



Parent Presentation: 23rd October 2024

Y11 Options fair



What is happening?

- After this presentation there will be a subject fair in the Secondary Hall.
- This is to help your child with choosing the best subjects for their future!
- We offer A-levels and BTECs.
- Today Ms Jones will explain BTECs

Curriculum

Year 11 and beyond



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HeadStart Educational Journey

Key Stage Three - Year 7, 8 & 9

- Equivalent to Grade 6 - 8
- HeadStart Curriculum based on the English National Curriculum
- End of Year Assessments using GL Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science

Key Stage Four - Year 10 & 11

- Equivalent to Grade 9 - 10
- IGCSE Cambridge/GCSE Edexcel International Exams at the end of Year 11
- BTEC Level 2

Key Stage Five (Sixth Form) - Year 12 & 13

- Equivalent to Grade 11 - 12
- AS Level Cambridge International Exams at the end of Year 12
- A Level Cambridge International Exams at the end of Year 13
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificates, Subsidiary Diplomas, Foundation Diplomas and Diplomas in Y12 and 13



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HeadStart Educational Journey

Key Stage Four - Year 10 & 11 - more details!

- Two year course following internationally recognised syllabi.
- Some courses have coursework but main focus is on examination sat at the end of two years.
- The examinations are externally marked.
- GCSEs/IGCSEs prepare students for A-levels and BTECs.
- GCSE stands for General Certificate of Secondary Education. The I stands for International.



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Exam Success

IGCSE Results 2024

- 37% of all grades were A*- A
- 99.6% pass rate
- 14 subjects from faculties across the school obtained 100% A*- C
- 92% of students obtained 5 x A* to C or higher.

Cambridge IGCSE Results 2024

 Cambridge Assessment
International Education
Cambridge International School



Conor Bowens
9 x A*



Berta Palop Roca
8 x A*, 1 x A



India Smuthkochorn
6 x A*, 3 x A



Chutikarn Doowa
6 x A*, 3 x A



Chatchaya Udomkiratak
6 x A*, 3 x A



Yichen Ma
6 x A*, 2 x A



Emma Palop Roca
6 x A*, 1 x A



Federico Solaroli
4 x A*, 3 x A



Ingfah Rongrueangkul
2 x A*, 4 x A



Seungha Lee
2 x A*, 3 x A



Alexandra De Rosa
2 x A*, 1 x A



Petr Drobotenko
1 x A*, 5 x A



Yuet Zheng
1 x A*, 3 x A



Soodpreda Srikatanyoo
1 x A*, 3 x A



Zhiyi Tong
1 x A*, 3 x A



Supansa Promiam
1 x A*, 3 x A



Kanthaya Kongsawad
1 x A*, 2 x A



Jessica Manton
4 x A



Anastasiia Orlovskaja
3 x A



Shira Nagar
3 x A



Yejin Lee
3 x A



Yufei Lin
3 x A



Stefan Fabig
3 x A

IGCSEs the key to the 6th form

Minimum entrance requirements for the Sixth form:

- Five grade C (or 4 if Russian, Art or Music) or above IGCSEs
This includes English and Mathematics. If a student does not obtain a C in English and Mathematics they will have to take resit classes in Y12.

Additional entrance requirements for A-level:

- Grade B/6 or above in a relevant subject (*for Psychology you need English and Science, for Economics you need English and Mathematics, for Physics you need Physics and Mathematics*)

However we do look at each student individually and try to find a pathway for them.



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IGCSEs the key to the 6th form

Additional entrance requirements for A-level:

- Grade B/6 or above in a relevant subject (*for Psychology you need English and Science, for Economics you need English and Mathematics, for Physics you need Physics and Mathematics*)

So be realistic when looking at University courses; if your child requires an A-level in a subject they are not obtaining a B in they either need to improve a lot or choose a different course!

What is the purpose of Sixth Form?

- Key Stage 5; holistic experience
- 16 - 18 Years Old
- BTEC- Pearson Education
- AS & A Level Qualifications- CIE
- Pinnacle of the British School system
- Recognised around the world
- Academic & Emotional Preparation for University Education



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Expectations

Sixth Form is the “bridge” between school and university

Students have their own learning area and study periods

We expect:

- Growing independence
- Leadership / contribution
- Reliability
- Academic honesty
- Communication



What to Expect

5 hours of teaching per subject per week by a subject specialist

Approximately 5 hours of independent study per subject

Increased level of independence

Pastoral support

University applications

Extra-curricular activities



Options for 6th form study

- Students choose 3 or 4 subjects to study from the start of Y12.
- The vast majority of students only study 3 subjects in Y13.
- *This compares to 8+ subjects being studied in Y10 and 11.*



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Options for 6th form study

CAPA

Art & Design AL

Music BTEC



Humanities

Geography AL

History AL

Psychology AL

English

English literature AL

Sciences

Biology AL

Physics AL

Chemistry AL

Mathematics

Mathematics AL

Computing and Commerce

Business AL

Computer Science AL

Economics AL

Business BTEC

IT BTEC

Travel and Tourism BTEC

Languages

French AL

Mandarin AL or HSK



PE

Sport BTEC

Extra

EPQ (Sixth Form)

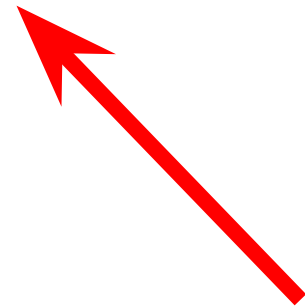


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6th form - Which subjects to study?

Y11 Options - Key Questions

- What subjects do you need for your future studies/planned career?
- What subjects are you good at?
- What subjects do you enjoy?



**This is why we run the University fair prior to the Options fair.
Y11 now also have PSHE sessions focussed on future pathways.**



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So BTEC, A-level or a mix of both?



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO
YARDENNA JONES**

BTEC TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2021



Why BTEC?

- 2 years.
- Recognised in the UK and other countries around the world.
- Students can specialise in 2-3 subjects.
- Assessed through ongoing portfolio of 100% coursework with real application to the area of study.
- An alternative pathway to further study.
- Benefits learners who prefer or excel in a portfolio based qualification with some practical elements rather than an exam approach.
- Level 3 is equivalent to A Level.

Why BTEC?



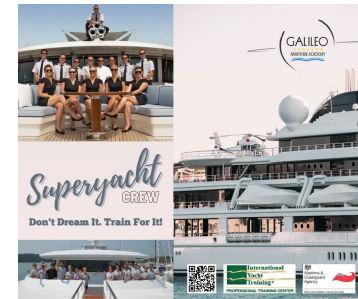
**BTEC Level 3
now accepted by
Thai universities**

- **Pearson BTEC Level 3 qualifications are now officially accredited by the Thai University Central Admission System (TCAS).**



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Industry Links & Enterprise 23/24



Glion & Les Roche Leadership and Careers Workshop BKK



Phuket Mangrove Teens

Do you want to join a non-profit environmental organisation with students from 22 different schools across Thailand?

Our goal

Our goal is to plant 100,000 mangroves from the year 2020 to 2025 to help solve an environmental problem by fundraising and raising awareness.

Positions

- 4th (Human Resources)
- Content Team (Instagram, Facebook, designing)
- Event Coordinator (Logistics, marketing)
- Finance Team (Finance)
- IT Team (website, app development)
- Research & Documentation Team (research, report, research)
- Member (they plant trees and help out after school)

Want to join?

Scan the QR code to apply!

phuketmangrove.com

phuketmangrove@gmail.com

Soi Dog



Colour Run



Chalong Bay Rum Distillery



Save Us From Plastics



Business Enterprise



Steps Cafe & Zero Waste Stand



BTEC Sport

Fitness Testing

Sports Day

Involvement

Football Coaching

Pure Prep Nutrition
Experts

Goalkeepers Academy

Saturday, 27 October
10.30 - 12.00



Boys and girls aged 6 - 16 years
Develop your goalkeeping and distribution skills
at HeadStart International School



BTEC Music



Why choose BTEC?



Development of just some of the soft skills

- Critical thinking
- Problem Solving
- Innovation and Creativity
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Real world experience
- Interpersonal skills
- Time management



74% of businesses say they prefer a mixture of academic and technical qualifications

82% of learners who studied BTECs at Headstart have gone into further education to a range of universities worldwide

Why A Level?

- Two years
- Globally Respected & Recognised
- Students can specialise in 3 or 4 subjects
- Y12 & AS Level (50%)
- Y13 & A2 Level (50%) - $AS + A2 = A \text{ Level}$
- A-levels are assessed in a similar way to IGCSEs.
- Accepted in a large range of countries and Universities.



Progression

- Cambridge qualifications understood / recognised worldwide including Thailand
- 160 countries / 10,000 schools (double the number of IB schools)
- BTEC increasingly recognised worldwide; including Universities in the UK, Germany, Australia, Spain, France, Netherlands, USA and Thai Universities.
- *If you are unsure speak to our University counsellors; Mr Roscoe and Mr Thomas.*

UCAS points BTEC vs. A-level

UCAS point score

Grade

A-level		Subsidiary diploma	
A*	56	D*	56
A	48	D	48
B	40		
C	32	M	32
D	24		
E	16	P	16



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Entry to University - point scores



Computer Science

University of Bristol
Main Site

🎓 BSc (Hons)

🕒 3 years

📅 Full-time

📅 09/2023

112-165

UCAS Tariff Points

Entry Requirements

A Level A*AA

BTEC D*DD



Business

University of Lincoln
Lincoln (Main Site)

🎓 BA (Hons)

🕒 3 years

📅 Full-time

📅 18/09/2023

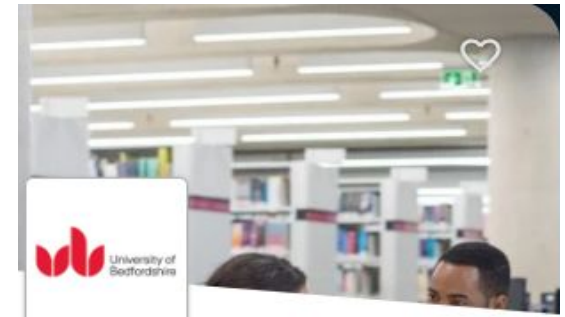
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UCAS Tariff Points

Entry Requirements

A Level BBC

BTEC DMM



Performing Arts

University of Bedfordshire
Bedford Campus

🎓 BA (Hons)

🕒 3 years

📅 Full-time

📅 09/2023

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UCAS Tariff Points

Entry Requirements

A Level CCC

BTEC MMM



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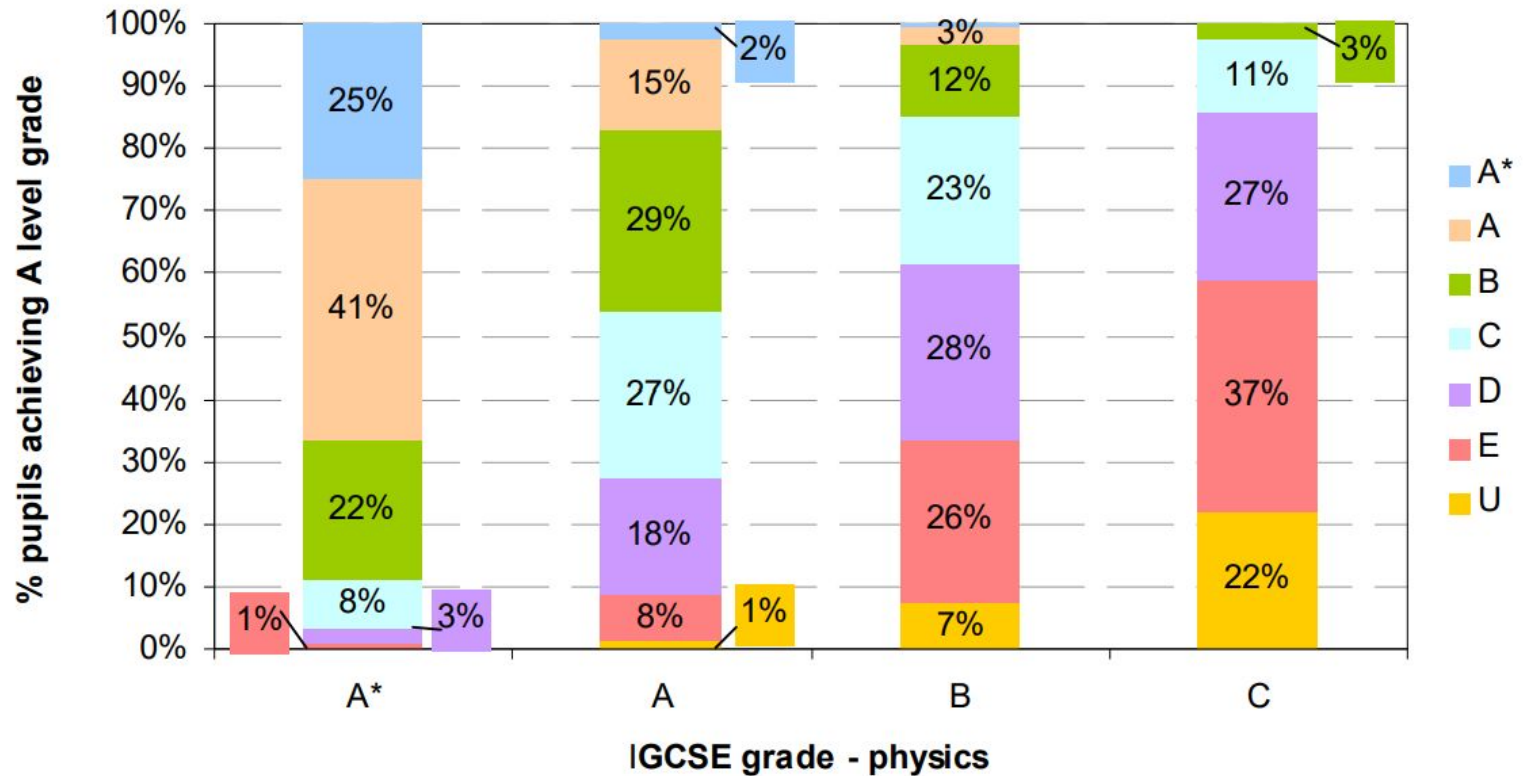
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Can you study a BTEC if you do not get a B at IGCSE?

- Yes
- As the format of assessing students is different the IGCSE grade is less of an indicator of how you will perform at BTEC.

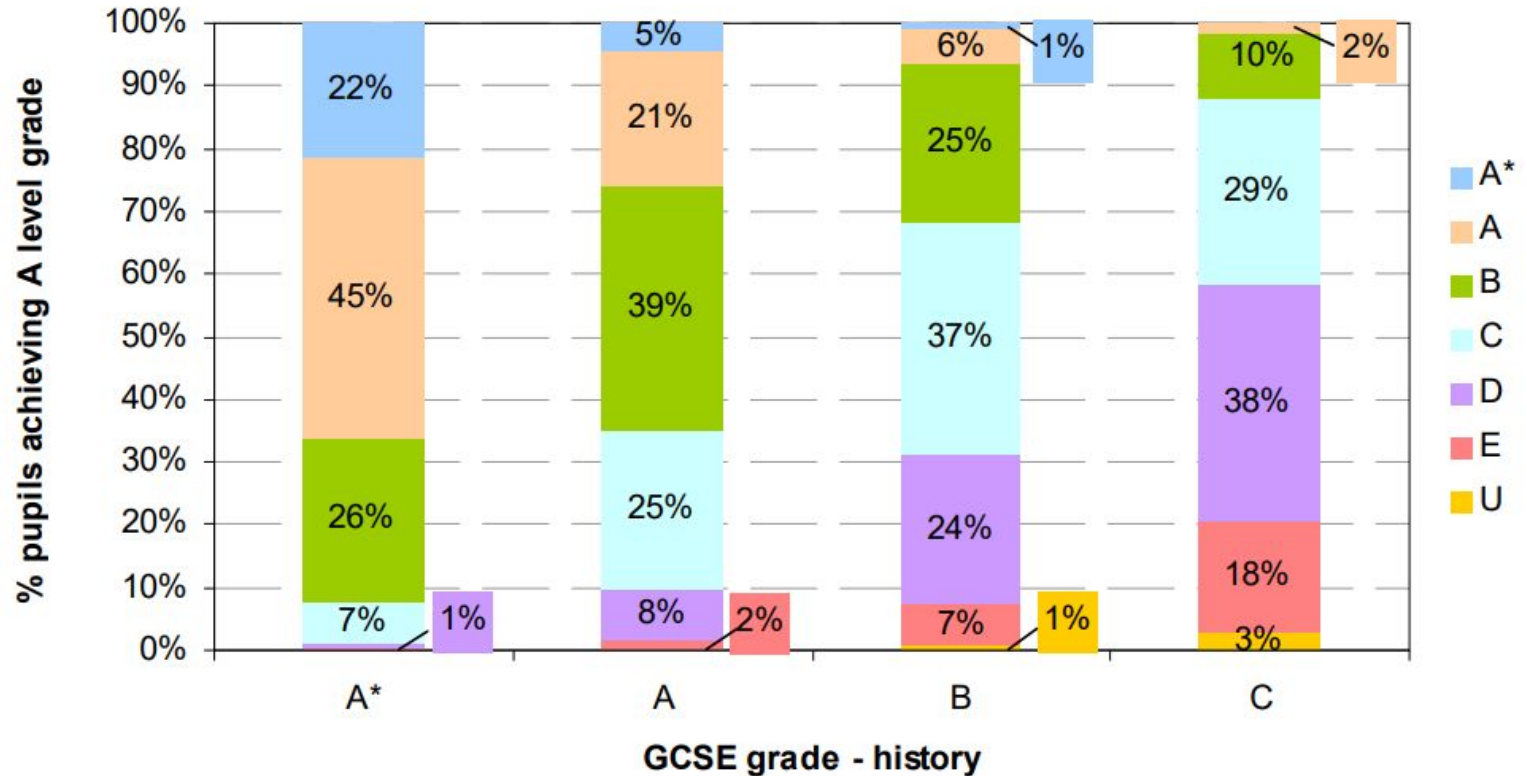
Why a B or above to study AS/AL?

Impact of IGCSE grade on A level attainment – Physics



Why a B or above to study AS/AL?

Impact of GCSE grade on A level attainment - history



Exam Success

BTEC Results 2024

Y12

- 39% with Distinction or Distinction*
- 100% Pass rate

Y13

- 72% with Distinction or Distinction*
- 100% Pass rate



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Exam Success

AS level Results 2024

- 35% of all grades were A (highest grade at AS)
- 99% pass rate

A level Results 2024

- 28% A*-A
- 98% pass rate
- Average UCAS score of 119 points (+17 vs 2023)

Y12 and 13 Exam Success Poster

 Charles Callens 3 A* at A Level	 Sarita Singhapan A*, A & 1 B at A Level	 Kirill Kochetkov 3 A at A Level	 Liam Mizrahi 2 A & 1 B at A Level	 Dmitrii Vygovskii 2 A & 1 B at A Level	 Reem Tsairi 2 BTEC Distinction *	 Alex Patterson 2 BTEC Distinctions	 Jessica Gysin 1 BTEC Distinction * 1 BTEC Distinction	 Bursat Thinkyao 2 BTEC Distinctions
 Taina Lubrani 2 A at A Level	 Mehardeep Sachdeva 1 A at A Level	 Pimnara Phongworasak 1 A at A Level	 Hongyu Wei 1 A at A Level	 Fleur Masson Sauter 1 A at AS Level	 Jessica Rich 1 BTEC Distinction*	 Boris Pavlov 1 BTEC Distinction	 Diana Voigt 1 BTEC Distinction	 Ryan Pearce 1 BTEC Distinction
 Dmitry Durasov 1 BTEC Distinction	 Erica Illstam 4 A at AS Level	 Zegong Sun 3 A & 1 B at AS Level	 Yucheng Qiang 3 A & 1 C at AS Level	 Ryan McKellar 3 A at AS Level	 Krittat Phaisamran 3 A at AS Level	 Luxin Zhang 3 A at AS Level	 Christina Fischer 1 A, 3 B at AS Level	 Rungradis Ruthirawut 3 A at AS Level
 Rattanakorn Sienghen 2 A & 1 B at AS Level	 Valenzo Vu-Guerin 2 A & 1 B at AS Level	 Zoe Fuchs 2 A & 1 B at AS Level	 Lena Janicka 2 A & 1 B at AS Level	 Ruojing Bai 2 A at AS Level	 Chadanit Prachumpan 1 A at AS Level	 Chayatip Phuchareon 1 A at AS Level	 Phudit Pongpech 1 A at AS Level	 Crispin Reynolds 1 A at AS Level
 Alisa Boltovskaia 1 A at AS Level	 Kristina Lashchenova 1 A at AS Level	 Dylan Lee 2 BTEC Distinction *	 Eva Ducasse 2 BTEC Distinction *	 Christian Goyette 1 BTEC Distinction * 1 BTEC Distinction	 Kyungkuk Kim 1 BTEC Distinction*	 Nina Diouron 1 BTEC Distinction*	 Mason Gibson 1 BTEC Distinction*	

Congratulations to our high achieving students

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

- Pearson Level 3 qualification
- Equivalent to ½ an A Level
- Similar to IB ‘Extended Essay’
- Students complete a project based on:
 - Dissertation 5000-6000 words
 - Investigation or Field Study
 - Performance
 - Artefact

Why EPQ?

- Taught lessons at the start of the course
 - Proposal writing
 - Research and investigative skills
 - Project management skills
 - Academic writing skills
 - Referencing skills and avoiding plagiarism

Why EPQ?

- Recognised by universities
- Builds students' research skills
- Encourages independent working and learning
- Develops time management skills and project management
- Enables students to research a topic they may be unable to study otherwise

6th form - Which subjects to study?

What if you are unsure?

- **The final choice is not made today!**
- Today is the options fair.
- By the end of next week students should submit their initial options via Google Form.



6th form - Which subjects to study?

Timeline

- From the 4th of November until the end of term 1 we will meet with students (*and parents if necessary*) regarding student options.
- In the second and third week of next term Y11 students sit their mock examinations.
- Y11 PTC - Wednesday the 12th of February
- Post PTC the students will submit their updated options.
- Once the options are finalised a letter will be sent to parents confirming their child's options (term 3).

Everything else

- PSHE
- ASPs / Academies
- Drama / Music
- LAMDA
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Competitions e.g. UKMT
- Social activities



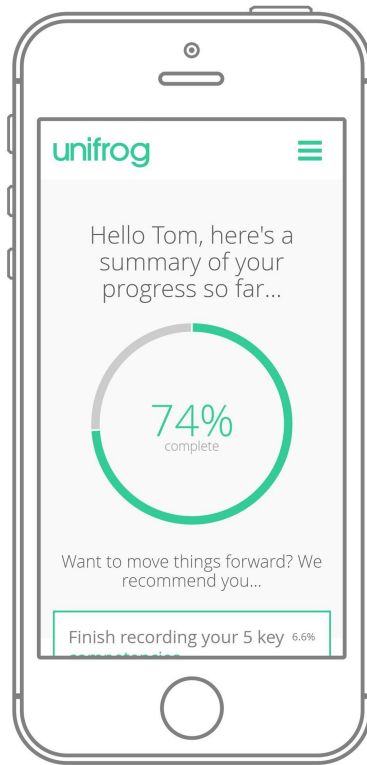
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University Preparation

- Individual counselling
- Group sessions e.g. writing personal essays
- Applications administered through school e.g. UCAS / Common App
- References / transcripts
- University Fairs
- University visits to HeadStart
- Parent information sessions and drop in



Parents - get signed up!



Go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a form code: **HSISparents**

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the sign-in page.

A person wearing a dark blue suit and a light blue shirt is holding a white rectangular sign with both hands. The sign has the word "QUESTIONS?" written on it in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. The person's hands are visible at the bottom of the sign, and their fingers are slightly curled. The background is a plain, light grey color.

QUESTIONS?

CONGRATULATIONS

to our students on outstanding
Academic Results 2024

37%

**A*-A
AT IGCSE**

87% A*-C AT A/AS
LEVEL

99.6% PASS RATE
AT IGCSE

72% OF STUDENTS IN YEAR 13 AWARDED
DISTINCTION OR DISTINCTION* IN BTEC



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