

Progression in Sixth Form

Our goal at Ark Academy Sixth Form is to help all our students make **informed and ambitious decisions** about their next steps. In Y12 this is about ensuring they are asking the right questions. In Y13 it is about equipping them with the specific tools and knowledge they need to narrow down their options.

In order to help you progress to university or the career of your choice, we will provide you with the following:

Y12

- One hour per week of PSHE, focusing on the '[A-Level Mindset framework](#)', as created by Martin Griffin and Steve Oakes. Each half-term's curriculum is dedicated to developing one character trait that we know is crucial to success and stability at A-level and beyond. The five attributes are vision, effort, systems, practice and attitude.
- Regular individual 'academic mentoring' sessions with your form tutor during tutor time.
- Exclusive access to our very own website "[The Lark](#)", which showcases many of the opportunities available to sixth-formers in London, from UCL's Uni-link programme to mentoring from the Social Mobility Foundation.
- A chance to broaden your horizons and build your CV through a guided program called the Ark Diploma. Read more about this exciting in-house initiative [here](#).
- The opportunity to discover your passion and get a taste for extended writing through a Mini Project Qualification (MPQ). You can read more about this [here](#).
- A full day in Summer 2 focusing on the launch of the UCAS process, including guest speakers from Russell Group and 'top 1/3' universities.
- Talks by visiting speakers from industry and academia.
- At least one group visit to a 'top 1/3' university

Y13

- In Year 13 the focus stays firmly with UCAS until the January submission deadline has passed. Our students are set into streams based on their UCAS entry deadline – see UCAS timeline below - and the PSHE program they follow is tailored to their circumstances. For example, those on the early entry deadline for Oxbridge will spend time in Autumn term focusing on interview skills and techniques, while other streams will focus on this skill in the Spring term. All students are given thorough guidance about how to discriminate between different

university courses, and how to discover (and win) opportunities to go straight into work via a top apprenticeship.

- One-on-one personal statement guidance from your form tutor and organisations like IntoUniversity
- Free access and training on Unifrog – a personalised online programme to help you find the right university course or apprenticeship for you.
- The opportunity to have a rigorous mock interview to prepare you for the future.
- An Apprenticeships Day in Spring 2 term of Year 13 to help you develop your employability and keep your options open
- Access to our network of sixth-form alumni for an honest insight into university or working life