



# **Year 13 Ahead 2023**

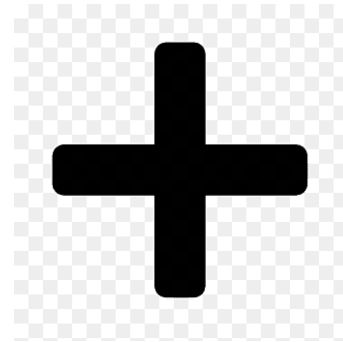
***Amy Kennedy***  
***Director of Sixth Form***



**How many hours a day does the average teenager spend on screens?**







# 'The most wonderful (and evil) part of procrastination is that we mask it in a veil of productivity'



According to the latest available data, teenagers spend **7 hours 22 minutes per day in front of screens.** That equates to 43% of a teen's waking hours.

<https://explodingtopics.com/blog/screen-time-for-teens>



Teenagers average **7 hours 22 minutes** of daily screen time

By comparison, that's **24 minutes more** than the global average of **6 hours 58 minutes**.

# Approximately 50% of the course at Key Stage 5 is taught...



HOMEWORK



REVISION AND  
RETRIEVAL



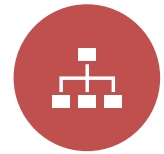
READING AND  
LITERACY



DIFFICULT  
THINKING



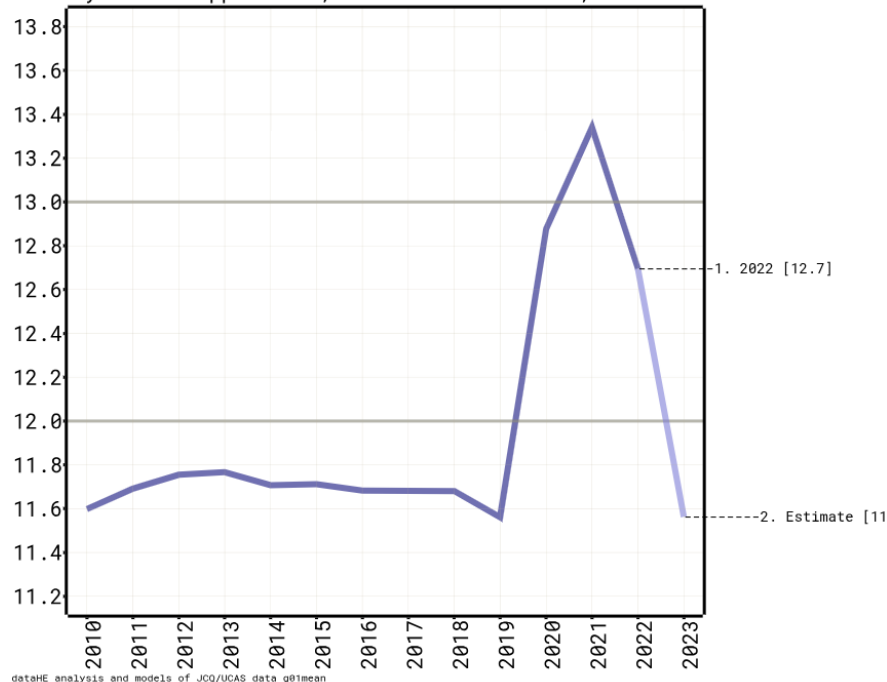
EXAM  
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ORGANISATION

# A Level Results Analysis

Mean awarded A level points best three A levels (12=BBB, 13=ABB, 14=AAB)  
 UK 18 year old applicants, 3+ A levels awarded, 2023 estimated



- National Average: BCC/BBC
- The dip speculated this summer was real!
- If GCSE 6 is the average entry point for most A Levels, to get better than average, is going to require significant performance above average...



# SWCHS Sixth Form Results

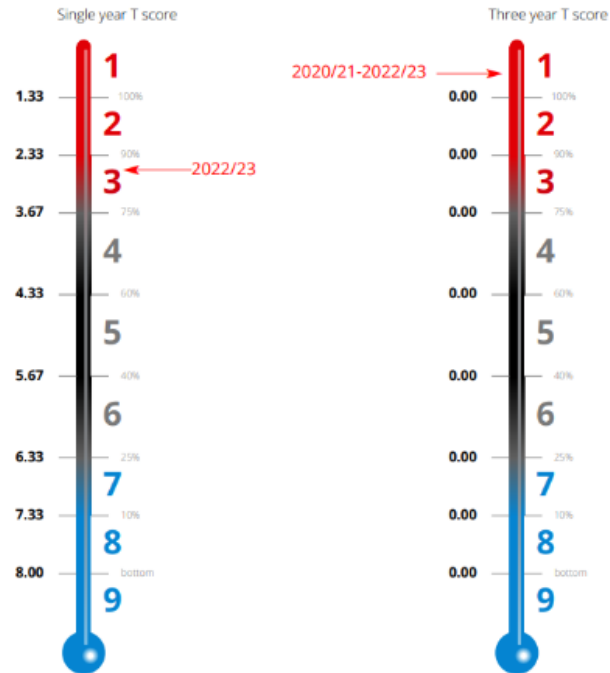
Grade	National (England)	SWCHS
A*		10%
A*-A	26.5%	30%
A*-B	52.7%	62%
A*-C	75.4%	86%
A*-D		96%
A*-E	97.2%	100%

L3 Results	L3 Results
Distinction* Distinction*	39%
Distinction* Distinction	61%
Distinction Distinction	87%
Distinction Merit	96%
Merit Merit	100%
Merit Pass	
Pass Pass	
Distinction*	18%
Distinction	60%
Merit	90%
Pass	97%

# Our Progress

2022-2023: Just outside the top 10% nationally

Last 3 Years: Amongst the top 1% nationally



**SWCHS is in the top 1% of UK schools & sixth forms for value added across the past 3 years according to an independent report created by ALPs.**



**98 students are studying at a Russell Group university**

5 students are studying at Oxbridge

1 student is studying medicine

1 student is studying Vet Med

1 student has gone to Guild Hall Conservatoire

## Most Popular Universities

Nottingham Trent (19)

UEA (16)

Southampton (11)

Bath (11)

Leeds Beckett(10)

York (8)

ARU(8)

Sheffield (8)

Liverpool (7)

Bristol (7)

Cardiff (6)

Nottingham (6)



## Degree Apprenticeships

Police (4)

Amazon(2)

Astra Zeneca

Google

Grant Thornton

Government

Marine Engineering



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# The link between attendance and KS5 success



'If we extrapolate across a three A level programme, the typical student with attendance below 85% will perform at least two grades lower than a student with attendance above 95%. In competitive university entrance and other contexts, two grades represents a life-changing difference.'

Source: The Sixth Dimension Report 2019 published by SFCA

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks



# Coursework Hard Deadlines

- Departments have to prove equality of opportunity across all students
- Set centrally by the department (shared shortly)
- Non-negotiable: extensions will not be given
- Failure to meet these deadlines could result in failing the course
- When a hard deadline is missed, the student will be placed in isolation for the next day. Whatever they manage to complete by 3:20pm that day will be submitted.



# Authenticity/Artificial Intelligence



- All students need to confirm that the work is their own.
- Most students will receive feedback on drafts to help guide their work
- Students should not use Artificial Intelligence at all.
- Turn It In will be used to check for plagiarism
- Plagiarism will result in an immediate failure



DAY	TIMING	SESSION	VENUE	PRESENTER/CONTACT
MONDAY 17TH	12:55	Overview of Progression	Saffron Hall 12:55pm	Mrs Bendall
TUESDAY 18TH	8:15	Meet outside reception for 8:15am departure	Nottingham Trips	Any problems or queries on the day please contact Ms Bertie on sbertie@swchs.net
	16:30	Return to SWCHS for 4:30pm		
		<b>If you are not attending a trip, please see teams post for progression activities to be completed.</b>		
WEDS 19TH		Personal Statement Writing Workshop <b>AM REGISTRATION</b>	Saffron Hall and	University of East Anglia
	P1	Early Apps will be with Dr Wood	EApps S11	
	P2	Tutor time - how to fill in the UCAS form/CV work/apprenticeship searches	See rooms below	Tutors
	P3	Student Finance talk	Saffron Hall	Anglia Ruskin University
	P3	Careers Apps session	Study Centre	Careers team
	P4	Degree Apprenticeships talk	Saffron Hall	Anglia Ruskin University
P5	Continuation of UCAS form/start personal statement EPQ drop-in session	Study Centre (drop-in) EPQ S11	Collegiate Team	
THURS 20TH		Tutor time - Writing personal statements/CV's <b>AM REGISTRATION</b>	Tutor time in computer rooms below	Y13 Tutors (off TT) Computer Rooms
	P1	Early Apps will be with Dr Wood Stansted Airport trip leaves 9am from reception	EApps S11	
	P2	Choosing your course and university	Q6	Nottingham University
	P3	Medical and Vet Med Applications	Q6	
	P3	Careers Apps session	Study Centre	Careers team
	P4	Making the most of your summer	Q6	Mrs Kennedy
	REG	<b>PM REGISTRATION</b>	Usual form rooms	Tutors
P5	Continuation of PS/UCAS form writing Careers Apps drop-in EPQ artefact session	Study Centre (drop-in) EPQ S11	Collegiate Team	
FRI 21ST (half day)		Students to work from home on continuing their applications unless you're in for Chemistry practical.		

Internal deadline for a first draft of personal statement = October 2023 (TBC with tutor)

Internal deadline for UCAS applications to be sent off = 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

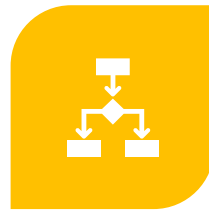
UCAS official deadline = January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024



PERSONAL  
DETAILS



EDUCATION



CHOICES



PERSONAL  
STATEMENT



SCHOOL  
REFERENCE

These sections will start from the 2024 entry cycle, which opens in May for all undergraduate applications:



Enter a general statement about your school/college/centre.



If applicable, enter any information about extenuating circumstances which may have impacted the applicant's education and achievement.



Outline any other supportive information specific to the applicant and relevant to the course(s) applied for that you think universities/colleges should be aware of.



## Mrs K Jenkins SEND & Bursary Lead

Progression planning may require more nuanced support for our SEND and bursary students.

In order for all our learners to be supported we do rely on you throughout the year. Please ensure you reach out to your child's tutor later this evening and share any relevant information in the extenuating circumstances form.

- SEND
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- Exam Access Arrangements
  - G Drake [gdrake@swchs.net](mailto:gdrake@swchs.net)
- 16-19 Bursary
  - Bursary Lead: K Jenkins [kjenkins@swchs.net](mailto:kjenkins@swchs.net)



# Important Dates for Year 13



Event:	Date:
Autumn Progress Check	W/C 27th Nov
Parents' Eve	Thursday 7th Dec
Mock exams weeks	W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> March – Fr 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Spring Progress Check	W/C 18th March
Leavers' Day	Friday 10th May
Exam season	Mid May-end of June TBC
Y13 Prom	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Results Day	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August



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**Career Applicants & Apprenticeships**

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When I leave school or college, I want to...

Start working



Continue studying



Not sure?



Employment  
Apprenticeships

Attend university

A degree while working:  
Degree  
Apprenticeship

Gap year?  
Find out more!



# What support does SWCHS offer?



- **Careers Apps** – an online ‘Team’ providing students with targeted daily updates and opportunities, and careers advice and support.
- **Weekly support sessions** – **Wednesday Period 5**. This will focus on interview preparation, application guidance, CV support and effective job / apprenticeship research
- **Individual and group careers guidance discussions** with our external provide ‘Form the Future’
- **Ongoing support from Ms Bertie & Dr Toogood** our Careers & Employability Experts in the Sixth Form Collegiate, who will help students prepare for interviews, submit applications, explore employment opportunities.
- **Sector specific mentors** – support from members of staff and external contacts who have worked in different areas, e.g banking, finance, fashion, retail, physio, electronics, marketing, drama etc.

# What have students at SWCHS gone on to do?



Students at SWCHS have successfully secured apprenticeships in the following:

**JP Morgan** – Investment Banking apprenticeship (higher level apprenticeship)

Morgan Stanley – Investment Banking apprenticeship (higher level apprenticeship - data)

Google – Degree apprenticeship

**Alstom** – Global Transportation – Project Management (degree level apprenticeship)

**WSP** – Civil Engineering (degree level apprenticeship)

**Grant Thornton** – Professional Services/Accountancy (degree level apprenticeship - audit)

**NHS** – Occupational Therapy (higher level apprenticeship), nuclear medicine (degree level apprenticeship)

**BBC** – Digital Marketing (degree level apprenticeship)

**Ernst & Young** – Professional Services / Accountancy (degree level apprenticeship)

**HSA** – Chartered Accountants (higher level apprenticeship)

**Cambridge Regional College** – Business with Law, Beauty and Hairdressing apprenticeships (Intermediate/advanced level apprenticeships)

**Local gardening companies** (advanced level apprenticeships)

[Careermag - Parents - Careermap](#)



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**Dr Eleanor Wood**

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**Early Applicants & EPQ**

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# Early application experience so far



- The elective (Courses, colleges, admissions tests, interviews, super-curricular, personal statements, Year 13s)
- The Early App MS Team (notices, summer schools, essay competitions, open days, work experience, lectures)
- Super-curricular seminar series
- UCAT and BMAT support sessions
- EPQ and EPQ presentations
- Progression week personal statement workshops
- Mentors (and Alumni)

# Early application timeline



Date	Activity
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Register for admissions assessment (except LNAT)
1 <sup>st</sup> September – 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	LNAT testing window
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Mock admissions tests
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	UCAS application deadline
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Testing date: BMAT, NSAA, ENGAA, TMUA, TSA
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Testing date: MAT, HAT, MLAT, PAT
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	My Cambridge Application deadline
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Oxford written work submission deadline
November 2023	Mock interviews in school (including MMI)
1 <sup>st</sup> three weeks of December 2023	Oxbridge interviews (mostly online)
December-March 2023	Medical school and VetMed interviews
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Oxford offers
Mid-January 2024	Cambridge offers
February-April 2024	Medical and Vet med offers



Tutor	Room
13 A Wilson	B1
13 B Craddock & Church	B2
13 C Patterson	D3
13 D Bunting	D4
13 E Macro	D5
13 F Colenso	D6
13 G Sogi	D7
13 H Butler	D9
13 I Boulton	D10
13 J Symonds	D11

Saffron Walden  
County High  
School's annual  
fundraising event  
for parents,  
carers, family and  
friends



SWCHS Summer Party





# SWCMS Summer Party 2024

**An evening event, in a pretty marquee, on the school grounds - Live music from our talented students and bands - Dancing/disco**

**Open to all parents and carers, friends, family and staff - Bring your own food or order from Food Trucks - Purchase fizz, wine, beer from the bar (supplied by local award-winning brewery Wyldes Sky and Adnams)**

**Raffle prizes and Silent Auction, kindly donated by parents, staff and local businesses - ALL THIS WHILST RAISING MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL!**



**Thank you for supporting our school fundraising event,  
SWCHS Summer Party 2024**

**Whether it's purchasing a ticket, offering a raffle prize or helping set up on the day, we really appreciate it.**

**With the increasing costs of school supplies, food, resources and energy costs, we need to reach out to our school's community for some extra support.**

**We are very grateful for your contribution and continued support for our school and students, we really do have a fantastic community.**

**Further details for this event will be sent out in the new year.**

**Thank you**