



HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE and CAREERS FAIR – **DRAFT 28.2.24**

Friday 7th March 2025



INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Welcome to the annual Ampleforth College Higher Education Conference and Careers Fair. We are delighted to have so many students taking part, including more than 200 from other visiting schools. We hope that you find the day stimulating and informative and that you learn a great deal from the morning seminars and the exhibitions in the afternoon. This day serves as the first step towards a successful Higher Education application or future career pathway. To ensure you have a productive day, we would encourage you to:

- a) **Make notes** from the seminars you attend – it will be useful to record the main points to help with decision making and feedback.
- b) **Visit a range of stands** at the Careers Fair. This is your opportunity to find out more details about courses or universities which interest you, ask more specific questions and find out more about course requirements.
- c) **Ask questions** towards the end of the seminars and at the Fair in the afternoon – the experts will be only too pleased to help give insight.

There is no fire practice scheduled on the day of the Conference. Should the fire alarm sound, all present will be directed to fire exits and evacuated to a place of safety by duty Fire Wardens. We request, therefore, that visitors do not move beyond the rooms and areas of the school in which the Conference is taking place.

Finally, our sincere thanks must go to the all the Schools Liaison Teams, faculties, professional services, and Gap year representatives, and to the large number of visitors from those universities and organisations who have given up their valuable time to come and lead seminars and answer questions. Without their continued support, this event would not be possible.

With my thanks,

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HEC PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

8.45am	Tutorials for all Year 11 & 12 Ampleforth students in House
8.45am	Delegates arrival and registration in Main Hall
9.00am	Parents arrival and registration in Main Hall
9.00am	Visiting Schools arrival via Big Passage
9.05am	Introduction and Welcome from the Headmaster in Main Hall
9.05am	<i>Students whose parents are attending - go to Main Hall prior to Seminar 1</i>

Seminars

9.15am	First Seminar – finish 09.50am
10.00am	Second Seminar – finish 10.35am
10.45am	Third Seminar – finish 11.20am
11.30am	Fourth Seminar – finish 12.05pm

Lunch

12.10pm – 12.40pm	Visiting students, Ampleforth Y12, visiting staff, and Y13 Monitors in Ground Floor Refectory
12:10pm – 12:40pm	Student Ambassador Group & Headmaster in Griffiths Room (RD & JM)
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Delegates and Chairs <i>of seminar 4 only</i> , in Main Hall
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Parents lunch in Main Hall
12.45pm – 1.15pm	Ampleforth Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students & Staff Teams in Ground Floor Refectory Remaining Ampleforth Staff in Ground Floor Refectory
1.15pm – 1.45pm	Ampleforth Year 11 & 13 students (except Monitors) in Ground Floor Refectory

Afternoon Events

12.45pm – 1.25pm	Visiting students only: go to Big Study and Main Hall for HIGHER EDUCATION AND GAP YEAR FAIR – Coaches depart 1.30pm
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Ampleforth parents and Y12 Ampleforth students: go to Big Study and Big Passage for HIGHER EDUCATION AND GAP YEAR FAIR
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Ampleforth Y12 students only (no space for parents): go to the Upstairs Theatre for: WHAT DO UNIVERSITIES LOOK FOR IN A UCAS FORM? Jen Barton from University of Durham. Chair: Christopher Vowles (Fire Wardens – Christopher Vowles, Chris Starkey, Fransisca Garcia-Ortega)
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Ampleforth Parents: go to the Alcuin Room for: SIXTH FORM STORIES Current Upper Sixth students will tell parents how and why they made their university/career choices. Chair: Richard Hudson
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Year 11 and Year 13 students attend the Higher Education and Gap Fair.
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Y11 students go to Upstairs Theatre for PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION – Andy Cotterill, Keele University. Chair: Oliver Beveridge (Fire Wardens – Oliver Beveridge, Victoria Anglim, Erik Knutsen)
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Tea for Parents & Delegates Main Hall followed by departures
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Tutorials for Y12 Ampleforth students, with debriefing
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Tutorials for Y11 Ampleforth students, with debriefing

SEMINAR 1: 9:15 – 9.50 AM

	SEMINAR	DELEGATE	CHAIR	ROOM
1	University Admissions Tests	Dave Leal <i>University of Oxford</i>	Hugh Ainscough	EAL 20
2	Degrees in Geography	Jem Shaw <i>University of Newcastle</i>	Miriam Cook	Geography 92
3	How to Choose a Course and University	Jen Barton <i>University of Durham</i>	Victoria Anglim	CT 30
4	Degree Apprenticeships – All you Need to Know!	Tom Burton <i>York St John University</i>	Kieron Lewis	Alcuin
5	Pathways to Employment – Alternatives to University	Andrew Langdale <i>The Management Academy</i>	Fr Ambrose	History 41
6	Careers and HE opportunities in International Business, Hospitality, Hotel, Sport Events, Luxury Brand Management and International Relations	Marcus Burnett <i>Burnett Global Education</i>	Tim Dennis	Geography 90
7	Applied Social Sciences	Alice Milton <i>University of Sheffield</i>	Beth Newbould	Geography 93
8	Degrees in Classics	Helena Ruffle <i>University of Exeter</i>	Steven Banks	CT 32
9	Studying Maths at University	Niall MacKay <i>University of York</i>	Richard Warren	English 11
10	Cultural Travel and Art History in your Gap Year	Florence Blackburn <i>Art History Abroad</i>	James Jenkinson	Maths 64
11	Careers in Rural Land Management	William Leschallas <i>Royal Agricultural University</i>	Will James	CT 34
12	Gap Year Chile – Catholic School Volunteering	Mary Hirst and Alex Harwood <i>Weave of Manquehue</i>	Richard Hudson	English 14
13	Studying Interdisciplinary Sciences	Barbara Villa Marcos <i>University of Nottingham</i>	Oliver Beveridge	CT 31
14	Studying at a Business School – Subjects including Marketing and Economics	Andy Cotterill <i>Keele University</i>	Jess Stannard	CT 33

15	How to Showcase Your Creative Work When Applying to Film, Media or Performing Arts Programmes.	Molly Hyson <i>New York Film Academy</i>	Emma Naylor	English 12
16	Project Trust – A Gap Year in Africa and beyond	James Payne <i>Project Trust</i>	Michael Johnson Summers	History 44
17	Studying Music at a University or Conservatoire	Molly Darley <i>Royal Northern College of Music</i>	Edward Seymour	English 13
18	Studying as a Mechanical Engineering Graduate	Team of Specialists <i>JCB</i>	Brendan Anglim	English 10
19	Careers in the IT Sector	Tim Hall & Dom Porter <i>Boxxe Tech Solutions</i>	Connor Rutter	Maths 62
20	Studying Law	Matthew Jolliffe <i>University of Exeter</i>	Chris Starkey	Maths 60

SEMINAR 2: 10.00 – 10.35 AM

	SEMINAR	DELEGATE	CHAIR	ROOM
1	Studying Theology	Richard Rex <i>Cambridge University</i>	Helen Pepper	CT 33
2	Degrees in Architecture	Jem Shaw <i>University of Newcastle</i>	David Strange	Geography 92
3	Pathways to Employment – Alternatives to University	Andrew Langdale <i>The Management Company</i>	Stefan Steinbach	History 41
4	Maths and the Battle of Britain – From A level to RAF HQ via Student Projects	Niall MacKay <i>University of York</i>	Jane Weston	English 11
5	A Day in the Life of an Engineering Degree Apprentice	Team of Specialists <i>JCB</i>	Brendan Anglim	English 10
6	Oxbridge Interview Workshop	Dave Leal <i>University of Oxford</i>	Christopher Vowles	EAL 20
7	Applying to Universities in the USA	Phil Garner <i>USA Study</i>	John Devitt	History 43
8	The Hospitality and Experience Industry	Steven Jandrell <i>Glion & Les Roches</i>	Ralph Pallister	English 13
9	Degrees in the Creative Industries – Game Design, Photography, Performing Arts	Joshua Barnett <i>Falmouth University</i>	Sarah Greenwood	English 14

10	Careers in Medical Science	Kiera Johnston <i>University of Newcastle</i>	Simon Howard	Geography 93
11	Degrees in English Literature	Naomi Thomas <i>University of York</i>	Dan Davidson	CT 30
12	Degrees in Psychology	Susie Oliver <i>University of Sheffield</i>	Mandy Williams	Geography 90
13	Degrees in History	George Davis <i>University of Nottingham</i>	Billy Townend	English 12
14	Taking a Meaningful Gap Year	Jacob Wood <i>Raleigh International</i>	Aileen Wallington	History 44
15	Careers in the Legal Profession	David Richardson & Orren Watts <i>Wilkin Chapman LLP Solicitors</i>	Peter Woodward	Maths 60
16	Applying to Competitive Universities and Courses	Daniel Robertson <i>University of Exeter</i>	Simon Rudsdale	Alcuin
17	Degrees in Ancient History	Helena Ruffle <i>University of Exeter</i>	Gabrielle Foster	CT 32
18	Healthcare Subjects – Degrees in Pharmacy, Radiography, Midwifery, Physiotherapy	Andy Cotterill <i>Keele University</i>	Matthew Osburn	CT 31
19	Careers in the IT Sector	Tim Hall & Dom Porter <i>Boxxe Tech Solutions</i>	Jonathan Large	Maths 62

SEMINAR 3: 10.45 – 11.20 AM –

	SEMINAR	DELEGATE	CHAIR	ROOM
1	University Admissions Test	Dave Leal <i>Oxford University</i>	Charlotte Goddard	EAL 20
2	Degrees in English Literature	Naomi Thomas <i>University of York</i>	Christopher Vowles	CT 30
3	Careers in Medical Science	Kiera Johnston <i>University of Newcastle</i>	Peter Woodward	Geography 93
4	Studying Theology	Richard Rex <i>University of Cambridge</i>	Richard Hudson	CT 33
5	University Choices in Europe	Mark Huntington <i>A Star Future</i>	Rita Bose	History 41

6	Social Media and its Influences	Kim Hardcastle <i>Northumbria University</i>	John Devitt	History 42
7	Careers in Real Estate	William Leschallas <i>Royal Agricultural University</i>	Tim Dennis	CT 34
8	Gap Year in Chile – Catholic School Volunteering	Mary Hirst and Alex Harwood <i>The Weave of Manquehue</i>	Helen Pepper	English 14
9	Why Study and Art Foundation Course?	Sophie Bennett <i>University of the Arts, London</i>	Sarah Greenwood	English 11
10	Healthcare Subjects – Degrees in Pharmacy, Radiography, Midwifery, Physiotherapy	Andy Cotterill <i>Keele University</i>	Billy Townend	CT 31
11	Study for a Professional Business Diploma	Alison Bloomfield <i>Oxford Media & Business School</i>	Jess Stannard	Maths 63
12	Degrees in Ancient History	Helena Ruffle <i>University of Exeter</i>	Richard Warren	CT 32
13	Studying Law	Matthew Jolliffe <i>University of Exeter</i>	Stefan Steinbach	Maths 60
14	Degrees in Politics	Jem Shaw <i>University of Newcastle</i>	Chris Starkey	Geography 92
15	Careers and HE opportunities in International Business, Hospitality, Hotel, Sport Events, Luxury Brand Management and International Relations	Marcus Burnett <i>Burnett Global Education</i>	Jane Weston	Geography 90
16	Degrees in Modern Languages	Dr Caroline Summers <i>University of Warwick</i>	Francisca Garcia-Ortega	MFL 76
17	How to Showcase Your Creative Work When Applying to Film, Media or Performing Arts Programmes.	Molly Hyson <i>New York Film Academy</i>	Kieron Lewis	English 12
18	Studying Music at a University or Conservatoire	Molly Darley <i>Royal Northern College of Music</i>	Ralph Pallister	English 13
19	Degree Apprenticeships	Daniel Robertson <i>University of Newcastle</i>	Oliver Beveridge	Alcuin
20	Studying for a Foundation Degree	Marcus Waterall <i>Northumbria University</i>	Stephanie Purcell Gilpin	Maths 64

SEMINAR 4: 11.30 -12.05 PM

	SEMINAR	DELEGATE	CHAIR	ROOM
1	AI and You – The Future of Technology	Kim Hardcastle <i>Northumbria University</i>	Hugh Ainscough	History 42
2	Careers in the Army	Liz Taylor <i>Army Recruitment Team</i>	Mike Johnson Summers	CT 31
3	Life From Ampleforth to Forensic Science	Will Bell <i>Old Amplefordian</i>	Simon Howard	Geography 92
4	Oxbridge Interview Workshop	Dave Leal <i>University of Oxford</i>	Gabrielle Foster	EAL 20
5	Degrees in History	George Davis <i>University of Nottingham</i>	Miriam Cook	English 12
6	Taking a Meaningful Gap Year	Jacob Wood <i>Raleigh International</i>	Will James	History 44
7	A Day in the Life of a Business Degree Apprentice	Team of Specialists <i>JCB</i>	Victoria Anglim	English 10
8	Degrees in Modern Languages	Dr Caroline Summers <i>University of Warwick</i>	Fransisca Garcia-Ortega	MFL 76
9	Careers in Journalism and Broadcasting and Communications	Dom Chambers <i>Sound Vision</i>	Dan Davidson	Maths 62
10	Art Degrees in the London Schools	Sophie Bennett <i>University of the Arts, London</i>	James Jenkinson	English 11
11	Careers in the Legal Profession	David Richardson & Orren Watts <i>Wilkin Chapman LLP Solicitors</i>	Steven Banks	Maths 60
12	Durham Courses and the Collegiate System	Jen Barton <i>University of Durham</i>	Charlotte Goddard	CT 30
13	USA Sports and Academic Scholarships	Phil Garner <i>USA Study</i>	Will James	History 43
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LIST OF HEC ATTENDEES

A Star Future
Army Careers
Art History Abroad
BHMS Business & Hotel Management (Fair only)
Boxxe Tech Solutions
Burnett Global Education
University of Cambridge
University of Durham
EHL Hospitality Business School (Fair only)
University of Exeter
Falmouth University
Glion & Les Roches
Harper Adams (TBC)
Hult International (Fair only)
JCB
Keele University
Lancaster University (Fair only)
The Management Academy
Manquehue Movement
New York Film Academy
University of Newcastle
Northumbria University
University of Nottingham
Old Amplefordian Delegates
University of Oxford
Oxford Media and Business School

Project Trust
Raleigh International
Royal Agricultural University
Royal Northern College of Music
University of Sheffield
Sound Vision
Sporting Gap Years (Fair only)
University of the Arts
USA Study
Warren Smith Ski Academy (Fair only)
Warwick University
Wilkin Chapman LLP
University of York
York St John University

AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS

- **WHAT DO UNIVERSITIES LOOK FOR IN A UCAS FORM?** Jen Barton from the University of Durham will explain what university admissions tutors look for in a UCAS form and Personal Statement. **THIS WILL BE IN THEATRE FOR YR 12 AMPLEFORTH STUDENTS**
- **SIXTH FORM STORIES:** Current Upper Sixth Ampleforth College students will tell the story of their own personal journeys

towards university and why and how they made their choices.

**IN ALCUIN ROOM FOR
AMPLEFORTH PARENTS**

- **PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION:** Andy Cotterill (Keele University) will talk to our students about the preparations required for life in the sixth form.

**IN THEATRE FOR Y11
AMPLEFORTH STUDENTS**

I hope you have a very enjoyable and productive day!

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