

Ampleforth College

Welcome to the Year 12 Parents' Day 2024



The Year to come

Summer 24

April 22-26 Yr 12 Trial exams

April 29th EPQ Proposal deadline

May 17 UCAS morning

Jun 24-28 Service and Skills week

Autumn 24

Sept 22 Internal deadline for Oxbridge and Medical

Oct 15 UCAS deadline for Oxbridge and Medical

Nov 10 All UCAS applications completed

mid-Nov Yr 13 Autumn trial exams

Lent 25

late Feb Yr 13 Lent mock exams

end Mar EPQs completed

Summer 25

May/Jun A level and BTEC exams

Mid Aug A level results day!

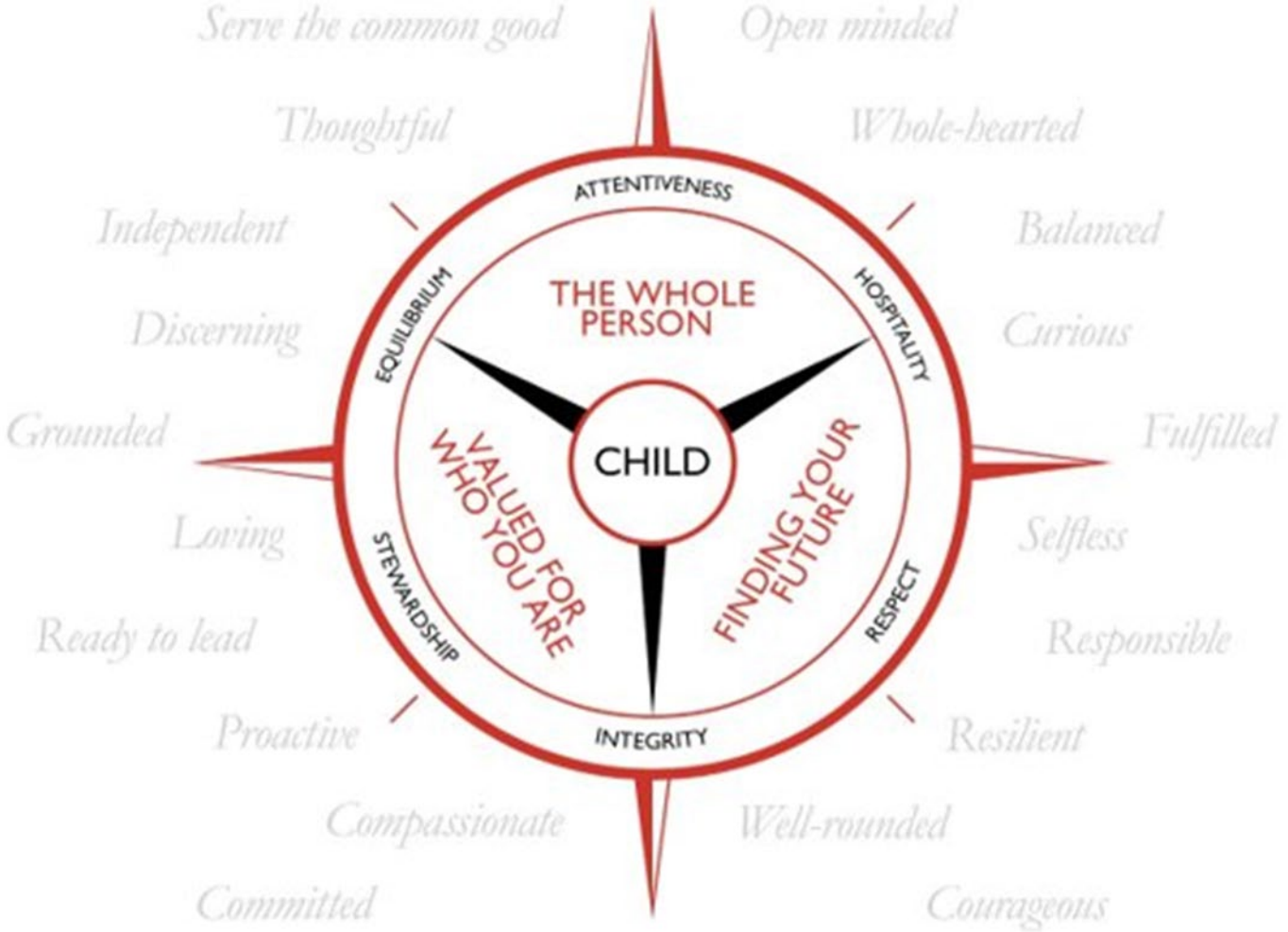


In this talk




1. Benedictine Scholarship
2. Academic vision and provision
3. What else is important in Year 12?
4. Calendar for the year to come
5. University admissions



Benedictine Scholarship



The Ampleforth Way

Attentiveness 	organised before the lesson	bring all the correct equipment, use their planner well and manage their prep
	punctual to lessons and willing to learn	be on time for lessons and have a positive attitude
	listening and responding	always engage in the lesson. Not talk over the teacher or their peers
Respect 	polite to others	show courtesy to other people
	kind and patient	display care and love for others
	willing to work well with others	be ready to cooperate with the teacher and other students
Courage 	always striving to do their best	show outstanding effort and give new things a try
	not scared to fail	fail forward and learn from their mistakes
	confident to ask for help	share when they need more support and help
	able to stand up for what is right	make the right choices for themselves and the community they are in

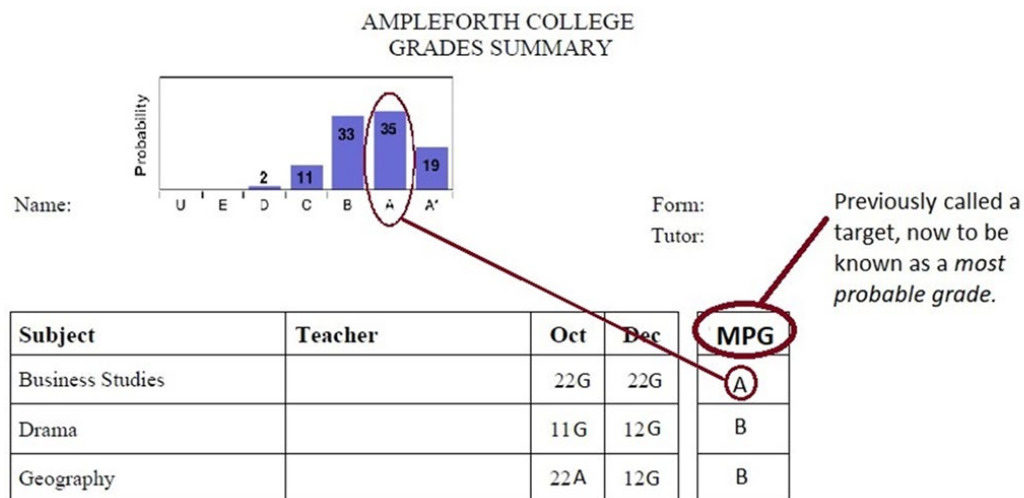


Measuring your child's progress (MPGs)

a **Most Probable Grade** = the grade which statistically a student with a similar profile to your child, educated at Ampleforth is likely to get

How are they calculated

- based primarily on **GCSE grades**, supplemented by an **ALIS test** your child sat in September
- their profile is compared to tens of thousands of other students over several years
- CEM then produces a likely outcomes graph which we use like this



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MPGs

MPGs are **not predictions** - they are statements of statistical likelihood

Your child can get

a HIGHER grade if they work hard

a LOWER grade if they don't work hard enough

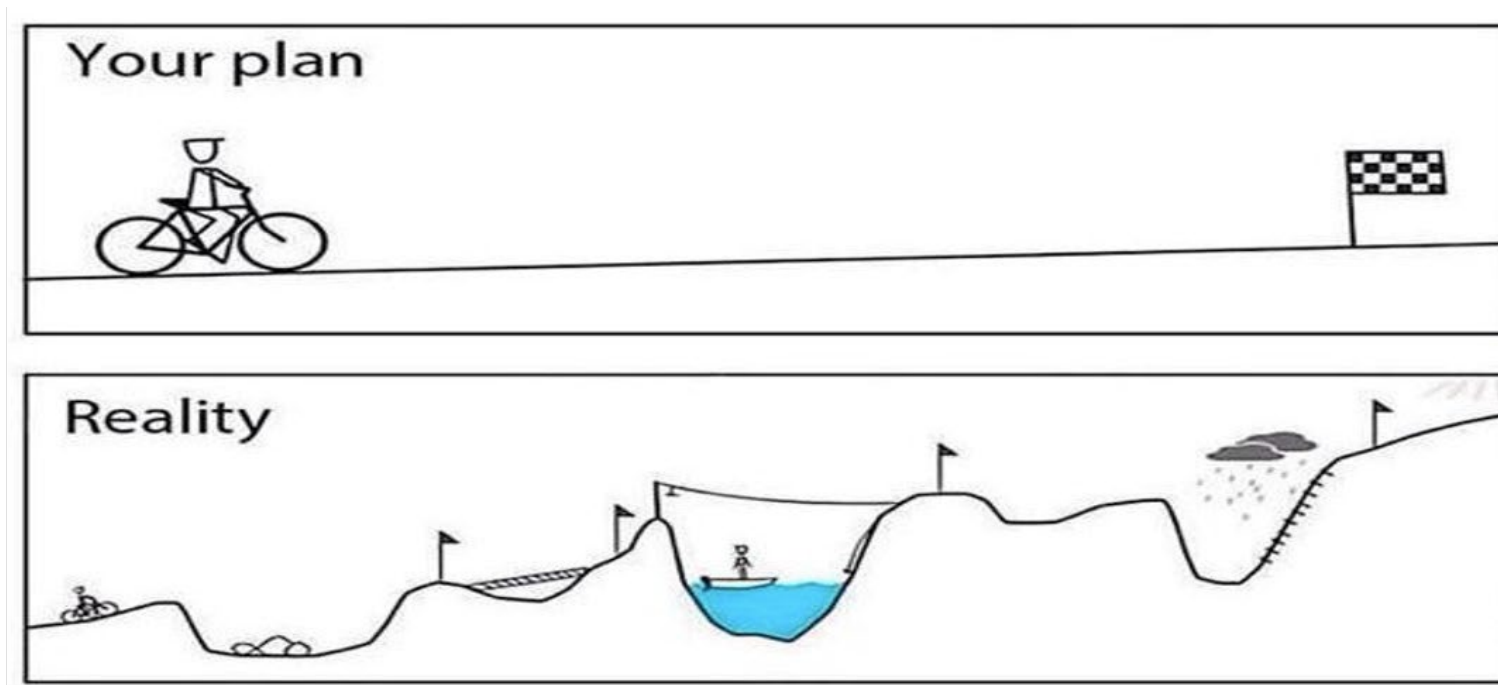
+ they will be
REVIEWED IN MAY,
after trial exams



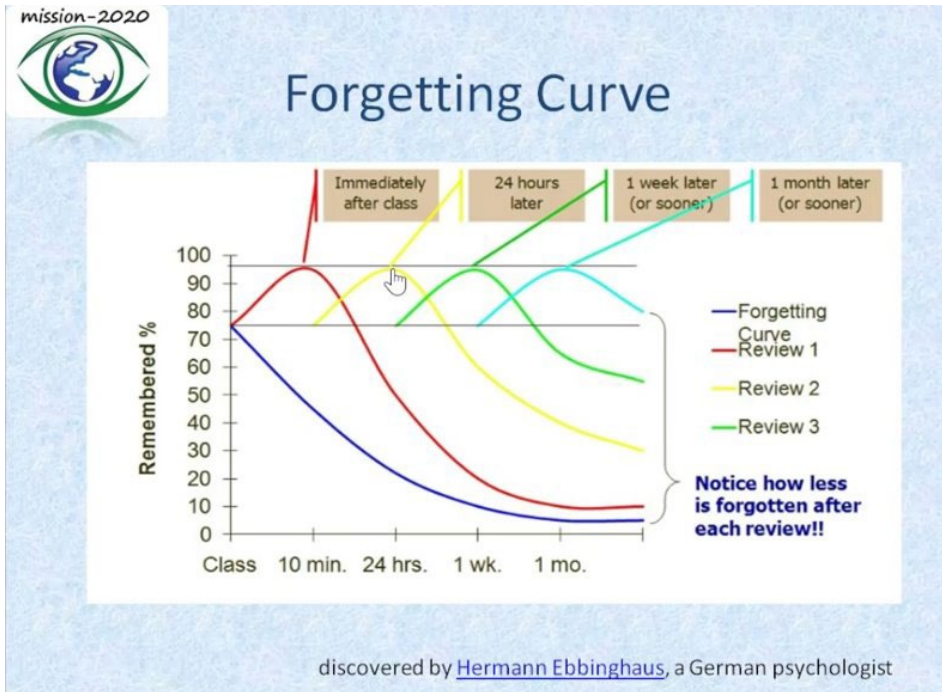
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The Year 12 journey

Encouragement and support



Study skills: Memory and Metacognition



End of Day Reviews

At the beginning of evening prep

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4G

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metacognition

French assessment

planning

-i'm supposed to revise the topic set in french

-used flash cards and active recall

-i had 3 days

while learning

-i'm doing okay

-i was on track

-i understand most of what i learnt, tried to cover it all

after assessment

-i learnt a more effective way to remember vocab

-i achieved most of my goals

-i could've spent more time on it

-no, i now understand



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Summer 2024 at Ampleforth

1. Summer 2024 at Ampleforth – one of academic focus
2. **Easter – prep for the Y12 exams** - how parents can help
 - i. An undistracted environment - mobile-phone and distraction-free
 - ii. For the recommended number of hours
 - iii. Doing the recommended holiday work
 - iv. Methods of subject-specific revision being revisited before the holidays
3. The summer term -students and teachers not being Out Of School, so we can make the most of the available time
4. Lessons - making big inroads into the Y13 A level / BTEC material before the summer
5. In houses, prep time means work-time and will be distraction-free for all years



Summer trial exams April 22-26

- 2 hr exams in each subject, 60% of this year's content tested
- **HOLIDAY REVISION: 30-40 hours essential** (c. 4 hrs a day)
- Assess according to **Most Probable Grade**
 - MPG or beyond = excellent
 - MPG -1 = still on track for target
 - MPG -2 = some concern, lessons to learn
 - MPG -3+ = big lessons to learn
- Learning from the exam: teacher feedback, 1-1 interviews
– we support, the student takes responsibility
- UCAS predictions (Oct/Nov next year)= optimistic estimates
- other evidence in past and future assessments



Academic stretch

EPQs

An extended research project, conducted and led by the student on a topic of their choice. It is worth an additional half an A level and develops (and provides evidence of) skills vital for university success:

- **5,000 word essay or an 'artefact' + 1,000 word report (40%)**
+ a full record of research in a Production Log (60%)

Start: these have already started (**keen** new entrants can still be accommodated)

End: Easter 2024



Academic Stretch

Competitions

Northeastern University essay prize

‘Is it ever morally permissible to sacrifice an innocent life for some greater good?’

History of Totalitarianism essay prize

1,800 word essay on the Hungarian Revolution of 1956

Fitzwilliam College Cambridge essay competitions

‘Is Classical literature timeless?’

+ **Science, Languages & Linguistics Olympiads**

+ **visiting speakers**

+ **courses and conferences**



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Service and encounter

Visits to homelessness centres,
addict's recovery centre

Friday service in old people's
homes, nurseries, primary schools

Year 12 Retreat

Friendship Project with young people with learning difficulties

Countryside Day with 200 primary school children

Inspiration Day with 100 children from 26 Middlesbrough
primary schools

Lourdes



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Service and Skills week last week of summer term



Part of curriculum:

**all students expected
to be in school**



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Christian Living – Curriculum Snake



Christian Living – Y12 Lectures

	Y12 Lesson 7 Tuesday A (4.10 – 5.00, THEATRE)
3 rd October	Biblical focus on Feminism
17 th October	Israel / Gaza – Current Conflict
14 th November	Contribution
28 th November	Mental Health
12 th December	Addiction
9 th January	10:10 Cinema in Education – Time to Change (Pornography)
23 rd January	Fr Bede – Prayer
6 th February	SNUS / Nicotine Pouches
5 th March	Democracy and the Jury System (Channel 4 documentary)
19 th March	Alcohol and First Aid
16 th April	Just Like Us – Diversity and Inclusion
30 th April	Fair Trade – York
14 th May	Careers
11 th June	Gambling
25 th June	Y12 Skills / Friendship Project Week

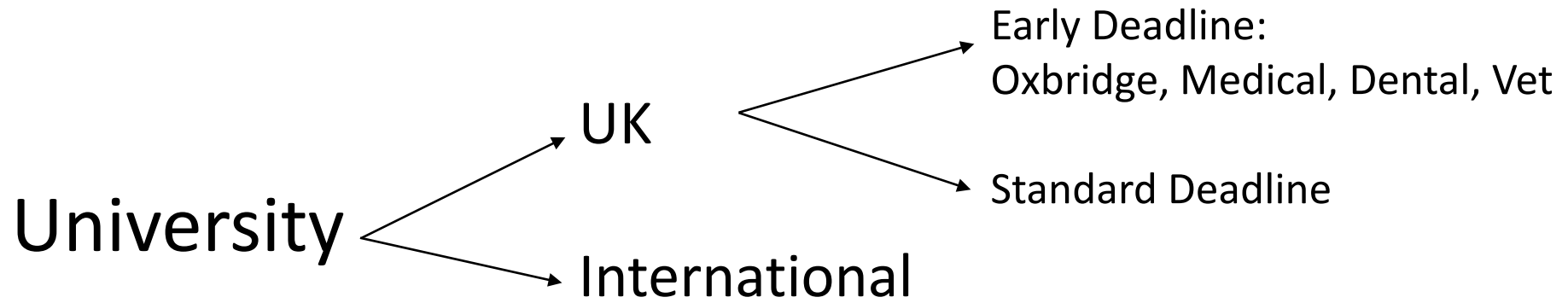


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University applications



What are the options after Sixth Form?



Apprenticeships

Gap Year

The vast majority of our students apply to a UK University



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UK University Applications

UCAS

Completed using UCAS system.

- Up to 5 choices
- Personal statement

Restrictions:

1 of Oxford or Cambridge

4 Medicine / Dentistry

Choose 'Aspire' and 'Safe' choices

Course first, University second

Offers are based on UCAS points or specific A level **and GCSE** grades.



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Researching Courses

- All students have access to UNIFROG
- **Open Days** (2 per academic year)
- Subject Ranking Data
- Talk with teachers and tutors
- Book in with Mr Hall

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UK universities (0 shortlists)

Start >

[The Guardian University Guide 2024](#)

[UK Times University Rankings 2024](#)

[The Complete University Guide University Rankings 2024](#)



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Russell Group or Not?

- Russell Group Universities are a self-selected 'mission group' of 24 Universities. Their mission is:

“Through world-class research and education we are helping to create a dynamic economy, stronger communities and a better future for the UK.”

- Other mission groups include: 'Guild HE', 'Million Plus' and 'University Alliance'.

- [University of Birmingham](#)
- [University of Bristol](#)
- [University of Cambridge](#)
- [Cardiff University](#)
- [Durham University](#)
- [University of Edinburgh](#)
- [University of Exeter](#)
- [University of Glasgow](#)
- [Imperial College London](#)
- [King's College London](#)
- [University of Leeds](#)
- [University of Liverpool](#)
- [London School of Economics](#)
- [University of Manchester](#)
- [Newcastle University](#)
- [University of Nottingham](#)
- [University of Oxford](#)
- [Queen Mary University of London](#)
- [Queen's University Belfast](#)
- [University of Sheffield](#)
- [University of Southampton](#)
- [University College London](#)
- [University of Warwick](#)
- [University of York](#)



Russell Group or Not?

(The Times / The Guardian, 2024)

1 st / 1 st :	University of St Andrews
8 th / 6 th :	University of Bath
10 th / 10 th :	Loughborough University
14 th / 11 th :	Lancaster University
11 th / 18 th :	University of Exeter (Russell)
19 th / 12 th :	University of Aberdeen
29 th / 36 th :	University of Liverpool
46 th / 73 rd :	Queen Mary University (Russell)

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Note:

- *“High Ranking” or “High Tariff” perhaps a better phrase?*
- *Subject rankings can differ significantly from overall ranking*



Early Deadline: Oxbridge, Medical, Dentistry

- Must be student driven – students must make themselves known
(Oxbridge: Dr Rea-Knowles, others: Mr Hall)
- Must be researched well
(tools available on UNIFROG)
- Wider reading, experiences, etc essential

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Oxbridge (0 shortlists)

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Classics Ox:40% Cam:48%

Computer Science Ox:6% Cam:8%



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Oxbridge preparation

This term

- Dr Rea-Knowles will meet with students, for ongoing mentoring to guide their interests and reading, and to begin preparation for entrance exams and personal statements

Summer holidays

- Students should know which course, university and colleges they want to apply for
- They need to devote considerable time to reading, attending courses/seminars and research

Autumn term

- Complete application by end September
- Intense preparation for entrance exams and interviews



Apprenticeships



- Earn while you learn
- Apprenticeship tool on UNIFROG
- [Find an apprenticeship service](#)
- Book in with Mr Hall

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Apprenticeships (1 shortlist)

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International

- International tools on UNIFROG
- [USA Study](#)
- [Burnett Global Education](#)



US universities (1 shortlist)

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Irish universities (0 shortlists)

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MidEast & Africa unis (0 shortlists)

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Australasian unis (0 shortlists)

Start >

Asian universities (0 shortlists)

Start >

Canadian universities (0 shortlists)

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European universities (0 shortlists)

Start >



Gap Year



- Break between school and next steps
- Opportunity for enrichment experience
- *A well-planned* Gap Year can be fantastic (but ...)
- UNIFROG tools can help as a starting point

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Special opportunities (1 shortlist)

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 **Camp America Summer Camp**
 Camp America
Work at an American Summer Camp

 **Following Forest Owls in the Western U.S.**
 Earthwatch
Research and conserve Forest Owls in the USA

 **EF Gap Year Program**
 EF Gap Year
International Gap Year Experience

 **African Marine And Wildlife Volunteer Adventure Tour**
 Kaya Responsible Travel
African Marine And Wildlife Volunteer Adventure Tour: South Africa



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