what uni life could be like. It'll make your decisions so much easier.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** Start researching apprenticeship schemes and employers.

### SEPTEMBER

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** UCAS applications can officially be submitted (you can start your application much earlier, though). There's a lot to get through, so take your time! Your personal statement is super important and your opportunity to show who you are outside your grades.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** Applications are officially open! Loads of large employers start their recruitment early for the next year.

### OCTOBER

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** First huge deadline! Applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most medicine, dentistry, and veterinary courses close mid-October.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** Keep applying - recruitment is in full swing.

### NOVEMBER

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** Unis start interviews. Not all courses or universities do this. If you've applied for Oxford and Cambridge or for medical degrees, you'll likely attend an interview.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** Continue submitting applications. Some employers may start their assessment processes.

## DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** Main application deadline for most university courses. Already applied? Now it's time to focus on your studies while universities look over applications.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** Application deadlines start rolling in. Each employer has different timelines, so always check those dates out. It's also National Apprenticeship Week in February!

## MARCH TO MAY

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** Universities start sending out offers! Remember, every offer is an achievement. Whether it's conditional or unconditional.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** It's interview time and assessment centre time. Not heard back from employers, yet? That's normal, it can take employers some time to make their decisions. It's always worth seeing what else is out there.

## MAY TO JULY

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** It's decision time. You'll need to choose your firm choice (your top pick) and insurance choice (your backup) by the deadline. Take your time, pick where you know you'll be happiest.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** Offers start coming in. You've got time to make a decision, no need to rush saying yes.

## AUGUST

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** RESULTS DAY! Whether it's A Levels, a BTEC or similar, this is when you'll find out if you've hit the grades for your offers. Didn't get the grades you needed? Clearing will be open.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** Final offer decisions and preparation for starting your apprenticeship.

If you need a little more help to decide which path to take, we've got you covered.

## SEPTEMBER

🏠 **UNIVERSITY:** UNI BEGINS. ENJOY FRESHER'S WEEK.

🏠 **APPRENTICESHIP:** Your apprenticeship begins! You're about to start earning, learning, and building your career all at once. You're going to be amazing.