



Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent trip to the University of Nottingham, we are writing to inform you about an important event in the Sixth Form journey, the **Post-18 Next Steps Evening**, taking place on the **5th May**.

The Next Steps Evening will facilitate contact between students and a wide range of universities, apprenticeship providers and employers to enable them to make informed, ambitious choices. Meeting these representatives builds confidence and understanding, encourages purposeful planning and goal setting, whilst involving parents and carers ensures they can gain the knowledge to support their child's goals with clarity and a shared understanding.

This is also chance to meet the Sixth Form Team and to hear talks from members of staff who work with students throughout the application process. This will include information on specialist application pathways, such as that for degree apprenticeships, medicine, dentistry, and Oxbridge, all of which may require additional stages to that of the usual UCAS application process.

The evening will start at 4.30pm and the following 10-minute insight talks are available to drop into:

- Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science Applications– 4.45 and 5.15
- Oxbridge Applications- 5.00, 5.30
- Personal Statements – 4.50, 5.20, 5.50
- UCAS and finance - 4.50, 5.20, 5.50

To confirm your attendance at this event, please complete the MS Form:

[Year 12: Post-18 Next Steps – Fill out form](#)

Application grades

As your child begins to think about applying to university, they are being guided through the process during their PD lessons and form time. These sessions help students explore suitable university options by looking at their current grades and understanding typical entry requirements.

To support each student's UCAS application, the school will provide an Application Grade. This is a grade that will be provided in the UCAS application for universities to use when considering applications. This will be in addition to any GCSE grades, or results of other public examinations. The Sixth Form Team oversees this process, and your child will receive their Application Grade towards the end of the academic year.

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Application Grades will be generated using the results of assessments sat during the Year 12 exam week, beginning Monday, 9th of June. Application Grades are data-driven, and are separate, distinct grades used in support of a student making an application to university, or any other programme requiring the declaration of grades.

There will be one opportunity to improve on the Application Grade in the September assessments at the start of Year 13. For your awareness, these will take place on the inset days at the start of the Autumn Term, 2026. A draft timetable will be shared before the summer break.

Remote parent/carer event: 21st May

There will be a further opportunity to hear from the Sixth Form Team at a remote parent event on the **21st May**. This session will run twice a 12.45pm and 4.30pm and will provide parents and carers with further details on the UCAS application process, and how they can be supporting their child with this.

Should you have any further queries, or if you require any advice or guidance in supporting your child's application, please contact the Sixth Form Team:

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With best wishes,

Mr J. Swanston

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