

Tutorial

Summer Independent Learning

August 2026

Introduction

For Tutorial, your Summer Independent Learning (SIL) is focussed on building on the work that we have completed in Tutorial around your future pathways.

This will help you with your applications for university or jobs/apprenticeships in Y13.

You need to complete the following tasks:

Task 1 – Complete ALL sections on your UCAS Hub page

You have already registered on UCAS and made a start on all sections of the application form:

- Use the **UCAS Apply Guide for 2027 Entry** to help you with any outstanding sections. This is available on Teams.
- We ask that you do this, even if you are not thinking of applying to university, for three reasons:
 1. All the key information you add e.g. type of qualification, awarding bodies, start/finish dates will be needed for **any** application
 2. The content in a Personal Statement can easily be converted to an application letter or supporting statement for jobs/apprenticeships.
 3. Some students decide later that they do want to go to university – this then saves time and makes a late application less stressful!

You should have set up your username and password in tutorial.

As part of your UCAS Application, we submit information about any **Extenuating Circumstances** – please complete the following link to inform us of any information you think is relevant to your application: [UCAS Reference Information \(2027 Entry\) – Fill in form](#)

Task 2 - Personal Statement

Submit a first draft of your personal statement in Teams by Friday 4th September.

Use the resources we have worked on in Tutorial e.g. reflection tasks, extra-curricular checklist and Introduction to Personal Statement worksheets.

You can use the Personal Statement Builder available on the UCAS Hub to help you with your sections.

<https://www.ucas.com/applying/applying-to-university/writing-personal-statement/personal-statement-builder>

Personal Statement support:

Apprenticeship Personal Statement <https://www.bestapprenticeships.com/apprenticeship-personal-statement/#:~:text=Focus%20on%20the%20skills%20and,focus%20on%20the%20transferable%20skills>

UCAS advice <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement>

Additional Support

Competitive/Russell Group Universities Advice:

- <https://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/applicationsinterviews/studyapplication/statement/>
- <https://www.dur.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/ucas/personalstatement/>

Non-Russell Group Universities Advice:

- <https://www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/personal-statement/>
- <https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/studywithus/undergraduatestudy/howtoapply/personalstatementtips/>

Task 3 – Research

Complete ONE or BOTH of the following tasks:

UNIVERSITY

Start to research possible courses and universities you are thinking of applying for.

Create a shortlist for each one including:

- Name of University
- Course Title
- Entry requirements (including any GCSE requirements)
- What you like about the course e.g. course content, industry placements, year abroad, link to career choice, how the course is delivered
- What you like about the university e.g. distance, clubs, sport, night life, facilities, league table rankings

APPRENTICESHIPS/JOBS

Start to research possible jobs/apprenticeships you are thinking of applying for.

Create a shortlist for each one including:

- Job titles
- Entry requirements
- Starting salary and career progression routes
- Possible locations – will you need to move?
- What you like about the job/apprenticeship e.g. salary, flexibility, office based, travel opportunities
- Names of possible employers

Job profiles <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/>

Vacancies and salary information for each course <https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/courses/>

**Your Tutorial SIL will need to be uploaded to your Tutorial Teams.
It must be uploaded by Friday 4th September 2026.**