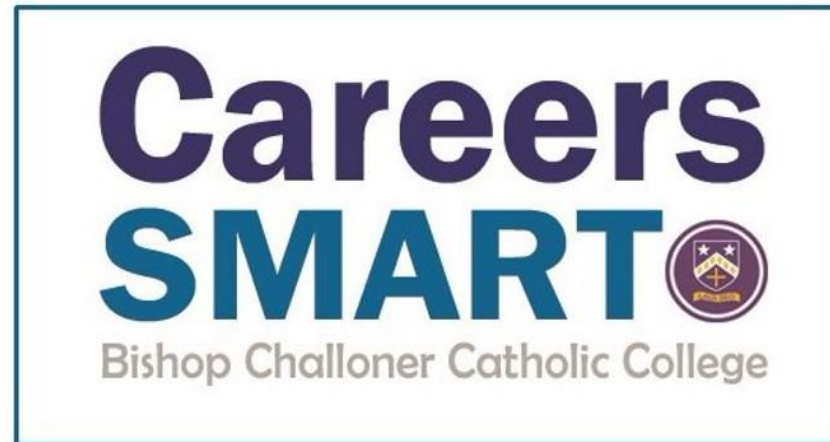


Choosing Your 'Top 5'





WHAT WE WILL COVER

1. How many universities and courses can you apply for?
2. How to decide on your UCAS choices.

Most students get to choose up to 5 different courses

These might be at 5 different universities, or they might be different courses at the same universities.

Exceptions

Only **4 choices** for
Medicine, Veterinary Medicine/Science
and Dentistry

*However, you can put a different course as
your 5th choice as a backup*

Only Oxford or Cambridge (not allowed to
put both!)



CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY & COURSE

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Recap - How do you choose a course?

1. What do you enjoy (not necessarily a subject in school/college)?
2. What are you good at?
3. What do you want to do after uni?
4. What other opportunities do you want?

Recap - How do you choose a university?



Type of university

- City
- Campus based
- Large or small
- Reputation (university & subject rankings)



Location

- Travel time and cost
- Living costs
- Type of area



Range of facilities

- Course based
- Accommodation
- Sports
- Social facilities

Recap - Choosing your 'Top 5'

Once you have started some research, think about **entry requirements.**

1 x Aspirational

- Choose 1 university courses that have entry requirements slightly higher than your predicted grades, but still realistic!



3 x Achievable

- Choose 3 university courses that have entry requirements around what you're expecting to achieve.



1 x Back up

- 1 with lower entry requirement, should things not go as expected.
- This needs to be somewhere you'd be happy to go to!

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What to study, where to go and how to get there

Courses Universities Advice

Course name eg psychology Location: city, town or county

Search for courses All locations Search

Research

- Unifrog
- UCAS website
- theuniguide.co.uk
- Prospectuses
- Virtual Open Days
- University websites
- League tables

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