

Parents evening presentation

**HRS DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS:
Friday 10 November 2023 – ready for in-school
processing prior to submission to UCAS by Mrs Wright**

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What is UCAS (University and College Admissions Service)?

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

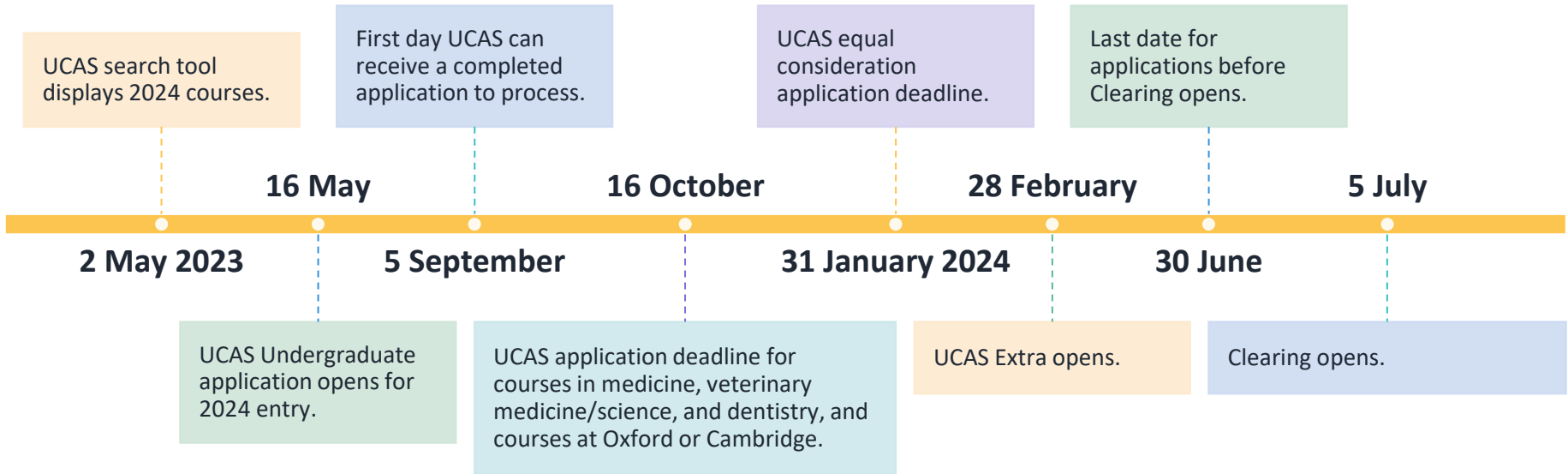
UCAS does:

- 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 for individuals

When to apply for 2024 entry:



Completing the UCAS application:

[Step by Step guide to completing your application adviser-toolkit-2024-ucas-ug-application - Google Slides](#)



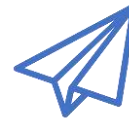
Student registers for a UCAS Hub account to carry out research and start application.



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.

Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition

Tracking their application (UCAS Track)



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

Waiting for decisions

Universities or colleges are considering your application.

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



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

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



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

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 personal 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 your child has decisions on all their choices, they can choose two:

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

Any remaining offers must be declined.

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



Other options

Extra (28 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.



What Next?

What are the options available?

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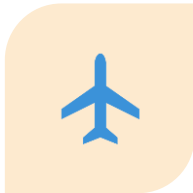
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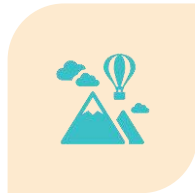
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STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand the options available and make choices that are right for you: ucas.com/hub

Why continue in education?

- Essential for some career paths.
- Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.
- Increase confidence and independence.
- Broaden experiences.
- Meet new people.
- Investment in the future.
- Increased job prospects.
- Higher earning potential.



What are the options?

- **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.

What's right?

There are a number of things to consider with your child's next step :

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





University and your child?

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What your child already has access to:

- A guide to researching options: if you wish to access these please ask your child to show you these guides by clicking on the links which will take them to their form group google classroom platform
- [adviser-toolkit-2024-thinking-of-going-to-uni - Google Docs](#)
- [adviser-toolkit-2024-researching-options_0 - Google Docs](#)
- A guide to choosing courses:
- [adviser-toolkit-2024-choosing-your-courses_0 - Google Docs](#)
- Outreach support from the University of Lincoln
- Why choose university and choosing the right degree: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AJCmub5QhQ-t-ML5k56nh-ZMIRg8W_ly/edit#slide=id.p1
- A step by step guide to making an application:
- [Step by Step guide to completing your application adviser-toolkit-2024-ucas-ug-application - Google Slides](#)

What is yet to come for students:

- 20 September 2023 virtual presentation from the University of Lincoln: personal statements. Personal Statement Guide:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/13k67rrBVWJc7_Jt-XYluFQ_KbxKgooHN/edit#slide=id.p1
- 18 October and 14 November 2023: Personal statement workshop sessions run by Jasmine Rider, outreach support from the University of Lincoln
- Information about requesting a subject reference from each of their teachers to inform the school's personalised reference for each student
- Tutor guidance and encouragement to manage the application process deadlines
- 23 January 2024: Information and guidance on student finance (paying for university)

Tuition Fees – what does it cost?

- £9250 per year in tuition fees – students apply for a tuition fee loan to cover all or part of their fees
- Living costs – students can apply for a means tested maintenance loan of up to £9488 per year; you would have to make up any financial shortfall
- Calculate the cost at ucas.com/budget-calculator

Repayment

- Based on how much your child goes on to earn not how much they borrowed
- Earnings threshold: £27,295; at this point they pay back 9% of what they are earning over the threshold
- Earning less? No repayment
- Loans accrue interest but any outstanding debt owed after 30 years is written off so you may want to be cautious about helping repay back the loan early

Help your child choose the right place

- **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.

Help your child choose the right course

- 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?

University Open Days - see individual university websites for dates

Encourage your child to attend open days for the universities of choice to get a feel for the place(s), see the facilities, talk to university staff and students

Simply fill in an absence request form if the dates fall on a school day and this will be authorised

General Information:

- From **16 May 2023** - application process opens
- Universities and colleges **can't see** your child's other choices when they apply.
- Apply by the **equal consideration date**.
- They have up to **five choices**, unless applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's **four choices**.
- **Your child can't apply to BOTH** Oxford and Cambridge.
- Applying **costs** £27.50.

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Your child's discovery tool - all signed up for
2024 entry

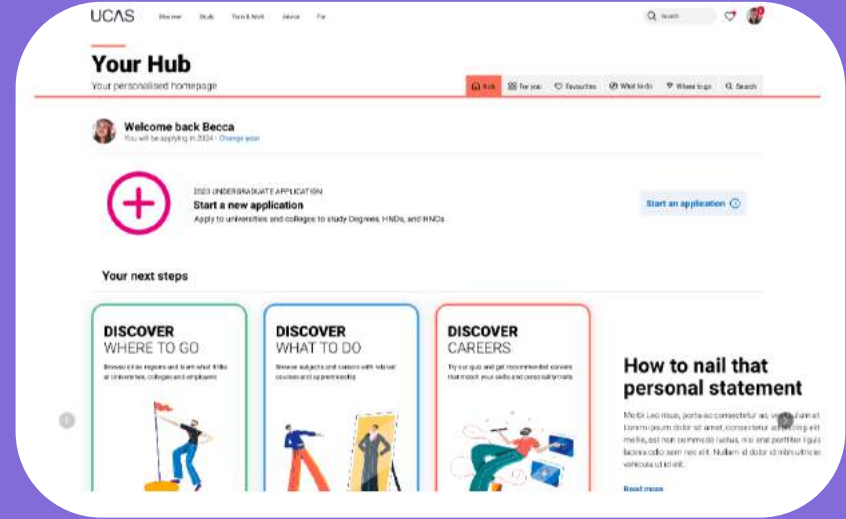
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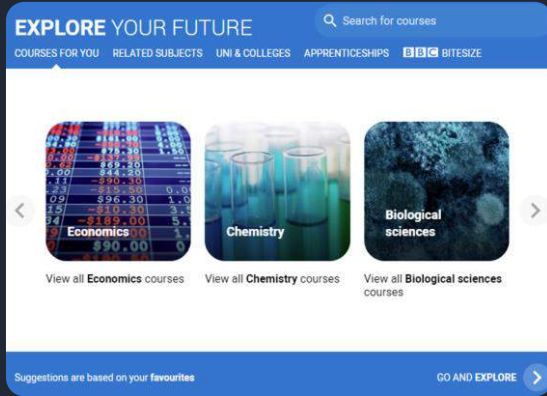
Starting their research (this should be well under way)

Register with the UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, places, and apprenticeships
- 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](#)
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending [Hub lives](#)
- take the [UCAS Quiz](#) to find their career matches
- start their application



Personalised tools to help

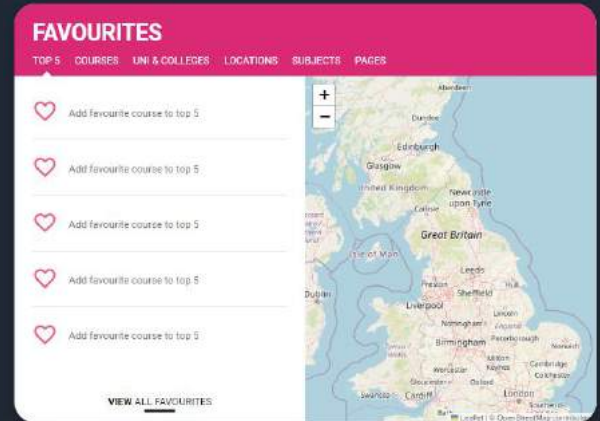


Explore your future

Discover what to do with subject, industry, and career guides; discover where to go with city, employer and accommodation information. Explore apprenticeships and course opportunities for you. Favourite as you go.

Your favourites

Search for courses, use to decide your top 5 choices, manage, keep those favourite information pages to hand. Manage and edit at any time.

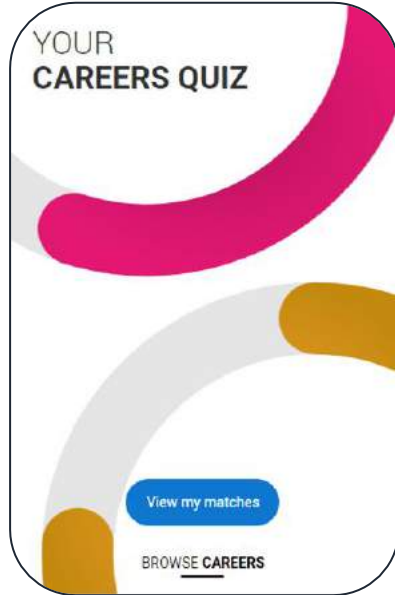


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UCAS Quiz

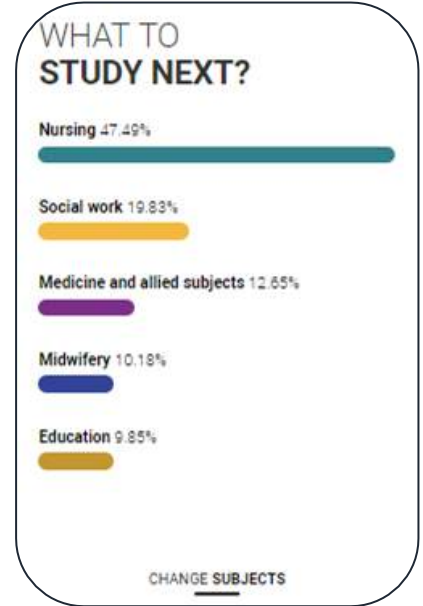
Find job and career ideas matched to your personality.

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



What to study next?

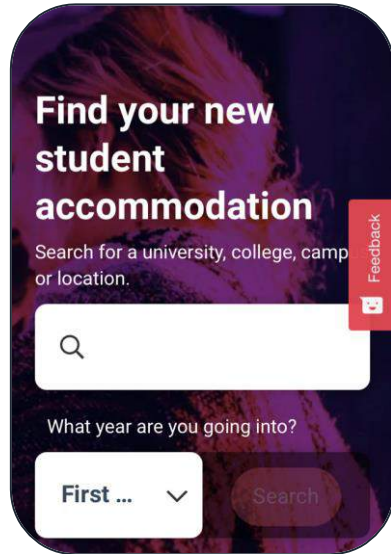
Broaden your horizons by exploring another subject area, that student's who did your qualification went on to study.



What else do you need?

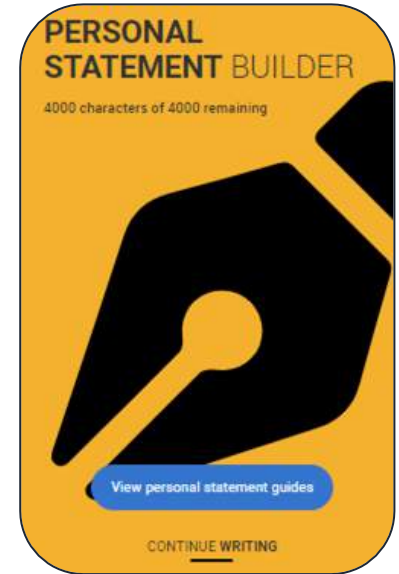
Accommodation

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](#).



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.



Our advice and events

UCAS Hub lives

Join our live sessions hosted by expert panels.

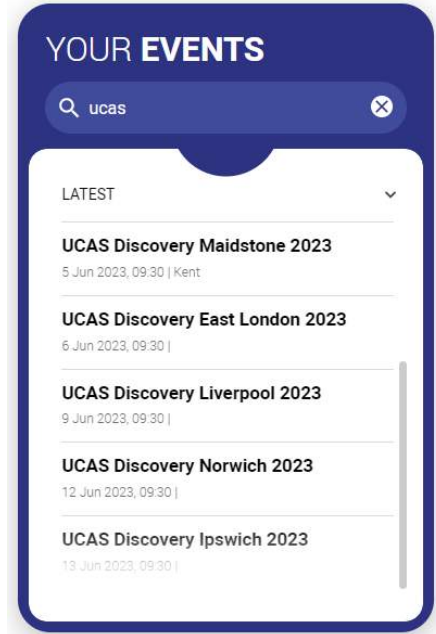
Ask questions to help you make an informed decision about the right path for you. University, apprenticeships or the world of work.




UCAS Discovery


Events and open days are presented based on your preferences.


Register straight from the Hub for our UCAS Discovery 'The Big Q&A Tour', with exciting new zones covering all pathways.



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?



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Key Reminders:

- In-house deadline for completed applications Friday 10 November 2023.
- Buzzword to link to the school: Helena24
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