



Beyond 18 Launch

2025



Agenda...

The next 12 months

Mr Teece / Mr Bell:

The university application process

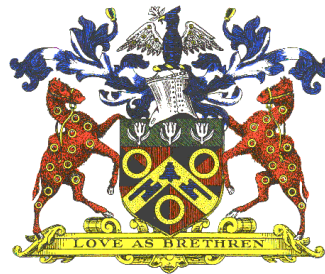
Lois Braysher: The University of East Anglia

The World of Work: Other options

Mrs King

Beyond 18:

What am I going to do with my life?





‘Beyond 18’...

- Individualised support
- Dedicated Careers provision and advice – both a Head of Careers and an Employment and Apprenticeship Consultant
- Links with the City – Coopers’ Company and Alumni network
- Personalised UCAS support
- Specialised Oxbridge support and advice
- Specialised ‘Medics, Dentists and Vets Programme’



The 'Beyond 18' Journey...

- **Today:** Beyond 18 Launch – Day 1
- **Feb:** Complete the 16 days of activities in Form Time
- **March:** Formal Launch of UniFrog – more information to follow
Regular tutor time using UniFrog
- **June:** Internal End of Year Exams
Beyond 18 Visit to a university
Development of 'initial predicted grades'
Development of references
2nd Beyond 18 Day
- **July:** Beyond 18 follow up week – personal statements/job applications
Work Shadowing Week
- **August** Prep for UCAS/job applications continue.
Writing personal statements/CVs



The 'Beyond 18' Journey...

- **September:** References, Personal Statements
- **Sept-Dec:** UCAS applications sent off
- **October:** UCAS deadline – Oxbridge, Dentists, Vets, Medics
- **Sept – May** Apply for jobs; application and assessments
- **March 2026:** Apply for student finance
Reply to offers



So...what happened today?

- Formal Launch of the 'Beyond 18' process – students completed an information form for us to tailor our support.
- Students joined the appropriate Google Classroom – so that we can provide bespoke support
- Range of speakers, covering: University, Employment options
- Afternoon session covering employment



Introduced 2 main tools...

UCAS HUB





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unifrog

the universal destinations platform

Careers library

Subjects library

Know-how library

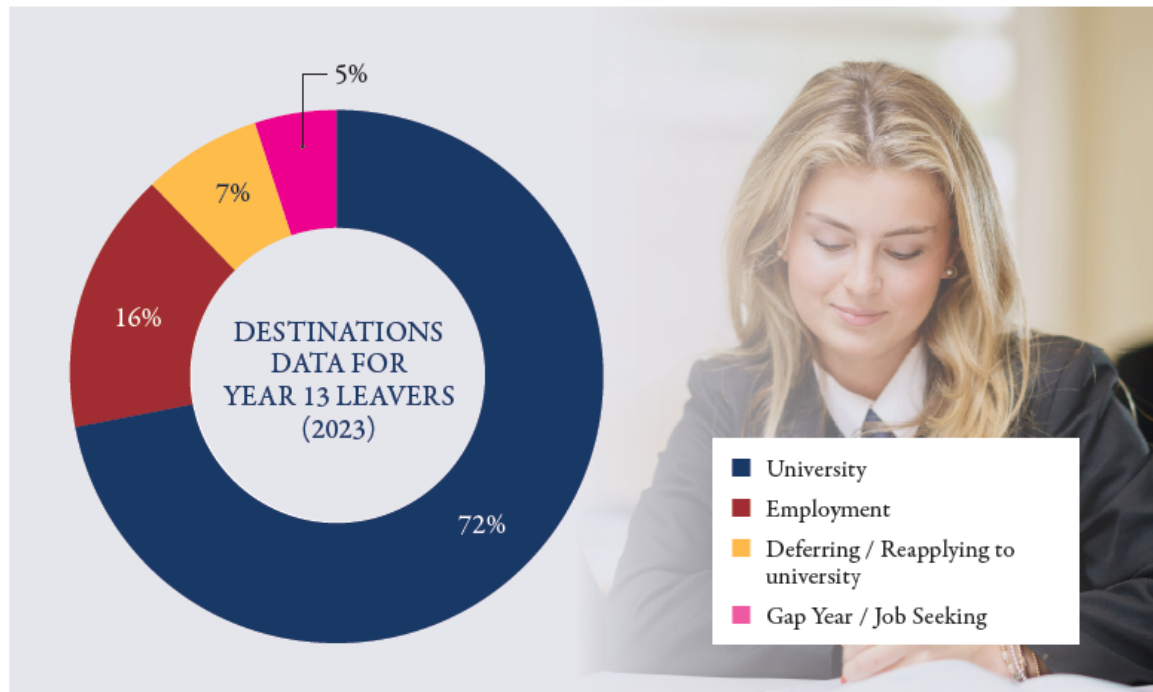
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Personality profile

Interests profile

Where do our students go?

Destination	This year		Prior year	
	Number of Students	Percentage of Students	Number of Students	Percentage of Students
University	166	72%	183	71%
Employment	38	16%	53	21%
Deferring / Reapplying to university	18	7%	18	7%
Gap Year / Job Seeking	11	5%	2	1%
Total	233	100%	256	100%



Where do our students go?

Top university destinations:

Destination	Number of Students	Percentage of Students
Loughborough University	12	7%
University of Kent	10	6%
University of East Anglia	8	5%
University of Nottingham	6	4%
Kings College, London	6	4%
Queen Mary, University of London	6	4%
Lancaster University	6	4%
University of Warwick	6	4%
University of Birmingham	5	3%
University of Leicester	4	2%
University of Sussex	4	2%
University of Bath	4	2%
Other	89	53%
Total	166	100%

Where do our students go?

Top 10 Employers over the past 5 years

Commerzbank

PWC

The Civil Service

KPMG

EY

Sky

RSM

TFL

BDO

IBM



Importance of 'internal' exams

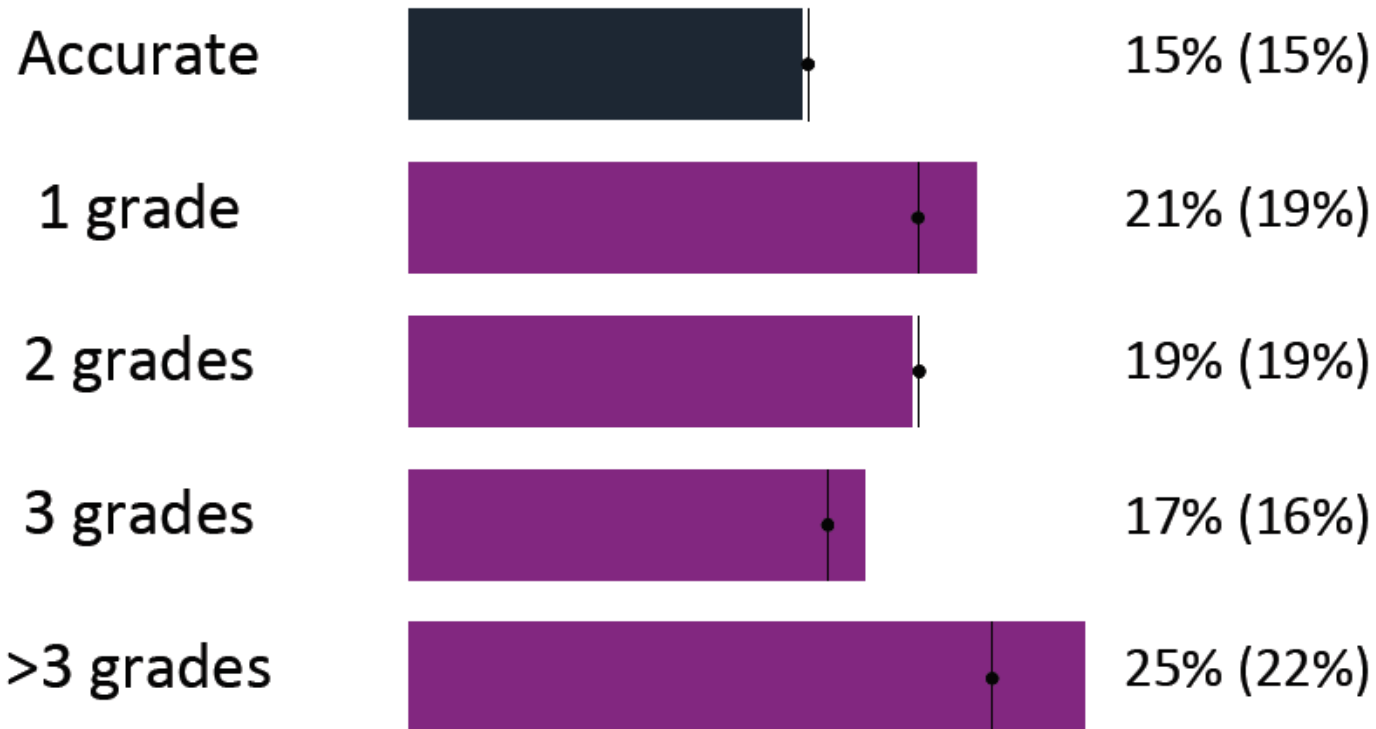
- June
- Best indicator of A Level performance
- Will strongly influence the Predicted Grade

**IT IS THESE INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS THAT WILL BE
SIGNIFICANT IN FORMING THE 'INITIAL' PREDICTED
GRADES STUDENTS WILL APPLY TO
UNIVERSITY/EMPLOYERS WITH IN SEPTEMBER**



Predicted Grades

- ▶ Provided in July to inform discussions
- ▶ Eventually will be sent off to universities/employers
- ▶ Fair process for students to challenge them





Nationality/Residency Status

- No issues if your son/daughter was born in the UK

If they were not, please ensure you complete your research into the implications for tuition fees and student loans

It is confusing:

- Indefinite Leave to Remain or to Enter
- Right to Abode
- Settled Status
- Pre-Settled Status
- Lived in the UK for three year

Further information: The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) – NOT THE SCHOOL!



Five
massively important things
we have said to them....



It is ok to feel nervous
and anxious about the
decisions you have to
take



It is ok not to know...

It is ok not to have a
PLAN..



It isn't a competition

It isn't about what other
people are doing...

It is about – YOU!



It should be exciting

If it doesn't feel like this,
something could be
wrong..



Sometimes, focusing on
the “here and now” –
rather than the future is
REALLY IMPORTANT



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Applying to university



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Employment and Apprenticeship Consultant

• ***Build your skills, know your options***

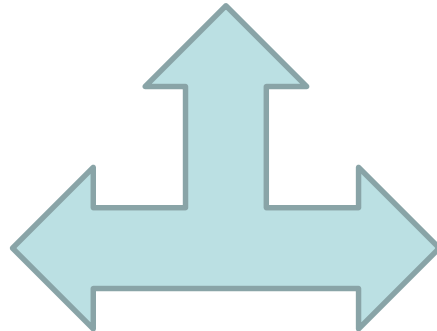
What are the options?



Alternative Study



Employment



Alternative Study

Part time

Open
University

Home or away?

Alternative: part time study

- Flexibility
- Numerous HE options across London & Essex
(colleges and universities)
 - Apply direct to institution e.g Birkbeck

Alternative Study: Open University

- Flexible study option
- Some calculations:
 - Degree = 360 credits (120 credits per year)
 - FT 3 year course at £7,272 per year (*vs. up to £9250K / year*)
 - PT course: approx 60 credits per year at £3,636 per year => 6 years to complete a degree
- Eligible for study loan

Alternative Study: Home or Away

- o Which country?
- o Funding and Scholarships
- o Implications of Brexit
 - Changes with tuition fees costs
 - Check with each country/university before applying
 - eunicas.co.uk (*European University Central Application Support Service*)
 - [ASTARFUTURE](#)
 - [Fulbright](#)- *Support for applying to the USA*



Why this could be good:

- ✓ Invaluable work experience
- ✓ Evidence for applications (HE / jobs / training)
- ✓ Opportunity to save money
- ✓ Time out (future decisions)
- ✓ May lead to FT position or regular summer work
- ✓ Cultural experience

Apprenticeships and Entry Level roles

What is an apprenticeship
and an entry level role?

Where to look?

What is the application
process?

What is an Apprenticeship?

- An apprenticeship combines practical training in a job and study



- Gain job specific skills
- Work alongside experienced staff
- Earn a wage

Apprenticeship Levels and Progression

Different levels of Apprenticeship available

Intermediate Apprenticeship

- Level 2
- 12 – 18 months
- Equivalent 5 GCSEs Grades 4-9

Advanced Apprenticeship

- Level 3
- 18 – 48 months
- Equivalent 2 A levels

Higher & Degree Apprenticeships

- Level 4,5, 6 & 7
- 24 months +

Degree Apprenticeships



Professional Qualification Apprenticeships

Professional Services Higher Apprenticeship

Creating a framework aligned with proven pathways

The level 4 framework includes distinct pathways for each of the Audit, Tax and Management Consulting occupations

<i>Audit</i>	<i>Professional qualification (CFAB)</i>	<i>Business skills</i>	<i>Audit practice</i>
<i>Tax</i>	<i>Professional qualification (ATT)</i>	<i>Business skills</i>	<i>Tax practice</i>
<i>Consulting</i>	<i>Consulting theory</i>	<i>Business skills</i>	<i>Consulting practice</i>

Entry Level Roles

- Not an apprenticeship structured programme so potentially no linked qualification to role initially.
- Can start at any point of the year
- Good for those students who don't have a clear idea of type of role or career sector they would like to go into.
- Mostly sourced via recruitment agencies or known contacts e.g word of mouth
- Application process can be shorter.

Apprenticeships available in all sectors

Accounting Activity Leadership Advertising Agriculture Animal Care Aviation Operations Barbering
Beauty Therapy Building Energy Management Systems Business Administration Cabin Crew
Campaigning Children & Young People's Workforce Civil Engineering Community Arts Construction
Building Contact Centre Costume & Wardrobe Creative & Digital Media Cultural & Heritage Venue
Operations Customer Service Driving Goods Vehicles Electrotechnical Equine Fashion & Textiles Floristry
Fundraising Gas Services Engineering Hairdressing Health – Clinical Dental Nursing Emergency Care
Optical Retail, Pharmacy Services Health & Social Care Horticulture Hospitality & Catering IT Software
Web and Telecoms Leisure Management Live Events & Promotion Management Marketing Playwork
Plumbing & Heating Professional Services Property Services Providing Financial Advice Public Relations
Rail Services Retail Sales & Telesales Sports Development Technical Theatre The Gas Industry Travel
Services Vehicle Body & Paint Veterinary Nursing Warehousing & Storage Youth Work

Where to apply?

★ RATEMY
APPRENTICESHIP



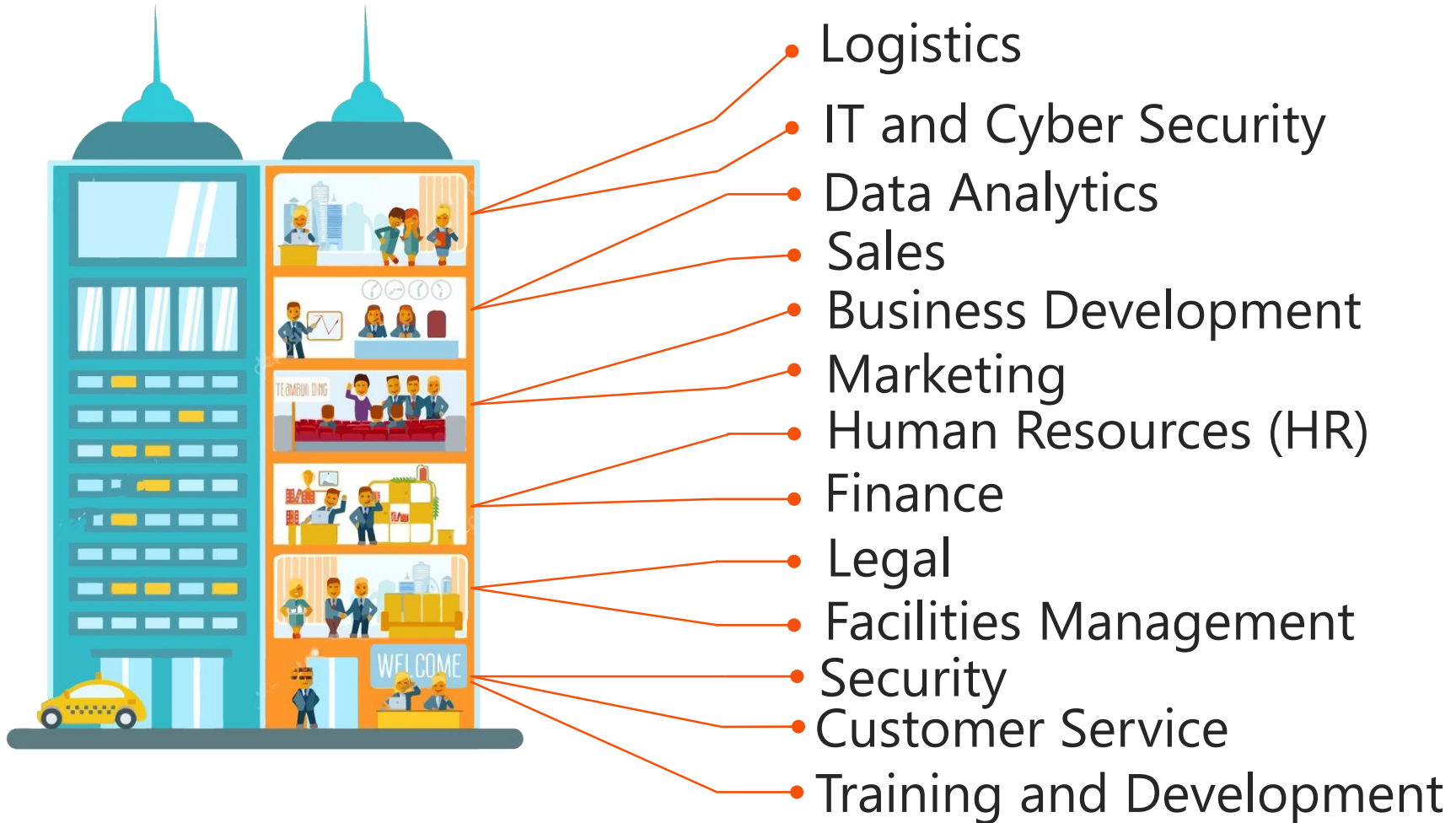
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UCAS
Career Finder

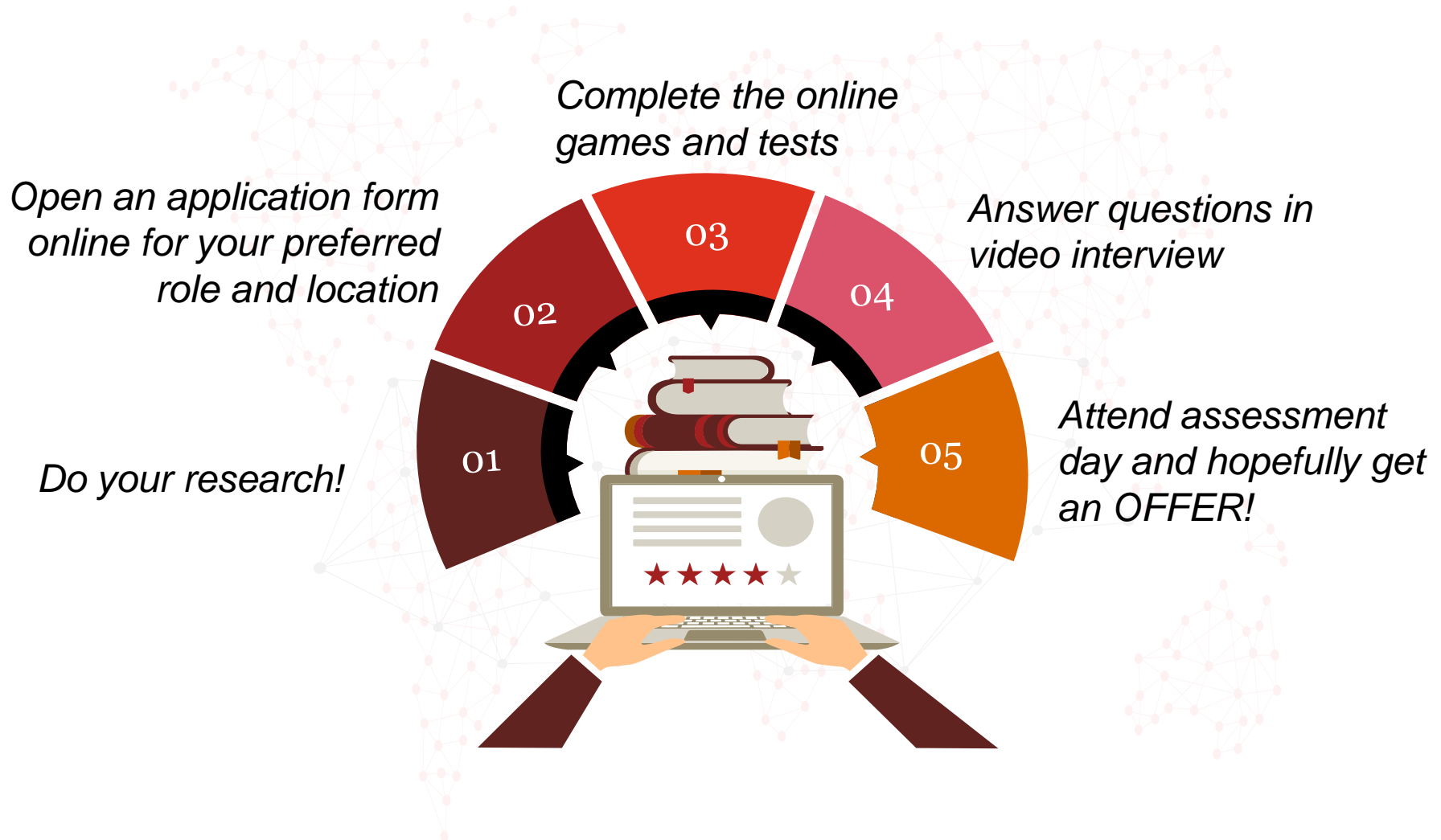
Employers



Look inside the organisation



What does an application process look like?



Competition is fierce!



It's not the less able!

Meaghan

Tax apprenticeship

Economics A

Mathematics A*

Geography A*



Ivan

Financial Services

Degree apprenticeship

Economics A

Business A

History A



Ryan

Building Surveyor

Degree apprenticeship

Psychology A

Geography A

History A



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When should I apply?

- In most cases you will need to apply from September of Year 13
 - Please note: each company will have different application deadlines/timelines
- For rolling application processes, vacancies can fill up quickly, so don't miss out on roles by applying too late!

What should you be doing **NOW!**

- Start to identify potential schemes they would like to apply for (some open in July)
- Start to complete a SKILLS AUDIT
- Prepare and tailor your CV for each role
- Prepare for the application processes e.g psychometric testing and assessment tasks
- In person and virtual employer experiences