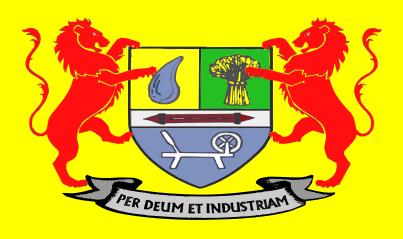
BANBRIDGE ACADEMY



Year 13 Parents' Information Evening 2019

Year 13: a year to set a solid foundation for A2 grades.

- AS grades secured in Year 13 contribute 40% of A2 grade
- AS modules can be repeated but only in June of A2 year
- Some high demand university courses require all A2 grades to be achieved in same academic year
- Challenging but realistic aspirations
- Monitor progress in each of their subjects

Year 14 Entry Criteria

- Pupils must have achieved in AS examinations during Year 13 at least 3 D Grades OR scored a minimum of 7 points in GCE AS subjects only (A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1);
- Pupils must satisfy the Headmaster with regard to attitude behaviour and attendance (a satisfactory attendance rate would be 90%).

Note also that:

- If a pupil achieves less than an E grade in a particular subject they may be precluded from studying the subject in Year 14;
- Late and Absence figures will be published to Employers!!!

Options post A level

- University traditional pathway; UK, CAO, EU,
 USA, Europe
- Further Education HNC, HND, Foundation
 Degree can lead to a full degree
- Higher Level Apprenticeship targeted qualification
- Seek employment

Higher Level Apprenticeships

- FE colleges, UU & QUB www.nidirect.gov.uk
- Qualifications from Level 4 to Level 6 (Honours degree)
- Agri-food manufacture
- Construction Engineering (Civil Engineering UU)
- Business Technology
- Engineering & manufacturing
- Accounting & management
- Motor vehicle
- Hospitality, events & tourism
- QUB: a degree apprenticeship in Software Engineering with Digital Technology
 - —in the final 2 years, the student combines university modules with employer-based work experience

PWC: School Leaver opportunities: Headstart Programme

- Join after A Levels: work on client and internal projects, earning a salary
- Experience in Assurance, Tax, Finance & Accounting
 - Nationally recognised professional qualification
 - Opportunity to reach same level as a graduate

Entry: Online assessments

• Complete numerical, logical reasoning or verbal reasoning tests depending on the business area chosen.

Assessment day

• Testing similar skills + a written communication exercise and a group or individual exercise

Final interview

- One-to-one interview with a partner or director
- Also consider Business Insight week and Big Data Camp (summer projects)

Additional opportunities

- PWC Flying Start Degree programme: the university experience whilst gaining paid work experience
 - Newcastle, Nottingham & Reading Universities
 - Chartered Accountant qualification and job security
- BSc Hons Accounting at QUB or UU in conjunction with BDO Scholar programme
- KAINOS software company Earn as you Learn scheme
- ALMAC Applied Industrial Science, Computing, Mechatronic Engineering
- Deloitte Brighstart Apprenticeship programme:
 - Hands-on experience, mentoring, salary, training contract up to 5 years. Professional or business qualification

Why Higher Education?

- Chance to study a subject they are passionate about.
- Achieve a qualification that will lead to their chosen career.
- Gain confidence, independence, and important life skills that will widen their prospects.
- Experience life away from home
- Making lifelong friends.
- Many employers target graduates
- Higher earning potential

UCAS application

- -Research university courses and locations
- Possibility of a placement? employer contact for future employment
- -Check Entry profile on track for this?
- -Prerequisite subject(s) ?
- Select up to 5 courses and await offers/rejections
- -Conditional firm (preferred choice)
- Conditional insurance (back up course)

UCAS grades and tariff points

A2 Grade	Tariff points	
A*	56	
Α	48	
В	40	
С	32	
D	24	
E	16	

- AAA= 144 UCAS tariff points
- ABB = 128 UCAS tariff points

Preparation for UCAS application

February/March 2020

- Consideration of all options which match their career aspirations – <u>keep options open</u>
- Annotated copies of personal statements
- Annotated copies of completed UCAS application forms on Google Classroom
- Pupils access this using the code: a8z2ul
- Individual guidance to assist with career pathway
- June 2020 UCAS workshops to complete most of the application form

UCAS application deadlines

- Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science,
 Oxbridge: School deadline mid-September
- Remaining applications school deadline week before Prize Day (October)
- Application forms must be completed with the utmost care
- Competitive applications Personal statement

Personal Statement – begin in Year 13

- A pen portrait of the applicant
- Courses and reasons for choice
- Opportunity to show enthusiasm for courses and knowledge of chosen profession
- Activities in and outside school used to illustrate personal skills & qualities – employability skills applicable to chosen career pathway
- Can make them 'stand out form the crowd'

Work Shadowing

- 20th & 21st February 2020
- Pupil's opportunity to research a career pathway which they are considering
- Start the search early places fill up quickly
- Make use of personal contacts and school data base
- May need to 'book' a placement with Work Inspiration
- Indemnity and parental permission forms <u>must</u> be completed and returned to school before the end of December