



Year 12 Post-18 Education Information Evening





What options do I have after Sixth Form?





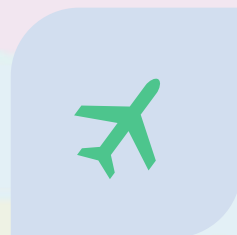
What information can you find on UCAS.com



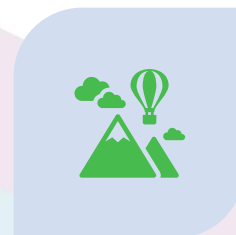
Higher education



Apprenticeships/
traineeships



Studying abroad



Gap year



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What is UCAS?



At the heart of connecting
people to higher education

'UCAS is an independent charity providing information, advice and admissions services'

UCAS does:

- provide information, advice, and support
- process applications
- **complete** fraud and verification checks
- take part in education sector engagement

UCAS doesn't:

- make decisions or offers
- set entry requirements
- advise on finance
- advise on immigration or visas for individuals



Completing the UCAS application



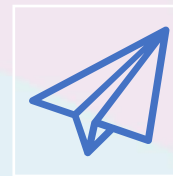
Student registers for a UCAS Hub account to carry out research and start application.



Student completes all sections of the application and sends it to their school/college.



Teacher or adviser reviews the application and adds reference and predicted grades.



Applications are sent to UCAS by the school or college on behalf of the student.



Universities and colleges make their decisions on the application.



Choosing the correct course...



- What does the course cover?
- Look carefully at the core course content, the entry requirements and the range of optional studies/modules available
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to your career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- How is the course taught – structured teaching, or more independent research?
- How is the course assessed?

UCAS TARIFF POINTS A LEVEL TABLE

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UCAS Tariff Points	A Level Grade
56	A*
48	A
40	B
32	C
24	D
16	E



BTEC Nationals: (first taught September 2016) Ucas Points



National Extended Certificate		National Diploma		National Extended Diploma	
D*	56	D*D*	112	D*D*D*	168
D	48	D*D	104	D*D*D	160
M	32	DD	96	D*DD	152
P	16	DM	80	DDD	144
		MM	64	DDM	128
		MP	48	DMM	112
		PP	32	MMM	96
				MMP	80
				MPP	64
				PPP	48



How do the KS5 team recommend you choose your University options?



Option 5 – ‘Safe/Back Up’ – This may include a course at a specific university that is **SLIGHTLY BELOW** your predicted grades.



When to apply for 2026 entry

29 April 2025: UCAS search tool displays 2024 courses.

13 May 2025: Undergraduate applications open for 2024 entry.

6 June 2025: Deadline for 1st Draft of your Personal Statement to your tutor

2 September 2025: Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS

14 January 2026: Applications for undergraduate courses to arrive at UCAS

17 October 2025: Completed Applications paid for and submitted to KS5 team for checking

15 October 2025: Applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science



Medicine/Veterinary/Dentistry??

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15th October 2025...Not much time!!!



**Please notify us this evening if this is
your chosen pathway**



Key facts – Essential for ALL Applications



- To start an application, you need a **UCAS Hub account**.
- Register for UCAS Hub at any time.
- Applying **costs** = £28.95
- Universities and colleges **can't see** your other choices when you apply.
- You **can't apply to BOTH** Oxford and Cambridge.

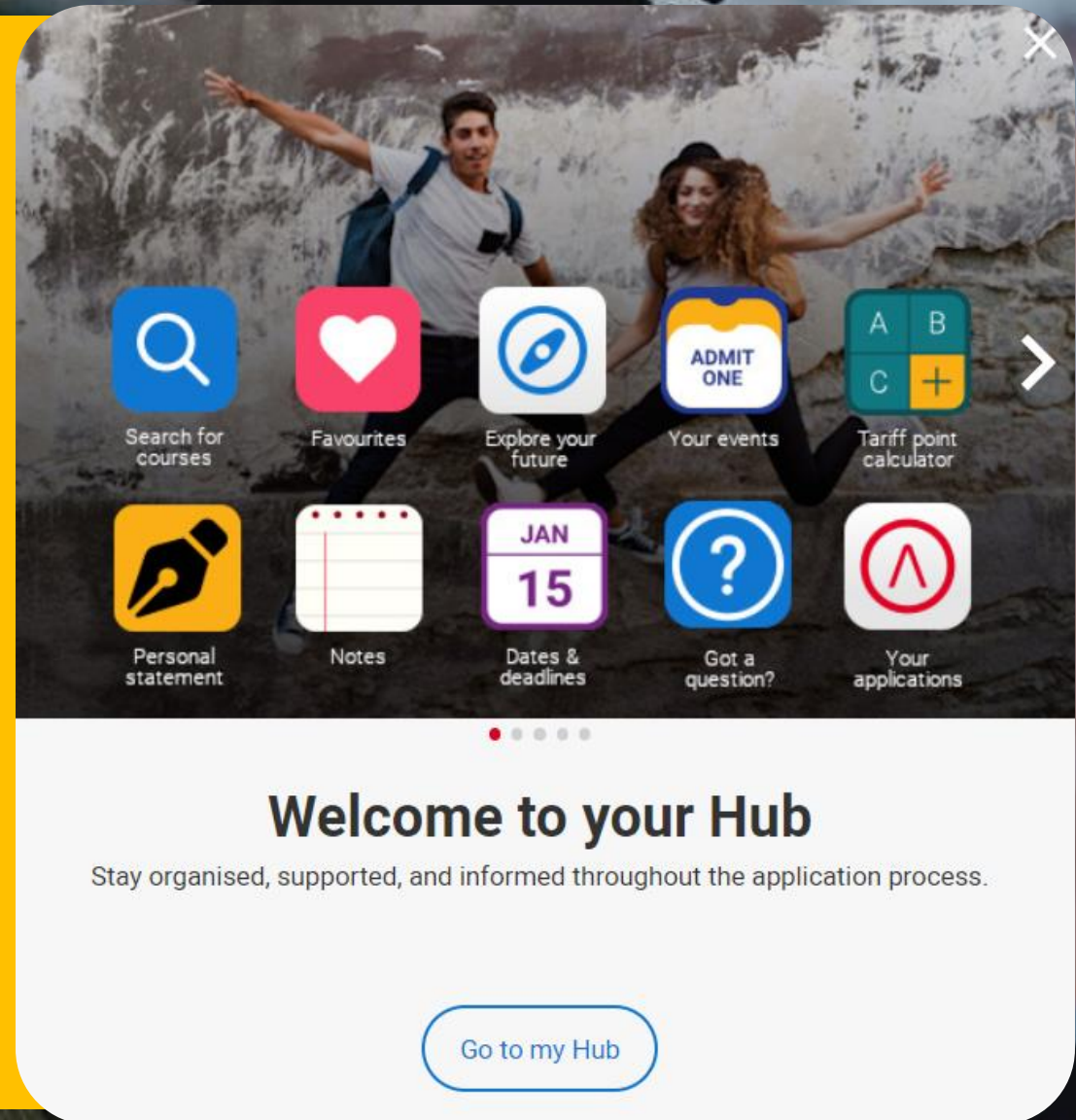
UCAS Hub

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DESIGN IT.
MAKE IT YOURS.

[UCAS.COM/HUB](https://ucas.com/hub)

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What's the 'buzzword'?

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What details will I need for my application?

Profile:

- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- Nationality details
- Supporting information
- English language skills
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion*
- More about you

* (for students with a UK home address)

The screenshot shows a 'Profile' section of an application form. It contains seven sub-sections, each with a title, a brief description, and a progress indicator:

- Personal details >** Name, age, title, and gender. Status: Section complete.
- Contact & residency details >** Address, email, telephone, and where you live. Status: Start this section.
- Nationality details >** Country and nationality details. Status: Start this section.
- Supporting information >** Status: Section in progress.
- English language skills >** Is English your first language? Status: Start this section.
- Finance & funding >** Tell us how you'll fund your study. Status: Section in progress.
- Diversity & inclusion >** Only shared with a provider once you have a place or your application is archived. Status: Start this section.
- More about you >** Tell us about any circumstances that you might need support for during your studies. Status: Start this section.



What details will I need for my application? (cont...)

Experiences:

- Education
- Employment
- Extra activities*

Personal statement

- Reference**
- Add choices – up to five

The screenshot displays a dark-themed application form interface. It is divided into two main sections: 'Experience' and 'Personal Statement'. Under 'Experience', there are three sub-sections: 'Education >' (with a description 'Your qualifications and periods of study' and a status 'Section in progress'), 'Employment >' (with a description 'Employment, paid or unpaid, or volunteer work' and a status 'Section complete'), and 'Extra activities >' (with a description 'Activities you have attended in preparation for higher education' and a status 'Start this section'). Under 'Personal Statement', there is one sub-section 'Personal statement >' (with a description 'Why do you want to study this subject?' and a status 'Start this section'). Each sub-section has a colored bar at the bottom indicating its status: blue for 'in progress', green for 'complete', and white for 'start this section'.



Who can I go to for Support?

Your Tutor is always there to support you, and you will also have a KS5 team member as your UCAS advisor once you have completed your Application, including your personal statement:

- 12 RST – Mr Rowlinson
- 12HHS – Mr Rowlinson
- 12JKI – Mrs Smith
- 12ABU – Mrs Smith
- 12ATH (BR) – Miss Cutting
- 12JGL – Miss Cutting
- 12AS – Mr Self





A student opinion

Year 13 students have now all completed the process. Should you wish to speak to a student on how they found this process, please feel free to speak to a member of our Year 13 Student body at the end of the presentation.







The Personal Statement




 The only section students have full control over

 Students only chance to market themselves individually

 The same statement for all choices

 A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines

 A minimum of 1,000 characters

 There isn't a spelling or grammar check

 No formatting is allowed

UCAS' similarity detection service: every personal statement is run through software to check for plagiarism.



The Three Sections

The same basic format applies to apprenticeship applications



“ Why do you want to study this course or subject? ”



“ How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject? ”



“ What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful? ”



Work Experience

- Work experience is a fantastic way of strengthening the 3rd section of your statement – whether with direct related experiences, or by demonstrating core transferrable skills.
- Our WEX week: 23rd – 27th June – compulsory to organise your own placement.
- Must be logged on Unifrog under ‘Placements’.

**Don't just email –
phone and visit in
person if possible**



Strengthen Your Profile

- Engage in activities related to the course you want to study, or that develop core skills.
- Helps you overcome slightly weaker grades
- Universities - especially Russell Group universities - look at this kind of engagement to evaluate your suitability.
- Make use of Unifrog subject libraries to see recommendations for what you can be doing!



- + Recommendations: Read
- + Recommendations: Watch
- + Recommendations: Listen



Using Unifrog



Careers library

✓ Careers favourited



UK personal statement

✗ Subject added



Subjects library

✓ Subjects favourited



UK universities



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




**Use the Universities
tool to search for the
right courses based on
your grades**







Aspirational (38)

 **Greek/History - 5FT MA (Hons)**
 University of Glasgow
 RG Requirement: Not given. Check their site (Avg UCAS points 199)

 **History and Ancient History - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 University of Liverpool
 RG A Level: A,B,B
 Extended Project (stand alone): A
 UCAS Points: 128



 **History - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 Loughborough University
 TT A Level: A,B,B
 UCAS Points: 128



 **History (with placement year) - 4SW BA (Hons)**
 Loughborough University
 TT A Level: A,B,B
 UCAS Points: 128



 **History with a Year Abroad - 4FT + Abroad BA (Hons)**
 Queen Mary University of London
 RG A Level: A,B,B
 UCAS Points: 128



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
A Level: B,B,B
 UCAS Points: 120

 **History and Heritage (Including Year Abroad) - 4FT BA (Hons)**
 University of Essex
 A Level: B,B,B
 UCAS Points: 120


 **History and Heritage - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 University of Essex
 A Level: B,B,B
 UCAS Points: 120



 **History and Heritage (Including Placement Year) - 4FT SW BA (Hons)**
 University of Essex
 A Level: B,B,B
 UCAS Points: 120



 **MHist History (Integrated Masters) - 4FT MHist**
 University of Essex
 A Level: B,B,B-A,B,B
 UCAS Points: 120-128

 **MHist History (integrated masters) including placement year - 5FT SW MHist**
 University of Essex



Safe (101)

 Manchester Metropolitan University
 A Level: B,C,C-B,B,C
 UCAS Points: 104-112

 **History - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 University of Chester
 A Level: B,C,C-B,B,C
 UCAS Points: 104-112

 **History - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 University of Chichester
 A Level: B,C,C-B,B,B
 UCAS Points: 104-120

 **Medieval and Early Modern History - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 Bangor University
 UCAS Points: 104-128

 **Modern and Contemporary History - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 Bangor University
 UCAS Points: 104-128

 **History - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 Bangor University
 UCAS Points: 104-128

 **History - 3FT BA (Hons)**
 Bath Spa University



Contextual Offers

Universities, and some apprenticeship providers, have contextual offers. These fall into 3 key categories:

You completed an Access Programme with the university

Something serious impacted your sixth form education

**You meet a Widening Access criteria:
via postcode / child in care / first generation etc**



How can you support your child?

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Research

UCAS website at www.ucas.com/parents.

Use Unifrog to find courses and relevant information

Explore university course pages

Talk

Talk to your child about their pathway choices – help them, and ask the things they won't think of!

Open days

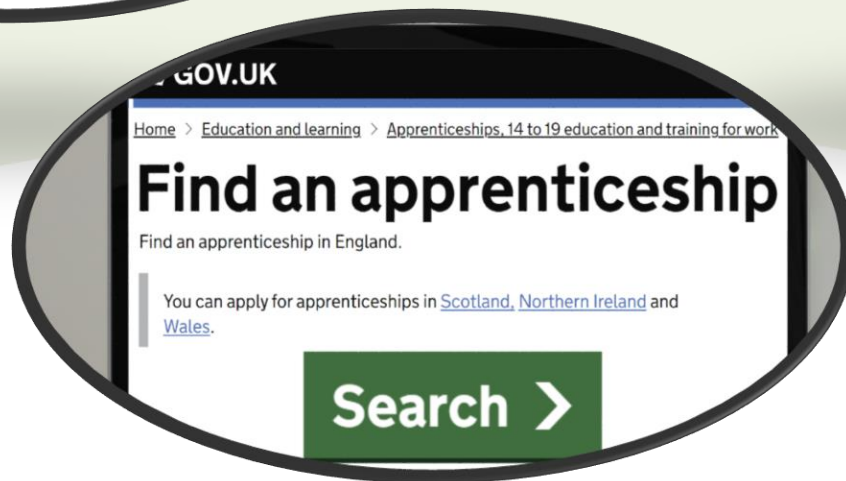
Attend open days – you may have a different perspective.

Be proactive

Make sure your child reads everything that is sent to them and don't book holidays at key times!



How do I find an apprenticeship?





What is and Why choose an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid job which offers hands-on work experience alongside off-the-job training.

- Earn while you learn.
- Gain practical and relevant work experience.
- Boost career prospects by having hands on 'field' experience.
- Earn sector specific qualifications.
- Avoid student debt.
- Some levels carry UCAS Points.





Different Levels of Apprenticeship

THERE ARE FOUR LEVELS OF APPRENTISHIPS >>

INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED	HIGHER	DEGREE
LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVELS 4,5,6&7	LEVEL 6,7
Equivalent to 5 GCSE's grade A* - C/4	Equivalent to 2 A'Levels	Equivalent to a Foundation Degree or above	Equivalent to Bachelor's/ Masters Degree

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BEST 100 APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYERS

2024 - 2025





Gap Year



An opportunity to have a break from studying. There are many opportunities of things that you can do during a gap year e.g. volunteering, traveling or gaining valuable work experience.



You could gain age and maturity, if you don't feel ready for university yet. For some pathways, it may be an advantage to be slightly older and have some life experience.



You could earn and save money towards future costs of higher education or future plans.



A productive gap year can be valuable on your CV.



Employment

- Do you already have a part-time job?
- Management schemes within businesses?
- Connections with employers?



Employment could also lead to future apprenticeships/degree opportunities.



University and Apprenticeship Search Fair – Wednesday 30th April



First Come First Served Trip.

The letter will need to be returned to the KS5 office and payment made via parent pay.

Please collect a letter before leaving this evening.



End of Year Exams 2025

- End of Year Exams are shortly after the Easter break, so you need to be preparing now!
- These exams are used to evaluate your progress so far:
 - They provide you with an overview of your strengths and areas to focus on.
 - We will use these to review your progression into year 13.
 - These form the basis of your predicted grades!





Thank you

