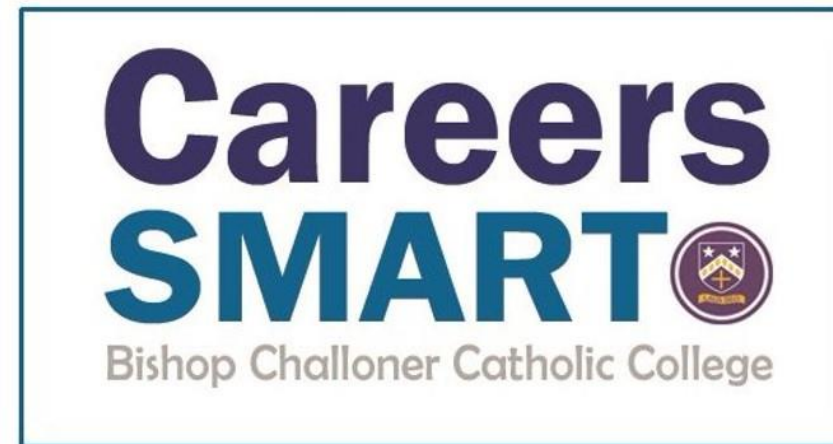


The UCAS Process








WHAT WE WILL COVER

1. What is UCAS and why do I need to know about it?
2. The timeline for applications to university

University applications are made via UCAS





Further educationUndergraduatePostgraduateAlternativesCareers

Sign in

Choose your future


Explore your options, apply to university, and more

Find courses, information, and more



Unsure about a course, university or student life?


Talk to students who are already studying... they know the provider, the courses, the accommodation, and what the city or town has to offer.



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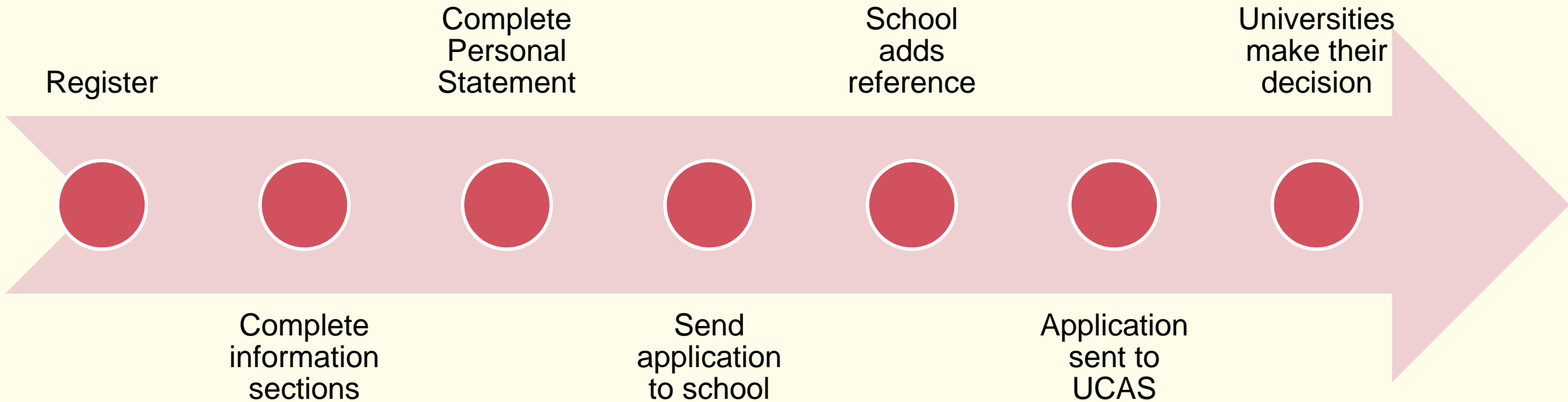
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Key Facts

- Register with UCAS via the Hub
- Use your username and password to apply online
- You can add up to 5 choices
- Medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's 4 choices (plus one other course as backup)
- You can't apply to BOTH Oxford and Cambridge
- Applying costs £22 for 1 choice, or £26.50 for 5 choices (TBC)
- Universities can't see other choices when you apply

The UCAS Application



Info you will need:



Home Address

Email Address



Nationality

Area of
permanent
residence



Residential
category



Criminal
Convictions

Disability
needs



Educational
History

Reference



Payment

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



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Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition

Apply

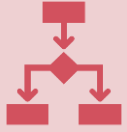
- **Early September** – Applications open
- **Mid October** – Deadline for applications to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science
- **January** – Deadline for applications to most courses

Offers

- Universities process applications
- Applicants invited to interview
- **Early May** – Majority of offers made by this date

Decisions

- **May/ June** – reply to your offers
- Decide on a firm and insurance choice institution
- **Mid August** – Results Day (clearing and adjustment)



Once you have decisions on all your choices, you can hold a maximum of two offers:

1

One as a 'firm' acceptance – your first choice

2

The other as an 'insurance' acceptance. This acts as a back-up if you do not get into your 'firm' choice



You must then decline any remaining offers.

Other Options

Extra (Feb – Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Can make one extra choice at a time to see if you can get an offer

Clearing (Jul – Oct)

- If on results day you are unsuccessful with your firm and insurance choice, you can approach universities that have places and secure an offer with your results