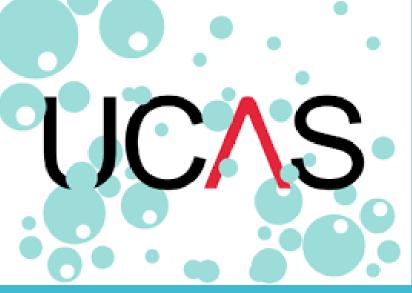
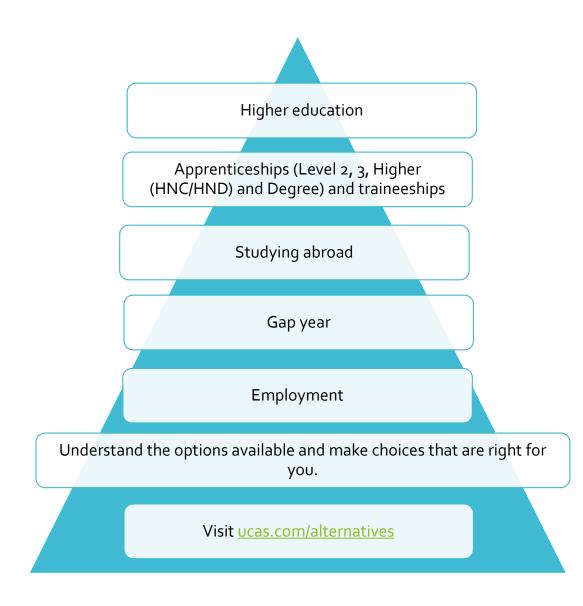
# UCAS 2025





#### CHOICES AVAILABLE





## Why higher education (HE)?

Essential for some career paths.



Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.



Increase your confidence and independence.



Broaden your experiences.



Show yourself what you can do.



Invest in your future.

## Types of courses available

**Single:** study one subject.

Joint honours degree: divide your time 50:50 between two subjects.

Major/minor: study two subjects, normally at a 75:25 ratio.

**Combined honours programme:** study between two to four subjects, specialising in just two subjects in years two and three.

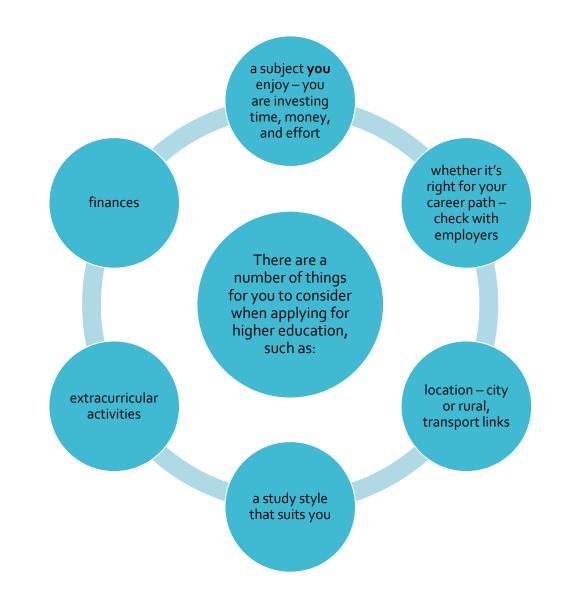
**Modular courses:** build a personalised course by choosing modules you're interested in.

Sandwich courses: courses with one year in industry or a year abroad.

**Foundation year:** if you don't have the right qualifications, some universities and colleges offer this to help students prepare for and enter higher education.



### What's right for you?





#### Research – it's free!

Learning from others – <u>student videos</u> and <u>blogs</u>.

<u>Career options</u> – use the job profiles to explore different career roles and pathways, or take the <u>Buzz quiz</u> to find out more about individual strengths, and what roles may suit you.

The <u>Career Finder tool</u> is ideal for considering options after education, including searching for apprenticeships.



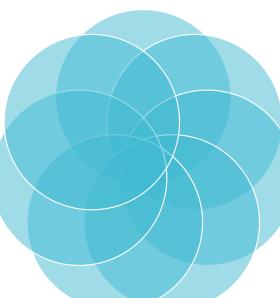
#### Choosing the right university for you

Living costs – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

Tuition fees – can vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships or bursaries available.

> 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.

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. This can have a major influence on the environment and lifestyle on offer.

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.



#### Choosing the right course for you

How is the course assessed?

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?

> See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.

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.

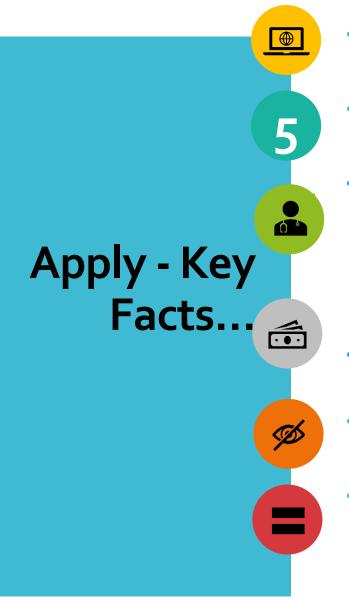
Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to your career aspirations?



### Remember the 4 C's

- COURSE
- CAMPUS
- CITY
- CAREER





#### It is an online application

- You have a maximum of five choices
- If you are applying for:
  - medicine, veterinary medicine/science, or dentistry you can only chose a maximum of four plus 1 backup e.g. biochemistry
  - Oxford or Cambridge not both
- Application cost: £28.50
- 'Invisibility' the universities do not know where else you have applied
- Equal consideration to all applicants who apply before the deadlines





**KEY DATES** 

14 May 2024	UCAS Undergraduate Apply opens for 2025 entry. Conservatoire applications will open for 2025 entry on the 11 July 2024
3 September 2024	First day for receipt of completed applications.
2 October 2024	Deadline for most UCAS Conservatoires music courses
16 October 2024*	Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry, and courses at Oxford <b>or</b> Cambridge.
29 January 2025	Deadline for most undergraduate dance, drama or musical theatre course. Check conservatoire websites to ensure you know the deadlines. *
29 January 2025*	Equal consideration application deadline.
26 February	Extra opens.
30 June*	Last date for applications before Clearing.
5 July 2025	Clearing Opens
• *18:00 UK time	

• \*18:00 UK time



Go to <u>www.ucas.co.uk</u> and click on Create your UCAS Hub if you haven't created a UCAS HUB account already – most of you will have when we prepared for the HE Convention.

This is where you will log in to access your application but also where you will be able to search for course and create shortlists.

UCAS Apply 2025 goes LIVE on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Follow the online instructions to register and enter your personal details i.e. name, date of birth, address etc.

When entering your email address use one that is appropriate/professional the universities and colleges will see it so make sure it does not cause offence!! It is best not to use your school email address as is disabled in August 2023 so you do not want the universities having an incorrect email address for you.

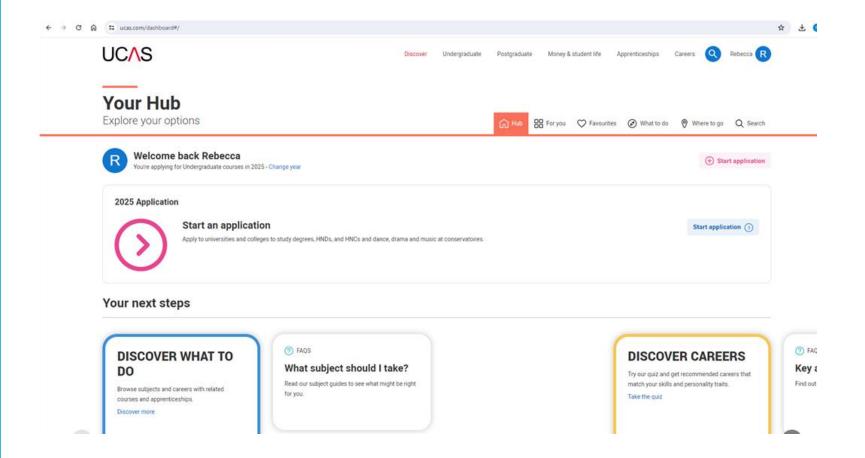
Choose a password, select four security questions and enter relevant answers (make a note of them and keep them safe). We do not have access to this information so please keep in a safe place.

Write down your Username and Personal ID number. You will need your username every time you log in! Again we do not have access to this information so please keep safe.

Link your application to the school the BUZZWORD is: ClassOf2025







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#### < Back to Hub

YOUR APPLICATIONS

#### Start an application

You can only apply once in a cycle - Do not apply more than once in a cycle, or submit a new application if you are holding a deferred place, as your new application will be cancelled and you won't receive a refund.

In which year do you want to start your studies? What level of study are you interested in? 2025 • Undergraduate (Uni and college degrees, and ap... •

Can't find the application that you are looking for? Find out more

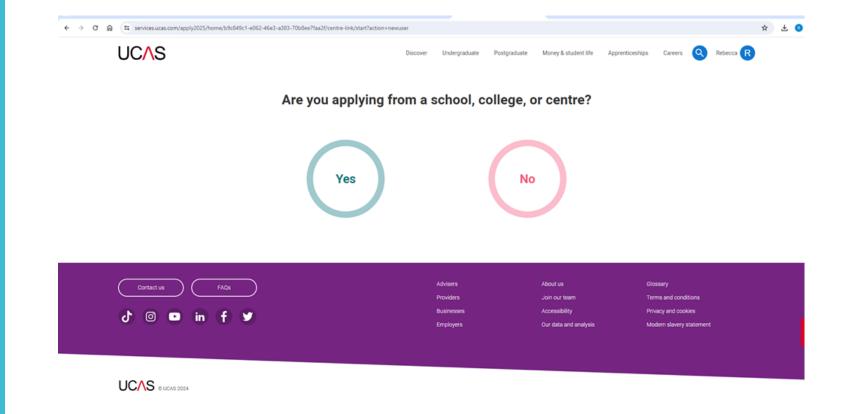


Undergraduate Degrees, HNDs, and HNCs

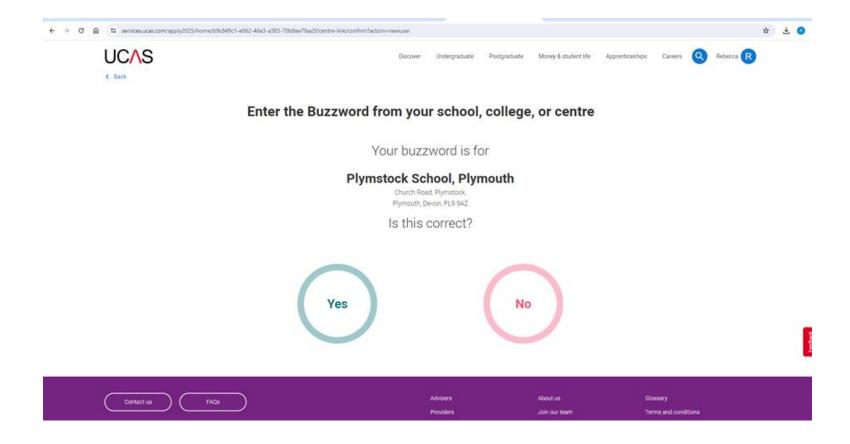


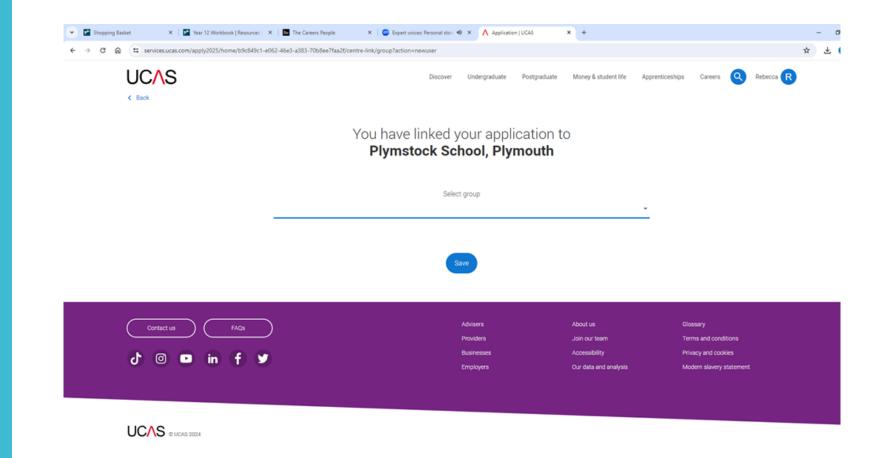
Conservatoire Undergraduate or postgraduate music, dance, drama, or musical theatre. Applications not yet open

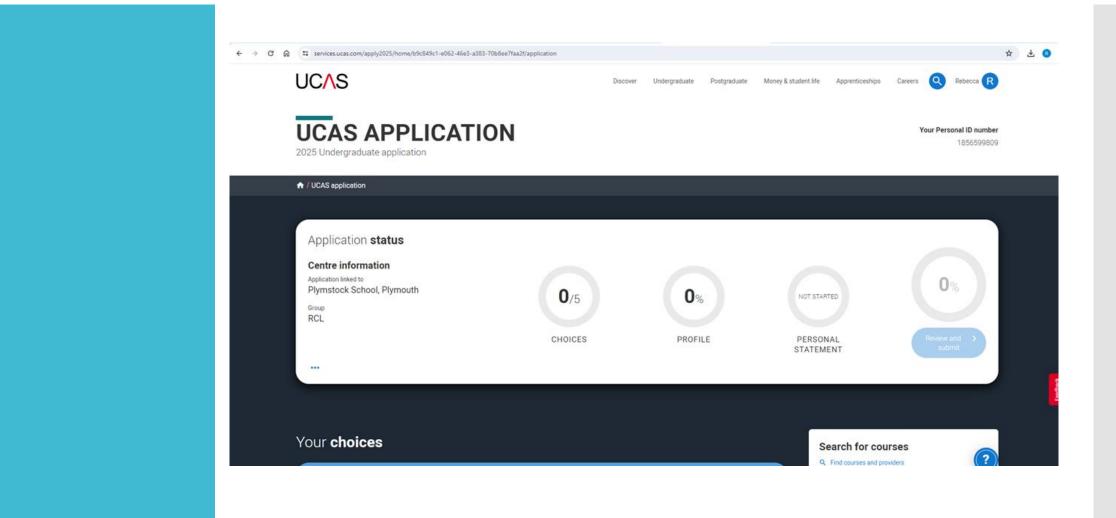
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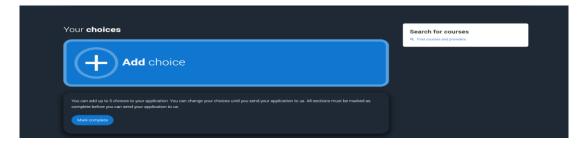


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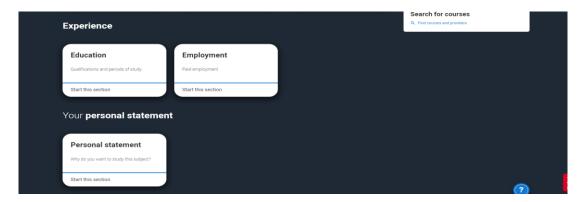
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#### Personal Details

	Name
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# Nationality Details

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## **Country of Birth**

# What is your nationality?

**Dual Nationality** 



#### Where you live

#### **Current Address**

Date you started living at your current address

**Reason for living there** 

Confirm if it is your home address

**Residential category** 



#### **Contact Details**

(i)

Mobile telephone number

**Email address** 

**Address** 

**Nominated Access** 



### Supporting information

(i)

Have you ever lived or worked in the EU, EEA or Switzerland?

Do you have a parent etc. who is an EU, EEA or Swiss national?





What will be your main source of funding for your studies?

Select: UK, Chl IoM or EU Student finance services

**Student support arrangements** 

Select: Plymouth



## STUDENT FINANCE

It is important to research what student finance you are eligible for to help with tuition fees for your course and cost of living you

For More information go to: <u>https://www.gov.uk/student-</u> <u>finance https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator</u>

Student Finance becomes available to apply for in late February early March of the year you are applying for. In your case 2025 with a deadline of end of May.

If you apply after the deadline your funding may not be ready for when you start University in September!!



Equality monitoring Ethnic origin (compulsory)

What is your religion or belief (optional)

What is your sexual orientation (optional)

Do you identify as transgender (optional)

Have you been in care (optional)

Parental education (optional)

Occupational background (compulsory)



(j) More About You Do you have any disability or mental health concern

Are you estranged from you parents

Are you a Young Carer

Are you a parent

Are you a refugee or asylum seeker

Are you parent/s/carer/s in the Armed Forces

Have you ever served in the Armed Forces

Free School Meal (FSM) Claiming/Entitled





You must include all schools and colleges you have attended since the age of 11.

If you have only attended Plymstock your Start Date: will be September 2018 – Leaving Date: August 2025

Type of Study – Full time

Study Mode – If you had online lessons during the COVID lockdowns select online

Do you or will you have any qualifications from this centre - Select YES

For each school you have attended you need to enter the qualifications you obtained GCSE's and A Levels.

When adding your GCSE and A Level qualifications please ensure you enter the correct exam board.

I have input the standard qualifications most of you will have undertaken in the menu. Select the appropriate qualification and insert the information they have asked for.

Under your A Levels they ask for a Achieved Date: August 2022 and Predicted Grade: you need to select 'Pending'

Insert your ULN – if you don't know this please ask me and I can look it up.

English Language certificates - this is only for international students



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Nationality details	Plymstock School, Plymouth
✓ Where you live	Exam centre number
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Supporting information	Start date *
Finance and funding	Month Year
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	Study Mode * If you had lessons that were taken online over COVID lockdowns but now returned to school-based, please select "in person".
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More about you	If you cannot find your qualification, select the 'AB qualifications' filter and search there, if you still can't find your qualification you can select the 'AB qualifications' filter and search 'Other'.	
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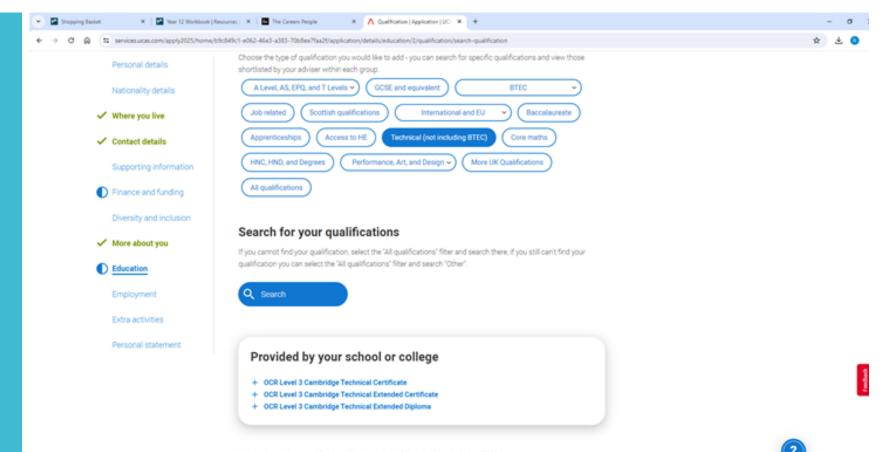


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# **EDUCATION**

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

You can input your employment history here.

I would recommend only inputting employment details from the last 2 years.



### 5 Choices

#### Maximum of Five Choices

If you are applying for a medical based course (medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or veterinary science) you can only chose four medical based courses. Your fifth choice must be an alternative science based course i.e. biomedical sciences.

Your application will be sent to all chosen universities and colleges at the same time – they will not know which other places you have applied for.

Your choices are not ranked in terms of preference.

You do not need to apply for five courses . Only apply to universities you would actually want to attend.

When making your choices remember your personal statement must reflect your choices

If you choose five completely different courses you are going to struggle to justify why you want to undertake each individual course in your personal statement

If you are applying for a health course you may be required to be immunised against Hepatitis B before you start training and undergo a DBS check

As part of your application for any course where you will be working with members of the public you will be required to declare whether you have any relevant unspent criminal convictions

## CHOICES

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Research what skills and qualifications are needed. Check the course entry requirements.

UCAS Tariff. Some universities state their entry requirements using grades i.e. "ABB" other universities use tariff points i.e. 120 (ABC). See next slide for Tariff Table.

Some universities and courses require you to undertake Admission Tests –e.g. Medicine, Law, Dentistry, Oxford and Cambridge. CHECK.

<u>https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-</u> started/entry-requirements/admissions-tests



# 5 CHOICES

niversity/college name *	Start date *	-
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Liberal Arts with Employment Experience	Further details You only need to provide information here if your chosen university or college has asked you to.	
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University of Exeter - Exeter campuses 🗸	This tells the universities and colleges which year of the course you want to start. If you don't select will be considered for the first year of the course.	a year, you
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### Admissions Tests

- <u>https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests</u>
- <u>https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/undergraduate/process/admissions-tests/</u>
- <u>https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/how/admission-tests</u>
- https://www.ucat.ac.uk/
- <u>https://lnat.ac.uk/</u>
- <u>https://www.ocr.org.uk/students/step-mathematics/how-to-register/</u>
- <u>https://www.ucl.ac.uk/computer-science/study/undergraduate/computer-science-bsc-and-meng-stat-admissions-test</u> Not yet confirmed for 2025 cycle



#### **UCAS POINTS**

Tariff Points	GCE AS	GCE A Level	BTEC (QCF) Subsidiary Diploma	BTEC (QCF) Certificate	OCR Cambridge Technical	Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
56		A*	D*		D*	
48		А	D		D	
40		В				
32		С	Μ		Μ	
28				D*		A*
24		D		D		Α
20	А					В
16	В	E	Р	Μ	Р	С
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#### **Extra Activities**

You can add up to 2 in any activities you have completed in readiness for HE i.e. Sutton Trust Summer School, Masterclasses, UNIQUE, University run Summer Schools

N.B. Open Days are not included as a preparation activity.





#### PERSONAL STATEMENT

This is where you will upload your personal statement when it is ready.

Remember:-

One personal statement for <u>all</u> choices. If you wish to apply for a course that is different you can contact your chosen university for the different course and ask if they will accept a second personal statement.

Max. 4,000 characters, 47 lines

Min. 1,000 characters

No spelling/grammar check -you are advised to put it into a word document before transferring it to UCAS.

No formatting



Reference

#### References

Your reference is made up of three sections (school context, extenuating circumstances, information about you in relation to your academic ability)

Your subject references will be requested by **me** when there has been sufficient progress with your application. You will need to liaise with me about this.

Once your reference is ready I will be able to liaise with you about sending off your application (if I have not done so already).

You will be able to read your reference before it is attached to your application.



• A • • B • • C •

PREDICTED GRADES The predicted grades input into your UCAS application are provided to me by your teachers. They are based on their professional judgment of what you could achieve at the **end** of your A Levels.

Predicted grades will be based on prior performance and professional judgment.

If you have not performed well in assessments and mock exams your predicted grades will reflect this.



### CHECKING & SENDING STAGES



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RULE

**STEPTWO** 

- Make sure you pass me your personal statement for checking regularly (you will have multiple drafts).
- When you feel ready, book a checking appointment with me.
- I will request your reference.
  - At your checking appointment, we will gauge what you have left to do.
  - If your application & personal statement is ready we will book a sending appointment.
- At your final appointment, we will double check everything and if it is all ready you will send off your application.

Once you have completed all sections and I have approved your personal statement you will need to make an appointment with me to initially check your application form before you pay the online application fee.

Once your application is approved you can pay via credit or debit card.

£28.50

PAY AND

**SEND** 

Once you have paid the application fee your application is locked so I can attach your reference and enter your predicted grades.

You will then need to make an final appointment with me to arrange for your application to be sent.

Your application will be checked again. If there are any amendments it will be pushed back to you for you to make these changes. Once you have made the changes you click on pay and send again (no card details are needed and you are not charged again).

Your application is only sent when I am 100% happy that everything is correct.



#### AFTER YOU HAVE PAID AND SENT

You will receive an email from UCAS welcoming you to UCAS TRACK – this is where you will be able to log on and track your application.

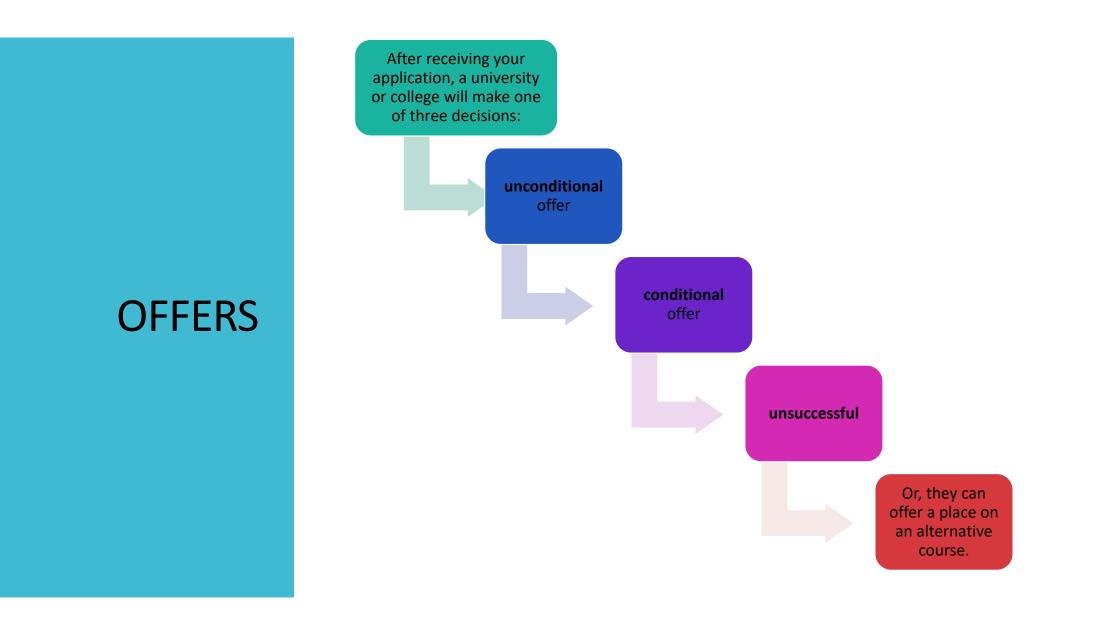
Within 24/48 hours you should receive a generic email from your universities of choice acknowledging receipt of your application

Universities reply at different rates. Some will reply quickly. Some will require an interview before making a decision. Others will use the maximum time before they reply (end of May).

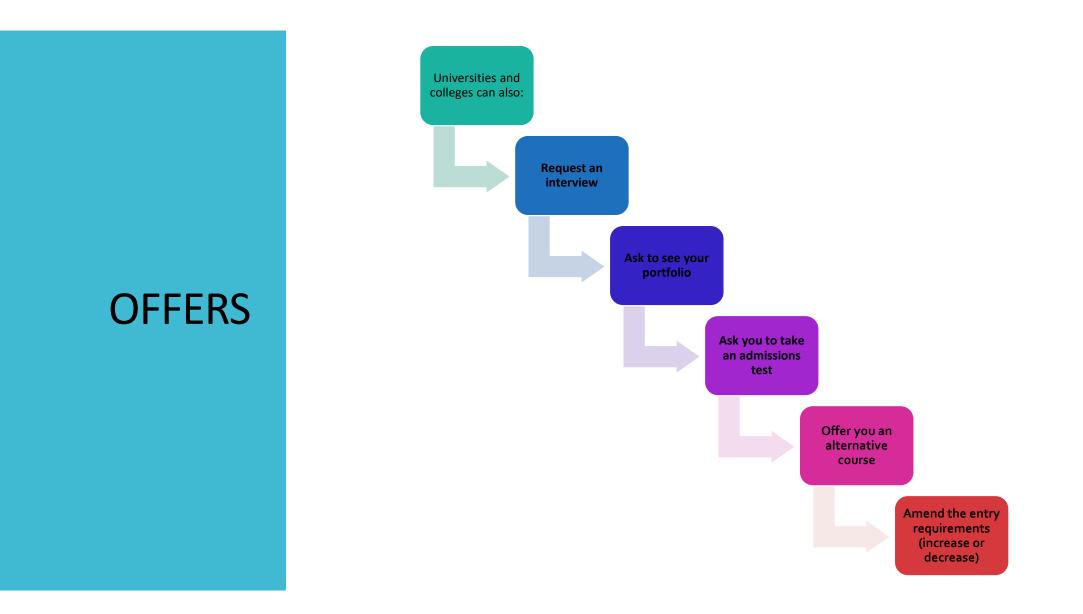
When a University replies to you, you will receive an email from UCAS advising you something has changed on UCAS so you can log onto Track and check.

TOP TIP: YOU NEED TO CHECK YOUR INBOX AND JUNK MAIL ON A REGULAR BASIS SO YOU DON'T MISS ANY IMPORTANT EMAILS!









You will be able to reply to your offers once you have received offers from **all** your universities, there is no rush to make decisions as soon as you have received all offers. You will have until at least June 2025.

Once you have received responses from all your choices you will have a date by which you have to respond. This date will be shown on Track and is specific to your application.

REPLYING TO OFFERS

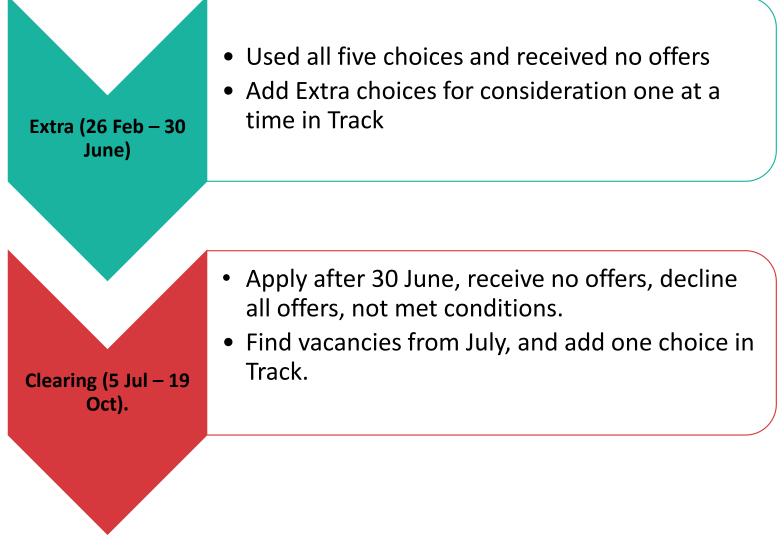
You make a Firm choice (1<sup>st</sup> choice) and an Insurance choice (2<sup>nd</sup> choice) and Decline all other offers.

Firm Acceptance – Make sure you meet the entry requirements? Can you afford to go to this University? Have you visited there on an open day – do you like it there? This is a big decision make sure you are 100% happy with your first choice.

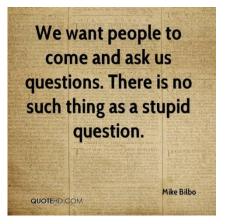
Insurance Acceptance – This should ideally be lower entry requirements than your Firm choice as this is your back-up. If you end up with your Insurance choice will you be happy to go here? Have you visited there on an open day? Again you need to make sure that your second choice is one that you are happy with.



#### OTHER OPTIONS







#### • There is no such thing as a stupid question

HELP

- After school support every Wednesday in the Lower Computer Suite starting 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- One-to-one appointments available on request
- Lunchtime Personal Statement Workshops: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – SB2

