

POST – 18 UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING

Please note – this presentation will be available from Wednesday morning on the 'Sixth Form' webpage and Year 12 Teams page.

If you would like any further information about anything discussed tonight, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or telephone.

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WHY HIGHER EDUCATION?

- Essential for some career paths.
- Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.
- Increase your confidence and independence.
- Broaden your experiences.
- Show yourself what you can do.
 - 🛱 Invest in your future.

IF YOU ARE UNSURE?

- OUCAS has <u>apprenticeship advice</u> to help students make informed decisions about their post-18 opportunities.
- Find out about:
 - the different types of apprenticeships
 - how to find and apply for apprenticeships
 - preparing for the application and interview process
- Go to <u>ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships</u>.
- © Concentrated work within BH6 for Apprenticeships begins in September.
- Really important that if you are unsure, complete UCAS, secure and hold an offer then research and apply to Apprenticeships.
- Your UCAS offer can 'wait' until August 2023 for you to make a decision about what to do. To be in the system is now is easier than a late application.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE FOR THIS EVENING

- 1. University and Course Research
 - 2. The UCAS Applications
 - 3. Student Finance



Course Providers?

350+ universities and colleges:

4 in Northern Ireland

15 in Wales

18 in Scotland

316 in England

35,000+ courses available



CHOOSING THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY FOR YOU

- **Style** from traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- Location some are based in large cities, others in smaller towns. This can have a major influence on the environment and lifestyle on offer.
- 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 interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- Tuition fees vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships/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 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?

8 STEPS TO SUCCESS...

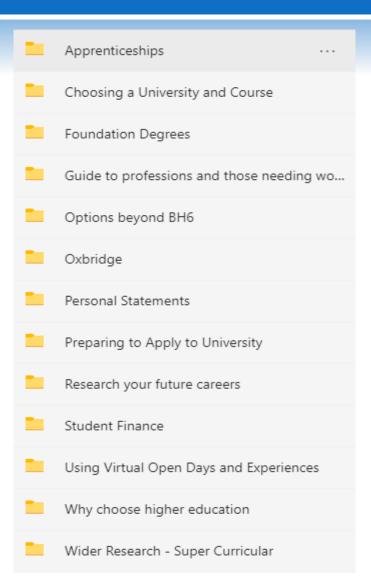
1) Research your future career

- Do you have interests in a subject but not sure where it can lead?
- Not sure about the career you may want to do?
- Know the career you want but not sure how to get to there?
- Not sure about the wide array of roles that exist within a particular job?

- National careers service explore careers:
 - https://nationalcareers.service.gov.
 uk/explore-careers
- OUCAS:
 - https://www.ucas.com/careersadvice
- Mealth Careers:
 - https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/ explore-roles
- Where a degree can lead looking at the jobs beyond your degree
 - http://www.prospects.ac.uk/opti ons_with_your_subject.htm

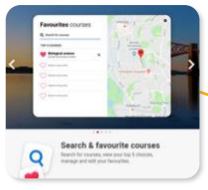
2) HELPING YOU MAKE DECISIONS

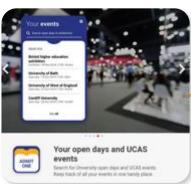
- Resources are plentiful in helping you make the decision!
- We have during time in school worked with Y12 students to complete the 'Next Steps' programme which has given them information about planning their next steps.
- Year 12 Teams channel has access to multiple resources and ongoing opportunities to enable students to effectively research their plans further.



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3) The UCAS Hub







Welcome to your Dashboard

Stay organised, supported and informed from start to apply.

Thanks I've got it





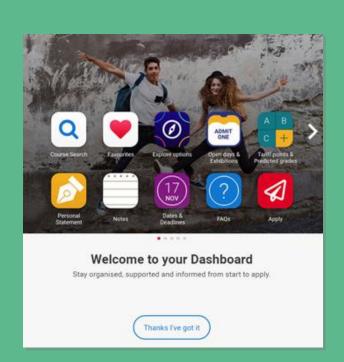




1) The UCAS HUB

Students should register in UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, universities and apprenticeships
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using <u>Unibuddy</u>
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending the Hub lives.
- explore job profiles to discover different career roles and pathways.
- Start an application for 2022 entry (from May 2021)





Organise everything in one place...

Get organised:

Tools to search, favourite, shortlist, reflect, diary, and build application.

Define what's important:

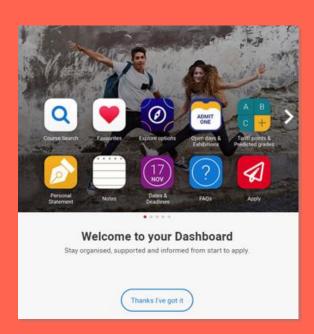
Distance from home, teaching satisfaction, work experience options, job outcomes...

Make it yours:

Organise tools, remove the ones they don't need, and tick off their to do list. It's their space, and their future.

Expanding horizons...

...by pushing options they might not have considered.





Free tools to help...



<u>Discovery Days</u> - at UCAS/Discovery you can explore all kinds of possibilities. Talk to subject and admissions experts, discover apprenticeships, get advice on personal statements, applying through UCAS, and more. Get stuck in and open your mind to a world of opportunities.



<u>Join our UCAS Hub lives and Facebook lives</u> -each live session is hosted by an expert panel to give you what you need to make an informed decision.



<u>Accommodation Search</u>- accommodation is high on the list when considering where you want to study, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Understand what options there are using our new Accomodation search.



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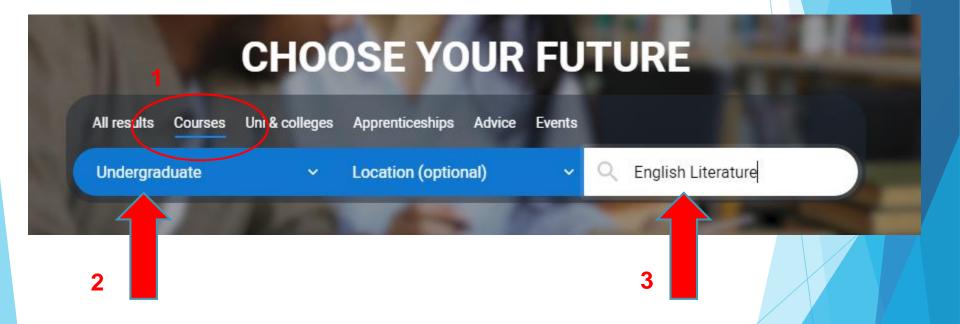
4) UCAS Course Search...

Step 1 - USE UCAS:

https://www.ucas.com/



- ► Step 2 SELECT UNDERGRADUATE:
- https://www.ucas.com/



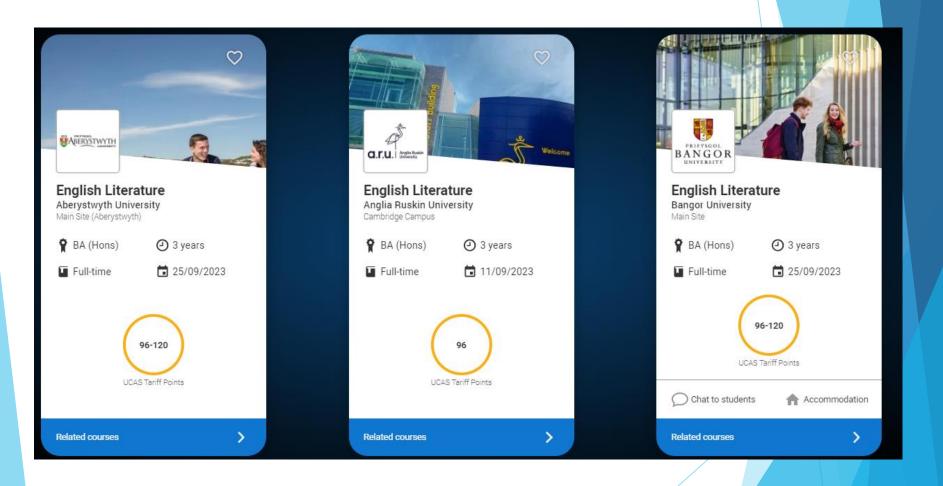
Step 3 -

- ► COURSES WHICH MATCH YOUR SEARCH WILL BE LISTED FROM ACROSS THE UK
- Use the filters to narrow down the search further.



Click the year to use the filters to select the year of study – 2023/24

View the course options (alphabetical)...



Step 5 - EACH UNIVERSITY COURSE PAGE IS LISTED IN A STANDARD WAY (make sure you use the side headings to do your research)

Course summary

How to apply

Entry requirements

Fees and funding

Provider information

Course summary



Aberystwyth University has opted into the TEF and received a Gold award.

Find out more about the TEF.

If you want to study a course that explores the widest possible range of literary texts and cultures with a superb choice from the early medieval period to the present day, our degree in English Literature will fire your imagination. We

Step 5 - CHECK OUT THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (ARE THEY REALISTIC FOR YOU?)

Entry requirements

Qualification requirements

UCAS Tariff 120 - 104 To include B in an English related A

points Level subject

A level BBC - BBB To include B in an English related A

Level subject

Pearson BTEC DDM - With a specified subject

Level 3 National DMM

Extended Diploma

(first teaching from

September 2016)

Access to HE Pass in Access qualification in a relevant subject

Diploma with Merit in 50% of units at level 3.

International 30 - 28 with 5 points in an English related

Baccalaureate points subject at Higher Level

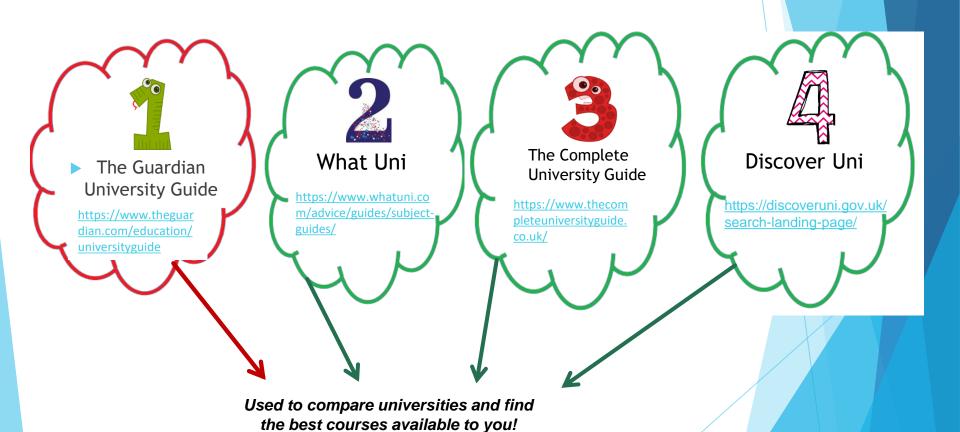
UCAS POINTS TARIFF

- Your grades = UCAS points!
- Some universities have entry requirements which are grades AAB, BBC etc.
- Some universities have entry requirements which are UCAS points - 96, 112, 126 etc.
- If you need to work out your UCAS points score:
 - ➤ You are sitting x3 A Levels and predicted BBC. Your UCAS point would be 112.
 - You are sitting x1 A Level and predicted B and x1 BTEC predicted MM. Your UCAS points would be 104.
 - ➤ You are sitting x2 BTEC courses (Diploma) and predicted DD and MM. Your UCAS points would be 160. Some universities may accept only first 3 grades as the offer so DD and M which would be 96 and 64/2=32, total 128.
 - You are sitting x3 A levels and predicted CCC and EPQ predicted B. Your UCAS points would be 116.

	A Level	National Diploma (Sport, IT, Business, Art & Design, H & S C)	National Extended Certificate (Human Biology)	RSL Dance Diploma	EPQ	AS Level	
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108							
104		D*D					
100							
96		DD					
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84				D*			
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64		MM					
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56	A*		D*				
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40	В						
36	C	200					
32	С	PP	M		4 4		
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5) Statistical Comparisons...

Research and compare how your course stacks up against others on offer



6) University Course Specific Webpages...

- Research, research, research!
- Use the university course specific webpages as they are packed with important information.
- Try to also find the section linked to Applications or Admissions Statements linked to your course - these will give you clues about what the admissions tutors for the course are looking for and therefore you can try and address this in your application / personal statement.
- For example (Manchester University, English Literature):



How to apply

Apply through **UCAS**

How your application is considered

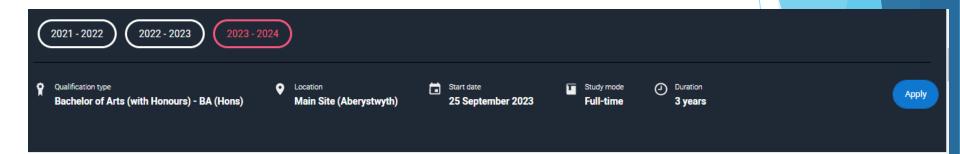
We are looking for applicants who have the predicted A-level grades (or other qualifications) for the relevant degree programme and whose personal statement demonstrates an enthusiasm for the subject.

Skills, knowledge, abilities, interests

We like to see evidence of transferable skills, for example:

- time management;
- team work;
- independent work;
- critical and analytical abilities.

7) OPEN DAYS



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Course summary

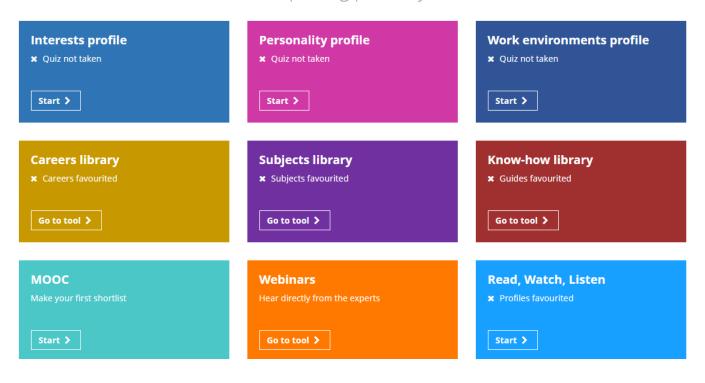
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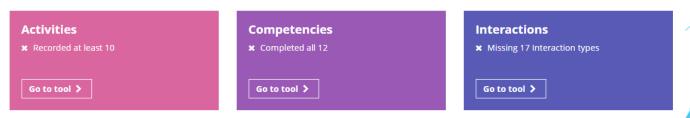
Either use the information from the course page on UCAS or visit the University homepage directly.

8) UniFrog...

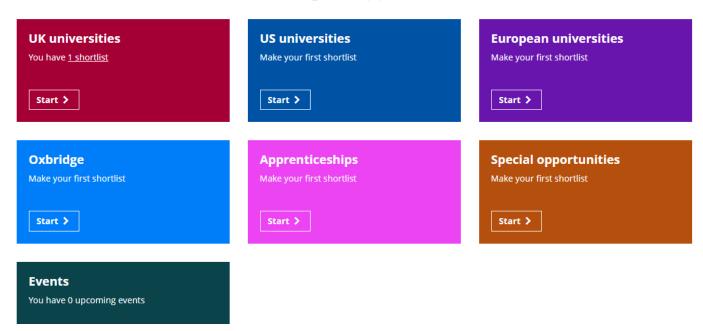
Exploring pathways



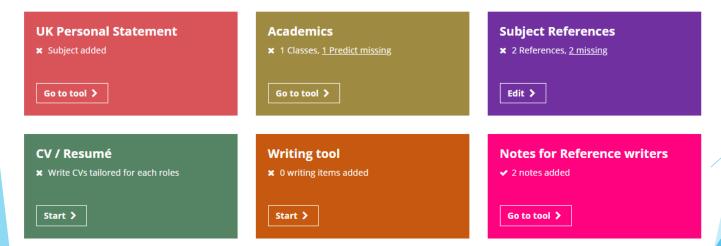
Recording what you've done



Searching for opportunities



Drafting application materials



THE UCAS APPLICATION





Completing the UCAS application



Students register for a UCAS Hub account



Student complete their application – working their way through all sections and send it to their school / college.



Teachers/advisers review the application and add reference and predicted grades



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



Universities/ colleges

make their decisions



Here at BH6 this is a fully supported process via Progress Tutors and Mrs Taylor.

Apply key facts...



It's an online application via UCAS Hub.



Maximum of five choices.

Ensure that at least one



course applied for is at a lower grade offer.
Ultimately, once offers are received and decisions are made, the 'Insurance Choice' must be lower grade requirement than the 'Firm Choice'.



Choice restrictions:

- medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry (maximum of four)
- Oxford or Cambridge



Simple application cost:

- one choice £22.50
- two to five choices £27



Equal consideration if application received by 25th January, 2023.



'Invisibility'.





Making an application

Profile:

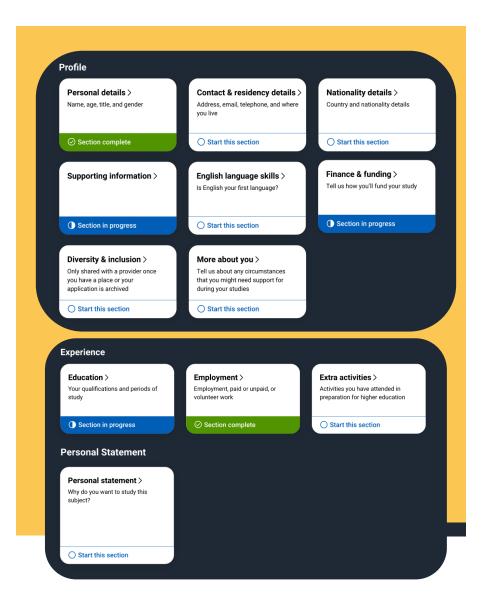
- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- Nationality details
- Supporting information
- English language skills
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion*
- More about you

Experiences:

- Education
- Employment
- Extra activities*

Personal statement

- Reference* (not visible when linked to a school or College)
- Add choices up to five





How a University 'Decides'

Universities and colleges will review the:

They may also ask for:







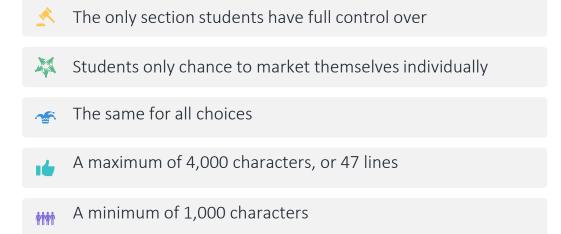








The personal statement



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.

What ADMISSIONS TUTOR LOOK for ...

- Subject enthusiasm / commitment
- Evidence of well-researched, informed, sensible choices
- Understanding of the course / vocation (where appropriate)
- Reflective thinking skills
- Ability to work out what is most important and adds most value
- Appropriate details and supporting evidence
- What you enjoy about / get from current study
- Interest and study beyond the curriculum
- Relevant work experience (vital for some courses e.g. Nursing)
- Transferable skills
- Future aspirations or direction
- Personal qualities (especially for vocational courses)
- Self reflection
- Interests and hobbies (where they add value)





Basic Structure...

(Please note that more able, well researched students may deviate away from the structure in accordance with university/course requirements).

- It is a process and will require rewrites and "polishing to perfection!"



Wider Research

Super Curricular Activities

(Activities you do outside of school and the curriculum linked to your subject)

- Wider reading books, journals, newspapers
- Pod casts and radio
- Documentaries
- Museums
- Subject specific societies
- Moocs online learning courses (lots are free and ran by universities)
- Summer schools (this year virtual!)
- University lectures / workshops
- Work experience (for the professions, however, restrictions in the present climate are understood)



Tips for Writing a Personal Statement

- Start writing your statement early writing about yourself is difficult and inevitably it will need to be drafted several times!
- Draft and re-draft personal statements in Word. UCAS does not check spelling.
- Use university course pages for clues.
- Get other people to read it does it make sense.
- Avoid clichés
- Don't copy anyone else's personal statement or from personal statements posted on the internet. UCAS screen all personal statements with their Copycatch similarity detection system.



Are there any extras for my course?

- Some universities and colleges require you to pass an admissions test as well as standard qualifications if you are applying for courses in certain subjects. Look at the course requirements in 'Entry Requirements'.
- Admissions tests are required for some courses in:
 - Medicine, dentistry, veterinary, biomedical sciences, Law, mathematics, social and political studies
 - Various courses at the University of Oxford
 - Various courses at the University of Cambridge



^{*}Researching admissions tests is the student's responsibility; should a test be required then Mrs Taylor must know by 9th September.

Plan for summer half term...

	Date	Task
Wk. beginning 16 th May	Friday 20 th May	Tutorial – registering on UCAS. Students to begin completing the UCAS application form. Register and open application.
Wk. beginning	Tuesday 24 th May	Researching universities and open days
23 rd May	Friday 27 th May	Complete the main sections of the application
Wk Beginning 6 th	Tuesday 6 th June	PSHE tutorial NSPCC
June	Tuesday 7 th June	Parent / student on line information evening 6-7pm
Wk beginning 13 th	Monday 13 th June	Introduction to personal statements (Ideas)
June	Tuesday 14 th June	Using Unifrog, complete 'Notes for Reference Writers'.
Mk boginning 20th	Monday 20 th June	Introduction to personal statements (structure)
Wk beginning 20 th June	Tuesday 21 st June	Researching universities and open days
Julie	Thursday 23 rd June	UCAS Convention (BH6 Coach to attend, limited places)
Wk Beginning 27th	Monday 27 th June	Continue drafting Personal Statements
June	Tuesday 28 th June	Researching universities and open days
Wk beginning 4 th	Monday 4 th July	Continue drafting Personal Statements
July	Tuesday 5 th July	Researching universities and open days
Wk beginning 11 th	Monday 11 th July	Continue drafting Personal Statements
July	Tuesday 12 th July	Researching universities and open days
Wk. beginning 18 th	Monday 18 th July	First draft of Personal Statements completed
July	Tuesday 19 th July	Researching universities and open days

To complete the Education section students must book an appointment with Mrs Doorbar in Study.





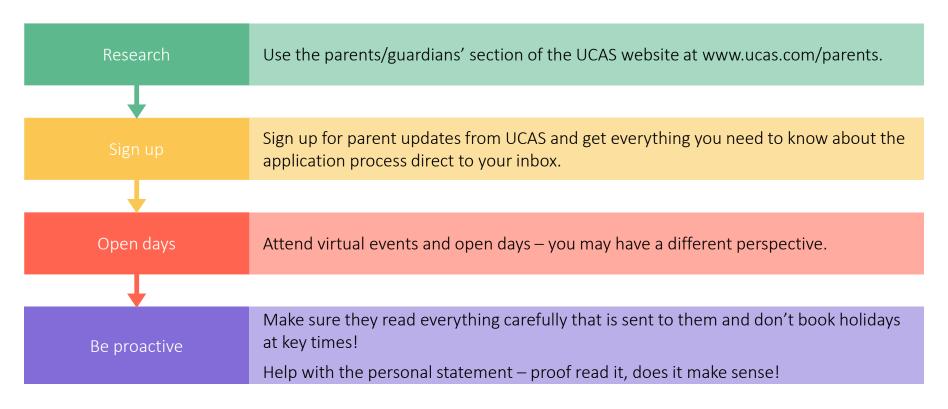
Key dates for students



		Register your application through the school on the UCAS Hub.			
	June –	Complete the main sections (Profile and Experiences) of the UCAS application			
	0 0.110	3. Research universities and courses.			
၂ ၅	September 2022	4. Complete Open Days / Events / Taster Workshops (research these at universities of interest			
Timeline		to you!).			
l W		Complete at least draft one of your personal statement.			
	September –	1. Make final decisions about university courses you will apply for; consider carefully a range			
October Half		of grades and be realistic (what are your 'On Track For' grades and your 'Target Grades').			
		2. Complete draft personal statement ready for mock interviews (4 th October).			
	Term 2022 3. Complete all sections of the UCAS application form including you personal stater				
	23 rd September	ptember Internal deadline: fully completed applications must have been approved by form tutors and			
	2022	be with Mrs Taylor for final processing for students applying to Oxford or Cambridge or courses in Medicine, Deptistry, D			
		in Medicine, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene or Veterinary.			
	15 th October	UCAS Deadline for receipt at UCAS of applications to Oxford or Cambridge, and all with			
		choices for courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science to reach UCAS.			
	18 th November	Internal deadline: fully completed applications must have been approved by form tutors and be			
EA		with Mrs Taylor for final processing. Applications received after this date will not be cannot be			
	2022	guaranteed to be processed for the UCAS deadline of the 25 th January.			
	AEth I	UCAS Deadline for applications to be given equal consideration. Applications after this			
	25 th January	deadline will still be accepted but will be considered as 'late' applications and therefore given			
	2023	lower priority.			



How can you support them?





STUDENT FINANCE OVERVIEW BASED ON ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

N.B. 2023/24 is not yet available (Feb/March 2023)







THE STUDENT FINANCE PACKAGE



TUITION FEES AND LOANS

For academic year 2022/23, Approved (Fee Cap) Higher Education providers can charge full-time students tuition fees of **up to £9,250***:

With tuition fees of up to £9,250, can you afford to study in higher education?

- Eligible students won't have to pay any tuition fees up front
- A Tuition Fee Loan is available to cover the fee* charged by a provider
- Or up to £6,165 is available for courses at 'Approved' providers
- A Tuition Fee Loan doesn't depend on household income
- SFE pay a Tuition Fee Loan directly to your university or college

THE STUDENT FINANCE PACKAGE



MAINTENANCE (LIVING COST) LOANS

So that's tuition fee's covered, but what other support can you get?

A Maintenance Loan is available to **help students with their living costs:**

- All eligible students are entitled to get some Maintenance Loan support
- The actual amount you can get depends on your household income and where you live and study
- Your Maintenance Loan is paid directly into your bank account each term
- Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans do have to be repaid but not until you've left university/college and your income is over the relevant threshold



If your household income is **under £25,000** then you can apply for the full rate of Maintenance Loan

FULL-TIME SFE MAINTENANCE LOAN RATES

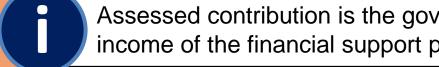
Full-Time students, not eligible for benefits or aged over 60

Full Year Student	Maximum Loan	Non-Income Assessed	Income Assessed
Parental Home	£8,171	£3,597	£4,574
Elsewhere	£9,706	£4,524	£5,182
London	£12,667	£6,308	£6,359
Overseas	£11,116	£5,374	£5,742

MAINTENANCE LOAN - MEANS TESTING

For the higher rate of Maintenance Loan, you will need to give SFE details of your household income:

- Household income is the income of any parents, stepparent, parent's partner, wife, husband, civil partner or partner you usually live with
- When the household income reaches a certain level, students are only entitled to receive the non-income assessed rate of Maintenance Loan
- For 2022/23 this is £62,311 for the 'Elsewhere' rate of loan, £70,022 for the 'London' rate and £58,253 for the 'Parental Home' rate
- If your household income is **over a certain level** (£42,875) then an 'assessed contribution' amount is included in the Maintenance Loan calculation process



Assessed contribution is the government estimate, based on household income of the financial support parents/partners can provide a student

FULL-TIME SFE MAINTENANCE LOAN RATES

Full-Time students, not eligible for benefits or aged over 60

Household Income	Home	Elsewhere	London
£25,000 & under	£8,171	£9,706	£12,667
£35,000	£6,796	£8,318	£11,255
£45,000	£5,420	£6,929	£9,843
£55,000	£4,045	£5,540	£8,430
£65,000	£3,597	£4,524	£7,018
£75,000	£3,597	£4,524	£6,308



You can get an estimate of your loan entitlement using our calculator on: www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator

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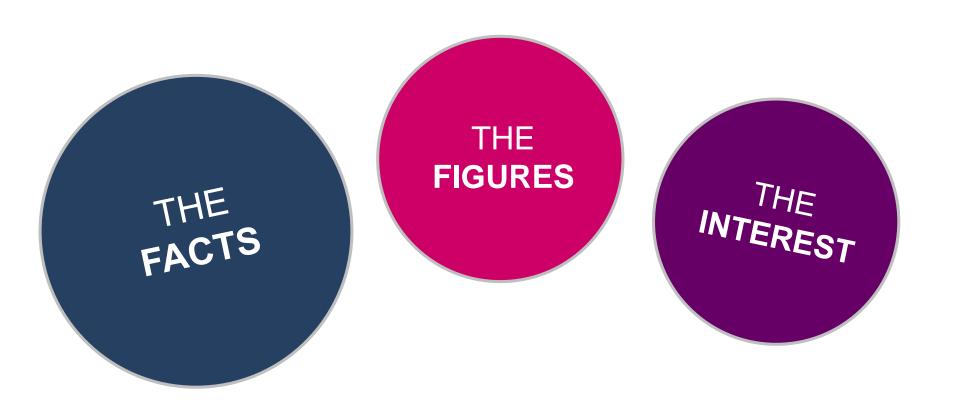
SOURCES OF EXTRA SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

There may also be extra financial support available for students who;

- Have a disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty
- Have children or adult dependants
- Study overseas as part of their UK based course or go on a clinical placement
- Study eligible Nursing, Midwifery or Allied Health Profession courses
- For more details on this support go to www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services
- Many universities and colleges offer bursaries and scholarships, which can depend on things like academic results, course choice or household income

2) STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

THREE THINGS TO KNOW



STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

THE FACTS

Some key facts about how student loan repayments work include;

- You won't have to make repayments until your income is over a set threshold (Currently £27,295 a year (increases slightly each year)
- If your income falls below the threshold at any time your repayments will stop
- If you study a full-time course, you will be due to start repaying from the April
 after completing your course or leaving/withdrawing from higher education
- You'll repay 9% of any income earned over the threshold and if employed in the UK, the deductions will be made from your pay through the tax system
- Any outstanding balance will be written off 30 years after entering repayment
- See <u>www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan</u> for more information

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

THRESHOLDS AND INTEREST RATES FROM APRIL 2021

Estimated monthly repayments based on increased £27,295 threshold:

Gross Annual Income	Approximate Monthly Income	Monthly Repayment (Approx)
£27,295	£2,274	£0
£30,000	£2,500	£20
£35,000	£2,916	£57
£40,000	£3,333	£95
£45,000	£3,750	£132
£50,000	£4,166	£170
£60,000	£5,000	£245

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

THRESHOLDS AND INTEREST RATES FROM APRIL 2021

Income linked with £27,295 repayment threshold:



The interest rate is updated once a year using the RPI figure from March which is carried forward and applied in September



For further information on student finance, applications and repayment www.gov.uk/studentfinance

For a range of helpful tools and guidance, visit student finance zone www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance







Thank you for your time...

- Any questions?
- Should you have any further comments or queries please email <u>taylor@biddulphhigh.co.uk</u>