

# Welcome

Year 12 Parents First Higher Education  
Information Evening

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# The UCAS Cycle

## Information for 2023 Leavers and Parents/Carers

### Planning the Application

50,000 full-time courses, 335 universities and colleges

- (Tonight!)
- Bath Spa Uni day (date to be confirmed)
- Cardiff Met UCAS fair
- Possible, optional Uni Open day visit
- May – July – Individual visits to Open Days, tutor interviews, assemblies, appointments with Mr Reddiford/Mrs Jones, university websites, [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com), prospectuses, reference materials in 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

### Doing the Application

July:

- Register and set up UCAS form online.
- First draft of personal statement

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September/October:

Re-drafting personal statement, completing form and sending to referee online.

Deadline – 30<sup>th</sup> September for application to Oxford/Cambridge or for medicine/dentistry/veterinary medicine. 31<sup>st</sup> October for all other applications.

## **After it's sent to us**

November/December: We add references and send to UCAS.

November onwards: Offers (hopefully!), rejections (possibly) come in. Should have heard back from all universities by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Final decisions of firm and insurance choices by May 2023.

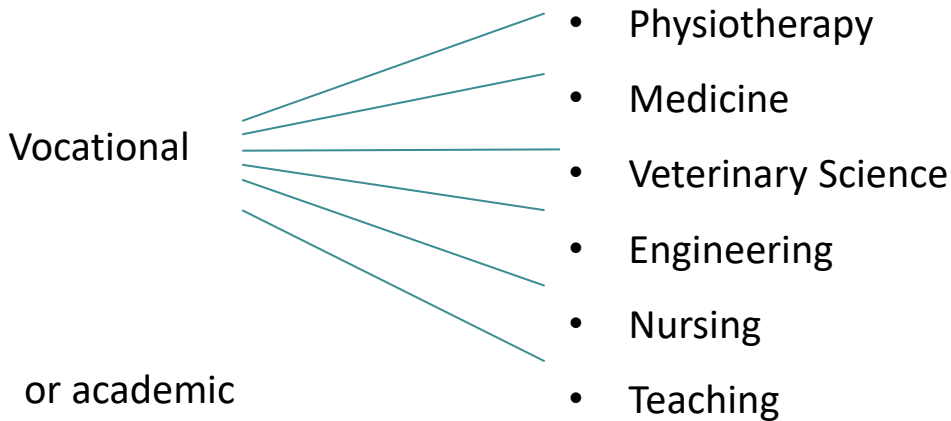
## **Other Help – No offers?**

UCAS Extra from March 2023

Clearing after results – August 2023

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## What to study?



## Qualification?

- BA BEd
- BSc HND/HNC
- Foundation Degree
- Modular
- Sandwich
- Joint Honour
- Opportunities in industry?
- Opportunities abroad?
- Opportunities at other universities?



Different universities may teach the same subject in different ways, and may have different entry requirements.

# Which University?

It may depend on the course you choose.

- Geography/travel
- Campus or not?
- Accommodation/food
- Expense
- Clubs/facilities



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# UCAS Help – Part 1

From the University trips, you really need to start doing some serious thinking (if you haven't already started) about the course choices you intend to make on your UCAS form.

This means thinking about the subjects you wish to study. Here are a few guidelines to help:

- Think about the breadth of what is available – there are thousands of courses available at University that are not at school.
- What are the tuition fee/bursary arrangements?
- Think about where you would like to study – do you want to get as far away from the parental home as possible, or within striking distance to get your washing done?
- Do you want a course which has coursework and continuous assessment, or would you prefer just exams at the end?
- Do you want a campus University (where everything is close together) or one that is more spread out in a city (like Bristol University)?
- Do you want to do a single honours or combined course (i.e. more than one subject)?

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- Are you interested in studying abroad?
- Would you like to do a year in industry?
- Do you have any special needs that need to be met?
- What accommodation will they offer (generally first year only)? Is it self-catering or are some/all meals provided?
- Above all, perhaps, what are the likely grade requirements for your course? The best way to find out this is to visit the UCAS website at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com), then choose 'Search for courses' on the home page, (not yet updated for 2023 entry, but still accurate). Search for the courses as you wish, but when you have found the course you wish to find out more about, click on it, then choose the Entry Requirements option, then English, Welsh and Northern Irish Framework Qualification.

and the new UCAS tariff is

|               |                |        |
|---------------|----------------|--------|
| A level grade | A* = 56 points |        |
|               | A = 48         | D = 24 |
|               | B = 40         | E = 16 |
|               | C = 32         |        |

AS grades (in subjects you do not take to A level) are worth 20, 16, 12, 10, 6 (A-E)

Cambridge TECs and BTECs also recognized in tariff.

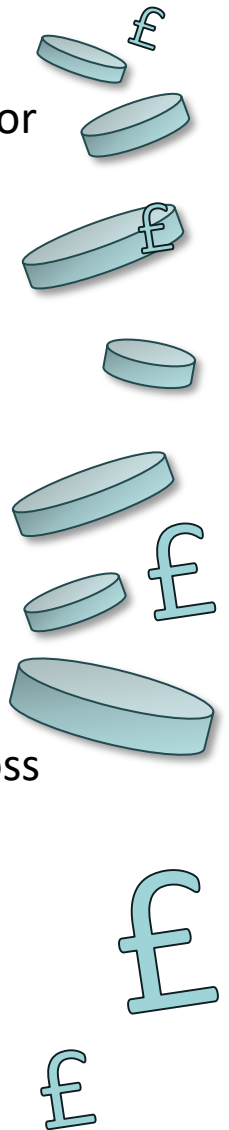
If you really have no idea, ask about aptitude tests, there are several available.

Good luck!

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# The Student Maintenance Loan

- Sliding scale of how much students are eligible for dependent on household residual income.
- Different rates – London, elsewhere, home.
- Currently paid in three instalments at start of terms.
- Interest linked to inflation (RPI) and earnings (max inflation +3%)
- Repaid from salary **after** graduation at 9% of gross income over £27,295
- Tuition fee loan available to all, regardless of income. Repaid in same way





## 2022-23 Funding

Apply through [gov.uk/studentfinance](https://www.gov.uk/studentfinance) website:

(All are maximum amounts and means tested on household income.)

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Student Loan (2022-23 figure )  | £9,706                  |
| Tuition Fee Loan  | Up to £9,250 (variable) |
| Some kinds of bursary from HEIs charging the full £9250 fee, for low income families. |                         |

# Maintenance loan

## *2017 entry*

| Household Income | Parental Home | Elsewhere | London  |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| £25,000 & under  | £7,097        | £8,430    | £11,002 |
| £30,000          | £6,499        | £7,825    | £10,387 |
| £35,000          | £5,901        | £7,220    | £9,771  |
| £40,000          | £5,303        | £6,615    | £9,155  |
| £45,000          | £4,705        | £6,009    | £8,539  |
| £50,000          | £4,107        | £5,404    | £7,924  |
| £55,000          | £3,509        | £4,799    | £7,308  |
| £60,000          | £3,124        | £4,193    | £6,692  |
| £65,000 & over   | £3,124        | £3,928    | £6,076  |

## Repaying the loans

| Income each year before tax | Income from which 9% is deducted | Monthly Repayment (Approx) |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| £21,000                     | £0                               | £0                         |
| £25,000                     | £4,000                           | £30                        |
| £30,000                     | £9,000                           | £67                        |
| £35,000                     | £14,000                          | £105                       |
| £40,000                     | £19,000                          | £142                       |
| £45,000                     | £24,000                          | £180                       |
| £50,000                     | £29,000                          | £217                       |
| £60,000                     | £39,000                          | £292                       |

# How Parents Can Help From Now On

- Patience... more patience... and more..... and perhaps some money.....
- Listen to ideas that are being 'tried out'; this is a very gradual process.
- Practical assistance with visits to universities and travel arrangements.
- Gentle nagging about paperwork, deadlines, etc.



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# Sources of Information

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) has parents information
- Key Information Sets at unistats.com
- [www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk](http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk)
- <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>
- Money saving expert