

UCAS

KEY DATES

UCAS is the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service involved in the application process for British universities. The UCAS site is useful for researching all post-Sixth Form pathways: apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and gap years – not just universities.

UCAS APPLY is the formal area of the site where you submit your Application form.

UCAS HUB is separate to this. Students can do personalised searches, note favourite courses or universities and keep track of their research. There are many live videos and informative online materials released throughout the year, to help inform choices.

May	UCAS Undergraduate search tool goes live. You can begin searching for university courses for the next academic year.
May	UCAS Undergraduate apply goes live.
May - June	Summer series of University Open Days.
June	UCAS week in College means the formal application process begins.
September	Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS.
15th October	Applications for Oxbridge / Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary Science must be submitted to UCAS by this date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxbridge students can only apply to Oxford or Cambridge, not both. • Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary Science students can only apply to four specialist courses, allowing one final choice as a back-up alternative.
September - November	Autumn series of University Open Days.
15th January	UCAS final deadline: all undergraduate applications must be submitted by this date.
February	UCAS Extra opens. This means if you have been rejected by every university you still have the chance to re-apply.
May – July	Once you have received all your offers you need to make decisions about your Firm and Insurance (favourite and second favourite) universities. Universities make offers at different times, so the final reply dates are staggered according to when you received your final offer. You are given plenty of time – about six weeks - to make your decision.
July	Your last chance to apply for a course through UCAS EXTRA.
July	Clearing opens. If you still have no offers then you can consider courses that still have places available.
	A Level results day. UCAS will contact you at 8 am and inform you if you have a place at: your FIRM choice university, your INSURANCE choice university or if you have been unsuccessful (due to not getting the required grades). This means you will search the courses that are available in Clearing. You collect your actual grades from college.
August	UCAS ADJUSTMENT opens. This means if you did better than expected, you can see if any other more competitive courses are available for you to apply to instead.
September	Final university choices must be made.
October	Most university courses begin

An abundance of help, information and guidance is provided by Tarpoley Sixth Form at every stage.