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Why Higher Education?

- Need a degree for chosen career
- Salary prospects
- Enjoy studying
- Opportunity to leave home and gain independence





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What subject?

- Professional or vocational subject
- Current subject
- Related subject
- Hobby or interest
- Something completely new



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Course options

- Degree BA, BSc, LLB, MEng
- HND or Foundation Degree
- Single honours: one subject
- Joint honours: two subjects
- Combined honours: 3+
- Sandwich course: placement outside education
- Study abroad









What to look for?

- The course length, structure, content
- Teaching and assessment methods
- League tables: teaching, research, employment
- Entry requirements: GCSE + AS/A level; aptitude tests





Where to study?

- Stay at home or move away Access schemes
- Distance and accessibility
- University type collegiate, <u>Russell group</u>, city, town, campus
- Accommodation
- Extra-curricular activities
- Social life







Russell Group Universities

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)

- University of Manchester
- •Newcastle University
- •University of Nottingham
- Queen's University Belfast
- •University of Oxford
- •University of Sheffield
- •University of Southampton
- •University College London
- •University of Warwick
- •In 2012 joined by...
- •Durham University
- •University of York
- •Exeter University
- •Queen Mary (University of London)

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Students register to UCAS Apply

- Register UCAS day and in Futures
 – students will be given a username and asked to choose a password.
- Work on your personal statement with your <u>referee</u> (usually your HAM or member of SF team)
- Mr Howell, HAMs:
- Baggaley Ms McLeish
- Buxton Mr Husband
- Fanshawe Mrs Watson

- Gosforth Dr Jones
- Millican Mr Hardy
- Spaven Miss Watkin



UCAS Tariff

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Extended Project	GCE & VCE AS levels	GCE & VCE A levels	Tariff	BTEC (QCF) Extended	BTEC (QCF) Diploma	BTEC (QCF) Subsidiary	BTEC (QCF) Certificate		
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			104		D*D				
			96	MMM	DD				
			80	MMP	DM				
			64	MPP	MM				
		A*	56			D*			
		А	48	РРР	MP	D			
		В	40						
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Writing a Personal Statement

A 4000 character (inc spaces) document to highlight the necessary skills and qualities to enable an offer to be made.

Students will need to draft and re-draft their personal statement and show it to their referee for checking

When writing their personal statement they should answer the following questions:

- Why have I chosen this course?
- How to come across as enthusiastic (without using the work 'enthusiastic').
- What knowledge/skills have I gained from my studies (include work experience).

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PS – some thoughts

- What activities have they been involved in at school? (stress responsibilities and skills gained)
- What interests do they have out of school? (include skills gained)
- Do they have paid work; if so, what do they gain?
- MORE IMPORTANTLY HIGH VALUE WORK EXPERIENCE
- Why are they taking a Gap Year? What are their plans?
- What are their future career plans?





- Avoid 'from a young age', 'since I was a child', 'I've always been fascinated by', 'I have a thirst for knowledge', 'the world we live in today'... You get the idea. They constantly recur in hundreds of personal statements and don't really say an awful lot.
- The word 'passion' (or 'passionate') is incredibly over-used. Try to convey your passion without using the word 'passion'. See, it loses its effect.



Plagiarism, lies or exaggeration

- UCAS uses stringent similarity and plagiarism software and your universities will be told if you copy anything from another source.
- And as for exaggeration, don't say you've read a book when you've only read a chapter – you never know when it might catch you out at a <u>university interview</u>.
- 'If you didn't do it, read it or see it, don't claim it.'



Typos – genuine personal statements

- "Having been head of my form and captain of the debating club, I have grate communication skills."
- "I am well-respected by my classmates. At school, I hold the position of head bog and it is a post I am performing well."
- "I have a black belt in Karate and enjoy marital arts"



"I'm nosy. I like to see into living rooms."

I read to look into the beautiful and dysfunctional lives of normal people and to understand and further confuse myself about how humans work. I write about the details of a person, the tiny stories that make up a life..."



"Economics is a diverse subject, as economics can be related to anything, especially during economic crisis, which forces to think economically, whereas maths has been long one of my favourite subjects, as mathematics can be applied everywhere, moreover, mathematics is useful in everyday life."



"When I visited your campus on November 2007, I knew we were made for each other! You made me feel at home... your unique liberal arts focus is quite enticing, and you stood out dramatically..."



"You must be wondering about my past relationships... I need a more mature academic environment to extend my mind, and I know you can offer it... you must be curious about your admirers interests. I have a love of foreign cultures, a love you share..."



"Ever since I watched Shaun the Sheep on CBBC, I have been passionate about becoming a farmer"

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"Hi, my name is Alex. I know you might not know much about me, but I know you very well..."

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...As a lover of drama I seek out the chances to watch, perform and read. If a play catches my imagination I need to perform it;

soft toys become my audience, my bedroom my set.

I take the role of director, producer and every character in the play.

My sympathy is with the toys that watch me murder the works of literary giants;

the toys will not be pleased to hear that I have no intention of growing out of this...



But don't be too confident!

"On the 20th of April a great figure in history was born...It was me, who will go on to make great changes in history as we know it"



Filling in the UCAS form

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This is done using the Electronic Application System. Your referee will likely be your HAM or Mr Howell – January 31st deadline Mr Howell- October 16th deadline. For those people applying for Oxbridge, Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary courses.



Filling in the UCAS form UCAS

•Complete the online form – there is no spellcheck on the application programme, students should therefore use Word and then cut/paste the personal statement into the form

- •See their referee to check their completed form and 'send to referee'
- •When their form is completed, pay online



What happens next?



- •Their HAM/Mr Howell (referee) will write their reference and upload to UCAS.
- Mr Howell will check the reference and form
- Their form will have a final check for errors and it will be returned to them if amendments are required.
 Students to email min/max entry requirements to Mr Howell or meet to discuss.
- •When their form has been approved Mr Howell will send it to UCAS.



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Filling in the UCAS form

- Internal Deadlines
 - Oxbridge/Medical/Dentistry/Veterinary: <u>1st October</u>
 - All Others:
 <u>1st November</u>

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What happens next?

- UCAS will email the student a acknowledgement of the receipt of their application form
- Students will receive a letter from UCAS. This contains:
 - •Their UCAS Personal ID number

•Their password which will enable them to monitor the progress of their application via the UCAS Track website



What happens next?

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Each institution will contact the student. They may:

- Invite them to interview
- Invite them to an Open Day
- Make them an offer
- Reject their application

When all their institutions have informed them of their decisions
 UCAS will write to them again. They will ask students to decide on:
 A Conditional Firm Choice
 A Conditional Insurance Choice

Or

An UNCONDITIONAL !!!



What happens next?

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UCAS will give students a date by which they should inform them of their choice. If they miss the deadline they may forfeit the offers made to them.

Students should then concentrate on their examination preparation to make sure that they meet these offers.



UCAS Extra



 This is an extra service for students who do not hold any offers. It is similar to clearing in the way it operates and begins April/May 2024.



Overview

Expenses whilst at university or college fall broadly into two categories:

- Tuition fees which help meet the cost of a course
- Other higher education expenses, namely living costs



Tuition fees

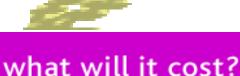
Tuition Fee Loan

Your university or college sets your tuition fee, and the loan is paid directly to them. You have to pay it back.

If you're a full-time student, you can get up to £9,250.

If you're studying an accelerated degree course, you could get up to £11,100.

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How much you can get

The maximum amount you can get depends on where you live.

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	2022 to 2023 academic year	2023 to 2024 academic year
Living with your parents	Up to £8,171	Up to £8,400
Living away from your parents, outside London	Up to £9,706	Up to £9,978
Living away from your parents, in London	Up to £12,667	Up to £13,022
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £11,116	Up to £11,427
If you're 60 or over on the first day of the first academic year of your course	Up to £4,106	Up to £4,221



what will it cost?

 The student loan is combined with any loan for maintenance and repayable once they have finished studying and are earning more than £25,000 (Plan 5)





Plan type	Yearly threshold	Monthly threshold	Weekly threshold
Plan 1	£22,015	£1,834	£423
Plan 2	£27,295	£2,274	£524
Plan 4	£27,660	£2,305	£532
Plan 5	£25,000	£2,083	£480
Postgraduate Loan	£21,000	£1,750	£403

You'll repay either:

- 9% of your income over the threshold if you're on Plan 1, 2, 4 or 5
- 6% of your income over the threshold if you're on a Postgraduate Loan plan

The interest rate for Plan 5 will be based on the Retail Price Index.

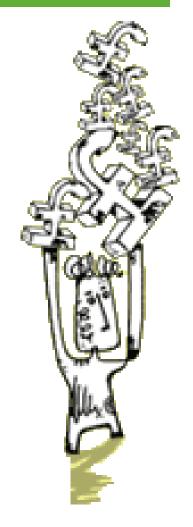








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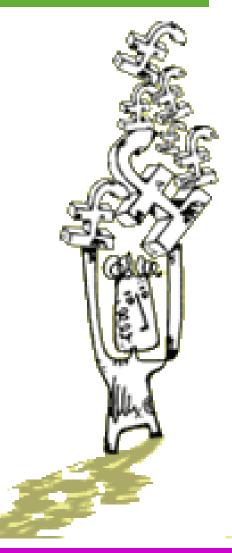


You're on Plan 5 and have an income of £30,000 a year, meaning you get paid £2,500 each month.

Calculation:

£2,500 – £2,083 (your income minus the Plan 5 threshold) = £417 9% of £417 = £37.53

This means the amount you'd repay each month would be £37.53



what will it cost?







When Plan 5 loans get written off

Plan 5 loans are written off 40 years after the April you were first due to repay.





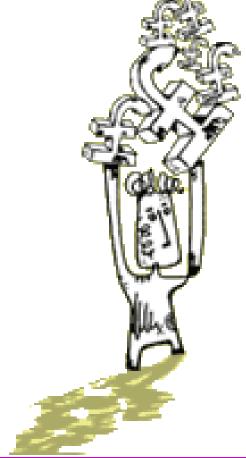
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Help towards other higher education expenses

- To help with living and study costs:-
- Bursaries
- Student Loans for Maintenance
- Other help





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Household income

- The Local Education Authority assesses household income
- For most school leavers based on:-
 - Gross taxable income of the student excluding any earnings during university term time and holidays;
 - Gross taxable income of resident parent(s)/partners/step parents;



what will it cost?

Other sources

- Disabled Student's Allowances (DSAs) physical or mental health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia.
- Bursaries and scholarships vary at each university.





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STUDENT APPRENTICESHIP GUIDE For students in years 12 to 13 considering apprenticeships as a career option. Apprenticeships **success with Care**



What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and the chance to train and gain qualifications while you work.

- You are treated just like all other employees, with a contract of employment, a salary and holiday leave.
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- You are given real responsibilities.
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- You will spend at least 20% (equivalent to 1 day a week) of your time completing off-the-job training, often at a college, university or with an independent training provider.
- You will train to be fully competent in your chosen occupation.
- Q. Can I apply for apprenticeships and also apply for full-time university at the same time to keep my options open?
- A. Yes. Apprenticeship opportunities are advertised all year round and many employers will advertise up to one year in advance of when they need their apprentice to start.



Evening

Which apprenticeships are available?

There are thousands of apprenticeships in different job roles and industries. Each apprenticeship will also have a 'level' attached to it. The four levels of apprenticeship are:

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at A* - C or 9 - 4
Advanced	3	2 A Level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 & 7	Foundation degree or above
Degree	6&7	bachelor's or master's degree

How do the levels work, and which one should I do?

It will depend on the job role and your prior qualifications and experience as to which level you will need to start at.

Try to keep your options open and explore everything. If you see a job title that you haven't heard of before, being advertised at a different level to the one you had in mind, don't dismiss it - have a quick read. You may be surprised at the range of opportunities that are available covering different levels and durations.



What are higher apprenticeships?

Higher apprenticeships are at levels 4 & 5 and the apprentice achieves a qualification equivalent to a Higher Education Certificate / Diploma or a Foundation Degree.

What are degree apprenticeships?

Degree apprenticeships are Level 6, equivalent to a bachelor's degree, and Level 7, equivalent to a Master's degree.

A degree without the debt

Apprentices do not need to pay for their tuition fees, as the employer and/or government fund the apprenticeship.

- Q. What happens if I don't finish the apprenticeship, do I have to pay the fees back?
- A. No, you will not be expected to pay back the apprenticeship training costs.



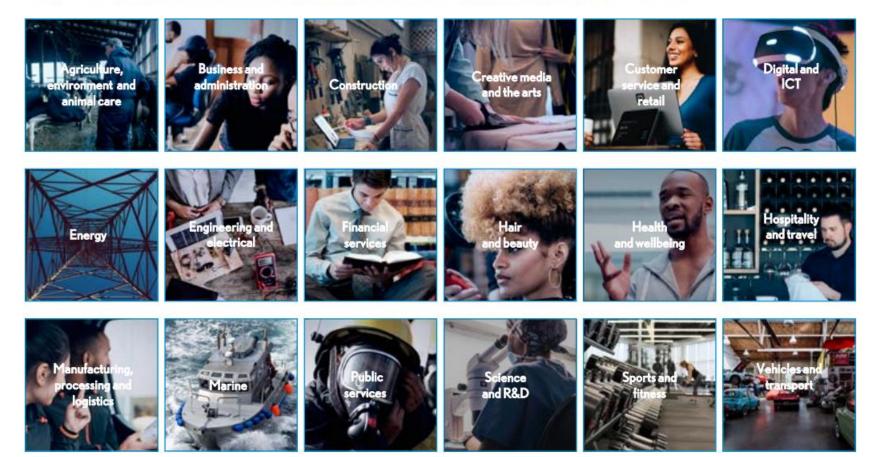
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4. Which apprenticeships are available?

As you are looking through the different apprenticeships, note down the ones that are interesting to you or stand out on the next page. Read the descriptions about what the apprenticeship involves and make a note on the next page of anything that you think is important.

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Find an apprenticeship

There are hundreds of different apprenticeships to choose from. To apply for one, you'll need to create an account on the find an apprenticeship service. You can also save any apprenticeships you like and then apply for them later. To browse vacancies visit; https:// www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

If you've seen an apprenticeship you like on the employer's website, you can apply for it directly.

It's a good idea to apply for a few apprenticeships at a time. This increases your chances and means you're not waiting for a response from on employer.

It's normal to feel nervous when you're applying for an apprenticeship or waiting to hear back from an employer. Try to find out the closing date of the application as this may give you a clue about when you'll hear back.

It usually takes a few applications to find the right apprenticeship. So if you don't hear back or get an interview, don't take it personally - it's normal and happens to everyone.

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Find an apprenticeship

Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

Search	Browse
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Keywords (optional) Can include job title, employer or reference number

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Your location

Enter postcode, town or city or use current location

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Apprenticeship level

All levels

Help

 How to search for an apprenticeship (interactive walkthrough)

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Contact us

Coronavirus (COVID-19): read our guidance for apprentices About apprenticeships Find a traineeship



Finding an apprenticeship

- <u>www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</u> register and setup alerts
- Individual organisation websites e.g. police, NHS, Coca Cola
- LinkedIn
- Personal networks
- Careers fairs /events DHFS November (student, parents & carers) & March (students)
- <u>www.apprenticeships.gov.uk</u>
- For Higher and Degree start looking now
- Advanced closer to finishing the course
- Apprenticeships are jobs and so can be advertised all year round. Employers may post positions as and when there is a need in the business for that new role, so it is important to set up your alerts and stay on top of deadlines.



Finding an apprenticeship

- Things to check:
 - What are they paying?
 - What are the likely progression opportunities?
 - Is it a permanent or fixed term position?
 - Which training provider are they using?
 - Is the role varied?



Sources of information

- Staff, parents, and friends
- School careers library/Careers Convention
- www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
- www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Prospectuses and departmental brochures
- Open Days www.opendays.com (Virtual Open Days)
- Internet <u>www.ucas.com</u>
- <u>http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/</u>
- <u>http://www.studential.com/university/applying</u>
- <u>http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/</u>
- University websites e.g. <u>www.leeds.ac.uk</u>

