

Year 13 Welcome evening

- Apprenticeships
 - UCAS
- Success in Year 13

Ambition



Kindness



Respect



Resilience



Broad
Mindedness



Independence



Welcome

A few new faces:

Mr Milne- Director of Sixth Form

Miss Winter- Assistant Head of Sixth Form and Head of Year 13

Mrs Du Toit- Assistant Head of Sixth Form and Head of Year 12

Mrs Barry- Sixth Form Manager (pbarry@hrs.education)

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The final ~~year~~ 2 ½ terms of school



Easter



Christmas, followed by mocks



Applications for universities and apprenticeships



One year from now NO REGRETS



- Celebrating grades
- University, employment, apprenticeships
- Kind, healthy, ambitious, knowledgeable, curious, enterprising, resilient, productive, responsible & reflective

The Year Ahead

Key Dates:

- November 15th Internal Deadline for UCAS applications to be completed
- January 29th, Equal Opportunities application deadline for UCAS (external deadline)
- Mock exams: in class subject mocks w/c 14th October, in hall mocks exams w/c 20th January
- Settling in check published end September
- Progress Report 1 published 18/11 (to feed into UCAS references)
- Final Report published 3/3
- BTEC and Coursework deadlines are ALL before the end of April at the absolute latest, internal coursework deadlines MUST be adhered to otherwise there is a risk to grades.
- EPQ Deadlines are before the Easter Holidays
- Thursday 8th May- Year 13 Prom (provisional date)
- **Summer exam period: Monday 12th May- Wednesday 25th June**

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A couple of Key points:

- **Attendance-** All lessons, tutorials and sessions
- **Behaviour Policy-** 3 stage process, please refer to behaviour policy on the school website
- **Rights to additional freedoms-** We will review after each progress check, please support us with this
- **Mobile Phones and Headphones-** New Govt guidelines, so increased expectations in the main school building
- **Silent study attendance-** Is monitored and closely correlated with success.

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| Attendance over 95% | Students are significantly more likely to meet or exceed their target grades and therefore be able to access the university, apprenticeship or employment route of their choice |
| Attendance between 92-95% | Students who miss nearly 10% of their learning time are more likely to underachieve and therefore may or may not be able to access the university, apprenticeship or employment route of their choice. |
| Below 92% | Nationally, students in this category are very unlikely to meet their target grades as they have missed a significant amount of learning and contact with teachers. This can have a significant impact on their ability to progress on their chosen route. |

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Students NEVER don't have work to do!

- Independent Work
 - Coursework
 - Extra Reading
 - Revision

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What is UCAS?

UCAS is an **independent charity** providing information, advice and admissions services. We're there to help people **discover** what their next step might be.

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

Discover options



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



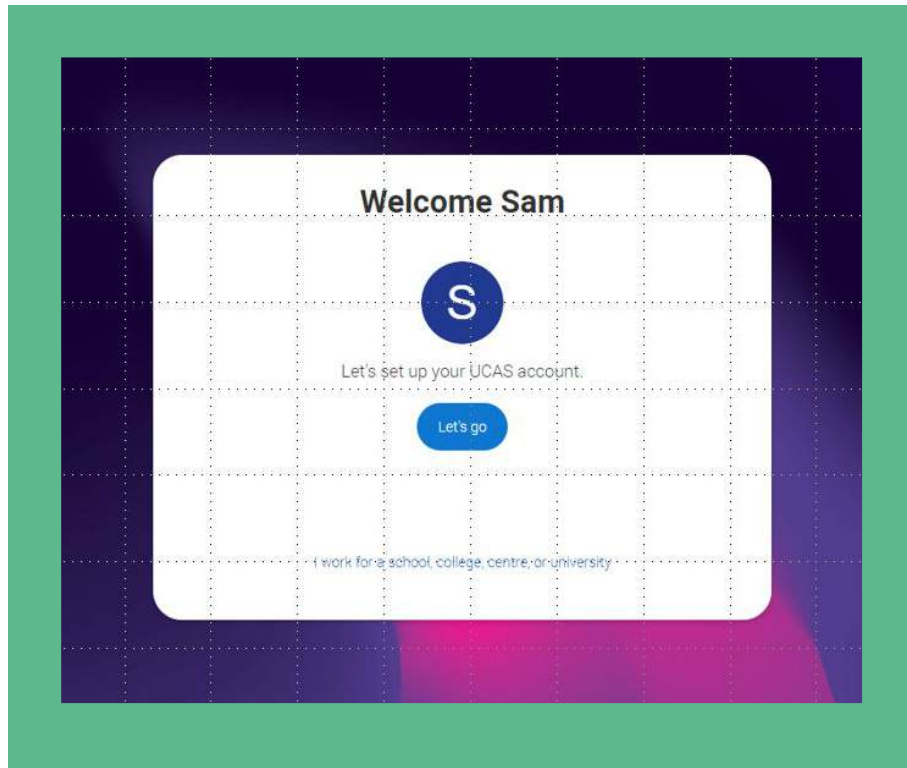
GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand all your options and make the right choices for you: ucas.com/hub

Discover options

Register with the UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, places, and apprenticeships in one place
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for open days, events and virtual tours
- turn predicted grades into UCAS Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)
- try before you apply with [Subject Spotlights](#) from Springpod.
- take the [UCAS Quiz](#) to find career matches
- start your application



Your next steps

[Open legacy to do list](#)

DISCOVER WHAT TO DO

Browse subjects and careers with related courses and apprenticeships.

[Discover more](#)



FAQS

What subject should I take?

Read our subject guides to see what might be right for you.

HOW TO

How to apply

All you need to know about applying to university, college or an apprenticeship.



DISCOVER CAREERS

Try our quiz and get recommended careers that match your skills and personality traits.

Take the quiz



FAQS

Key application dates

Find out what you need to do and when.

HOW TO

How to nail that personal statement

Writing a personal statement can be daunting. Follow our tips and advice to help make it easier.

DISCOVER WHERE TO GO

Browse universities, colleges and employers and learn more about cities and regions in the UK.

[Find out more](#)



What's happening

Replying to your offers - your questions answered

Getting ready to reply to your offers? We've got all your questions answered.

[More info](#)



Chat to students

Chat with UK and international students who are already studying the courses you've applied for at universities and colleges across the UK, on Unibuddy.

[More info](#)



University course tasters

Experience what a university course would be like with Springfield's Subject Spotlights. These interactive, virtual university course tasters feature real-life lectures, seminars, and academics.

[More info](#)



Live now: Studying in the UK

There's a lot to consider when moving to a new country. We explore accommodation, visas, scholarships and everything in between.

[More info](#)



Discover pathways

- **Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) and Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE):** first and second year of a degree course.
- **Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND):** HNC is a one-year industry specific course, and the HND is a two-year industry specific course.
- **Higher apprenticeships:** provide an opportunity to gain Level 4 qualifications or above, e.g. HND, or foundation degree while you work. Can take from one to five years to complete, depending on the course level.
- **Foundation degree:** flexible vocational qualification, combining both academic study and workplace learning. It usually takes two years to complete.
- **Bachelor's or undergraduate degree:** a three to four-year course which can also be available as a part-time option, allowing you to study and work.
- **Degree apprenticeships:** enable you to gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course.

Discover pathways **Side by side**

You can see apprenticeship opportunities alongside undergraduate courses.

The UCAS Hub enables you to explore all your options and build your profile in one place.



Dental Nurse Apprentice

MR DEVANAND ISUKAPATLA

📍 South Shields

Apprenticeship level

England - Advanced

Apprenticeship - Level 3

Industry

Medicine, dentistry and

nursing

Start date

30/10/2023

Duration

18 Months

Date posted

06/03/2023

Closing date

29/10/2023

Salary

£10,982.40



AAT Apprenticeship - Audit, Accounts and Tax (March 2024)

MOORE KINGSTON SMITH GROUP SERVICES LIMITED

📍 LONDON

Apprenticeship level

England - Higher

Apprenticeship - Level 4

Industry

Accounting and Finance

Start date

04/03/2024

Duration

2 Years

Date posted

05/07/2023

Closing date

30/10/2023

Salary

£25,000.00

Is it **right** for you?

There's things to consider with your next step

- something you enjoy – you're investing time and effort
- whether it's right for your career path – check with employers and professional organisations
- location – city or rural, transport links
- a study and assessment style that suits you
- environment including extracurricular, clubs, and societies
- finances

Build your profile. Favourite as you go.

Browse by

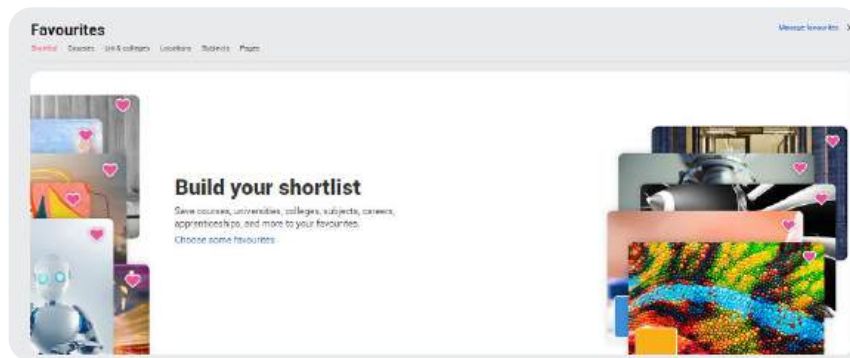


Explore your future

What to do? Where to go? **Discover** all the options with our subject, industry, and career guides. **Explore** city, employer and accommodation information. **Compare** apprenticeships and course opportunities for you.

Build your shortlist

Save for courses, universities, colleges, subjects, apprenticeships and more! Use to shortlist your top 5 choices, manage, keep those favourite information pages to hand.



Subject Spotlights

Learn from some of the UK's finest academics as they give you a genuine, insightful, and engaging experience of studying their courses at their universities.

- On-demand interactive video **experiences**
- Have a go at **interactive quizzes** and **activities**
- Get **feedback** on how you've done.
- **Try** university degrees before you apply.
- **Certificate** of completion

Explore more Springpod [Subject Spotlights](#).

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More info



Chat to students



A peer-to-peer chat facility hosted on ucas.com powered by Unibuddy.



An opportunity to connect with current students, ask questions and learn about their experiences



Over 4,900 active ambassadors, with unlimited chats available

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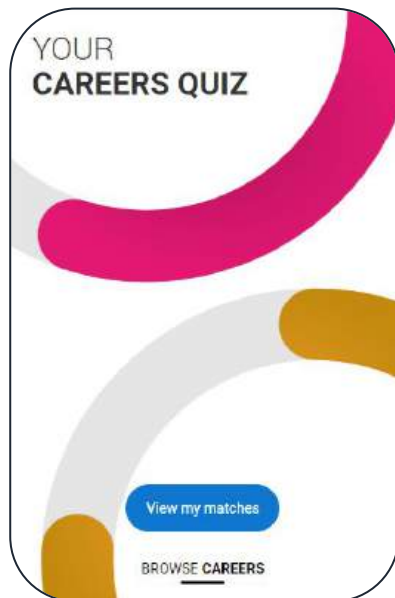


Personalised tools to help

UCAS Quiz

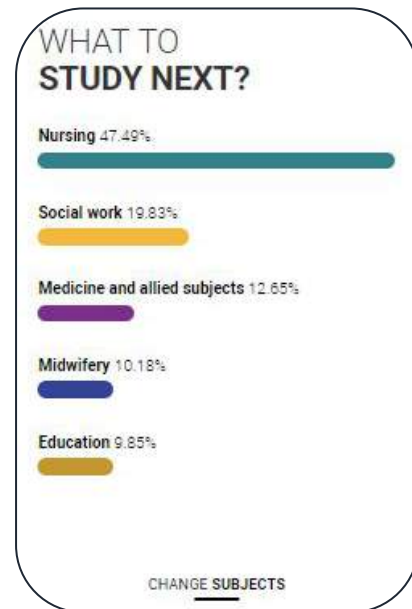
Find job and career ideas matched to your personality.

Plus a list of courses previous students studied in order to get there.



What to study next?

Broaden your horizons by exploring another subject area, that student's who did your qualification went on to study.

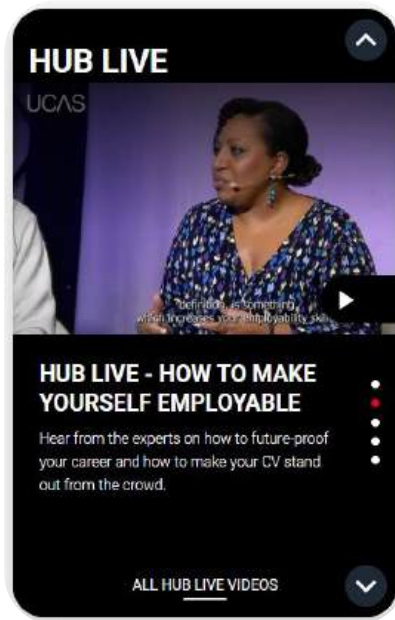


Advice and events

Hub lives

Watch expert interviews on demand.

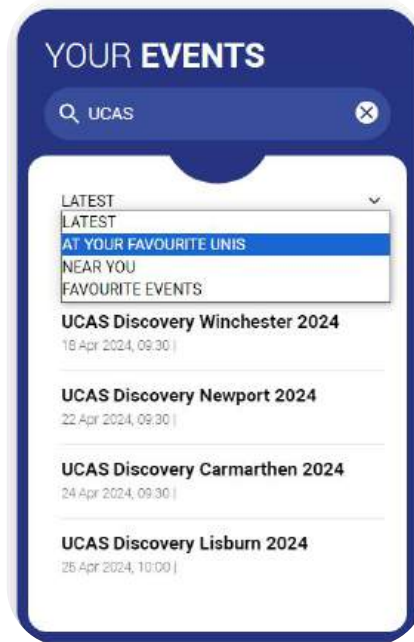
Make an informed decision about the right path for you. University, apprenticeships or the world of work.



Your events

Filter to explore events, open days and tours to suit your needs.

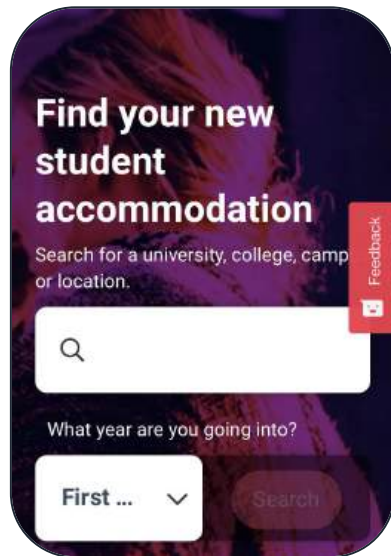
Register straight from the Hub for our UCAS Discovery events, with exciting new zones covering all pathways.



What else do you need?

Accommodation

High on the list when considering where to study, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Understand what options there are using our [accommodation search](#).

A screenshot of a mobile app interface for finding student accommodation. The background is dark purple with a faint image of a person. The text 'Find your new student accommodation' is in white. Below it, a smaller line of text says 'Search for a university, college, camp or location.' There is a white search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, it asks 'What year are you going into?' with a dropdown menu showing 'First ...' and a 'Search' button. A red 'Feedback' button is on the right side.

Personal Statement Builder

Designed to help you think about what to include, and how to lay it all out. It counts how many characters you've used, so it's easy to see when you're close to the 4,000 character limit.

A screenshot of a mobile app interface for the Personal Statement Builder. The background is yellow. At the top, it says 'PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER' in black. Below that, it says '4000 characters of 4000 remaining'. There is a large black pen nib icon. Below the icon, there is a blue button that says 'View personal statement guides'. At the bottom, it says 'CONTINUE WRITING' with a small red underline.

30
APR

30 Apr 2024

Courses starting in 2025 are available in the UCAS search tool.

14
MAY

14 May 2024

UCAS Undergraduate application live for 2025 entry registration. Your child can start their application but cannot submit it to UCAS until September.

10
JUL

10 Jul 2024

UCAS Conservatoires applications open for 2025 entry. Applicants can register, pay, and submit their applications to UCAS.

03
SEP

3 Sep 2024

Completed UCAS Undergraduate applications can be sent to UCAS. All sections must be complete, the reference added, and the application fee paid.

02
OCT

2 October 2024 18:00 (UK time)

Application deadline for conservatoire music applications. Applications for dance, drama, and musical theatre courses may have a different deadline – check conservatoires' websites for information.

29
JAN

29 January 2025 18:00 (UK time)

Deadline for most undergraduate courses and most conservatoire undergraduate dance, drama, or musical theatre courses. Applications can be sent after this, but providers cannot guarantee they'll give it equal consideration.

26
FEB

26 February 2025

Extra opens. If your child has used all five choices and is not holding an offer, they can add another choice using Extra.

30
JUN

30 June 2025 18:00 (UK time)

Last date for receipt of applications with choices. Applications received after this deadline are automatically entered into Clearing.

04
JUL

4 Jul 2025

Extra closes.

05
JUL

5 Jul 2025

Clearing opens and vacancies are shown in the UCAS search tool.

UCAS Key dates

Apprenticeships

What are
apprenticeships?

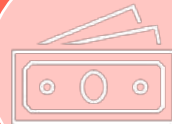
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Study



Job



Wage*

The A – Z of apprenticeships

There are **over 600** possible apprenticeship 'standards' (training programmes) which exist. It's probably easier to name an industry that doesn't have an apprenticeship then to list all that do. Here are just a few ...

- Accounting and Taxation
- Architect
- Boat Builder
- Building Surveyors
- Civil Engineer
- Cyber Security Technician
- Data Analyst
- Doctor (from 2023)
- Early Years
- Ecologist
- Farrier
- Food Technologist
- Game Programmer
- Geospatial mapping
- Harbour Master
- Historic Environment Adviser
- Internal audit professional
- Intelligence analyst
- Journalist
- Junior 2D artist (visual effects)
- Knitted product manufacturing
- Laboratory scientist
- Licensed conveyor
- Midwife
- Marketing Manager
- Nuclear Scientist and Engineer
- Nursing
- Operational firefighter
- Orthodontic therapist
- Paralegal
- Physiotherapist
- Quality practitioner
- Rail engineer
- Research scientist
- Social worker
- Software Developer
- Teacher
- Town planning assistant
- Utilities engineering
- Veterinary nurse
- Vehicle damage assessor
- Water process technician
- Workplace pensions consultant
- Youth worker

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#

What am I doing now?

For example, in England, Northern Ireland and Wales:



GCSE grade 9-4 is a
Level 2 qualification



A level or T level is a
Level 3 qualification

Did you know?

An apprenticeship offering a degree may also be called a Level 6 or Higher Apprenticeship

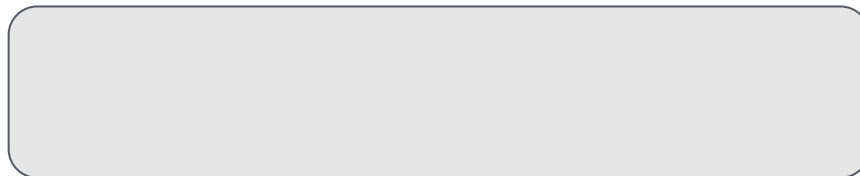
Apprenticeships work in levels too!



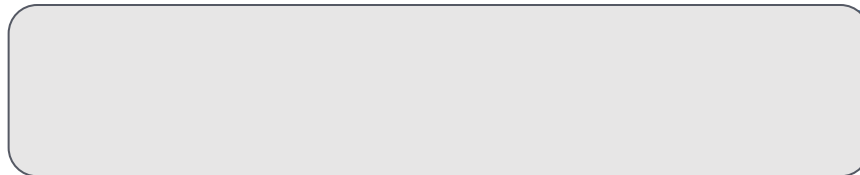
In England:

| Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4-7 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Intermediate Apprenticeship | Advanced Apprenticeship | Higher Apprenticeship |

In Wales:



In Northern Ireland:



Who can start an Apprenticeship?




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- Anyone 16 and over
- Anyone not in full time education*
- Apprenticeships in Scotland, Wales or England require you to be living in the same country as the apprenticeship
- Apprenticeships in Northern Ireland require you:
 - be employed or be about to take up paid employment in Northern Ireland
 - be working a minimum of 21 hours per week on a permanent contract

* a foundation apprenticeship in Scotland is typically taken alongside Scottish Higher and National 5s

Your pathways Side by side

When you register on ucas.com, you can sign up to be linked to relevant apprenticeship opportunities that match your profile.



Looking for Apprenticeships?

We can match you to potential employers! Sign up for Smart Alerts to receive apprenticeship opportunities directly in your inbox.

[Go to Smart Alerts](#)

6 steps to follow

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— Step 1 ————— Step 2 ————— Step 3 ————— Step 4 ————— Step 5 ————— Step 6 ►

Register on
UCAS Hub

Option to sign up to receive
alerts on opportunities that
match your profile

Explore subjects, courses,
industries, job roles

Build your
profile

Search
for vacancies

Make an
application

Search...



How can I apply?

- Applications are made directly through the company or the education provider.
- There is no limit on the number of applications you can make.
- The application process might vary across vacancies, you could be asked for:
 - CV and Covering Letter
 - Application Form
 - In App/Site application
- You can apply for universities and apprenticeships at the same time!



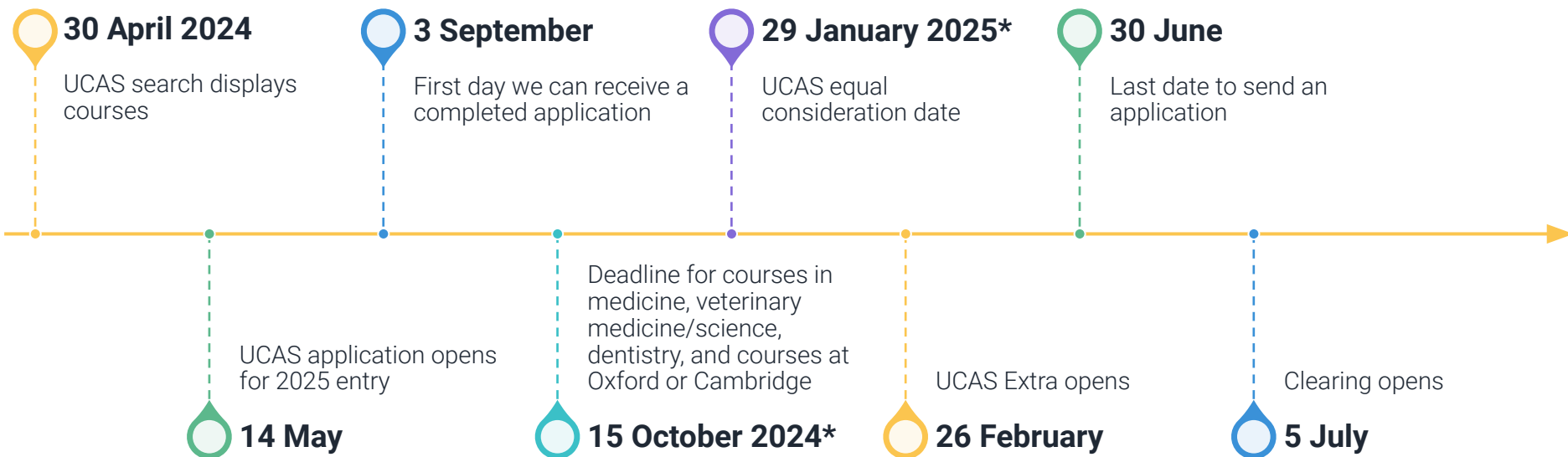
UCAS Applications

How to apply

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When to apply **2025 entry**



* 18.00 UK time

Key facts



Start your application from
14 May 2024



Universities and colleges **can't see** your other choices when you apply.



Apply by the **equal consideration date**.



Five choices, unless applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's **four choices**.



You **can't apply to both** Oxford and Cambridge.



Applying costs **£28.50**.

Choosing the right **place** for you

- **Style** – from traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities/colleges, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are in large cities, others in small towns, by the coast or in the countryside – it's all a major influence on the environment and lifestyle.
- **Size** – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics; it can be useful to find out what jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between universities and colleges; check if there are scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

Choosing the right **course** for you

- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different.
- Look carefully at the core course content, 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 many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?
- How is the course assessed?

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.



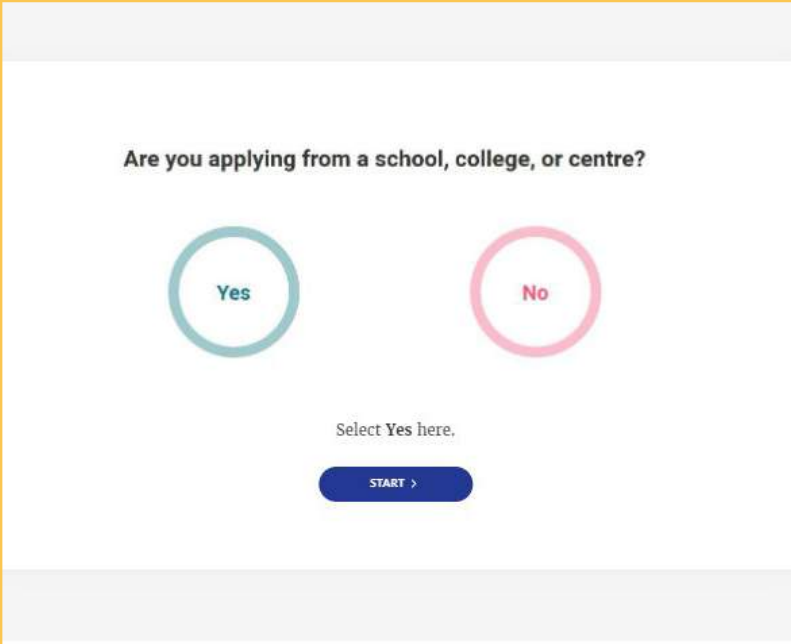
Applications are sent to UCAS by the school or college on behalf of the student.



Universities and colleges make their decisions on the application.

Linking to a centre

- If you're applying with the help of a school, college or centre you should enter their 'buzzword' to link your application to them. **Helena25**
- The buzzword is a unique code set by your school, college or centre.
- By linking your application you're giving your school, college or centre permission to view and track your application.
- It also means they'll provide you with a reference and send your application to UCAS on your behalf.



The screenshot shows a web interface for linking an application to a school or college. It features a yellow border and a white background. At the top, the text 'Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?' is displayed. Below this, there are two circular buttons: a teal one labeled 'Yes' and a pink one labeled 'No'. Underneath the buttons, the text 'Select Yes here.' is shown, followed by a blue button with the text 'START >'.

- * (for students with a UK home address)

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| <h3>Personal details</h3> <p>Name, age, title and gender</p> <p>Start this section</p> | <h3>Nationality details</h3> <p>Birthplace and nationalities</p> <p>Start this section</p> | <h3>Where you live</h3> <p>Tell us about your address history</p> <p>Section in progress</p> |
| <h3>Contact details</h3> <p>Address, email, and telephone</p> <p>Section in progress</p> | <h3>Supporting information</h3> <p>So that providers know how to support you during your studies</p> <p>Start this section</p> | <h3>Finance & funding</h3> <p>Tell us how you'll fund your study</p> <p>Start this section</p> |
| <h3>Diversity & inclusion</h3> <p>Additional equality information</p> <p>Start this section</p> | <h3>More about you</h3> <p>Tell us about any circumstances that you might need support for during your studies</p> <p>Start this section</p> | |

Your experiences

- Education
- Employment
- Extra activities*
- Personal statement
- Reference**

*(for students with a UK home address)

** (not visible if linked to your school/college)

Experience

| | | |
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| Education Qualifications and periods of study 🕒 Section in progress | Employment Paid employment ✓ Section complete | Extra activities Taken part in any activities to prepare you for higher education? Start this section |
|--|--|--|

Your personal statement

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|---|
| Personal statement Why do you want to study this subject? Start this section |
|---|

The personal statement



The only section you have full control over



Your only chance to market yourself as an individual



The same for all of your 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 allowed

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

Start early

Include:

- academic achievements, past and present
- interest in the course area
- knowledge of the subject area
- enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus
- details of independent study skills



Consider...

Universities and colleges will consider:

- Have you chosen the course for the right reasons?
- Can you achieve in a new learning environment?
- Do you have a range of interests and aptitudes?
- Do you have a depth of interest in the subject?
- Have you studied independently?
- Do you appear motivated and committed?
- Do you have good numeracy and literacy skills?



Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition

Tracking your application



Waiting for decisions

Universities or colleges are considering your application.

Providers have until dd-mm-yyyy to respond to your choices.



All decisions received

You've received a decision from all of your choices. You can now reply to your offers at any time.

Reply by dd-mm-yyyy



Waiting for confirmation

You're waiting for confirmation of your choices. If you meet the offer conditions, the university/college will confirm your place. Send them your results if requested.

Follow your application 24/7:

- see your choices
- keep contact information up to date
- view and reply to your offers

You'll receive one of three decisions from your choices:

- unconditional offer
- conditional offer
- Unsuccessful

Replies to offers

Once you have decisions on all your choices, you can choose two:

- One as a 'firm' acceptance – your first choice.
- The other as an 'insurance' acceptance. This acts as a back-up if you do not get into your 'firm' choice.

Any remaining offers must be declined.

Once all your decisions and replies have been made, if you are not holding an offer, you may be able to use Extra or Clearing to find available places.



Other options

Extra (26 Feb – 4 Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time.

Clearing (5 Jul – Oct)

- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
- Find vacancies from 5 July and add a Clearing choice to your application.



Next steps

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What can students be doing?

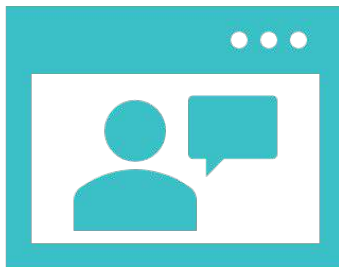
- research, research, research
- attend open days and events
- extracurricular and super curricular activities
- work experience
- volunteering
- independent learning outside the curriculum
- focus on this year's studies



Keeping you informed



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Read UCAS [guides](#) just for
parents and carers

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Student Finance: A Complete Guide for Parents

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As a parent or supporter, do you also need to apply for student finance? When is the deadline? And what documents need to be supplied?

It's no secret, finance and funding are a confusing part of the journey to university.

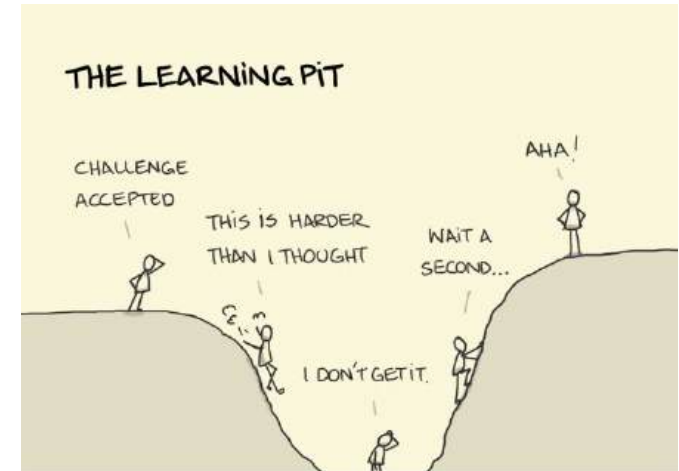
Please click [HERE](#) for a comprehensive presentation from the University of Portsmouth. Explore all the funding available, including tuition and maintenance loans, how to apply and the documents you need to provide to support your child's application.

[5 Student Finance Essentials You Need to Know With Martin Lewis](#)

[Student Finance explained 24/25](#)

Please do visit the site to see a guide we have put together to help you revise. This guide covers strategies such as:

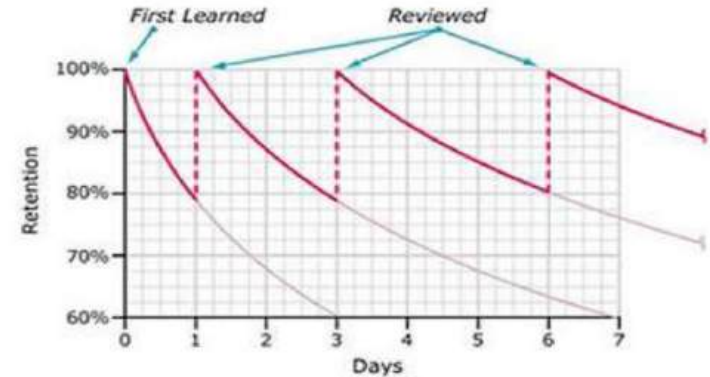
- Revising with colour
- Mind maps
- Flashcards
- Post it notes
- Memrise
- Creating a revision timetable
- Understanding exam questions: Key words
- Using past papers
- Navigating exam board websites
- The Cornell method



Committing learning to long-term memory



Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information



Support from school



How can you support?



Useful links for progression research & advice

Further information can be found on [Unifrog](#), and through the following links:

- [opendays.com](#) to find out when universities are hosting open days or virtual events.
- [UCAS](#) for advice and guidance about the university application process.
- <https://www.ucas.com/parents-signup> for parents to register to receive a regular e-newsletter, containing advice and information from UCAS.
- [Apprenticeships | Learn About Apprenticeships And Find The Right One For You \(ucas.com\)](#) to search for apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship opportunities
- [Not Going To Uni:](#) Apprenticeships & Work Experience in the UK for a range of excellent apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship opportunities and advice.



Thank you

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