

Welcome

Arthur Terry School Higher Education Evening

Please see the

[UCAS Parents Evening Presentation April 2021](#)

**also on the AT school website which gives
more details about the UCAS admissions
process for Apply 2022**

> Some Facts and Figures – over the last 3 years

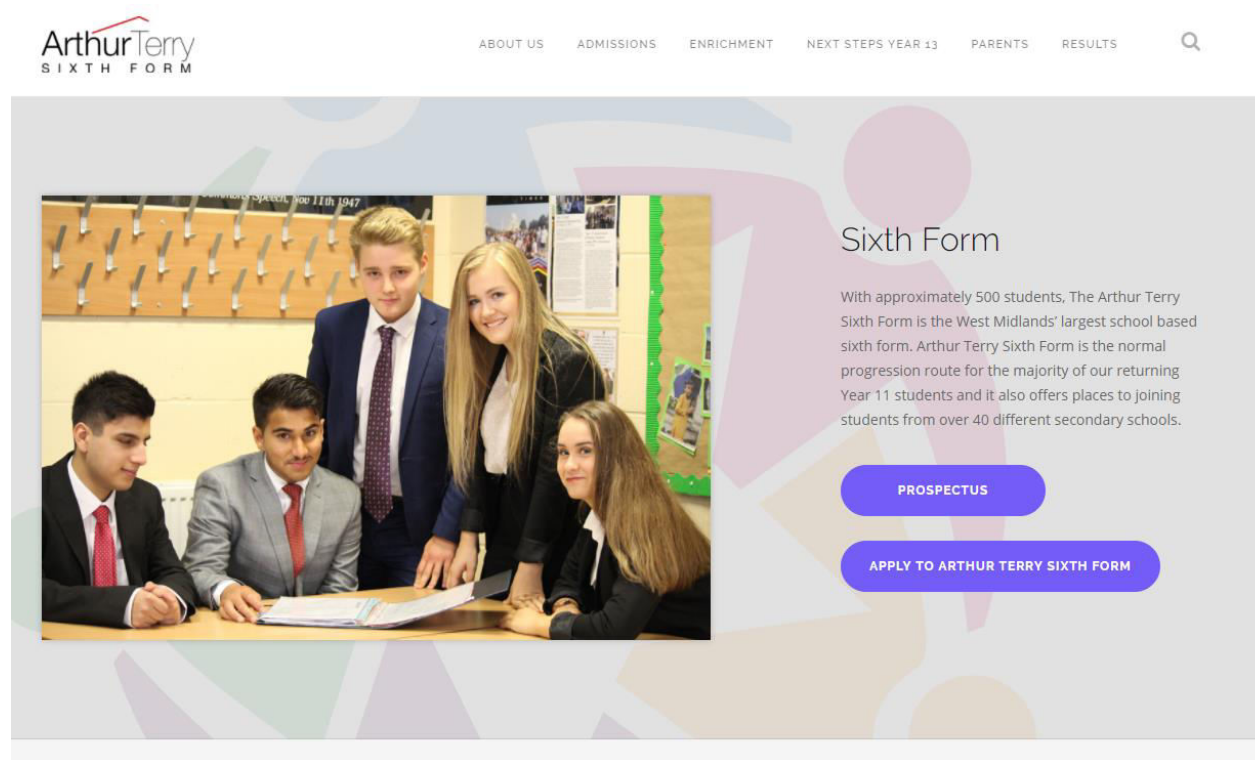
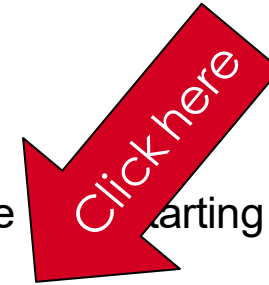
- 85% of students attend University
- 5-10% of students take a Gap Year
- 5-10% of students begin an apprenticeship or employment
- 80-85% of students attend their first choice University
studying over 120 different subjects

> Arthur Terry School – Information, Advice and Guidance

- Tutor programme is now focussing on the UCAS process and writing personal statements – building on the sessions from enrichment day and will continue in Year 13
- Individual interview with Mr Townsend via email
- Referrals to Mrs Clayton – Careers Advisor where necessary
- A range of publications given out during the enrichment day
- UCAS Higher Education – UCAS Discovery Days (virtual)
- Dedicated team of support staff in the sixth form centre
- Next steps section and Parent Section of the Sixth Form Website

> Next Steps

- Use the Arthur Terry Sixth Form Website as a starting point :



Next Steps

ArthurTerry
SIXTH FORM

ABOUT US ADMISSIONS ENRICHMENT **NEXT STEPS YEAR 13** PARENTS RESULTS

Next Steps Year 13

We ensure all of our students receive appropriate advice regarding their "next steps" during their time at Arthur Terry School. Click the logos below to access the information you need quickly –

Apprenticeships

UCAS

We are fully committed to ensuring all of our students leave our school and sixth form with a place in higher education, employment or further training.

Approximately 90% of our sixth formers apply to higher education and they are very well served by a comprehensive Information, Advice and Guidance programme throughout Year 12.

All students attend an Enrichment Day in June to begin the process of identifying an appropriate University Course or Career Path. Our Post-16 IAG Co-ordinator interviews students individually about university and career choices and leads tutors in the completion of UCAS applications and academic references.

All students are encouraged to attend university Open Days and all Year 12 students attend a higher education fair at one of the universities in Birmingham. A number of our most able students are encouraged to apply for Oxford and Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry and Law.

Students who do not want to go to university or wish to take an alternative career route are supported through our Careers Advice service and a programme of outside speakers to provide students with careers information. Our Careers Adviser Mrs Clayton can be contacted via email – sclayton@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk

NEXT STEPS YEAR 13

- [After my A-level results](#)
- [Applying To Study Medicine Or Dentistry](#)
- [Applying To University](#)
- [Apprenticeships & Employment](#)
- [Gap Year](#)
- [Interviews](#)
- [Personal Statements](#)
- [Student Finance](#)

CONTACT

Should you require further information please contact the Sixth Form Centre.

Telephone:
0121 323 2221

Email:
sixthform@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk

> Helping students through the UCAS Application



UCAS

> Presentation Outline

- Why go on to higher education?
- The applicant journey
 - Research
 - Personal statements
- How can parents help?



UCAS

> Why go on to higher education?

- Increase your earning potential
- Better career prospects
- It is beneficial for the wider community
- Social and cultural reasons
- It can be immense fun!
- Independence, self confidence and responsibility
- Broaden or deepen your interests/knowledge
- Better health
- Help you develop your future
- Transferable skills
- Personal challenge



> What about the costs ?

- Tuition Fees – upto £9,250 per year
- Student Loan – repayable once earning over £27,295
- University Bursary / Scholarships etc. (not repayable)

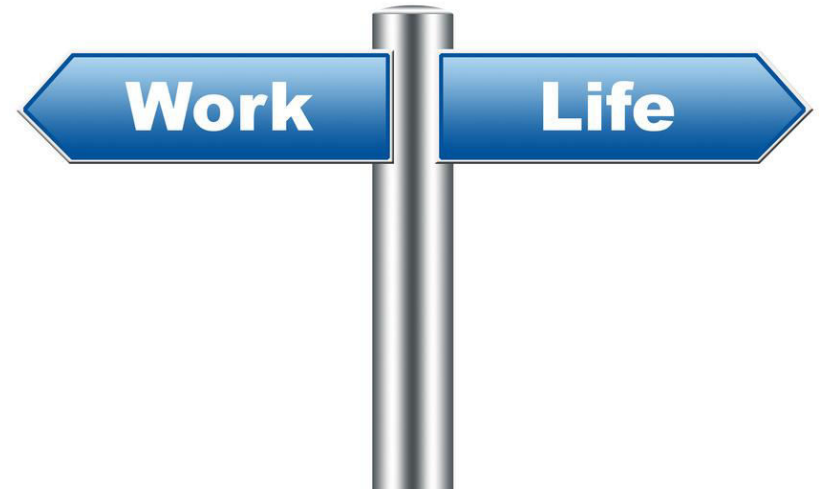
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/finance-and-support/tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

> Student Finance more detail :

- <http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes>

> What are the alternatives ?

- Employment
- Apprenticeships
- GAP Year
- Volunteering / Charity Work



Where do I find out more ?

- Sixth Form Website
- Mrs Clayton – Careers Adviser
- All of the staff

What is PATHWAY^{CTM}

ArthurTerry
SIXTH FORM

An employability programme designed to help sixth formers decide upon their futures.

CTM Pathway showcases alternative routes into employment and training beyond UCAS.

PATHWAY IS A FAST GROWING AND SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE THAT IS TRANSFORMING EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS.



CAREERS TRAINING & MENTORING

UCAS

Launch talk & employability survey will enable all year 12 & 13 students access to tailored information about work experience, paid internships, apprenticeships and sponsored degree opportunities.

One stop apprenticeship student portal alerts students to opportunities and approaching deadlines. The portal shows the top 100 national employer opportunities including application links.

Company Insight Days students are far more likely to apply for employment and apprenticeship routes if they have attended an insight day where real employers share top application tips as well as overviewing apprentice and graduate company entry routes.

Assessment Day. Employability and skills training day during Feb. half-term (selected students).

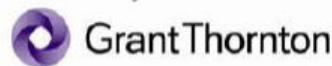
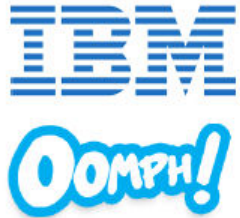
Proactive peer to peer mentorship. Schools will be assigned a pathway mentor who will speak to students when they have shown a particular interest via turning up to an event or clicking on an email link, providing support, tips and application follow up.

Monthly tutor time employability sessions.

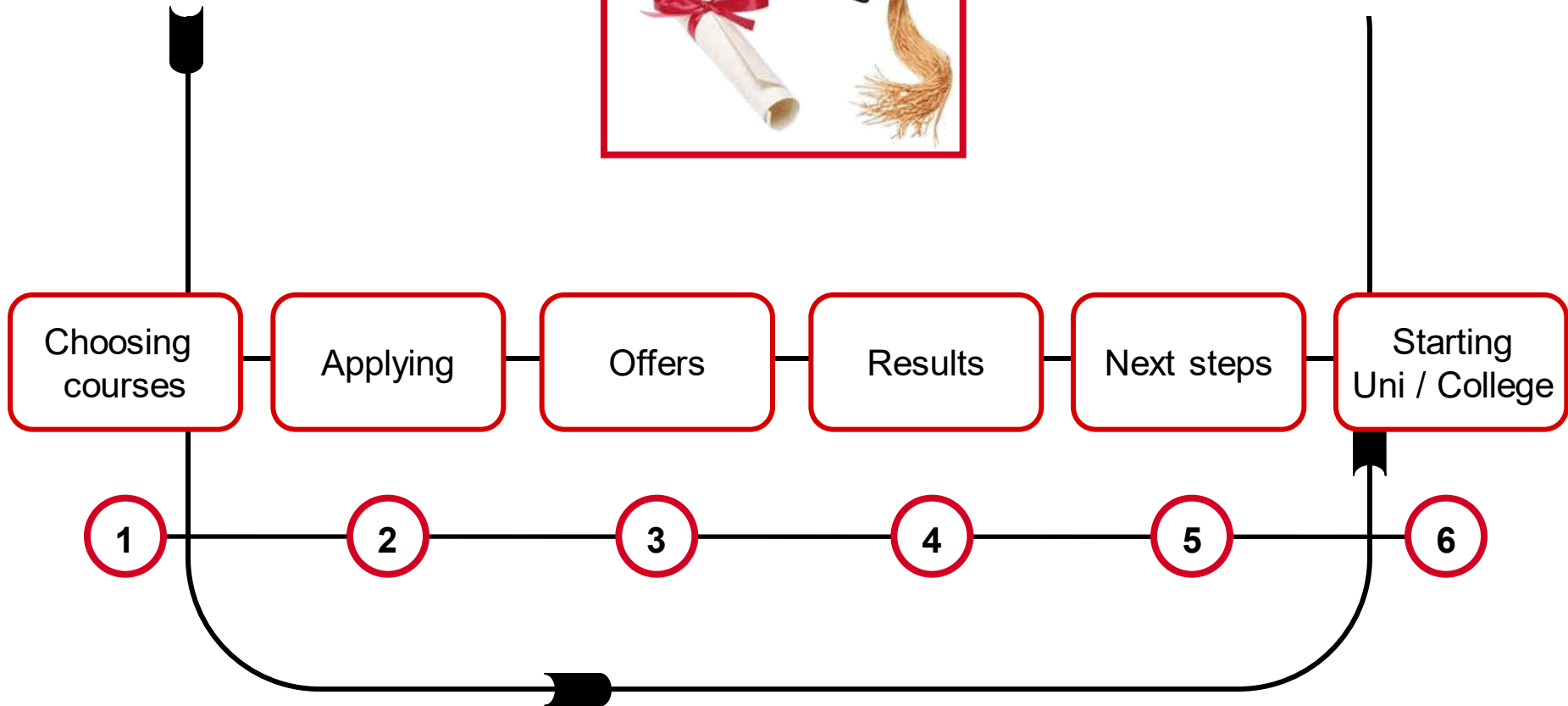
Parent & form tutor monthly newsletter re. what opportunities are open/closing and what insight days are available.



Just Some Of Our Partners



> Applicant journey



> Student focus for this half-term : Research



> Remember books ?

- Collect /order the prospectuses for the universities your son / daughter are interested in - HE convention useful for this



> Online research

- UCAS.com
- Institutions' websites
- Subject specific websites
- Unistats
- National Student Survey
- Journals
- Social media
- Government websites
- GOV.uk, Student Finance England



facebook

UCAS

UCAS homepage – HUB

www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options/create-your-ucas-hub-today

Organise everything in one place...

Get organised:

Tools to search, favourite, shortlist, reflect, diary, and build application.

Define what's important:

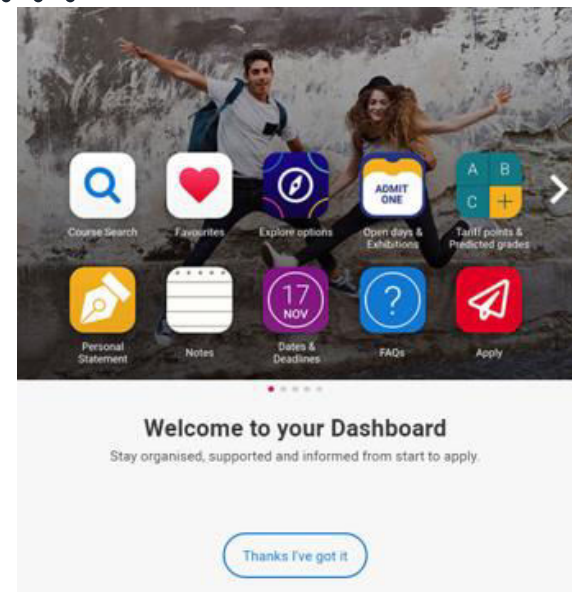
Distance from home, teaching satisfaction, work experience options, job outcomes...

Make it yours:

Organise tools, remove the ones they don't need, and tick off their to do list. It's their space, and their future.

Expanding horizons...

...by pushing options they might not have considered



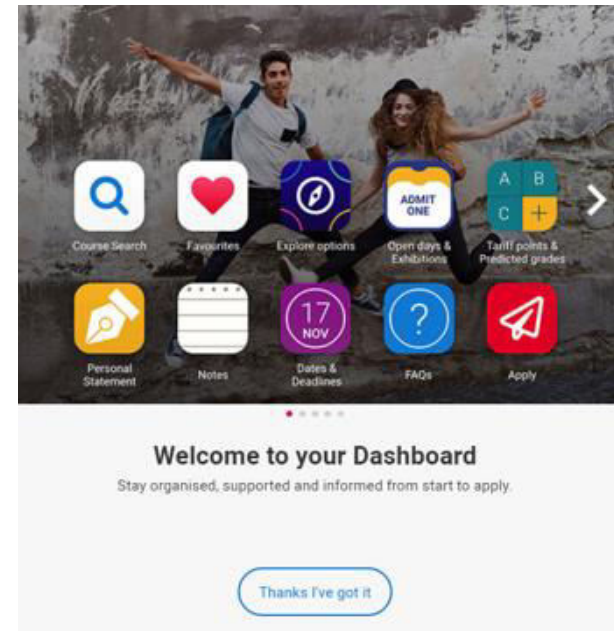
UCAS

Starting research

Students should register in UCAS Hub to:

- 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](#)
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending the [Hub lives](#).
- explore [job profiles](#) to discover different career roles and pathways.
- Start an application for 2022 entry (from May 2021)

Security marking: **PUBLIC**



26 April 2021 | 20

IG COURSES RIGHT NOW

HAT LIFE IS REALLY LIKE AT UNI >



Your **preferences**

Update for a better experience >

HUB LIVE



TARIFF POINT CALCULATOR

0



UCAS for parents

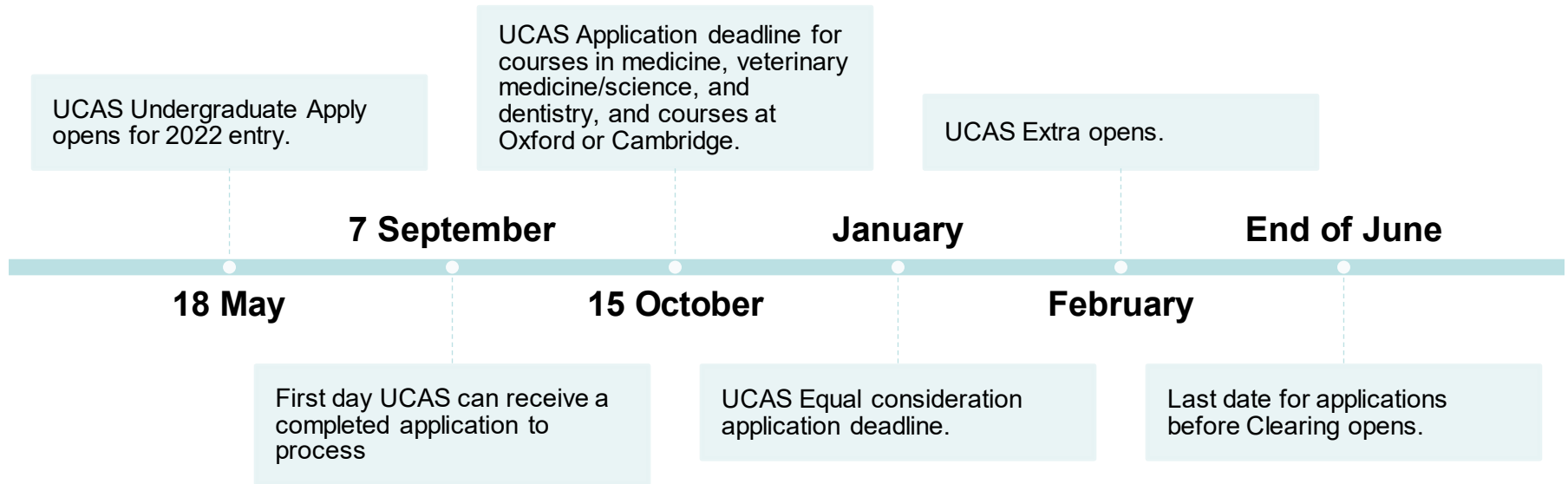
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>

We've got lots of resources and information dedicated to helping parents and guardians support students applying to uni.

What's on this page?

- [Parent newsletters – sign up](#)
- [Guides to help you](#)
- [What you need to know about the application process](#)
- [Know your rights!](#)
- [Top ten tips](#)

> When to apply for 2022 entry



>

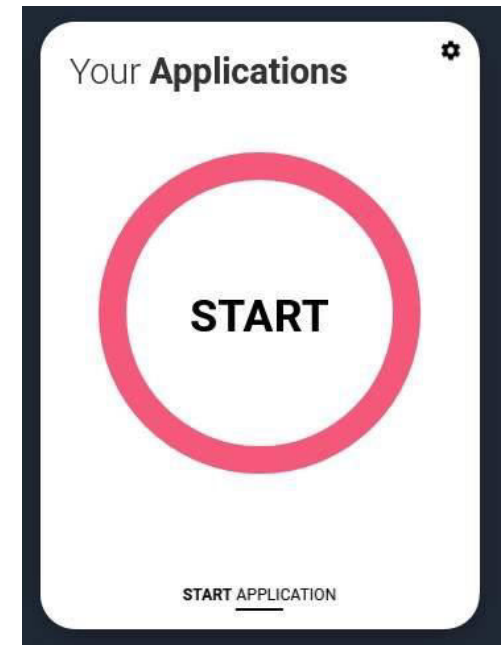
Applying - key facts

- **Register with UCAS** via the Hub
- Use your username and password to apply **online**
- Students can add up to **5 choices**, unless they're applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's **4 choices**
- Students **can't apply to BOTH** Oxford and Cambridge
- Applying **costs** £22 for 1 choice, or £26.50 for 5 choices
- Apply by the **equal consideration date**
- Providers **can't see** other choices when you apply

UCAS

> Registering

- To start an application students need a UCAS Hub account.
- Register for a UCAS Hub account at any time
- From 18 May 2021 you'll see a new 'Your applications' tile in your UCAS Hub
- Click 'Start application' to get started...



> UCAS Tariff Points

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

Extended Project

Grade	Tariff points
A*	28
A	24
B	20
C	16
D	12
E	8

AS and AS VCE

Official title: Advanced Subsidiary GCE and Advanced Subsidiary VCE

Grade	Tariff points
A	20
B	16
C	12
D	10
E	6

>

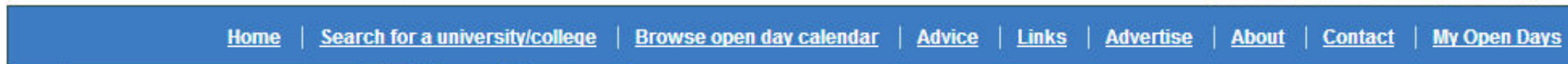
Open days – try to visit all your choices: these will be virtual in the current circumstances

- This is your son / daughter's chance to see the reality of a course's facilities
- You will meet current students, who can tell you first-hand about both the course and the university or college
- What you see (and hear) is far more revealing than just reading a prospectus
- Parents and guardians are welcome to attend
- Students will have authorised absence in school for 3 open days. Many open days take place on a Saturday – use www.opendays.com – look at notice board

> www.opendays.com



We're an absolute stand-out success
(In our own words)



Opendays.com - the university and college open day directory

> search

[Search](#) to find out all that you need to know about open days at the university or college of your choice

> calendar

Alternatively, browse the [university and college open day calendar](#)

> advice

Want to know what goes on at open days? Check out the [advice](#) section for helpful tips and advice

> top question



What About Fees & Financing?
[Click here to find out...](#)



28-Sept Open Day

Coming to visit us at an open day is the best way to experience life as a student at De Montfort University (DMU). From taking a tour of our city centre campus and seeing the highlights of what Leicester has to offer, to being able to talk to our

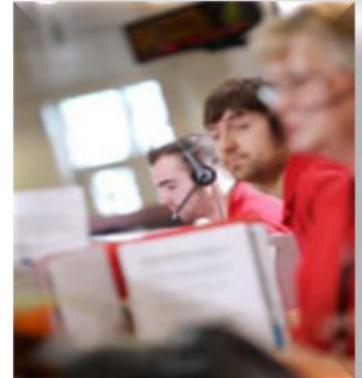
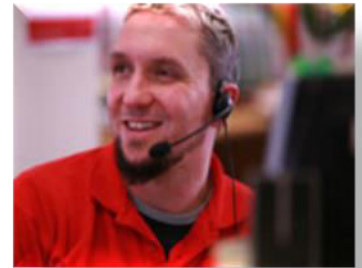
> Work experience

- Don't forget about Professional bodies/Charities
- Attend/organising events
- Catering – a foot in the door!
 - Coordinator
 - Admin support
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Researcher
 - Web editors
 - Design and publications



> Key features of the UCAS scheme

- Only 1 x application each year/cycle
- Maximum of 5 choices for most applicants:
 - Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry – max 4
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- Online application and management at **ucas.com**
 - **Apply and Track**
 - **Fee** - £26.50 currently
- Once the form is in you can't make many changes
- Simultaneous consideration & 'Invisibility'
- There are opportunities for other choices:



UCAS

Extra and Clearing

> Key dates and deadlines

- **Early May**: applicants can register and start to complete their application
- **Early September**: School can start to submit completed applications to UCAS
- **15 October**: deadline for
 - Medicine, Veterinary Science , Dentistry
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- **15 January**: main deadline
- **24 March**: deadline for some Art & Design



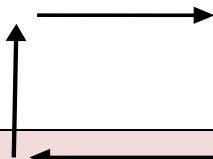
Admissions test
may need to be
completed prior
to applying

UCAS

University 2022 entry

Date	UCAS APPLICATION PROCESS – From NOW until 15 Jan 2022
July – Nov 2021	<p>Complete the UCAS form on-line (UCAS HUB account required, https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options/create-your-ucas-hub-today)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register with UCAS HUB https://www.ucas.com/students • Apply “through school” using the “Buzzword” – arthurterry22 • Complete YOUR Unifrog pages
16 Sept 2021 <u>checking phase</u>	<p>UCAS Conservatoire applications (Conservatoire, Performing Arts) (Closing date 1/10/2021 - music courses) https://www.ucas.com/ucas/conservatoires</p>
15 Oct 2021	<p>Closing Date: Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, veterinary science.</p>
Monday 18 Oct 2021 <u>checking phase</u>	<p>School would like all Student UCAS Online Application Forms (first draft), to be printed ready for checking. Remember: school has to complete their part of the UCAS form after the student hands the form in. References and other details take time to prepare</p>
15 Nov 2021	<p>Last date for school to guarantee form to be sent to UCAS on time</p>
15 Jan 2022	<p>UCAS Closing Date – forms must be received by UCAS. After this date forms are treated as late by UCAS</p>

>

	STUDENT ACTIONS – From NOW until 15 Nov 2021
June – Sept 2021 <u>search phase</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate University Courses and Universities through your UCAS HUB account and Unifrog • Complete Unifrog competencies etc • Prepare your Personal Statement – use Unifrog <p><i>(a draft should be completed by the end of the Summer Term and submitted to your tutor)</i></p>
8 May – Nov 2021	Complete the UCAS form on-line - UCAS Hub , 2022 entry (apply “through school” buzzword is arthurterry22) The Sixth Form Team are very happy to help with the application process
Sept – Nov 2021	When the UCAS form is completed print off 2 copies, 1 for your tutor / AT Staff to check and 1 for you to keep Your reference will now be prepared by your tutor using the information you have entered on Unifrog and references provided by your subject teachers.
	When the UCAS form is returned to you due to errors make the necessary changes – then you should either print off another copy for your tutor or 6th form team to check or if you and AT staff are happy with your form
	ASK a member of the 6th Form team to check your form
	Click on the tab “Pay / Send” – you will need a credit/debit card Your form goes to the <u>6th Form Team</u> - not UCAS.
	You will no longer be able to access your form. If you wish to make changes speak to the 6 th Form Team who can arrange for your form to be “sent back” to you
	The 6 th Form Team will attach all the school parts of your form - eg: reference and when complete will forward your form to UCAS
	PLEASE ASK if you have any questions
	Will your form be READY FOR FIRST CHECKING by 18 October 2021?

UCAS

> Top Tips for the Personal Statement

- **Should be relevant to all your choices**

- Allow some consistency in your scheme choices – this makes it easier to write

- **200 personal statements per tutor per week!!!!**

- Make yours stand out (for the right reasons) however remember the SIMILARITY DETECTION TEST
- Don't just list what you have achieved, expand and give specific examples and detail

- **Write it early:**

- You will need to write a few drafts
- Get someone to read through it
- Apply has NO SPELL CHECK facility!



> The process post-application

- When applicants have received decisions from **ALL** of their choices, if they have offers they will be asked to make replies (and given a date to reply by on Track)
 - If an applicant does not receive any offers they can make an additional choice through the **Extra** scheme
- UCAS will send reminders – but if applicants fail to reply to offers by the date, offers will be **automatically declined!**
- Applicants can now hold a maximum of **2** offers (others **declined**)
 - **Firm** (if you meet the conditions you will be placed)
 - **Insurance** (only comes into play if you are not placed with your Firm choice)



> Re-cap: Universities selection tools

- Personal statement
- References
- Qualifications
- Admissions tests
- Interviews
- Additional work
- Portfolios
- Auditions



> Confirmation options

1. Exam results are issued
2. Admissions staff check if the applicant has matched the conditions of the offer
3. If met the conditions of the firm choice, applicant will be placed there.
4. Applicant will be able to view this on track, and will be sent an official confirmation of their place

Time to celebrate!



1. Not met conditions of firm choice, but met the conditions of the insurance choice (which should be lower)
2. Applicant is placed at insurance choice

Time to celebrate!

1. Not met the conditions of the firm or insurance choice (or no insurance)
2. Applicant is eligible for **Clearing**
3. Applicant will be able to view decisions on track, and will have a clearing number generated

Time to get working!

How can parents help?



UCAS

> How can **you** support the application process?

- Use the **Parents section** of the UCAS website where you can sign up to the quarterly **Parents' Newsletter**
- Offer to attend **open days** – you may have a different perspective
- Support your son/daughter's **management** of their application
- Make sure they **read everything** they are sent **carefully!**
- **Financial** assistance – railway tickets
- Try to remain **impartial**



> How can **you** support the application process?

- Don't book **holidays** at key times E.g. results day
- **Engage** with the school – find out opening times and key contacts, use opportunities provided
- **Prepare** them for living away from home:
 - Cost of living – paying bills!!
 - Independent living skills – cooking & washing!!
- **Be there:** Comforting, proof reading, encouraging, testing, practicing etc



UCAS

> <https://www.ucas.com/connect>



- Applying in Welsh
- Writing references
- Understanding the application Process (parents)
- Disclosing your disability
- Preparing for results
 - Next steps
 - Applying
- Starting university or college