

# Jordanhill School

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## Briefing for S6 Parents

**Welcome. The briefing will commence at 19.05 to allow a few minutes for latecomers. We expect to finish by 19.45, but will be happy to stay on and answer questions.**



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The partnership between home and school is widely recognised as being a key strength of the School. These pages provide parents with wide ranging information on how you can be involved in the life and work of the school, how you can be engaged in your child's learning and how you can help to improve the school.

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## Things I Need to Know

Please click on the links to find out more about

- [P1-P3 Resources](#)
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- [Clubs and Activities](#)
- [Financial Support](#)
- [Food Service](#)
- [ParentPay](#)  
Pay for trips and events and add money to your child's lunch card.
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If you cannot find something using these links, then please look in [FAQ](#) or use the search engine (top right).



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## FAQs

The links below will take you to a wide range of information about how Jordanhill School works. The school also publishes a wide range of information leaflets.

### Learning

- [Tell me about Curriculum for Excellence](#)
- [Tell me about National Qualifications](#)
- [How can I support my child's learning?](#)
- [Tell me about careers](#)
- [Tell me about Course Choice](#)
- [Tell me about university application](#)
- [How much homework should my child be doing?](#)
- [What equipment does my child need? \(Primary\)](#)

### Pastoral

- [What do I do if my child is going to be absent from school?](#)
- [Who do I contact if I have a concern?](#)
- [What clubs and activities are offered by the school?](#)
- [When are the school holidays this year and next?](#)
- [What is my child eating at school?](#)
- [What is the school's policy on ....?](#)

# National Qualifications

## Jordanhill Guidance for Pupils and Parents

Changes to NQs commenced in 2017-18 for National 5 with Higher following in 2018-19 and Advanced Higher in 2019-20. Parents receive a briefing on the NQ regime at the start of S4. All pupils now experience the new regime.

### **National Qualifications in S4**

This leaflet explains National 4 and National 5 qualifications and the regime in Jordanhill School.

### **National Qualifications in S5 and S6**

Information leaflet for pupils in S5 and S6.

### **Policy on Unit Assessment and Internal Appeals**

Explains how to appeal the outcome of an assessment for any free-standing Units and valid grounds for any appeal.

### **Policy on Post Results Requests**

Only a school can submit a request to SQA. The policy sets out the criteria used by the school to determine eligibility.

## National Parent Forum

- [Nationals in a Nutshell](#) – subject guides
- [Highers in a Nutshell](#)
- [National 5 Revisions Guides](#)
- [Pointers for Parents](#)
- [Careers education](#)

## Scottish Qualifications Authority

A wide range of information about the changes is available on the SQA web site:

- [Parents](#)
- [Learners](#)
- [SQA Guide for Learners](#)
- [SQA Guide for Parents](#)
- [SQA Results Service](#)
- [SQA NQ page](#)



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# Our Expectations of S6

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- ✓ Hard work, good behaviour and good attendance
- ✓ Commitment to a viable programme of studies
- ✓ Commitment to personal development and involvement in school life

A sixth year without purpose will disadvantage a pupil in today's competitive environment



# What HE says

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- Students who have worked hard and done well in S6 make the smoothest transition to university and get better degrees as a result.
- Doing well in S6 is also likely to give students an edge when applying for jobs after school.
- Graduate employers are interested in all of your qualifications, not just your degree.
- By achieving well in S5 and S6 you will have shown that you are able to think beyond the short term and commit to your personal development.



# S6 Expectations of the School

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- Encouragement and support throughout the year
- Support to help them make decisions about the future
- Provide opportunities to think beyond school



# School Life

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- Leadership opportunities
- Charity fundraising events
- Community involvement
- Social events





# 2020 Fallout

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- Some results better than normal
  - Basis of estimate more generous
  - Secure platform for future learning?
- Impact of 2020 restrictions
  - Classes on or ahead of schedule
  - How secure is remote learning content?
  - Completion of practical activities
    - Practicals; Speaking; Performance in PE, Drama etc.
- Final content and structure of courses unclear
- Future restrictions



# Key Messages

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- Engage early
- Do your best from the outset
- Last minute approach = high risk strategy
- Teaching and Learning Guide
  - Top 6 Effective Study Strategies
  - Spaced Practice
  - Retrieval Practice
  - Dual Coding
  - Elaboration
  - Interleaving
  - Concrete examples



# Dates and Deadlines

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- UCAS
  - PSHE 14/09/2020
  - Final deadline 15/01/2021 (but really pre Christmas)
- Targets Evening - 18/11/20
- College Applications – Jan 2021
- Modern & Graduate Apprenticeships / Year In Industry (YINI)
- Parents' Night – 03/03/21
- SQA Exam Diet begins 26/04/2021



# HE, FE and Work Applications



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## University Applications

### All Applicants

Almost all university applications in the UK are made online through [ucas apply](#).

Deadline for early applications: **15 October** (Dentistry, Medicine, Vet Medicine, Oxford and Cambridge) – see below

Deadline for other applications: **15 January**

[Ucas Booklet](#) (Read this first)

#### [Guide to UCAS apply](#)

This document provides guidance to Jordanhill School pupils on how to register with UCAS **apply**. Only pupils and former pupils of the school can register as linked to the school.

Former Pupils registering should also contact the school to clarify their intentions.

#### [Personal Statement Guidance](#)

Advice on writing a personal statement for UCAS.

### Early Applications

Deadline for early applications: **15 October**

#### [early applicants guidance note 2018](#)

It is the responsibility of applicants to understand fully the nature of any assessments to be undertaken as part of their application(s) and to register for these. E.g. UKCAT, LNAT, BMAT etc.

Most medical schools require applicants to undertake the [UKCAT](#) or [BMAT](#) assessment. Many dental schools also require UKCAT.

From 2017 entry onwards the University of Cambridge has introduced a system of common format written assessments tailored to each subject. Please check their web site for details. Some of these are taken pre-interview and others at interview. If applying make sure you know the requirements and register as necessary.

Oxford colleges may require you to complete a test in advance or at the interview stage.



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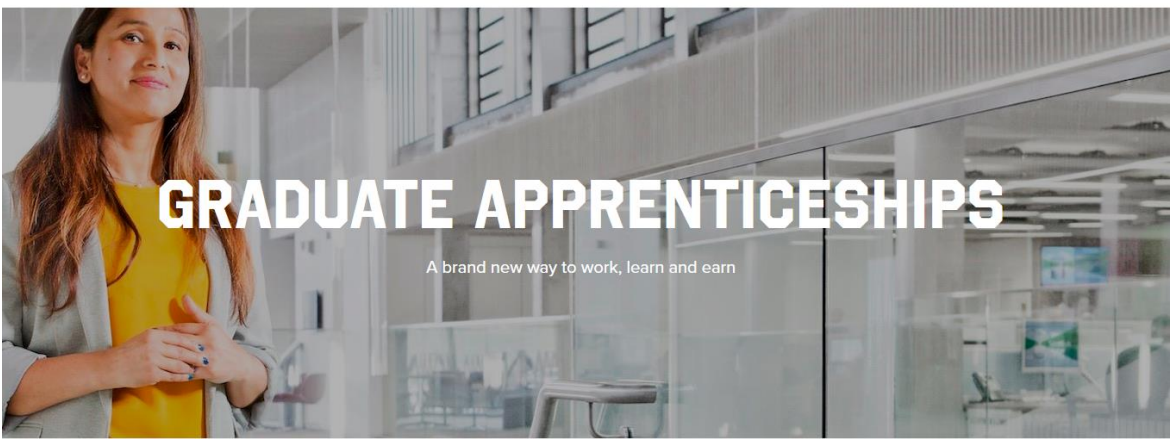
# MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

Work, learn and earn and get the skills you need.

Home > Become an apprentice > Modern Apprenticeships

**Get a job. Get paid. Get qualified.**

- ✓ There are more than 80 types of Modern Apprenticeship across hundreds of jobs, so you can find one that suits you
- ✓ You get the experience employers are looking for – from skills for work, to



# GRADUATE APPRENTICESHIPS

A brand new way to work, learn and earn

Home > Become an apprentice > Graduate Apprenticeships

## Get a job, get paid and get a degree at the same time

Did you know 72% of Scottish employers think job applicants lack technical, practical or job specific skills?

- ✓ You'll be in a paid job
  - ✓ You'll gain your qualification with a respected university or college.
- In 2018, there will be 11 courses on offer at 12 different universities and colleges.

# Questions

# Answers

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- UCAS application guides
  - Reading of UCAS / College References
  - Attendance at Open Days
  - Issuing of Chromebooks
- These are available on O365, S6 Teams page and on the school website
  - All young people applying to college or university will be assigned a referee and all references are read by the young person before being submitted to UCAS.
  - All Open Days this session are available online. The format will vary from university to university and there will be options to take part in Saturday events. Pupils need to be able to balance time missed from class with the options available from the universities.
  - These should now be issued. If your young person missed the issue date then they can collect their Chromebook from the Main Office



# Questions

- Level of competition for places at University / college for 2021 applicants
- Will the exam diet go ahead next year
- Skills Development Scotland appointments
- PSHE / Support for college and university applications

# Answers

- This is an unknown at this stage and will depend on the level of funding available from Scottish Government to institutions. Pupils are advised to check the entrance requirements for their preferred course(s).
- At this stage we are assuming that it will. SQA have yet to publish the exam timetable for next session and there is ongoing discussion with Scottish Government / SQA about options and contingency arrangements if it is not possible to run exams next session.
- Pupils can contact their Head of House to request an appointment. These appointments are taking place in school.
- This is timetabled for all S6 pupils with guidance on personal statements / links to advice from universities etc.

