
Parents' evening presentation

Class of 2024

- **87% got their first choice of University!**



Destinations



- **University of Liverpool– Criminology**
- **University of Nottingham – Pharmacy**
- **LJMU – Real Estate**
- **Cumbria – Diagnostic radiography.**
- **York St. John – Cyber Security**
- **Edge Hill – Robotics**
- **UCLAN – Chemistry**
- **Edge Hill – Law with Criminology**
- **Manchester met – Psychology**
- **Nottingham Trent – Aerospace Engineering**
- **Degree Apprenticeship with KPMG – Accounting**
- **Degree Apprenticeship with Wakemans – Law**

Next Step Programme



- University visits/ Open Days/ UCAS convention
- Guidance on Personal statements & employability
- UNIFROG
- Student Progress Reviews each term with Tutors
- 1:1 career guidance
- Personal Statement support from, L Critchley, G Beddow and Holly Jones Qualifications guidance from Becky Bell.
- Mr Symes regularly advises and counsels on future career choices.

SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT

Year 13

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION/ PREPARATION

CITIZENSHIP IN CONTEXT/ SUPPORTING CATHOLIC ETHOS

FINANCE (STUDENT LIFE, BUDGETS, LINKS WITH JMU)

REVISION TECHNIQUES/ PERSONAL WELL BEING

STUDENT SUPPORT

STUDENT SHADOWING AT UNIVERSITIES



ENRICHMENT AROUND SCHOOL

- Head Boy/ Head Girl
- Student Leadership team
- Extended Project Qualification
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Subject specific enrichment/ educational visits



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

Choices available



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand all your options and make the right choices for you: ucas.com/hub

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.

Why?

- 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.

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What is UCAS?

350+ universities and colleges:

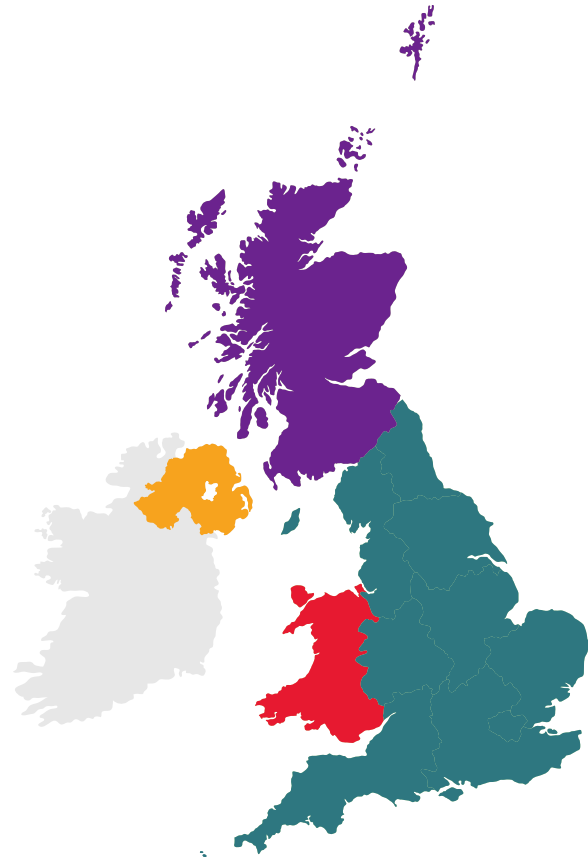
4 in Northern Ireland

15 in Wales

19 in Scotland

324 in England

35,000+ courses available



Apprenticeship advice

UCAS has [apprenticeship advice](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process

Go to ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships.

25%

of applicants declining all offers in 2018 told UCAS they had chosen an **apprenticeship** instead.


UCAS Exploring Apprenticeships

From UCAS Hub you can easily explore apprenticeships; learn more information and see a live selection of apprenticeship vacancies.

Set alerts to stay up to date.


APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

[Search for apprenticeships](#)

Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023 

Ware, Hertfordshire
A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per year, which increases after year 1

[Apply for this job](#)

R&D Laboratory IT (Digital & Tech) Degree Apprentice, Stevenage, 2023 

Stevenage, Hertfordshire
A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per

[FIND MORE](#)

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▼ Role Type 2 selected


Apprenticeship
 Other work and training

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TOP JOB

Radio Access Optimisation Apprentice (Virgin Media) 

- Leeds, Hammersmith , Runcorn , Wythenshawe
- £23,000
- Estio Training

Level 3 Radio Network Technician About the company: We're Virgin Media O2 and we're here to upgrade the UK. Virgin Media O2 combine...

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Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023 

- Ware, Hertfordshire
- A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per year, which increases after year 1
- GSK

Join GSK's R&D (Research and Development) Apprentice Programme – Ware UK, 2023: Help us get ahead of disease together

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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

Choosing the right university for you

- **Style** – from the traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are based in large cities, others in smaller towns - 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 interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

Choosing the right course for you

- 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?

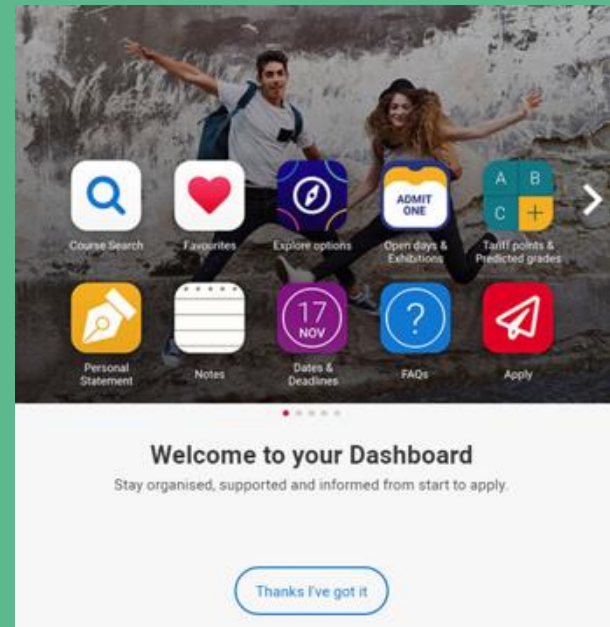
Research resources



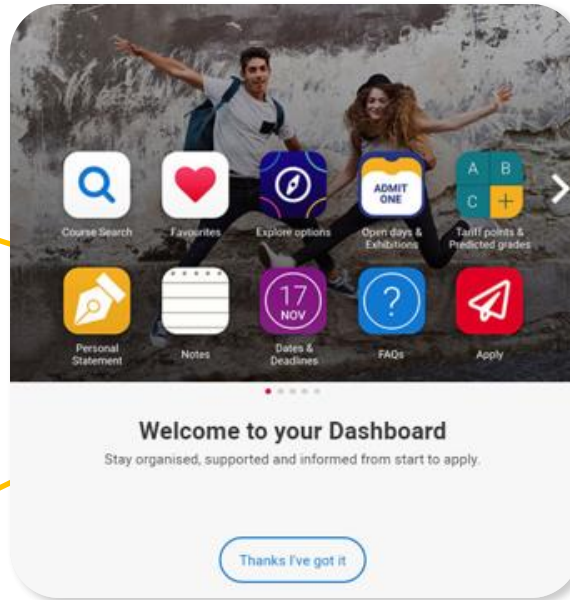
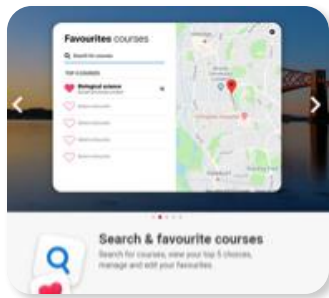
Before you apply...

Register in the UCAS Hub to explore your options, such as:

- explore careers, subjects, universities and apprenticeships
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)



UCAS Hub









Research – it's free!



- Learning from others – [chat to](#) uni students [student videos](#) and [blogs](#).
- [Career options](#) – use the [job profiles](#) to explore different career roles and pathways.
- Take the [Buzz quiz](#) to find out more about individual strengths, and what roles may suit you.
- The [Career Finder tool](#) is ideal for considering options after education, including searching for [apprenticeships](#).

Apply key facts

-  It's an online application
-  Maximum of five choices.
-  Choice restrictions:
 - medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry (maximum of four)
 - Oxford or Cambridge
-  Simple application cost:
 - one choice – **£20.50**
 - two to five choices – **£28.50**
-  Equal consideration.
-  'Invisibility'.

When to apply for 2025 entry

- **8 September** First day for receipt of completed applications.
- **15 October*** Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, Oxbridge/ Cambridge entry (PHASE 1 STUDENTS)
- **HOLY FAMILY DEADLINE: 1ST DECEMBER (PHASE 2 STUDENTS)**
- **31st January*** Equal consideration application deadline.
- **25 February** Extra opens.
- **30 June*** Last date for applications before Clearing.

Completing the UCAS application

A student registers at:
ucas.com/apply

- Sections to complete:
1. Personal details
 2. Additional information
 3. Student finance
 4. Choices
 5. Education
 6. Employment
 7. Personal statement
 8. Referee details

Teacher/
adviser adds
their
reference

Applications
are sent to
UCAS

Universities/
colleges make
their decisions

The personal statement



The only section you have full control over



Your only chance to market themselves individually



The same for all of your choices



A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines



A minimum of 1,000 characters



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No formatting is allowed

UCAS' similarity detection service:
every personal statement is run through software to check for plagiarism.

Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



Admissions test



Interview



Portfolio/audition

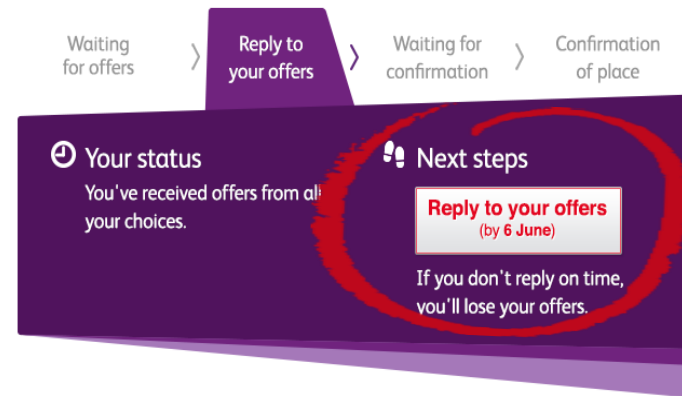
Tracking applications

Track allows applicants to:

- follow the progress of their application 24/7
- see their choices and personal information
- view their offers
- reply to offers online

In Track, a student can hold up to two offers:

- **firm** – if they meet the conditions of the offer they will be placed here
- **insurance** –if they are not placed with their firm choice, they may be placed with their insurance choice.






Other options



Extra (25 Feb – 4 Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time in Track.

Clearing (5 Jul – 19 Oct)

- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
 - Find vacancies from July, and add one choice in Track.
 - **Adjustment** (up to five days in Aug)
 - Placed with firm choice, and did better than expected.
 - Register in Track, then find another university or college. The new university or college adjusts the record.
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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 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 family holidays at key times!

MAKE FULL USE OF UCAS HUB

STUDENT FINANCE IN ENGLAND

Everything you need to know about student finance

Going to uni or college in 2024 to 2025?

All undergraduate and postgraduate applications for 2024 to 2025 are now open! You should:

- [Apply online now](#), it takes less than 30 minutes to complete.
- Apply using your preferred choice, you can change your uni/course details later if you need to!

Find out what you need to know about student finance before you apply and visit our:

- [Student toolkit](#)
- [Student timeline](#)

Currently a student and need help with a query or problem? [Find answers to your questions on the GOV.UK page](#).

Thinking of starting uni in 2026?

If your course starts from January 2026, you could apply for the Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE). [Find out more](#).

Follow us on, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) for updates.

Undergraduate funding

Find out what funding you could get to help with the cost of your undergraduate studies.

- Tuition fees:
 - Full-time students
 - Part-time students
- Living costs:
 - Full-time students
 - Part-time students

Postgraduate funding

Find out what funding you could get to help with the cost of your postgraduate studies.

- Master's Loan
- Doctoral Loan

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