

University Applications



September 2020

Year 13



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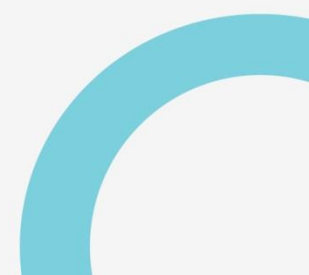





Students in Year 13 have been shown
this presentation during Tutorial on
Tuesday 8th September.

Please look through it with your
son/daughter.

If you have any further questions about
the UCAS process please contact Mr
Williams.



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2020

Biomedical Science Kent
Law Newcastle
Primary Education Northumbria
Engineering(with Foundation) Northumbria
Art and Design Sunderland
Mechanical Engineering Newcastle
Criminology Northumbria
Law Sunderland
Sport and Exercise Science Newcastle
History and Politics Northumbria
Civil Engineering Northumbria
Mathematics Lancaster
Acting University of Central Lancashire
Oral Health Science Edinburgh
Chemical Engineering Newcastle
Criminology Teeside
Child Nursing Northumbria
Medicine Oxford
Biomedical Science Newcastle
Physics Manchester
Social Sciences Northumbria
Mathematics Dundee
Mathematics Manchester

A word cloud featuring various university-related terms in different colors and orientations. The words include: JOIN, FUN, STUDY, TAKE, TALK, GO, MANAGE, AWARE, BUDGET, SEARCH, ACCOMMODATION, DIFFERENTLY, SOCIETIES, ASK, LECTURES, EARLY, CLUBS, DEADLINES, HELP, STUDY, RESPONSIBILITY, DIFFICULTY, LECTURERS, FIND, STARTENJOY, and DEADLINES.



Some statistics



- ▶ 395 University and College Providers
- ▶ 50,000 courses (in Higher Education)

Competition for some courses

e.g. Northumbria University - Midwifery Course

650 applications - 30 places






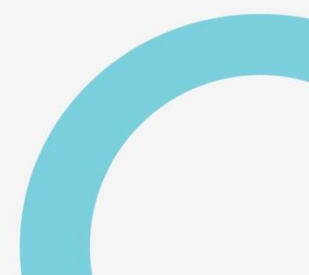
Preparation this year and beyond...

- During Year 12 student reps from Northumbria have spoken about the process of applying in a series of workshops in school (NU entry scheme)

During lockdown

We set up a Google Classroom linked to careers-posting virtual open days held by university, webinars etc.

All students introduced to Unifrog during July return and students all registered with UCAS.

- Planning Personal Statement in tutorial and registration time
 - Use of UNIFROG-searching courses , writing personal statements, creating CV's
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unifrog

Searching for Opportunities

UK universities

You have 5 shortlists

[View shortlists](#)

Start >

Apprenticeships

You have 1 shortlist

[View shortlist](#)

Start >

College / Sixth Form

Make your first shortlist

Start >

MOOC

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Oxbridge

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Dutch universities



Make your first shortlist

Start >

US universities



MOOC's

- Stands for Massive Open On-line Courses
 - Available through UNIFROG
 - Free on-line courses that students can complete in their spare time
 - They can mention them in personal statements to demonstrate to an admissions tutor that they are passionate about the subject and what to explore further at university
 - Many students have identified courses already
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Personal Statement

- ✕ Subject added
- ✕ Started
- ✕ Character count
- ✕ Marked as finished

Go to tool >

Teacher References

- ✕ Overall Reference

Post 18 Intent

- ✕ Plan A:
Plan not finished.
- ✕ Plan B:
Plan not finished.

Start >

UCAS

- ✓ You've shortlisted UK university courses - now pick your top 5

Start >

CV Creator

- ✕ Write CVs perfectly tailored for the roles you want

Start >

Applying through UCAS

All students in Year 12 have now registered and started their applications

Details:

- Personal Details
- Course choices (up to 5)
- Education (GCSE Results, exam boards, Pending A level qualifications- predicted grades, other relevant qualifications)
- Employment
- Personal Statement

In Autumn Term

Reference – student requests subject references from teachers – sent to tutor – forms basis of main reference – to include Predicted grades for subjects

Use apply to create their application-use track once the application has been sent

Apply login page

UCAS [Contact us](#) | [Help](#) | [Print page](#)

2015 apply **Register and log in**

What is Apply?
Help
English ▾

Key
Help

Home > Register and log in

Log in

If you have already registered, please enter your username and password below to log in. You must enter your username in lower case and your password in the same case you used to register.

Username

Password [Forgotten login?](#)

log in

Register

If you have not registered for 2015 entry, please click the 'register' button to use this service. You only need to register once.

register

Version 8.0.0

Track login page

UCAS **Track**

Welcome to Track
Please log in to view your choices and track your application

Personal ID

Password

Log in >

[Having trouble logging in?](#)

Version 4.2.3.1

Welcome

Personal details ☐

Choices ☐

Education ☐

Employment ☐

Statement ☐

View all details ☐

Pay/Send ☐

Help

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☐ In progress

☐ Not started

☐ Help

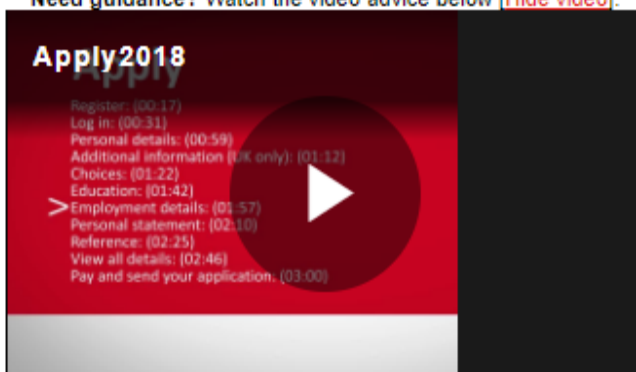
Welcome

Welcome James,

Your Personal ID is: **133-785-3662**.

Please make a note of this number and keep it handy. You will need to quote this number if you call our Customer Contact Centre.

Need guidance? Watch the video advice below [\[Hide video\]](#).



(Unable to view videos here? You can watch them at www.ucas.com/connect/videos instead)

Before starting your application, please read through the relevant information below regarding:

- [completing your application](#)
- [applicants applying through a school, college or organisation](#)
- [applicants applying as an individual](#)
- [deadlines for submitting your application.](#)



Which course / university ?

- Ready for University ? Is it right for your son/daughter now, or later ?
- Location ? Living away – accommodation costs? Living at home ?
- Type of University ?
- Nature of course ? Single ? Combined ? Sandwich ?
- One course at five different universities ?
- Three similar courses at one university ? (Generic Personal Statement – fits different types of course but around same subject area)
- What A level qualifications does the Higher Education course require? (entry requirements)
- Can the student achieve the grades required for the courses ? Be aspirational , but realistic ! Teachers will usually predict the student's MEG but there needs to be evidence that students are working towards this
- UCAS Course search / UNIFROG – search relevant courses



Personal Statement

“This is a crucial part of the application: many institutions do not hold interviews and admissions tutors rely on the information given in the personal statement when making their decision. **It is your son or daughter’s chance to tell the universities and colleges why they are applying, why they have chosen the course and why the institution should want them as a student.** The personal statement is the only opportunity to personalise the application. It is very important that your son or daughter takes time to prepare this” (UCAS Parent Guide)



Structure of the Personal Statement

- **Why this course ?**(Section One)

Example:

“ The complexities of the human body and advancements in Medicine have always fascinated me. I understand that Medicine is not a straight forward science but a complex mix of problem-solving, diagnosis, working with people, ethics and both theoretical and practical skills. In order to further my insight into the world of Medicine I organised work experience in various establishments...”

“Sport has been a major part of my life and because of this it is natural for me to study it at degree level. GCSE was my introduction to the theory behind the activities I am so passionate about... I take interest in nutrition and the problems highlighted by the media relating to obesity and poor health in the UK today...”

• How do my A Levels link with the chosen course?

(Section Two)

“In ***Art and Design*** I have studied the work of Vivien Westwood, a designer whose impact on the fashion market was so diverse and explosive that her designs are still influencing high street fashion. Within ***Business Studies*** I have gained an insight into the influence marketing has on the fashion industry...” (Fashion and Marketing)

“I have developed strong problem-solving skills in ***Mathematics*** and can now logically analyse situations both academically and in everyday life. In ***Biology*** I wrote an independent study on the use of chemicals in agriculture where I had to present clear, well-reasoned arguments to support my views. In ***History*** I have learned about the importance of sources as evidence, taking into account bias and whether or not they are first hand....” (Law)

- **Additional interests, hobbies, involvement in extra-curricular activities** (Section Three)

“I am a very helpful and self-motivated person. Throughout my high school years I have taken part in being a peer mentor, I have also helped a Design and Technology class on a voluntary basis to help students with coursework tips... I have a part time job working at NEXT ; here I have developed many skills including team work, communication skills and my self-esteem..” **(Graphic Design)**

“ I have a passion for dancing and work as a community dance group leader in my spare time. I enjoy reading, concerts and the theatre. I am an active member of my Church where I help to organise youth meetings and events.. As part of my passion for travelling, I would like to take part in Camp America next summer...”

Each personal statement has 47 lines and 4000 characters available.

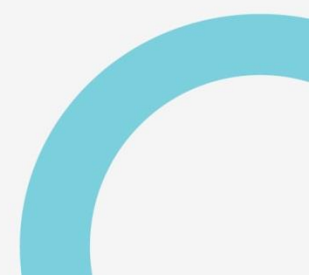
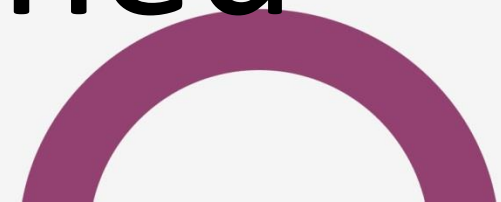
UCAS video-help on writing a personal statement

- [Video tutorial](#)
- Many other video guides on the UCAS website
- Mr Williams has many exemplar personal statements from previous years which students can look at to get ideas
- However, do not copy-**write in their words !**




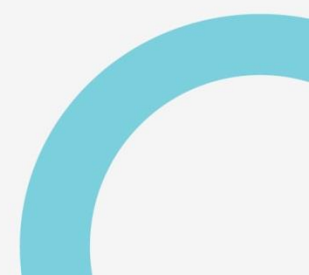
Do not plagiarise !!!

Similarity Detection
System – all
statements are
scanned





Next stage....

- Applications sent to Mr Williams for checking - returned if it needs editing. If not, reference is pasted in and, with the agreement of the student, the application is sent
 - Payment- either by credit card or paying the school (we are invoiced)
 - Charges – one course £20
two to five courses £26
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Reference – extract-how it might look !

is an able student who is both hard working and committed to achieving high grades in her A levels. She is well liked by her teachers and other students who value her lively approach and pleasant manner, and respect her contributions to lessons. ## has always been reliable and honest. She studied four academic subjects at AS which is college policy for our more able students.

##'s teachers have commented on her performance as follows:-

Biology – “## has a very good attitude and works conscientiously in this subject. Homework assignments always meet the deadline and are completed to an excellent standard. She has very good oral, written and ICT skills and she communicates clearly using scientific language. ##has shown that she can design and carry out her own investigation, interpreting, analyzing and evaluating the results and conclusion”.

Chemistry: - “## will be very well suited to primary teaching as she has a caring and sympathetic personality together with a good sense of humour. Although she does not find chemistry easy, she has persevered and genuinely enjoys the subject. She makes a good effort and is usually successful. ## has made very good progress in the A level course and is now more thoughtful in her use of terms and more technically correct in her answers. She is a good team member.”

Theatre Studies :- “## demonstrates lots of enthusiasm for this subject. She is extremely conscientious and applies herself fully to all aspects of the course. Her performance skills are good and her written work shows a very good level of understanding. Oral skills are also of a high standard and she has grown in confidence throughout her A level course. Homework assignments are always completed to a high standard and meet the deadlines. She completes research on her own initiative.”

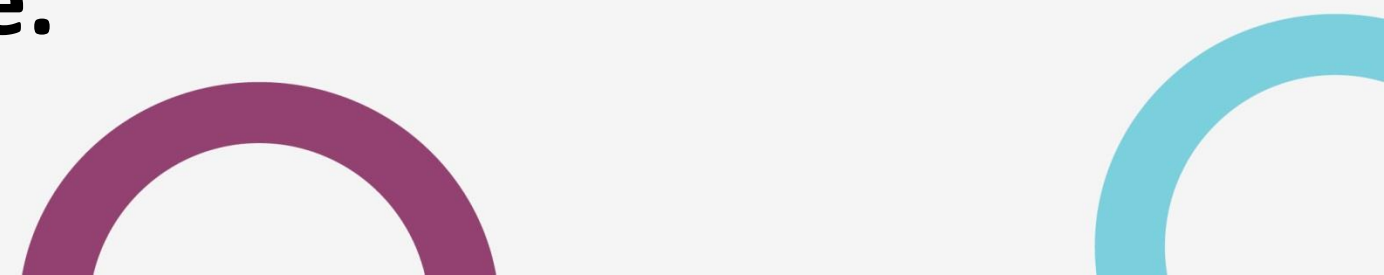
has made a valuable contribution to the life of the college during her years with us. She is committed to helping young people and has given freely of her time and energy to do so in a number of contexts. As a person she is warm and approachable with a lively sense of humour, as well as a strong determination to achieve her personal goals.##strikes me as a calm, collected person who will cope with any situation in a mature and confident way. I am sure she will become a successful primary teacher and I am happy to recommend her application to you.



Deadlines for UCAS applications

- **15th October 2020**

Application deadline for the receipt at UCAS of applications for all medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and veterinary science courses and for all courses at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

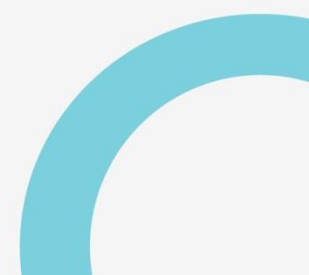




• **15 January 2021**


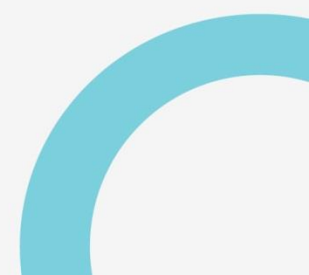
**Application deadline for the receipt
at UCAS of applications for all courses
except Art and Design courses with a
24 March deadline**

**(students can apply up to the 30th
June but choices will become
limited after 15th January)**






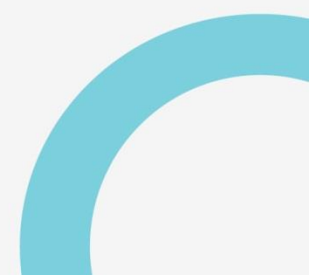
Internal Deadlines

- Completion of Personal Statements by October Half-Term (with the exception of early entry)
 - References completed by end of November, if not earlier
 - Mock exams in January –focus on these rather than ‘scrambling together’ a UCAS application at the last minute
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Acceptance from UCAS

Welcome and confirmation letter

- Personal ID number to TRACK application
 - Correspondence from UCAS regarding offers, deadline dates
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Offers

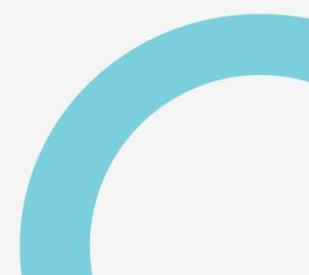

Either

Grade offer e.g. BCC
DDD

Or

Number of points e.g. 120 UCAS points

*Universities may also specify that they want a certain grade from one particular subject.



Tariff Points

UCAS Tariff

A level and Advanced VCE

Official title: Advanced GCE and Advanced VCE

Grade	Tariff points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Size band: 4

Grade bands: 4-14

Offered by AQA, CCEA, OCR, Pearson Edexcel and WJEC

Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF)

Grade	Tariff points
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

Size band: 4

Grade bands: 4-14

Once an offer is made, check on the conditions:
Does it include a specific grade for a subject ?

Offers

CF Conditional Firm

CI Conditional Insurance

Some universities were starting to give **unconditional offers** – “if you make us your firm choice !”

Universities starting to give financial incentives if student achieves predicted grades.

Student accepts offers by a given date(usually in May)and decides what to reject.

UCAS Parent Guide

Visit the UCAS website and download the Parent Guide 2020 for further information or support.



Your son/daughter will be applying for 2021 but much of the information will be the same. [UCAS Parent Guide](#)

Summary

- Choose course(s) and university(ies) carefully
(UCAS course search, UNIFROG, open day 'visits'/virtual tours etc)
- Complete personal details in application
- Start Personal Statement
- Using registration time and tutorial with tutor/Mr Williams
- Request subject references from teachers and predicted grades
- Without rushing, apply as soon as possible !

Introduction to student finance 2020/21



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YouTube /SFEFILM

Student Finance England

Student Finance England (SFE) provides financial support on behalf of the UK Government to students from England entering higher education in the UK.

- The two main costs you'll have while studying are tuition fees and living costs.
- **There's student finance available to help you with both.**
- Depending on your circumstances, you could also get extra financial help while you study.

sfe

19/20

Section 1 - What student finance you can get ?

sfe

All 2019/20 policy is subject to Parliamentary approval.

Tuition fees

- You won't have to pay any tuition fees up front.
- Up to £9,250/year
- You can get a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the fee charged by your university or college.
- The amount you get doesn't depend on your household income.
- SFE will pay the Tuition Fee Loan directly to your university or college.
- You'll have to start paying your Tuition Fee Loan back when you've finished or left your course, but only if your income is over the repayment threshold.

Maintenance Loan

You can get a Maintenance Loan to help with your living costs, such as rent.

- All eligible students can get some maintenance support.
- The amount you can get depends on where you live and study. It is also dependent on your household income.
- The Maintenance Loan is paid directly into your bank account at the start of each term.
- You'll have to start paying your Maintenance Loan back when you've finished or left your course, but only if your income is over the repayment threshold.

Maintenance Loan

Maximum levels for 2020/21



Parental home Live at home while you study	Up to £7,747
Living away from home Outside of London	Up to £9,203
London Live away from home & study in London	Up to £12,010



Extra help

Other financial help and support may also be available if you:

- have children or an adult who depends on you financially
- have a disability, including a long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficult
- Many universities offer bursaries, grants , scholarships

20/21

Section 2 - How to apply for student finance

sfe

All 2019/20 policy is subject to Parliamentary approval.

How much do you know?

Student finance applications

Q

What is the easiest way to apply for your student finance?

A

Online at **www.gov.uk/studentfinance**

Q


When should you apply for your student finance?

A


As soon as possible once the application service opens

Student finance applications

- Apply online at **gov.uk/studentfinance**
- Apply early to make sure your money is ready for the start of your course.
- You don't need a confirmed place at uni or college to apply.
- Apply with your preferred choice, you can change the details later if you need to.



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Student finance

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1. Overview

You may be able to borrow money to help pay for university or college tuition fees and to help with living costs.

You might get [extra money](#) on top of this, for example if you're on a low income, are disabled or have children.

Before you apply

You start repaying once you earn over a certain amount. The size of your monthly repayments will depend on how much you earn, not what you owe.

You'll be charged interest on the loan from the day you take it out. The terms and conditions can change.

Student finance

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Elsewhere on the web

[Student loans: terms and conditions 2016 to 2017 \(PDF, 161KB\) !\[\]\(c7a4f049a5839fa6a2a70530bbd741a3_img.jpg\)](#)

[The Student Room: repaying your student loan !\[\]\(c03112ee263a906bbf549fae85097b06_img.jpg\)](#)

[Student finance data protection statements !\[\]\(6a9335257ee4bae53722233b4f4983f7_img.jpg\)](#)

More information online
www.thestudentroom.co.uk

The screenshot shows the homepage of The Student Room website. The header is blue with the site logo and navigation links: 'Book a uni open day', 'Ask a question', 'log in', and 'sign up'. A search bar is on the right. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with links: 'Home', 'Forums', 'GCSE', 'A-level', 'Exam results', 'Applying to uni', 'University', 'Careers & Jobs', 'Relationships & health', and 'Student finance'. The main content area is titled 'My TSR' and 'SFE Student Finance Zone'. It features a large banner for 'sfe student finance england' with a blue background and a laptop. To the right of the banner is a text block: 'Student Finance England provides you with student finance while you study. There's a range of financial help available including loans that have to be paid back, and grants that don't. Whether you're thinking about going to uni or college, you're already studying, or you're about to enter repayment, you'll find everything you need to know about student finance on our student finance zone.' Below the banner are eight smaller images arranged in two rows. The first row includes 'Undergraduate' (students in a library), 'EU Students' (hands holding a red book), 'Postgraduate' (a person walking with a backpack), and 'Parents and partners' (two people sitting at a table). The second row includes 'Repayment' (a man sitting on a bench), 'Advanced Learner Loan' (two people in hard hats), 'Why we need your household income details now!' (a magnifying glass over a pound symbol), and 'Get ready for Clearing' (a blue background with the text 'Get ready for Clearing').

The Student Room

Book a uni open day > Ask a question [?] log in > sign up > Search The Student Room...

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Student finance in England

Everything you need to know about student finance

Got questions about student finance?

Whether you're thinking about studying, or are already a student, you can find out everything you need to know about student finance in England in this section. Content provided by Student Finance England.

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the student finance experts

Undergraduate funding

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

- [Tuition fees](#)
- [Living costs](#)

Postgraduate funding

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

- [Master's Loan](#)
- [Doctoral Loan](#)

Household income details needed!

Disabled Students' Allowances

Dependents' grants

Other funding

How to support an application

- **Your child applies for student finance**
- **You give us your income details/ NI number. E-mail sent to create account.**
- **Assess how much student finance they get. Maintenance loan into student's bank account and tuition fee directly to university or college.**

Section 3 – Repaying your student loan

How much do you know?

Q What will your student loan repayments be based on?

A Your future income

Q How much do you need to earn before you start to repay?

A Over £26,575 a year(repayment threshold)

Student loan repayments

- You won't make repayments until your income is over the repayment threshold.
- If you study a full-time course, you will be due to start repaying in the April after graduating or leaving your course.
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold.
- If your income falls below the threshold, your repayments will stop.
- Any outstanding loan balance will be cancelled 30 years after entering repayment.

Student loan repayments

Yearly income before tax	Monthly income before tax	Monthly repayment
£26,575	£2,214	£0
£27,000	£2,250	£3
£29,500	£2,458	£21
£31,000	£2,583	£39
£33,000	£2,750	£54

Interest is applied to your loan. More info can be found on www.slc.co.uk/repayment

Final outstanding balance(example)

Example:

3 year course 3 years x £9,250 (Tuition fee loan)

3 year course 3 years x Maintenance loan (£4,000 ?)

Total repayable: £27,750 + Maintenance loan (£12,000 ?)

£40,000+ interest charges

If student lives away from home will maintenance loan cover accommodation, living costs, bills etc ?

Part-time job ? Supplemented by parents/carers ?

Need more information?

For information on student finance and to apply go to
www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Our experts are online Monday to Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am-4pm to answer your questions:

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- post your question on [Facebook/SF_England](https://www.facebook.com/SF_England)