



# FEARNHILL SIXTH FORM

GROWING EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

## **PROSPECTUS 2025 - 2027**



## Welcome to **Fearnhill Sixth Form**

Fearnhill Sixth Form students are enthusiastic, determined and happy, and they leave our Sixth Form as versatile young adults eager to take their place in, and contribute to, society.

Sixth Form is a fantastic stepping stone for any student's future. Our students develop study skills and gain opportunities for personal development, within the stability of a school structure, building their confidence, resilience and aspirations.

Obtaining excellent qualifications is fundamental to Sixth Form life, but at Fearnhill this is balanced with the aim of developing essential personal qualities. Our students are involved in sport and performing arts, as well as giving back to our school and local community, which equips them with leadership skills needed for the future. This experience takes place in a nurturing and supportive environment where we guide students to be the best version of themselves, as learners and individuals.

As a member of Fearnhill Sixth Form, you will be encouraged to develop intellectual curiosity, to read around your studies and to challenge theoretical ideas. These essential study skills, alongside time management and organisation, are the qualities that lead to the success of our Fearnhill Sixth Form students.

Alongside The Highfield Sixth Form, we offer an wide range of stimulating and dynamic subjects which allows you to pursue your passions, and facilitates entry to the highest quality universities and apprenticeship schemes. We offer the Extended Project Qualification which stretches and challenges students and is a wonderful preparation for future independent study, plus Core Maths, an additional Level 3 qualification which supports the practical use of mathematics.

In Fearnhill Sixth Form you will have fun, work hard and make lifelong friendships. In joining us, you will become part of our Fearnhill Family, in which everyone settles quickly and where there is a shared desire to succeed, and to help and support others. I look forward to receiving your applications to our Sixth Form.

Mr Thomas Marlow, **Director of Sixth Form**

## Head's **welcome**

Welcome to the Fearnhill Sixth Form Prospectus. We hope it gives you the information you need as you plan your next steps after Year 11. The Sixth Form is a source of great pride here at Fearnhill; it represents the very best of our ethos and approach and we are proud of the high quality teaching and the excellent results our students achieve.

The Sixth Form experience is, of course, a time of personal growth, exploration and enrichment as well as hard work. Students at Fearnhill consistently achieve well and secure places at Russell Group universities, colleges, apprenticeships or in the workplace. What they all have in common is that they are well-rounded, confident and articulate young adults who are ready to make their contribution to society.

I know you are excited and nervous about what comes next. At Fearnhill we will support and guide you to be ambitious and achieve your very best. Whatever your plans for the future, at Fearnhill you will be known, valued and supported for who you are and what you bring. We look forward to working with you!

Tim Spencer, **Headteacher**





“Teachers make sure that all Sixth Form students are secure in their knowledge and understanding”

**OFSTED, 2022**



My time here has been incredible. The teachers have always been really supportive... their door was always open.

*Daniel, Alumnus 2024*

## Why I Chose **Fearnhill Sixth Form**

My name is Charlie, I am taking Geography, Maths and Sport at Fearnhill School where I am currently in Year 13.

I have loved coming to Fearnhill Sixth Form and I feel I have progressed so much as a person since the start of Year 12. Fearnhill has provided me with a safe, fun place to learn and progress and the teachers cannot be any better. I would wholeheartedly recommend anyone to come and join Fearnhill Sixth Form without a doubt.

What a time I have had and what a time you will have as well!

Charlie, **Year 13**



I am in Year 12, studying Criminology, Media and Health & Social Care. I've always found Fearnhill to be very supportive and welcoming.

I decided to apply to sixth form here because they offered a range of subjects that I found interesting and that I have never studied before. I like that in sixth form the classes are a lot smaller, all my 3 classes have less than 10 people in. I like this because we can get 1 to 1 support if we need extra help with parts of the work. I also enjoy the free periods we get. This allows me to get school work finished and complete assignments that are due throughout the school day, so I don't have to do them at home and I can have time to myself without having to stress about them not being completed.

Emily, **Year 12**



I chose to continue my learning at Fearnhill due to the close knit community that has been established here. It provides a more focused and specialized learning environment allowing other students to dive deeper into the subjects they are passionate about.

My own relationships with each of my teachers has enhanced my ability to perform in lessons and also my confidence to ask for help when needed.

Jaya, **Year 12**

I've just started Year 12, studying Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry. Studying at Fearnhill has been great because smaller class sizes means I receive more support from my teachers and lessons feel more personal and can be easily tailored to the classes needs.

The Sixth Form staff are really helpful and always send us information on opportunities regarding university or extracurricular activities.

Rhys, **Year 12**





I would recommend Fearnhill Sixth Form... it not only offers the very best teaching, but in addition to that, a Fearnhill Family.

*Mitchell, Year 12 Student*



## Curriculum Vision & Enrichment

Fearnhill offers a rigorous and transformational education, that delivers excellence and challenge through a curriculum determined by the students themselves, leading their own journey and being regularly held accountable for their progress.

Our vision is for all students to flourish in their learning and develop the knowledge and skills needed to progress with confidence. For many that will mean obtaining fantastic academic qualifications to access some of the best universities and careers in the world. For others it will mean developing a broader range of skills, preparing for adult life, so that they can lead full and productive lives as members of their own community.

We achieve this by providing our students with:

- A stimulating learning environment.
- An ethos in which everyone is valued, respected, motivated, supported and encouraged to strive for success.
- A high quality of teaching and learning, through a skilled, trained and dedicated staff team.
- A student-led, broad but balanced curriculum.
- Care, support and guidance through a caring and nurturing community, resulting in excellent high-quality personal development and behaviour.
- Preparation for adult life by enabling work-based opportunities.
- Where appropriate, the facility to gain the skills necessary for paid employment through work-related experiences.
- Enrichment opportunities through a comprehensive PSHE program, delivering spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils.
- Working in partnership with students, their families, professionals and local authorities, to prepare leavers for life after Fearnhill.

All students in Sixth Form have PSHE lessons which follow the national curriculum.



## Enrichment Opportunities

We encourage our students to be involved in different areas at Fearnhill.

- Peer Mentoring, Paired Reading and Paired Numeracy with KS3 students.
- GCSE tutoring.
- Workshop leading and support with primary schools.
- Leadership of whole school events such as Sports Day.
- Volunteering Days.
- Trips and visits across faculties.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver.
- Work Experience in Year 12.
- Careers Insight sessions.
- Bar Mock Trial with University of Herts.
- External speakers.
- Involvement in our wide variety of school clubs such as School Production, Football, Cooking Club, Book Club, Board Games etc.
- Wellbeing sessions every fortnight.



## Pastoral Support

Every student is allocated a form tutor, the first point of call for any concerns. The form tutor is equipped for both pastoral and academic support and meets with their tutees every morning. Students also have regular meetings with Form Tutors, the Head of Careers and the Director of Sixth Form. We also have a designated Sixth Form Coordinator who is available should any pastoral issues arise throughout the day.

Students with Special Education Needs can receive support and guidance from our SENCO, Mrs Cate Brown to help with accessibility.

Morning form time covers PSHE, discussions on current affairs, the VESPA mindset programme, personal development and study sessions. In Year 13, form tutors oversee university and apprenticeship applications.

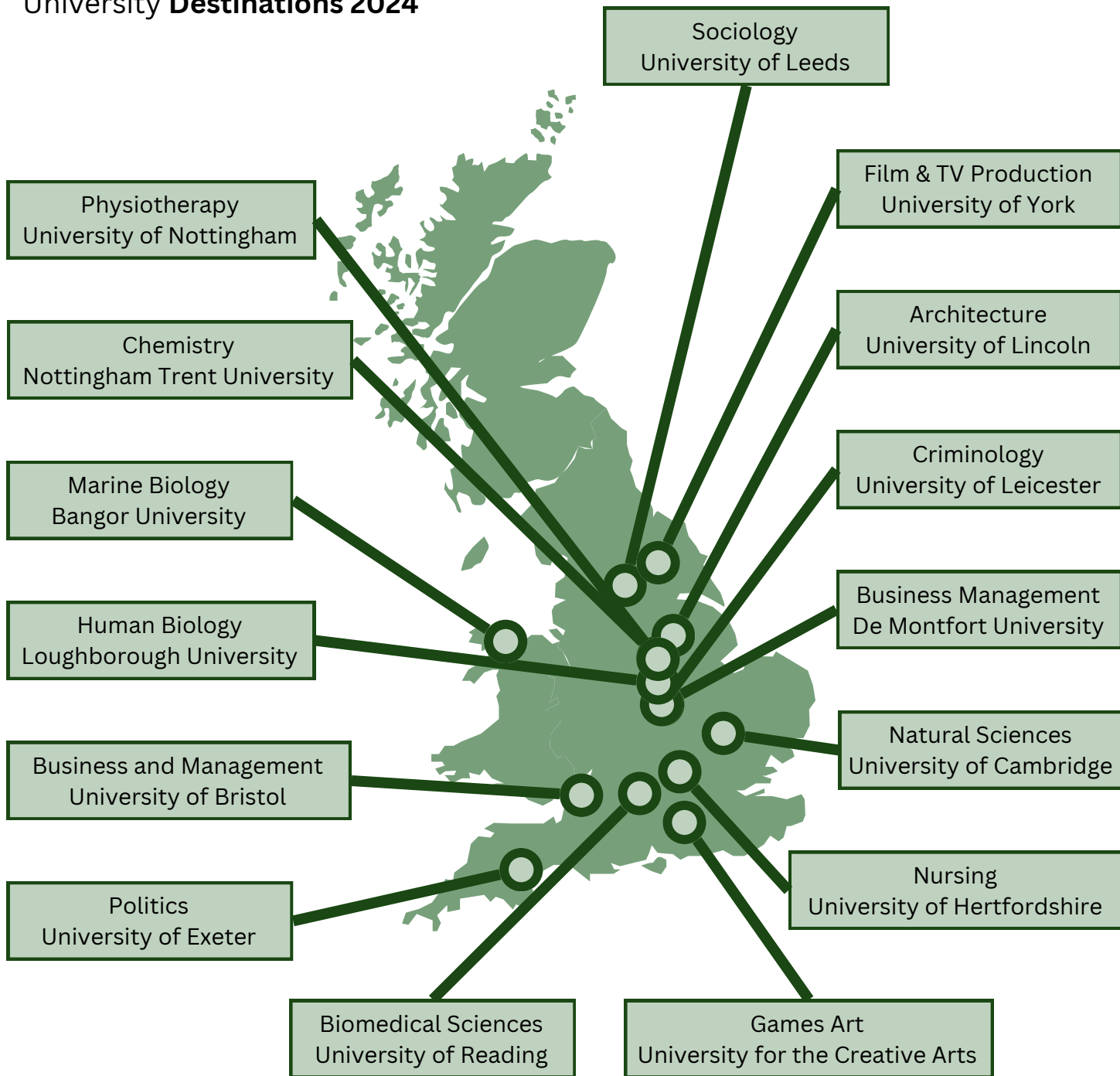
As a school, we have excellent links to local support networks, charities and groups to support our young people.



As a parent I appreciate the opportunities being offered, from DoE and mentoring programmes, to career insight sessions.

***Year 12 Parent***

# University Destinations 2024



# University, Apprenticeships, **Employment & Gap Years**

## **University**

The majority of our students in Fearnhill Sixth Form go to university after they complete their studies. Some students will study a foundation course, an additional year to gain and solidify knowledge further. Students are supported with their UCAS (University applications) in school and can use Unifrog to help them choose the right courses and universities for them. All Sixth Form students attend the UCAS Exhibition in London, an opportunity to meet with different university and apprenticeship representatives to talk about applications. Fearnhill Sixth Form work closely with the local University of Hertfordshire to deliver workshops, talks and events for our students. We also have links with the University of Cambridge and the University of East Anglia.

## **Apprenticeships**

At Fearnhill Sixth Form, we absolutely support students in applying for degree apprenticeships (Level 4-7). These allow for study alongside working for a company or organisation. These courses can take numerous years to complete and often result in full time employment as well as gaining a degree. Last year we had major success with one of our alumni gaining a degree apprenticeship in Software Development with MBDA and the University of Hertfordshire. We guide students with their applications and help prepare them for interview. Degree Apprenticeships are highly competitive, however, we encourage all students to consider them.

## **Employment & Gap Years**

We also understand that for some young people, education will end after Sixth Form. We know that some of our students will want full time work when they leave us and we support them in doing so. For one of our alumni, Level 3 qualifications opened the door for them to be a store manager for a bakery; the skills they gained from being in Fearnhill Sixth Form really held them in good stead above other applicants. Another alumnus gained a job working at Easy Jet, training to be cabin crew. Fearnhill Sixth Form supported them with applications and interview preparation. Some of our students require more time to think about the future and take a gap year (a year to work, travel, improve their skills etc).

## **Support Beyond Sixth Form**

When students choose to take a gap year, they are invited back to Fearnhill for further support and guidance meetings. We also offer one to one support when they are applying for their next steps.



The Sixth Form team are great!  
They are supportive and always  
quick to respond to any queries.  
As a parent this is so important.

***Year 13 Parent***

## External Support

Fearnhill Sixth Form uses these bursaries, networks, charities and groups to support our students even further.

**Zero Gravity** is a free online platform that propels talented pupils into top universities and careers through one-to-one mentoring, masterclasses, and a community of ambitious members. All of our students apply for this at the start of Year 12.

**The Sutton Trust** is an educational charity which aims to improve social mobility and address educational disadvantage. Students in Year 12 can apply for work experience, Summer Schools and other opportunities to support them with future applications.

**InvestIn** offers teenagers the opportunity to test drive their dream career through a range of immersive career experiences. Students gain hands-on experience alongside top industry professionals, enabling them to make the right career decisions and maximise their potential. Students can apply for these courses in Year 12 and Year 13. Fearnhill are an InvestIN partner school.

**Unifrog** is an online platform designed to help students to stretch their aspirational thinking and open their eyes to career pathways and how they can successfully get there. All students at Fearnhill School have access to Unifrog.

**The 16-19 Bursary Fund** is paid by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to Schools and Colleges so that they may provide financial help to students whose access to or completion of education might be inhibited by financial consideration. The 16-19 Bursary Fund falls into two categories: Vulnerable Student Bursary and Discretionary Student Bursary and can be worth up to £1,200 per year.

Further information and support with all of these can be obtained from the Sixth Form office.





## Choosing Your **Subjects**

**If you know what you would like to do as a career in the future, make sure you do your research and ask yourself some of the following questions:**

- What qualifications will help you in your choice of career?
- Do you know if you need specific qualifications?
- Do you need to go to University or is there an Apprenticeship route after Sixth Form?
- Is this career choice your only option or are you undecided? If so, should you broaden your selection of subjects?

### **Examples:**

- If you wish to become a lawyer, some universities and employers recommend that you study History rather than a Law degree. You could look at choosing History, English Literature and Sociology as your options, which will also work well in many other career paths if you should change your mind.
- If you wish to become a Midwife or Nurse, you will have to study for a degree at university. Subjects to choose could be Biology, BTEC Health & Social Care and Psychology.
- If you wish to become an Engineer, you could look at Physics, Maths and 3D Design.

### **When choosing your options, consider the following questions:**

- Are these my strongest subjects?
- Will I enjoy these subjects?

**Remember, you need to be researching all the different career paths and subject options you can.**

- Talk to your teachers, your tutors and your careers advisor.
- Take a look at the UCAS website, for detailed advice use the website below:

<https://www.ucas.com/discover>



## Subjects Available

### A Levels

**Art - 3D Design** - AQA

**Art - Fine Art** - AQA

**Biology** - OCR

**Business Studies** - AQA

**Chemistry** - OCR

**Computer Science** - OCR

**English Literature** - WJEC

**Further Mathematics** - Pearson Edexcel (can only be chosen as a 4th subject)

**Geography** - Pearson Edexcel

**History** - AQA

**Mathematics** - Pearson Edexcel

**Media Studies** - WJEC

**Physical Education** - AQA

**Physics** - OCR

**Psychology** - OCR

**Religious Studies** - OCR

**Spanish** - AQA

### Consortium Subjects - Highfield School

Dance

Drama/Theatre Studies

Economics

English Language

Film Studies

French

German

Graphics

Government & Politics

Health & Social Care

Law

Music

Photography

Physics

Sociology

Textiles

### BTECs & Other Qualifications

**Core Mathematics** - Level 3 Certificate - OCR  
(Can only be chosen as a 4th subject)

**Criminology** - Level 3 Applied Diploma - WJEC  
(2 year course)

**Food Science & Nutrition** - Level 3 Applied  
Diploma - WJEC (2 year course)

**Performing Arts** - Level 3 National Extended  
Certificate - Pearson Edexcel (2 year course)

**Extended Project Qualification** - AQA  
(Can only be chosen as a 4th subject)

### GCSE Re-sits English Language & Maths



For more information scan  
this QR code or [click here](#)

## Entry Criteria

Subject	Qualification	Entry Criteria
Art - 3D Design	A Level	5 in 3D Design or 5 in Art. If neither subject have been studied at GCSE, please contact Mr Tim Rayner.
Art - Fine Art	A Level	5 in Art. If you have not studied Art at GCSE, please contact Miss Rebecca Bossley.
Biology	A Level	6 in Biology, or 6,6 in Double Science and 6 in Maths.
Business Studies	A Level	5 in Business Studies. If you have not studied Business Studies at GCSE, a 5 in English, 5 in Maths and a 5 in a Humanities subject is required.
Core Mathematics	Level 3 Certificate	4 in Maths.
Chemistry	A Level	6 in Chemistry, or 6,6 in Double Science and 6 in Maths.
Computer Science	A Level	5 in Computer Science and a 5 in Maths. If Computer Science has not been studied at GCSE, please contact Mr Andrew Hipperson.
Criminology	Level 3 Applied Diploma	4 in English and 4 in a Humanities subject.
English Literature	A Level	6 in English Literature.
Extended Project Qualification	A Level	Six GCSEs at grade 6 or above.
Geography	A Level	6 in Geography, 5 in English and 5 in Maths. If you have not studied Geography at GCSE, you must have a 5 in another Humanities subject.

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History	A Level	6 in History and 5 in English. If you have not studied History at GCSE, you must have a 5 in another Humanities subject.
Food Science & Nutrition	Level 3 Applied Diploma	Level 2 Pass in Hospitality and Catering or 4 in Food Preparation and Nutrition, and 4,4 in Double Science and 4 in English.
Further Mathematics	A Level	8 in Maths.
Mathematics	A Level	6 in Maths.
Media Studies	A Level	5 in Media Studies. If you have not studied Media Studies at GCSE, you must have a 5 in English.
Performing Arts	Level 3 National Extended Certificate	4 in Music, Drama or Dance and 4 in English. If none of these subjects have been studied, please contact Mrs Hannah Landsman or Mr Mark Sheridan.
Physics	A Level	6 in Physics, or 6,6 in Double Science and 6 in Maths.
Physical Education	A Level	5 in PE or Merit in Level 2 Sport BTEC and 5,5 in Double Science.
Psychology	A Level	6 in Psychology, 5 in English & 5 in Maths. If you have not studied Psychology at GCSE, you must have a 5 in another Humanities subject.
Religious Studies	A Level	5 in Religious Studies and a 5 in English. If you have not studied RS at GCSE, you must have a 5 in another Humanities subject.
Spanish	A Level	6 in Spanish.

## How to **Apply**

Applications will open at 9am on **Thursday 28th November 2024.**

The application form can be found using this QR code:

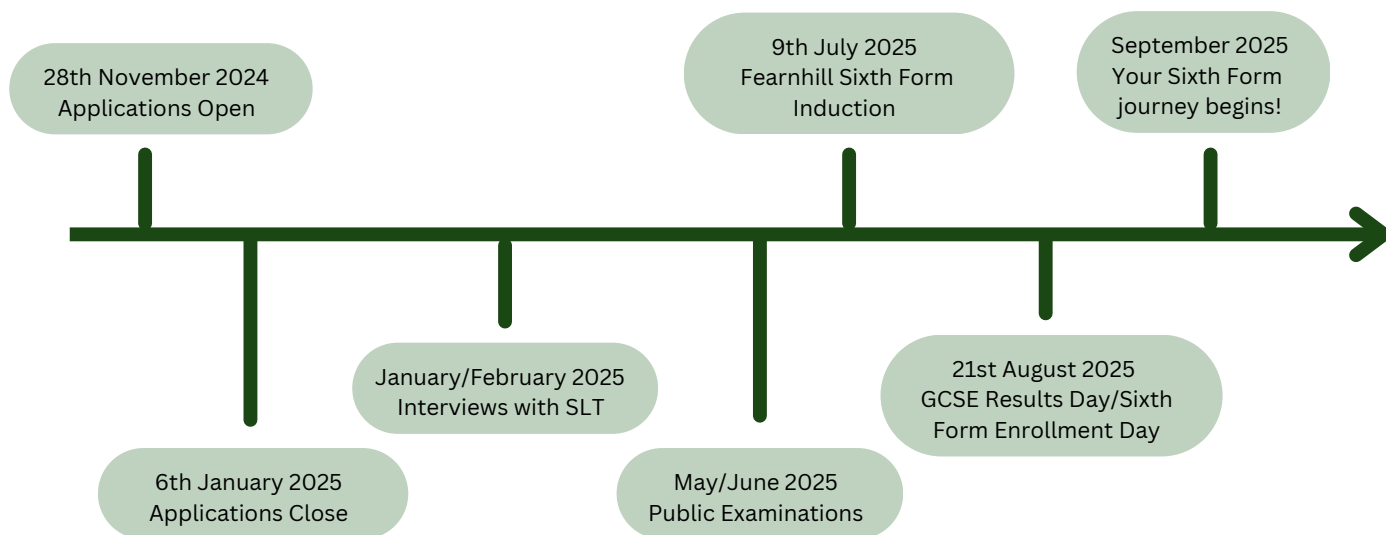
In the application, you will be asked for:

- Your name
- Your form (if you already attend Fearnhill School)
- Contact details (if you are an external applicant)
- Three subjects
- A reserve choice or a fourth subject
- Which additional subject you would consider choosing (EPQ or Core Maths).



**[Or click here](#)**

## Application **Timeline**



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