



Higher Education Evening

Information for Parents & Carers
5th June 2025

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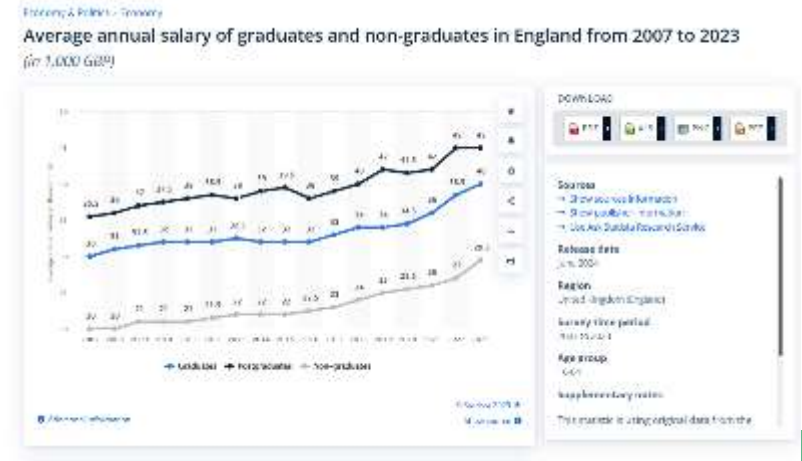
Why higher education?

Opportunities while studying:

- Chance to study a subject they are passionate about.
- Achieve a qualification that could lead to their chosen career.
- Grow in confidence, make lifelong friends, and gain independence and important life skills that will widen their prospects.

With a degree, they'll have:

- the opportunity to follow their career path
- better job prospects, as many employers target graduates
- higher earning potential



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Get ready to:

- **Discover** the right tools to find your next step.
- Confidently **apply** to a UK university or college.
- Stay on top of **key dates**.
- **Track** your application effortlessly.



Discover



Explore all your options

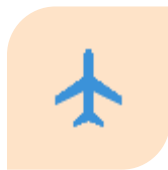
Discover options



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



GETTING A JOB

Head to UCAS to understand all your options and make the right choices for you.

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 technical qualifications (HTQs) in England are an example of these.
- **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.
- **Apprenticeships:** typically take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level. Apprenticeships are offered for levels 2-7 in N.I. and England, levels 2-6 in Wales, and SCQF levels 4-11 in Scotland. All nations offer degree level apprenticeships.

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DISCOVER YOU

Is it right for you?

- Is it something you enjoy? You're investing time and effort
- Is it right for your career path? Check with employers and professional organisations
- What about location? Stay at home, move away, city or rural, transport links
- Is it a learning and assessment style that suits you?
- What will your environment be like?
- What about cost?

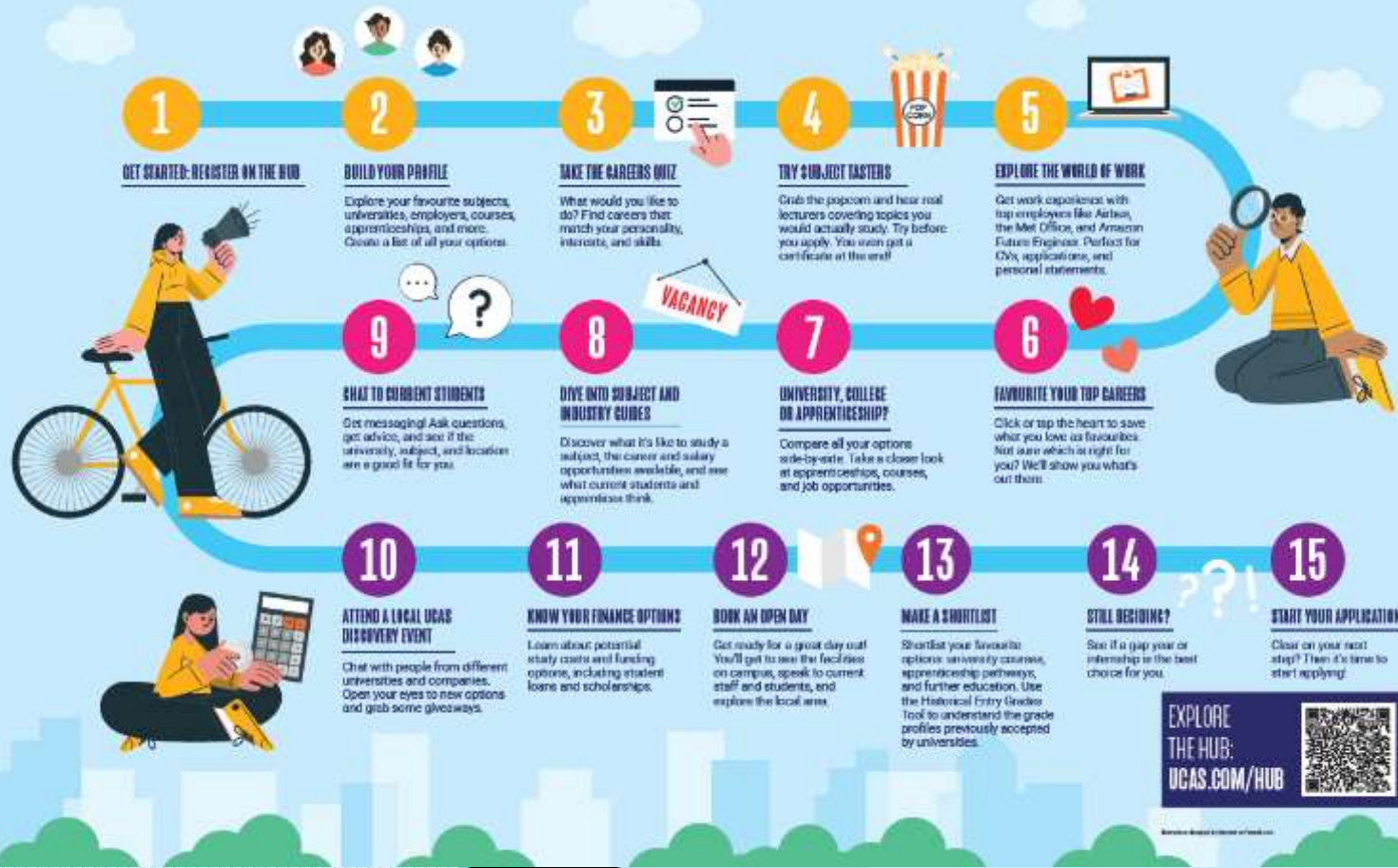


YOUR HUB JOURNEY



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Your Hub

Your personalised homepage and discovery hub

Start your journey →



Hub



For you



Favourites



What to do



Where to go



Search



Welcome Sam

You're applying for Undergraduate courses in 2026 - [Change year](#)

[Start application](#)

2026 Application

[Start application](#)



Start an application

Apply to universities and colleges to study degrees, HNDs, and HNCs and dance, drama and music at conservatoires.

Your next steps [I Open register to do it](#)

DISCOVER WHAT TO DO

Browse subjects and careers with related courses and apprenticeships.

[Discover more](#)



What subject should I take?

Find out what subjects to see what might be right for you.



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](#)



Key application dates

Find out what you need to do and when.



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

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

[Find out more](#)



Search

Courses, apprenticeships, information guides and more

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What to do



Where to go



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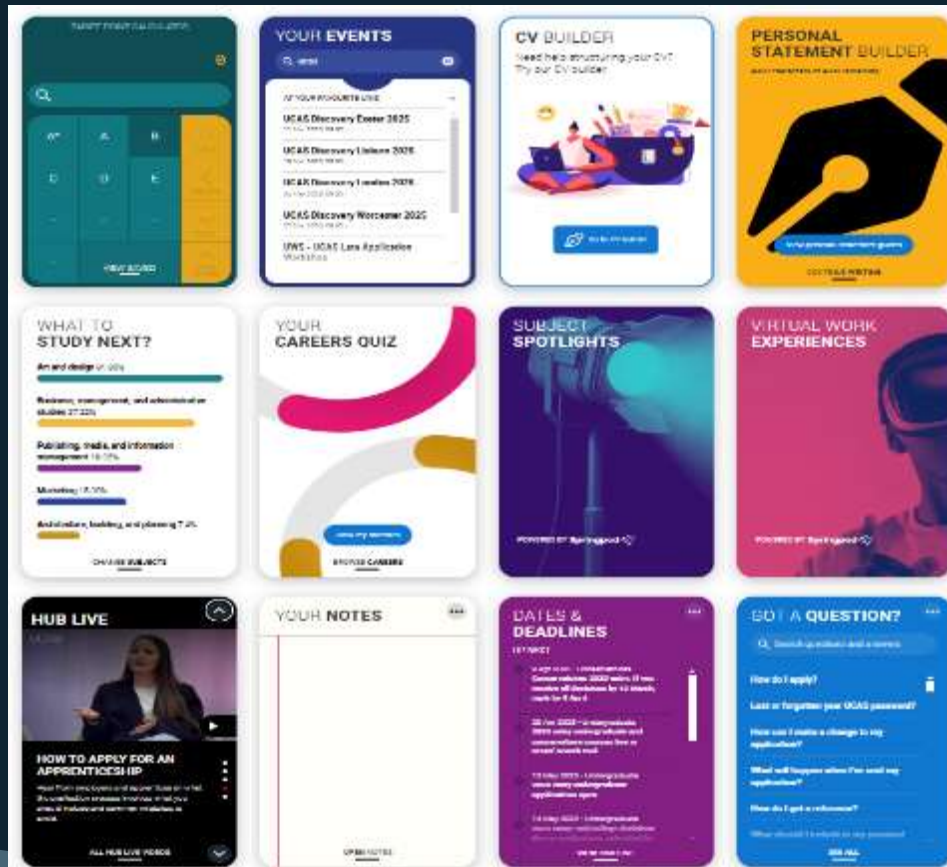


Search for items



Tools for success

- Explore the Careers Quiz, What to Study Next, Subject Spotlights and Virtual Work Experiences for **career and course inspiration**.
- Use the Tariff Calculator, Personal Statement Builder, and CV Builder to stay on track and **plan your path**.
- Search for events, open days, videos to get expert help and **questions answered**.



Options side by side

Compare all your options side-by-side. Take a closer look at apprenticeships, courses, and job opportunities - all in one place.

Build your personalised UCAS Hub profile and find your best fit!

Courses for you

Courses related to Agriculture and related sciences

Public Health courses available at 19 universities and colleges

Environmental Science courses available at 25 universities and colleges

Biography courses available at 20 universities and colleges

Psychology courses available at 32 universities and colleges

Universities & colleges

University of Worcester

McTearney College of Cosmetics

University College Birmingham

Apprenticeships

Active Travel Graduate

Administration Apprenticeship

Advanced Apprentice Fabricator

Employers

Ministry of Defence

Co-op

Deacock

Start now

Favourites

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Build your shortlist

Save courses, universities, colleges, subjects, careers, apprenticeships, and more to your favourites.

[Choose some favourites](#)



What and where

Favourites

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Agricultural Business Management with Foundation

University of Reading
10/2025 • 4 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time
Tariff points: N/A



Animal Science (Zoo and Wildlife Conservation)

Anglia Ruskin University
15/09/2025 • 3 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time
Tariff points: 96/96



Animal Bioscience and Management

University Centre Askham Bryan
06/09/2025 • 3 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time
Tariff points: 84/84



Animal Behaviour with Foundation Year

Liverpool John Moores University



handy information

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UCAS events

Information & advice



Writing your personal statement

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Subject tasters

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UCAS Undergraduate entry requirements

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Accommodation advice

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Student life

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Subject spotlights

All filters Subject University or College

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Teaching: A Profession And A Passion
with Damien Maguire from Liverpool Hope University



Cancer, Brain Tumours & Rogue Cells: The Science Behind The Killer Disease
with Dr Shafiq Ahmed from University of Sunderland

- ☐ Anglia Ruskin University (20)
- ☐ Canterbury Christ Church University (4)
- ☐ City St George's, University of London (3)
- ☐ Coventry University (4)
- ☐ Coventry University London (2)
- ☐ Durham University (1)
- ☐ Leeds Arts University (3)
- ☐ Leeds Beckett University (4)
- ☐ Liverpool Hope University (3)
- ☐ Manchester Metropolitan University (3)
- ☐ Middlesex University London (1)
- ☐ Queen's University Belfast (1)
- ☐ Teesside University (5)
- ☐ The University of Law (8)
- ☐ UCL (4)

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Understanding the Respiratory System
with Charlotte Anderson from the University of Sunderland



Computer Science: Is Generative AI The Problem Or The Solution?
with Dr Aminu Usman from the University of Sunderland



And Breathe: The Respiratory System Explained
with Charlotte Anderson from the University of Sunderland



Computer Science: Space Exploration And Beyond
with Dr Paul Sant from The University of Law



Biotechnology: The Rise Of Radical Healthcare
with Prof. M. Safwan Akram from Teesside University




Covid: The Law And You
with Mike Meehan from University of Law


Virtual work experience

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Sector
Organisation


☐ Accounting, banking & finance (9)
☐ Agricultural & environmental (1)
☐ Business, administration & consulting (3)
☐ Construction & trades (2)
☐ Digital, IT and computing (2)
☐ Energy & utilities (6)
☐ Engineering (7)
☐ Government & politics (1)
☐ Healthcare & medicine (12)
☐ Hospitality, catering & events (2)
☐ Law & legal services (1)
☐ Property & surveying (1)
☐ Publishing & journalism (1)
☐ Retail (1)
☐ Science & research (4)
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AtkinsRéalis Virtual Work Experience
Engineering
This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at AtkinsRéalis.
Available 11/11/2024 - 31/10/2025
[Start now](#)




Severn Trent Sustainability: Water Industry Virtual Work Experience
Energy & Utilities
This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Severn Trent.
Available 09/09/2024 - 29/04/2025
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HR Career Insights: Virtual Work Experience with CIPD and Springpod
Business, Administration & Consulting
This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.
Available 13/11/2023 - 31/10/2025
[Start now](#)




Skills for Success: Forvis Mazars Work Experience
Accounting, Banking & Finance
This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Forvis Mazars.
Available 28/10/2024 - 15/06/2025
[Start now](#)




Allied Health : Virtual Work Experience with Health Education England
Healthcare & Medicine
This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Health Education England.
Available 16/09/2024 - 25/03/2025
[Start now](#)



Engineering a Sustainable World - Work Experience with iChemE
Engineering
This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Institution of Chemical Engineers.
Available 30/09/2024 - 30/04/2025
[Start now](#)



Legal Realities Unveiled: Virtual Law Careers with TLT and Springpod
Law & Legal Services
This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at TLT LLP.
Available 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2025
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Chat to students

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- ☐ Bournemouth University (37)
- ☐ Brunel University of London (45)
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- ☐ City, University of London (26)
- ☐ Coventry University (38)
- ☐ Durham University (7)
- ☐ Lancaster University (75)
- ☐ Leeds Beckett University (1)
- ☐ Leeds Trinity University (22)
- ☐ Liverpool John Moores University (15)
- ☐ Northeastern University London (7)
- ☐ Rose Bruford College (6)
- ☐ Southampton Solent University (23)



Hi, I'm Aalya
Games Art st


Chat with Aalya



Aayan
City, University of London
Actuarial Science BSc (Hons)

I did my Foundation year from
O City, University of London...


Chat with Aayan



Abbey
Leeds Trinity University
Criminology with Police Studies
BA Combined (Hons)

I am looking at going into the
police after university and doing...


Chat with Abbey



Abbie
University of Strathclyde
MPhys Physics

I would love to develop a career in
research. I enjoy sharing my...


Chat with Abbie



Hi I'm Abbie
education st

Show more


Chat with Abbie



Abby
Swansea University
Sport and Exercise Science, BSc
(Hons)

I'm a keen swimmer and am part
of the University Swim team and...


Chat with Abby



abdeldjoud
University of Westminster
Finance and Business
Management BA Honours

Hi everyone! my name is
Abdeldjoud, I'm an international...

Chat with abdeldjoud



Abdul
University of Lincoln
Architecture - BA (Hons)

"Hi! Feel free to ask me any
questions about the courses here..."

Chat with Abdul

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Searching and applying for apprenticeships

Version 1: September 2024



Today's session

What we'll be covering

APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH

Different ways you can search

FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP

Using Find an apprenticeship

APPLICATIONS

Hints and tips for applying

What are apprenticeships?



A job with
training



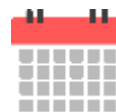
Employed



Level 2-
degree level



Paid a salary



Typically 1-6
years



Minimum 6
hours off-the-
job



English/Maths
if required



700+
standards



Real
responsibilities



Not the easy
option

Levels of apprenticeships

Intermediate

Equivalent to:

5 GCSE passes at
grade 9-4 (A*-C)

Level 2

Advanced

Equivalent to:

2 A levels /
International
Baccalaureate

Level 3

Higher

Equivalent to:

Foundation
degree and
above

Levels 4-7

Degree

Equivalent to:

Bachelors or
masters degree

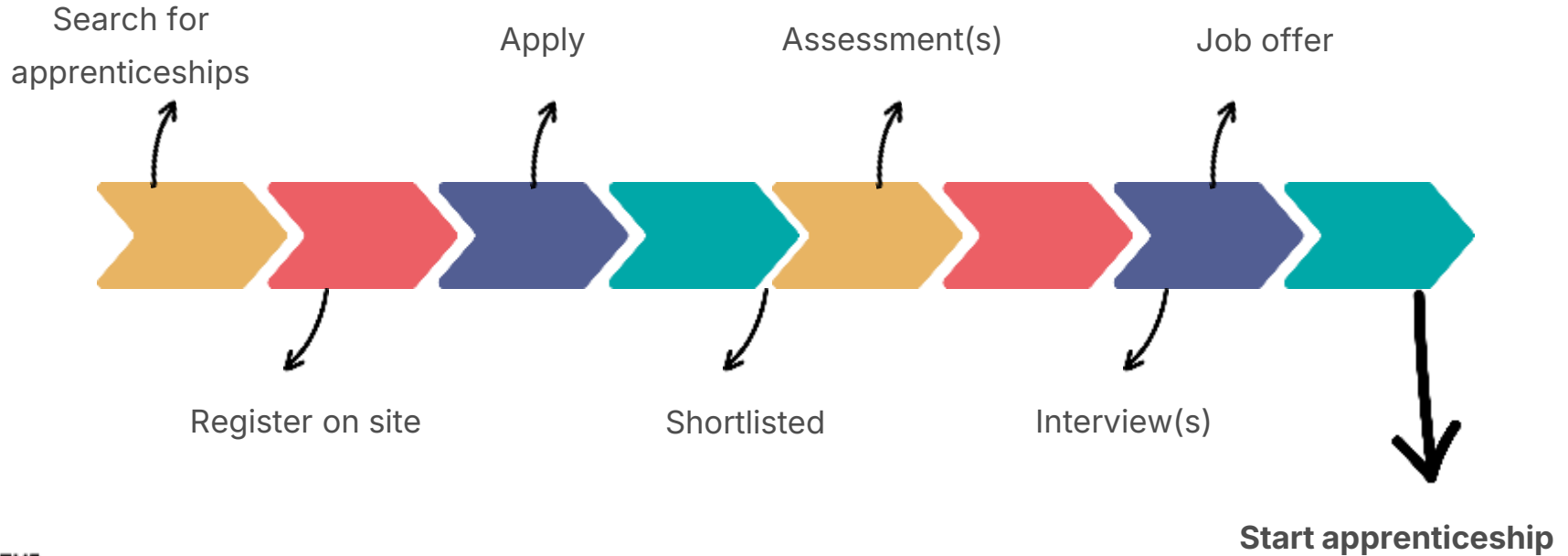
Levels 6 & 7

APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES

- ✓ There isn't one deadline
- ✓ Be ready from September
- ✓ Focus on opening dates
- ✓ Apprenticeships are advertised in different places
- ✓ Entry requirements vary
- ✓ Application processes will vary



Application processes



GETTING STARTED

- 1 What interests them?
- 2 Work experience will really help
- 3 Remove all limits
- 4 Who do you know?

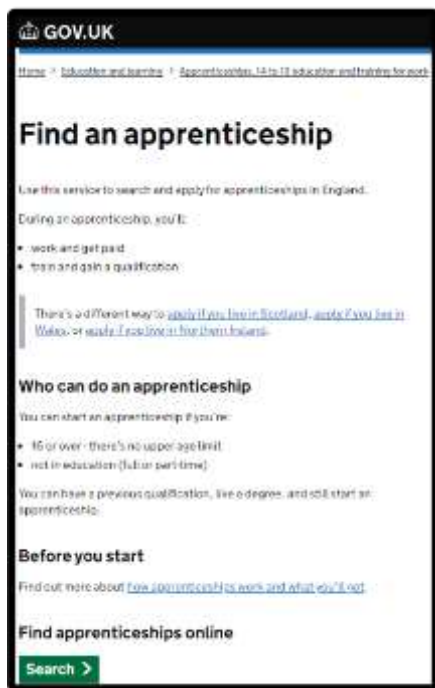


Where can you look for apprenticeships ?



Find an apprenticeship

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship



WHAT IS FAA?

Showcasing live apprenticeship jobs



20,000+ vacancies
over the year



Free to use



Secure site



Apply quickly

Searching for apprenticeships



Find an
apprenticeship



Local websites



Company
websites



Careers
websites



Social media



Friends and
family



Higher and
Degree listing

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How can I tell if it's a good apprenticeship?



Wage



Progression



Job position



Training
Provider

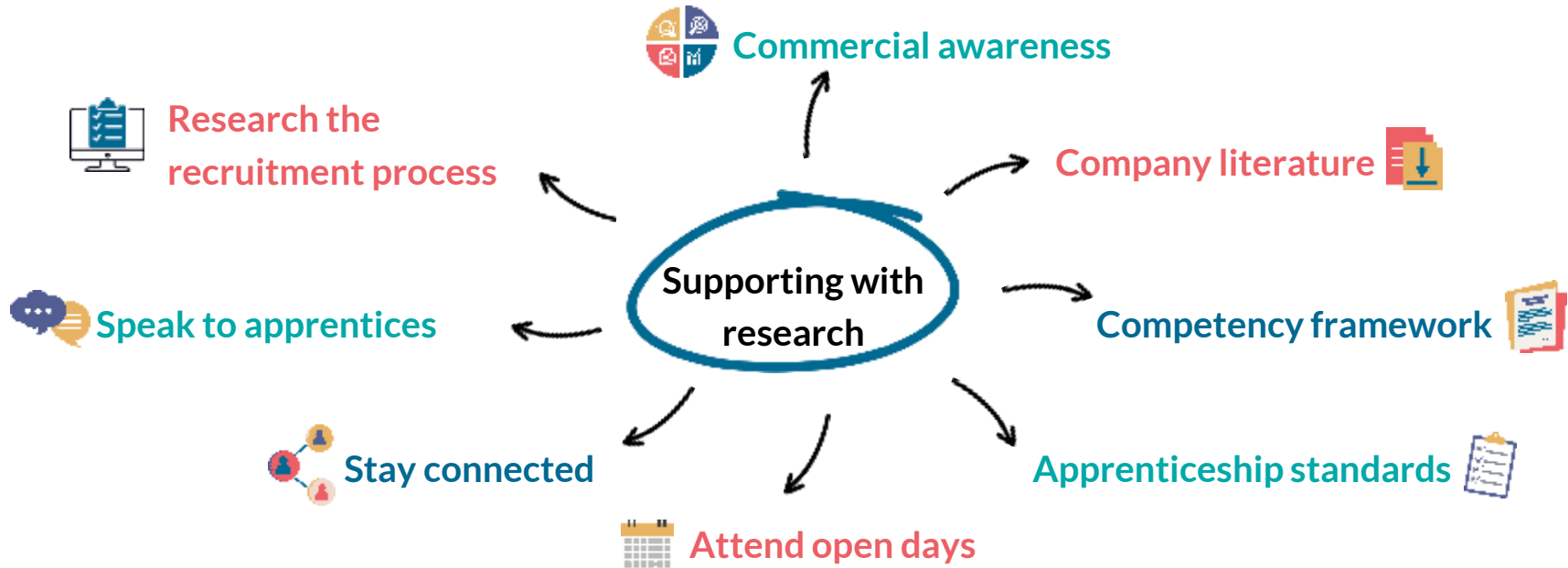


Varied role



Ethos and
values

HELPING TO PREPARE



FINISHING TOUCHES

- ✓ Spelling, grammar and completeness
- ✓ Prompt reply to interview invitations
- ✓ Practice answering questions
- ✓ Turning up to interview or sending apologies
- ✓ Dressing smartly
- ✓ Preparing questions



What happens if it doesn't work out?



Things to remember

- ☑ Think widely about the sector
- ☑ Search broadly – terminology can vary, focus on the role
- ☑ Sector research can help to identify employers
- ☑ Tailor each application
- ☑ Monitor deadlines
- ☑ Apply for lots



Useful websites & resources

Resources to support you in applying



Choices Magazine



Application guides



Webinars



Podcast



Resources



Employer profiles



www.amazingapprenticeships.com

Useful websites

Resources to support your child in applying

ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS

- <https://www.psychometrictest.org.uk/>
- <https://www.shl.com/shldirect/en/practice-tests/>

ADJUSTMENTS

- <https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/resources/apprenticeships>

CAREERS GUIDANCE

- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>



Any questions?

Thank you for participating



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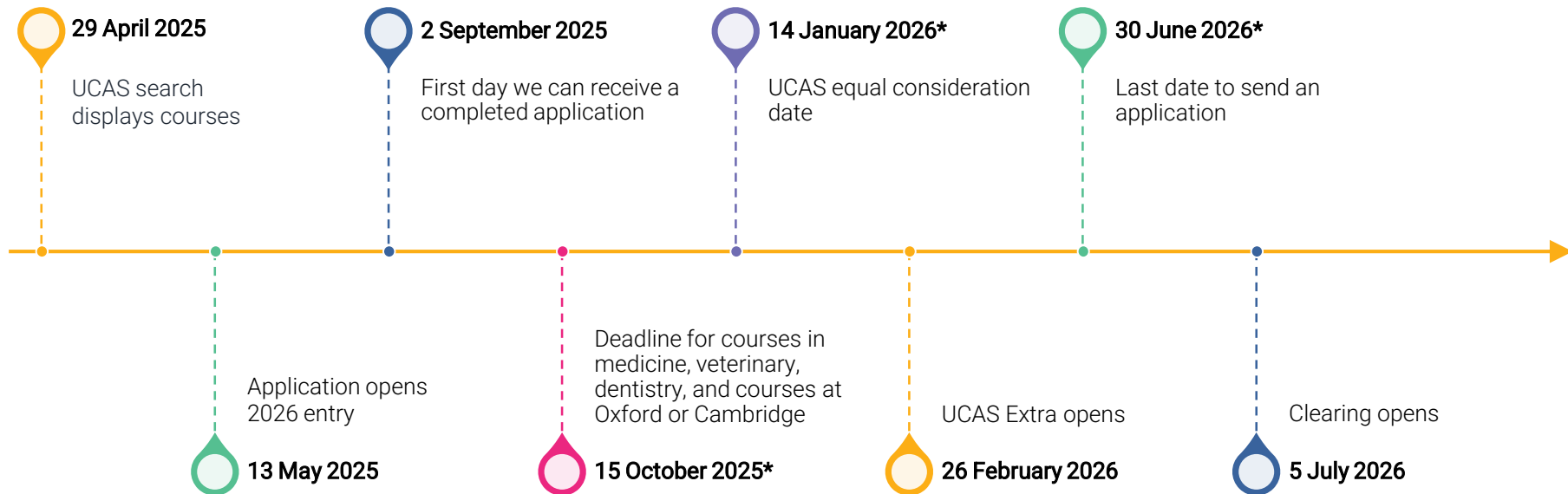


Apply



How to apply to universities and colleges for 2026 entry

Key dates for 2026



* 18:00 UK time

Find your **best fit** uni or college

Style and focus

- ✓ From research-intensive to practical, career-orientated learning.

Location and size

- ✓ Ranges from small campuses to large city-based universities with over 20,000 students.

Culture and facilities

- ✓ Environment, resources, and student life.

Graduate outcomes

- ✓ What careers have recent graduates gone on to?

Costs

- ✓ Include living costs, accommodation, and transport.

Student Outcomes

Operated by the Office for Students



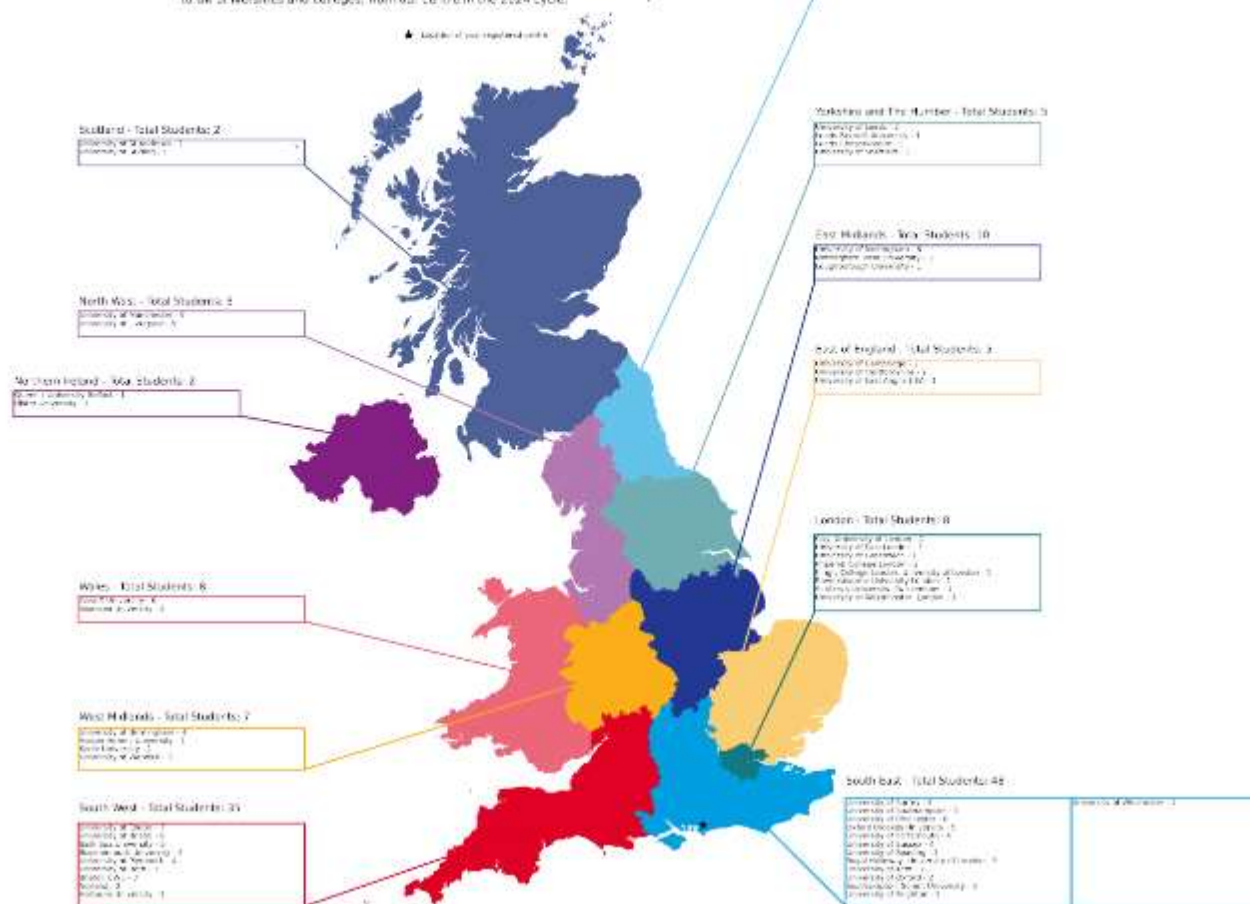
Employment after 15 months (Most common jobs)



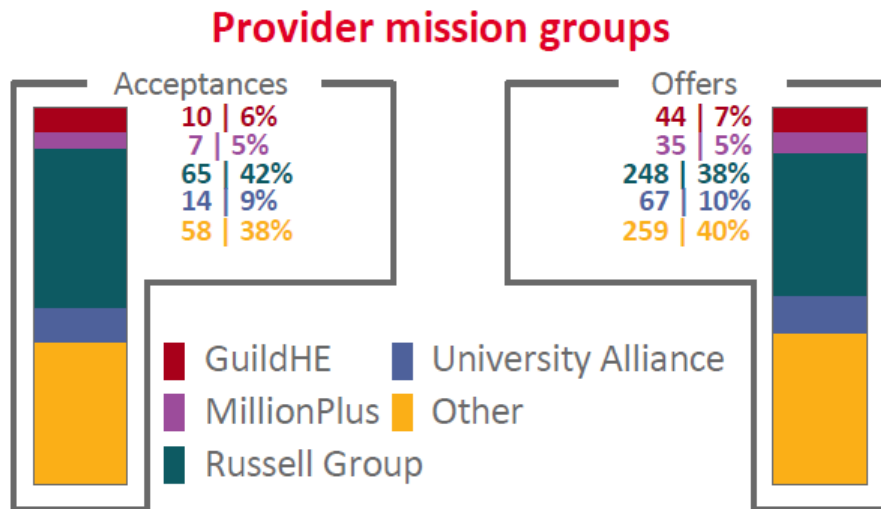
Go onto work and study

The number of student respondents and response rates can be important in interpreting the data – it is important to note your experience may be different from theirs. This data will be based on the subject area rather than the specific course. [Read more about this data on the Discover Uni website.](#)

This map shows the number of students accepted for each area, to UK universities and colleges, from our centre in the 2024 cycle



Bishop Luffa University Destinations 2024



Guild HE: Bath Spa, BIMM, Falmouth, RADA, LIPA, Winchester, Sparsholt etc.

University Alliance: Brighton, Birmingham City, Middlesex, Coventry, Greenwich, UWE, Oxford Brookes etc.

MillionPlus: London Met, East London, Solent, Bolton, Sunderland etc.

Russell Group: Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Exeter, Cardiff, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Nottingham, Edinburgh, Southampton, Newcastle, York, Birmingham, Durham, Glasgow, Imperial, Warwick, UCL, Queen's, Queen Mary, LSE, King's

Other: Bath, St Andrews, Sussex, Royal Holloway, Lancaster, Reading, Leicester, Loughborough, Surrey, UEA, Chichester



The course matters

Teaching & learning

- ✓ Teaching hours, self-study, lectures, and group work.

Assessment & structure

- ✓ Coursework, exams, practical work, and module choices.

Entry requirements

- ✓ Grades, skills, interviews, or auditions.

Career links

- ✓ Placements, internships and study abroad.

Class size & experience

- ✓ Student numbers and learning environment

Select qualification
UK A-Level

Data from: This course Date range: 2019–2023

Grades held by accepted students

BCC
Most common

ABB
Highest grades

CCC
Lowest grades

Rate of offers for UK school leavers

9 in 10

Students aged 17/18 who applied to this course were offered a place.

How do you compare?

Add three of your UK A-Level grades, predicted or those you've already achieved, to see how they compare to the grades previously accepted.

UK A-Level grades:

B B C

By using 'Accept & show results' you acknowledge that the result indicates how you compare to previously accepted students. It is not an indication of success if you were to apply.

Accept & show results Cancel

Realistic Choice

- Selective or recruiting university?
- GCSE results- their significance for some universities
- Mock results/predicted grades
- Typical university offer- 3 A-levels (e.g. AAB). Most ask for specific grades, some ask for points (which can include Core Maths and the EPQ)
- Need for an insurance offer/choice



Tariff Points

Grade	A-level points	AS-level points	Extended Project Qualification points
A*	56	N/A	28
A	48	20	24
B	40	16	20
C	32	12	16
D	24	10	12
E	16	6	8

Application key facts



Invisibility - Universities and colleges **can't see** your other choices



Apply by the relevant **equal consideration date**.



Five choices, with some restrictions (medicine, veterinary, dentistry, Oxford and Cambridge).



Research is key to a successful application.



Applying costs £28.95.



Completing the **ucas** application



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

UCAS Reference Sections



Enter a general statement about your school/college/centre.

Head of VI



If applicable, enter any information about extenuating circumstances which may have impacted the applicant's education and achievement.

Tutor (with **student's** consent)



Outline any other supportive information specific to the applicant and relevant to the course(s) applied for that you think universities/colleges should be aware of.

Tutor & Subject Teachers



Linking to our centre

- Enter the **'buzzword'** to link your application: **BLSIXTHFORM26**
- The buzzword is a unique code.
- By linking your application you're giving us permission to view and track your application.
- We send your application to UCAS on your behalf.

The first screenshot shows the UCAS website header with navigation links: 'Find the education', 'Undergraduate', 'Postgraduate', 'Apprenticeships', 'Careers', a search icon, and a 'Find' button with a user profile icon. The main heading is 'Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?'. Below this are two large circular buttons: a teal 'Yes' button and a pink 'No' button.

The second screenshot shows the 'Link to a school, college, or centre using a Buzzword' screen. It includes a sub-heading and a paragraph explaining that by entering the buzzword, the user grants permission for UCAS to view and track their application. At the bottom are 'Continue' and 'Cancel' buttons.

The third screenshot shows the 'Enter the Buzzword from your school, college, or centre' screen. It includes a sub-heading and a paragraph stating that buzzwords are case-sensitive and are given to you by your school, college, or centre. Below this is a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter Buzzword here' and a 'Next Buzzword' button at the bottom left, along with a 'Cancel' button at the bottom right.

application profile

- Personal details
- Nationality details
- Where you live
- Contact details
- Supporting information
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion*
- More about you

* (for students with a UK home address)

The image shows a grid of eight application profile sections, each with a title, a brief description, and a 'Start this section' button. The 'Where you live' and 'Contact details' sections are highlighted with a blue bar and a 'Section in progress' indicator.

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

application experiences

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

*(for students with a UK home address)

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

The screenshot displays the 'Experience' section of a UCAS application. It features four main components arranged in a grid-like fashion on a dark background:

- Experience** (Section Header)
 - Education**
 - Qualifications and periods of study
 - Section in progress (indicated by a blue bar and an 'i' icon)
 - Employment**
 - Paid employment
 - Section complete (indicated by a green bar and a checkmark icon)
 - Extra activities**
 - Taken part in any activities to prepare you for higher education?
 - Start this section
- Your personal statement** (Section Header)
 - Personal statement**
 - Why do you want to study this subject?
 - Start this section

the personal Statement



Your chance to show your passion, curiosity, interest.



Three separate sections with question prompts.



A maximum of 4,000 characters, minimum of 350 characters per section.



The same for all your choices.



There isn't a spelling or grammar check.



No formatting allowed.



Every personal statement is run through similarity detection software.

Why do you want to study this course or subject? *

This is your opportunity to showcase your passion and knowledge of your chosen subject area and to demonstrate to universities and colleges why they are a good fit for you and your future ambitions.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)

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

This is your chance to shout about the relevant or transferable skills you've gained from your education and highlight your understanding of how they will help you succeed in this subject area.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)

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

This is your chance to reflect on any other activities you have undertaken outside of your education, or personal experiences which further demonstrate your suitability for the course. This section is likely to be deeply personal to you, so anything you include should be meaningful and relevant to you.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)

What are the questions?



Why do you want to study this course or subject?

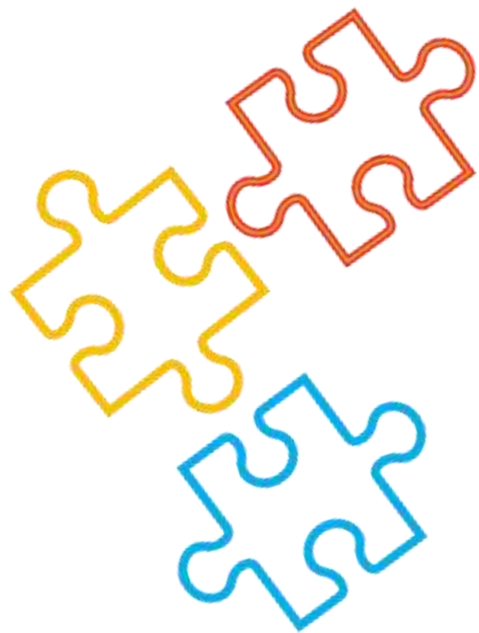


How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?



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

Build A **personal** Statement



Ultimately, think of it like a jigsaw.

Each piece is reflective evidence.

personal Statement support

PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

4000 characters of 4000 remaining



[View personal statement guides](#)

CONTINUE WRITING



What to include in your architecture, planning or building personal statement



What to include in your animal science personal statement



What to include in your art and design personal statement



What to include in your biology personal statement



What to include in your business management personal statement



What to include in your chemistry personal statement



What to include in your computer science personal statement



What to include in your dance personal statement



What to include in your dentistry personal statement



What to include in your drama personal statement



What to include in your economics personal statement



What to include in your engineering personal statement

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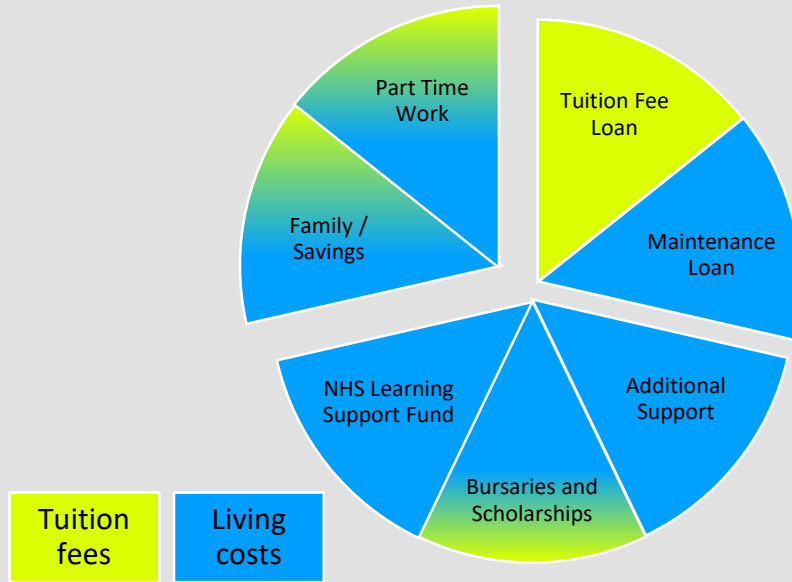
Student finance

Student Finance Centre

CLAUDIA BRADSHAW

YOUR TIME.
YOUR PLACE.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?



There are various sources of financial support to help students cover tuition fees and living costs.

- Tuition fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Additional support from Student Finance
- NHS Learning Support Fund
- Bursaries and Scholarships

TUITION FEES

Maximum fees at publicly funded universities in England in 2025/26 will be:

- **£9,535 a year for full-time courses**
- Work placement year up to 20% of full-time fee (approx. £1,907)
- Study abroad year up to 15% of full-time fee (approx. £1,430)

Fees may be higher at private universities



TUITION FEE LOAN

Students don't have to pay fees upfront, they can use a tuition fee loan. A tuition fee loan:

- Covers 100% of fees at a publicly funded UK university
- Is not based on household income
- Is paid directly to the university



MAINTENANCE LOAN

The amount a student gets depends on household income, and where they live and study.

- It is paid directly to the student in 3 instalments
- It may not cover all living costs
- The amount received could change each year



HOUSEHOLD INCOME

- Students under 25 are usually classed as dependent
- For dependent students, **household income = the total taxable (gross) income of parents** (for 2026 entry the 2024/25 tax year is used)
- If parents are separated, it is the parent the student usually lives with



Maintenance loan support 2025/26

Household income	Maintenance loan		
	Living away (£62,377)	Home (£58,349)	London (£70,116)
£25,000 or less	£10,544	£8,877	£13,762
£30,000	£9,791	£8,132	£12,997
£35,000	£9,038	£7,387	£12,231
£40,000	£8,285	£6,642	£11,465
£45,000	£7,532	£5,897	£10,700
£50,000	£6,779	£5,152	£9,934
£55,000	£6,026	£4,407	£9,168
£60,000	£5,273	£3,907	£8,403
£70,000 or more	£4,915	£3,907	£6,853

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND GRANTS

Provide extra support for those that need it most or to recognise achievement.

- Money that doesn't have to be paid back
- Helps with living costs or tuition fees
- Eligibility can be based on merit, income, or personal circumstances



NHS LEARNING SUPPORT FUND

The NHS Learning Support Fund (LSF) helps eligible healthcare students.

- Training grant - £5,000 per year
- Specialist subject - extra £1,000 per year
- Parental support - £2,000 per year





DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE (DSA)

- Support for students with a disability, long-term condition (including mental health) or learning difference such as dyslexia
- Students can get help with the costs of:
 - specialist study equipment
 - non-medical helpers e.g. note-taker or mentor
 - other disability-related study support
- Not repayable
- Based on needs, not income

AVERAGE WEEKLY LIVING COSTS

Item	Halls	House share
Self-catered halls / rent	£110-£191	£95-£160
Bills (gas, electric, water, Wi-Fi)	included	£35
Food + housekeeping	£45	£45
Travel	£5-10	£5-10
Phone	£5-10	£5-10
Contents insurance	£3	£3
TV licence	£3	£3
Social costs	£30-40	£30-£40
Total per week	£201 - £302	£221 - £306
Total per academic year (40 weeks)	£8,040 - £12,080	£8,840 - £12,240



MANAGING LIVING COSTS

How students fund living costs in addition to the maintenance loan:

- Savings, child trust fund or help from parents or family
- Gap year to work and save up
- Part-time or vacation work while at uni
- Scholarships, grants and bursaries

MANAGING LIVING COSTS

How parents supplement the maintenance loan:

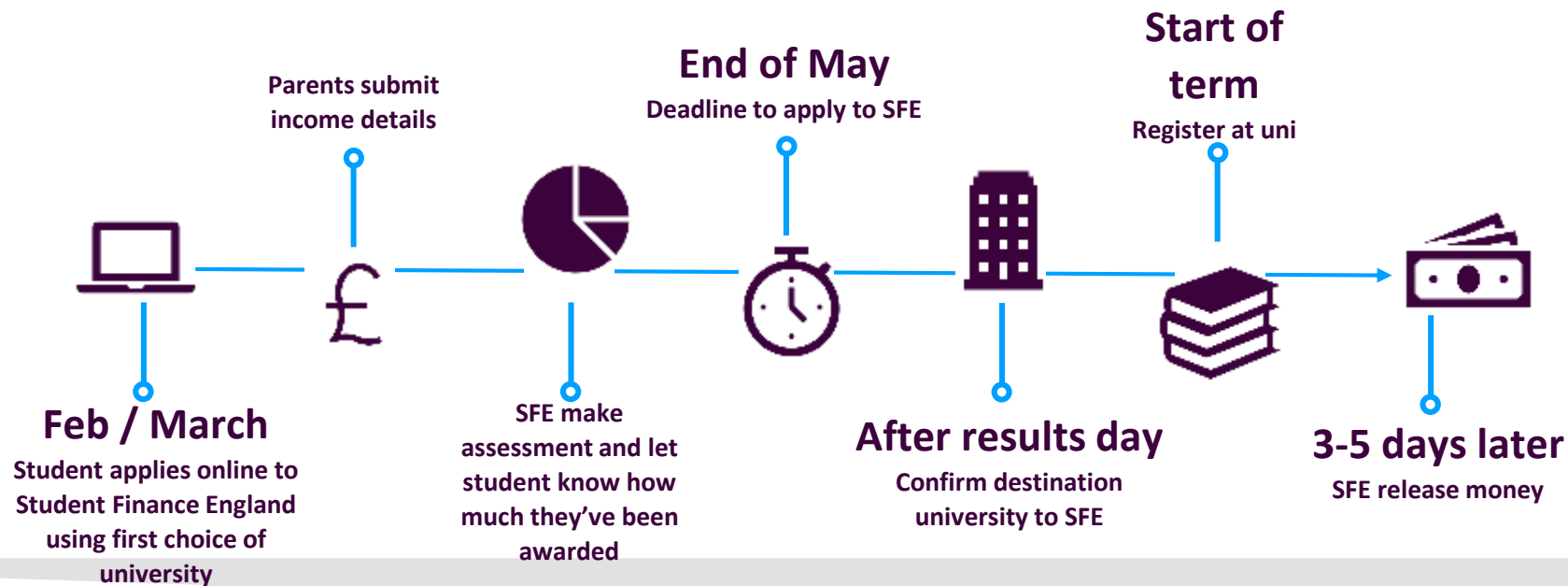
- Top-up to equivalent of maximum maintenance loan or an affordable amount
- Cover accommodation costs and student uses loan for other living costs
- Weekly or monthly allowance
- Travel home
- Specific costs such as phone, subscriptions, gym membership
- Temporary financial support until the student finds a part-time job
- Subsidised living during holidays

MANAGING LIVING COSTS

How students spend less and manage money:

- Choose cheaper uni / accommodation
- Consider living at home and commuting
- Money saving and independence skills: budgeting, meal planning, cooking
- Careful use of student overdraft to manage large one-off or set-up costs
- Student discounts: Totum, UniDays and Student Beans

FINANCE TIMELINE



REPAYING THE STUDENT LOAN

It's not like other loans.

- About half of students are predicted to pay back all of their loan
- Repayments go up and down with earnings
- No one else is responsible for repayments
- It will not stop students from getting a mortgage
- A student loan does not affect credit score
- Credit score does not affect student loan



LOAN REPAYMENTS

Monthly repayments depend on what students earn and not what they owe.

- Repayment starts in April after leaving university
- Repayments start when earning £25,000 or more
- Repayment is 9% of everything earned above £25,000
- After 40 years any outstanding balance is wiped



MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

Gross annual salary	Approx Monthly take home pay (after tax and NI)	Monthly loan repayment
£20,000	£1,493	£0
£26,000	£1,853	£7.50
£30,000	£2,093	£37.50
£40,000	£2,693	£113

Repayments are only based on income.

Repayments are taken directly from salary through the PAYE system.

INTEREST RATES



- The interest rate applied is based on the Retail Prices Index - RPI
- Interest does not affect monthly payments but may affect the length of time it takes to repay the loan

USEFUL WEBSITES

Student Loan

- [gov.uk/get-undergraduate-student-loan](https://www.gov.uk/get-undergraduate-student-loan)
- [gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)
- [gov.uk/repaying-your-student loan](https://www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan)

Other sources of funding

- [gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa](https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa)
- nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund
- thescholarshiphub.org.uk

Uni websites:

- Scholarships and bursaries
- Accommodation and living costs

More info on student funding

- moneysavingexpert.com/students/
- ucas.com/money
- thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/finance
- themoneycharity.org.uk/work/young-people/student-money-manual/

Student discounts

- savethestudent.org/student-discounts
- moneysavingexpert.com/deals/student-discounts/
- studentbeans.com/uk
- myunidays.com/
- totum.com/

An aerial photograph of a coastal area, likely Portsmouth, showing a harbor with many small boats, a peninsula with buildings and a parking lot, and a sandy beach. The sky is overcast.

THANK YOU

for listening

Offers and Decisions



decisions

Universities and colleges will review the whole application including:



Qualifications



Personal statement



Reference

They may also require :



Admissions test



Interview



Portfolio / audition

Tracking your application

Follow your application to:

- check progress
- see your choices
- update contact information
- view and reply to your offers

One of three decisions:

- unconditional offer
- conditional offer
- unsuccessful



Submitted to your school or college

Your application has been sent to your school or college and is being checked by your adviser. Once they have approved it your application will be sent to UCAS.



Your application has been returned by your adviser

Your adviser has returned your application, go to your application to see what amendments they are recommending for you.



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



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2026 Undergraduate Application

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RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS MEET UNIS AND COLLEGES EMPLOYERS AND MORE AT A UCAS EVENT



Your feed

Your personal content feed



Replying to your offers

Find out when you need to reply and about the different replies you can make.

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UCAS terms explained

We break down what all the terms and phrases mean that we use, from GPH to deferral.



Invited for interview?

Here's all you need to know about the interview process at university.



Get prepared for your results

Make sure you know what to expect when it comes to your results.

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Replies to offers

- Once you've made your decisions, choose a 'firm' and 'insurance' choice (**by 6th May 2026**)
- Decline any remaining offers.
- If you're not holding an offer, use Extra or Clearing to find available places.

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CONFIRM YOUR CHOICES

UCAS Application

Your Personal ID number
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Cancel Send choices

Selecting as your firm choice

Archaeology (V400)
University of Oxford (UK) - JH (ES6)
Master of Arts (with Honours) MA (Hons)
Location: Main site
Start date: September 2026

OFFER

You have been offered a place subject to conditions

Your offer
Place in Access Course with 40 credits at Level 3, of which 24 Level 3 credits must be at Merit or Distinction grade in Science, Social Science or Health-related subjects and pass Functional Skills Maths. Subject to DBS and Occupational Health clearance.

Select offer

Selecting as your insurance choice

Geography (L700)
University of Oxford (UK) - JH (ES6)
Master of Arts (with Honours) MA (Hons)
Location: Main site
Start date: September 2026

OFFER

You have been offered a place subject to conditions

Your offer
Place in Access Course with 40 credits at Level 3, of which 24 Level 3 credits must be at Merit or Distinction grade in Science, Social Science or Health-related subjects and pass Functional Skills Maths. Subject to DBS and Occupational Health clearance.

Select offer

Offers you are declining

Italian and History of Art (RV33)
University of Oxford (UK) - JH (ES6)
Master of Arts (with Honours) MA (Hons)
Location: Main site
Start date: September 2026

OFFER

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Your offer
Place in Access Course with 40 credits at Level 3, of which 24 Level 3 credits must be at Merit or Distinction grade in Science, Social Science or Health-related subjects and pass Functional Skills Maths. Subject to DBS and Occupational Health clearance.

Select offer

Other options

Extra (26 Feb – 4 Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- You can still find a place using Extra.

Clearing (5 Jul – Oct)

- Clearing is for students in various situations.
- Whether you've exceeded expectations, changed your mind, or don't have a place.
- Understanding the process helps you take control of your options.



Next steps



UCAS Support

What to be doing

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



Summer Term



- Research
- University Open days
- Register with UCAS and begin completing application form (House Drama/Enterprise Dropdown Day: 24th June and PSHE/Tutor sessions)
- Begin personal statement- if possible, 1st draft shown to tutor before work experience
- Any specialist admissions tests? Register in September (test usually at end of October/start of November)

Autumn Term



- Continue research
- Predicted grades and subject references written by mid-September
- Complete UCAS application by the end of first half term
- PSHE sessions and tutor time (1:1 support)
- Any specialist tests? Sit them.
- Prepare for interviews- mock interviews with subject staff/ HofSixth

Spring Term



- Possible interviews (depending on course/university)
- Decisions received from 5 choices: conditional offer (3 grades or Tariff points), unconditional offer, unsuccessful
- If no offers received then use UCAS Extra (February onwards)

Summer Term

- Reply to offers (by 6th May): firm acceptance + insurance acceptance + decline (all can be declined and UCAS Extra and/or Clearing used)
- Late applications possible (until 30th June)
- Head of Sixth Form to contact Admissions Tutor(s) if special circumstances
- Organise student finance (by end of May) and reserve accommodation



Results/Confirmation Day

- Thursday 13th August 2026 (tbc): make sure available (update contact details) have everything ready
- Results sent to UCAS by exam boards (decision from UCAS before results available at school)
- If conditions of firm and insurance choices not met then Clearing possible (until October). Consider emergency remark (5 day turnaround)
- Head of Sixth Form available for contacting Admissions Tutors etc.
- Retakes possible in Summer 2027 (and (re)application through school in Autumn 2026). Gap year or Y14?

How can you support them?

Research

Use the parents/guardians' section of the UCAS website at www.ucas.com/parents.



Sign up

Sign up for parent updates from UCAS and get everything you need to know about the application process direct to your inbox.



Open days

Attend virtual events and open days – you may have a different perspective.



Be proactive

Make sure they read everything carefully that is sent to them and don't book holidays at key times!

www.ucas.com/parents

Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide

Download our free guide, containing everything you need to support a young person with their options and decision-making, and help them through the UCAS application process.

Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide



Sign up for our parent newsletter

Whether your child is set on going to uni, or still looking into their options – including apprenticeships, gap years, or conservatoire courses – we can help. Sign up and we'll send you everything you need to help them make an informed decision.



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- Subject guides
- Shortlisting comparison tools
- Personal statement guidance and exemplars
- Super-curricular course links/ideas



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(see also English, Languages)

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Useful websites www.ciol.org.uk; www.cil.org; <https://academic.oup.com/applij>; www.linguisticsociety.org; www.sil.org; www.baal.org.uk

NB The points totals shown to the left of the institutions are for ease of reference only. It must not be assumed that tariff points are always used by institutions or that they can be substituted for an offer in grades. The level of an offer is not necessarily indicative of the quality of a course.

COURSE OFFERS INFORMATION

Subject requirements/preferences GCSE English required and a foreign language preferred. All English may be required or preferred for some courses.

Your target offers and examples of degree courses

- 152 pts** **Cambridge** – A*AA +interview +LAA (Ling) (IB 40–42 pts HL 776)
- 144 pts** **Edinburgh** – AAA (Ital Ling) (IB 39 pts HL 666)
- Lancaster** – AAB incl Engl/lang/maths/comp/psy (Ling) (IB 35 pts HL 16 pts)
- Newcastle** – AAA-ABB (Ling; Ling Chin/Jap) (IB 36–34 pts); AAA-ABB incl Fr (Ling Fr) (IB 36–34 pts HL 5 Fr)
- 136 pts** **Edinburgh** – AAB (Ling; Jap Ling; Class Ling; Ling Engl Lang) (IB 36 pts HL 665)
- Lancaster** – AAB incl Engl/Lang (Ling Psy) (IB 35 pts HL 16 pts); AAB incl Engl/Lang/maths/comp/psy (Ling (5t Abrid); Ling Phil) (IB 35 pts HL 16 pts)
- Leeds** – AAB-ABB (Ling Comb Hons; Ling Phon) (IB 35–34 pts HL 16 pts)
- London (SOAS)** – AAB-ABB (Ling) (IB 35 pts HL 665)
- Southampton** – AAB/ABB+ePQ incl lang +interview (Lang Soty) (IB 34 pts HL 6 lang)
- York** – AAB-ABB (Ling) (IB 34 pts); AAB (Phil Ling) (IB 35 pts); AAB-ABB incl Fr (Fr Ling (Yr Abrid)) (IB 34 pts)
- 128 pts** **Edinburgh** – ABB (Phil Ling) (IB 37 pts HL 666)
- London (QM)** – ABB incl Engl lit/Engl lang lit (Engl Lit Ling) (IB 32 pts HL 6 Engl); ABB (Engl Lang Ling) (IB 32 pts HL 655)
- Manchester** – ABB (Ling courses) (IB 33 pts)
- Newcastle** – ABB-ABB incl Fr/Ger/Spain (Modn Langs Ling) (IB 32 pts HL 6 Fr/Ger/Spain)
- Queen's Belfast** – ABB incl Engl (Engl Ling)
- Sheffield** – ABB incl Engl (Ling Comb Hons) (IB 33 pts); ABB-ABB+ePQ (Engl Lang Ling) (IB 33 pts)
- 120 pts** **Aberdeen** – BBB (Lang Ling) (IB 32 pts)
- Anglia Ruskin** – 120 pts (Engl Lang Ling)
- Bangor** – 120–104 pts (Ling Engl Lang; Ling; Ling Engl Lit)
- Essex** – BBB (Ling) (IB 30 pts)
- Kent** – BBB incl Engl (Engl Lang Ling Engl Am Lit) (IB 34 pts); BBB (Engl Lang Ling) (IB 34 pts)
- London (QM)** – BBB incl hum/soc sci (Ger Ling) (IB 30 pts HL 5 hum/soc sci)
- UWE Bristol** – 120 pts (Engl Lang Ling)
- 112 pts** **Roehampton** – 112 pts (Engl Lang Ling)
- Wolverhampton** – BBC-CCC (Ling courses)
- 104 pts** **Brighton** – BCC-CCC incl Engl 104–96 pts (Engl Lang Ling) (IB 27 pts)
- Central Lancashire** – 104 pts (Engl Lang Ling)

- London (Birk)** – 104 pts (Ling Lang)
- Manchester Met** – 104–112 pts (Ling Mand Chin/Fr/Ger/Ital/Spain) (IB 26 pts)
- Nottingham Trent** – 104 pts (Ling Comb Hons)
- Ulster** – BCC-BBC (Lang Ling) (IB 24–25 pts HL 12 pts)
- Westminster** – BCC (Engl Lang Ling) (IB 28 pts HL 5 Engl); (Arabic Ling) (IB 28 pts)
- Winchester** – 104–120 pts (Engl Ling) (IB 26 HL 5); (Engl Ling French Ling) (IB 26 pts HL 5)
- 20 pts** **Bedfordshire** – 80 pts (Engl Lang Ling)

Alternative offers

See **Chapter 6** and **Appendix 1** for grades/UCAS tariff points information for other examinations.

CHOOSING YOUR COURSE (SEE ALSO CH.1)

Universities and colleges teaching quality See www.qaa.ac.uk; <http://www.univstats.ac.uk>

Top research universities and colleges (REF 2014) (Modern Languages and Linguistics) London (QM) (Ling); Queen Margaret; Edinburgh (Ling); Kent; York; Queen's Belfast; Southampton; Cardiff; Essex; Warwick; Glasgow (Celt St); Cambridge; Manchester; London (Birk).

Examples of sandwich degree courses Leeds; Nottingham Trent; Westminster.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Number of applicants per place (approx) Bangor 5; Cambridge 3; Essex 1; Lancaster 6; Leeds 12; York 17.

Advice to applicants and planning the UCAS personal statement Give details of your interests in language and how it works, and about your knowledge of languages and their similarities and differences.

Selection interviews Yes Cambridge; No Brighton, Essex, Newcastle, Sheffield.

Interview advice and questions Past questions include: Why do you want to study linguistics? What does the subject involve? What do you intend to do at the end of your degree course? What answers do you give to your parents or friends when they ask why you want to study the subject? How and why does language vary according to sex, age, social background and regional origin? See also **Chapter 5**.

Reasons for rejection (non-academic) Lack of knowledge of linguistics. Hesitation about the period to be spent abroad.

AFTER-RESULTS ADVICE

Options to applicants repeating A-levels Same Brighton, Essex, Leeds, Newcastle, York.

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT (2015/16 HESA)

Graduates surveyed 620 Employed 275 in voluntary employment 30 in further study 180

Assumed unemployed 30

Career note Students enter a wide range of careers, with information management and editorial work in publishing offering some interesting and useful outlets.

OTHER DEGREE SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Cognitive Sciences; Communication Studies; Education Studies; English; Psychology; Speech Sciences.



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Thank you.

**Please feel free to
see us individually
now for questions!**

