Parents' evening presentation

13th May 2023

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Upcoming Events and Support:

- Tuesday 13th June – Post Sixth Form Information Evening for Parents
- Monday 19th June and Tuesday 20th June – Post Sixth Form days.
- Tuesday 27th June – UCAS Discovery Exhibition in Birmingham, with all UK universities, employers, major apprenticeship providers and the military
- June – Summer Open Day series
- Summer holidays – Personal Statement / CV writing / Key dates: Apprenticeships
- September – November – Autumn Open Day series
- UCAS deadlines: 16th October / 31st January (Christmas deadline: Mocks)

What Next?

What are the options available?

Choices available

HIGHER EDUCATION

APPRENTICESHIPS

STUDYING ABROAD

GAP YEAR

GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand the options available and make choices that are right for you: ucas.com/hub

Why continue in education?

- Essential for some career paths.
- Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.
- Increase confidence and independence.
- Broaden experiences.
- Meet new people.
- Investment in the future.
- Increased job prospects.
- Higher earning potential.

What are the options?

- Higher apprenticeships: provide an opportunity to gain Level 4 qualifications or above, e.g. HND, or foundation degree while you work. Can take from one to five years to complete, depending on the course level.
- Foundation degree: flexible vocational qualification, combining both academic study and workplace learning. It usually takes one / two years to complete.
- Bachelor's or undergraduate degree: a three to four-year course which can also be available as a part-time option, allowing you to study and work.
- Degree apprenticeships: enable you to gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course.

What's right?

There are a number of things to consider with your next step :

- something you enjoy – you are investing time and effort
- whether it's right for your career path – check with employers and professional organisations
- location – city or rural, transport links
- a study and assessment style that suits you
- environment including extracurricular, clubs, and societies
- finances

University or college

What's right for you?

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Choosing the right place

- Style – from traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities/colleges, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- Location – some are in large cities, others in small towns, by the coast or in the countryside – it's all a major influence on the environment and lifestyle.
- 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.
- What graduates do – all universities collect destination statistics; it can be useful to find out what jobs or further study students go on to.
- Tuition fees – can vary between universities and colleges; check if there are scholarships or bursaries available.
- Living costs – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

Choosing the right course

- 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?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- 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?
- How is the course assessed?

UCAS Hub

Your discovery tool

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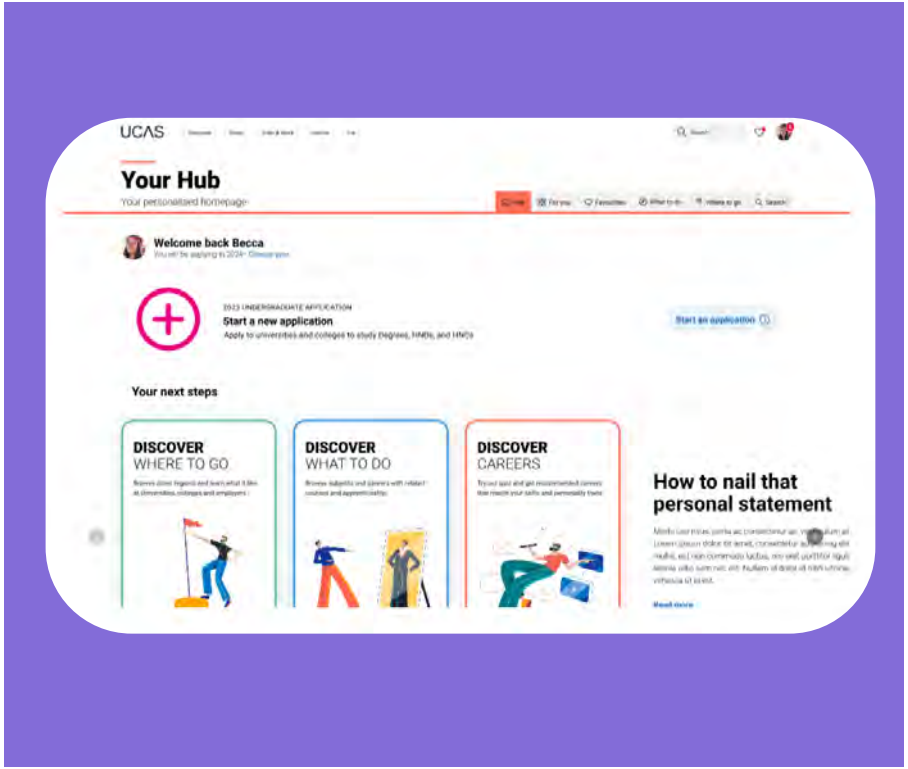
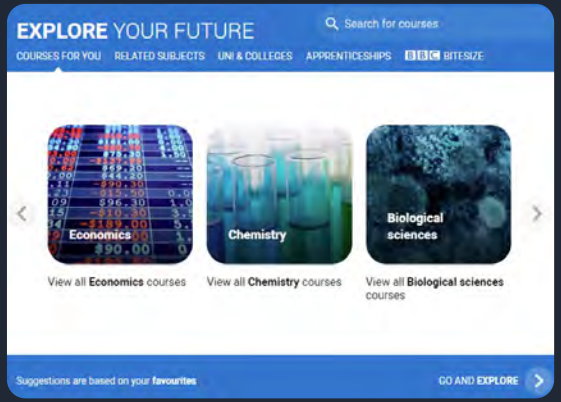
Starting your research

Register with the UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, places, and apprenticeships
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for open days, events and virtual tours
- turn predicted grades into UCAS Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using Unibuddy
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending Hub lives
- take the UCAS Quiz to find your career matches
- start your application

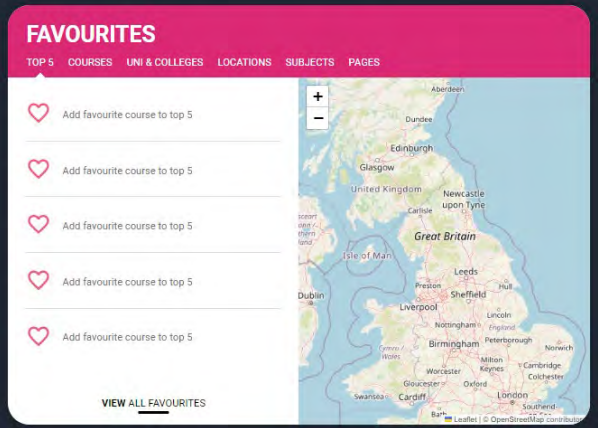


Personalised tools to help



Explore your future

Discover what to do with subject, industry, and career guides; discover where to go with city, employer and accommodation information. Explore apprenticeships and course opportunities for you. Favourite as you go.



Your favourites

Search for courses, use to decide your top 5 choices, manage, keep those favourite information pages to hand. Manage and edit at any time.

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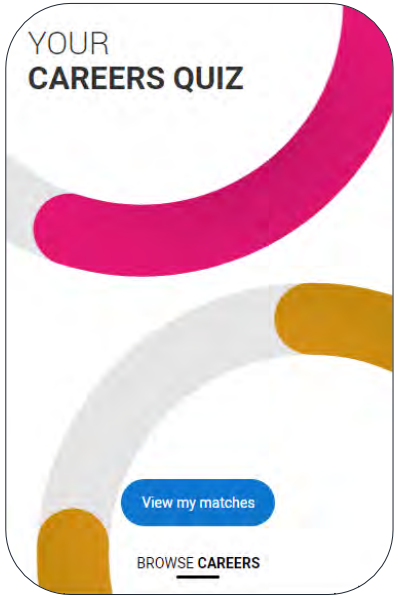
UCAS Quiz

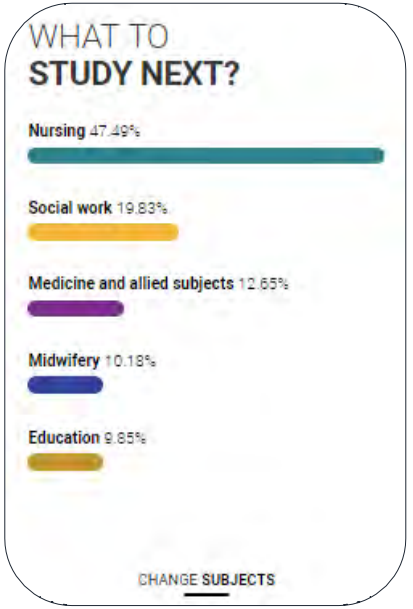
Find job and career ideas matched to your personality.

Plus a list of courses previous students studied in order to get there.



What to study next?

Broaden your horizons by exploring another subject area, that student's who did your qualification went on to study.

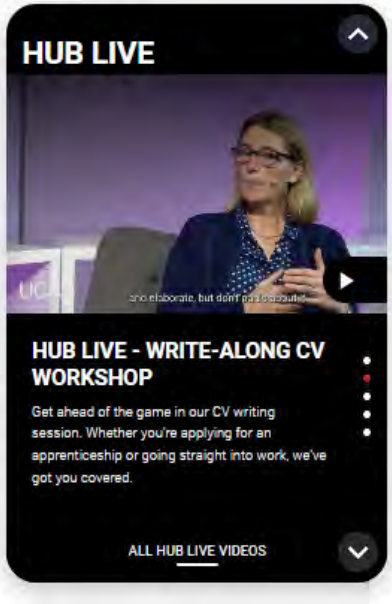


Our advice and events

UCAS Hub lives

Join our live sessions hosted by expert panels.

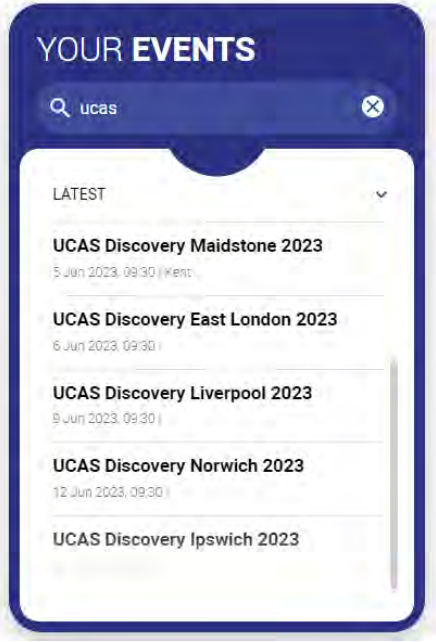
Ask questions to help you make an informed decision about the right path for you. University, apprenticeships or the world of work.



UCAS Discovery

Events and open days are presented based on your preferences.

Register straight from the Hub for our UCAS Discovery 'The Big Q&A Tour', with exciting new zones covering all pathways.



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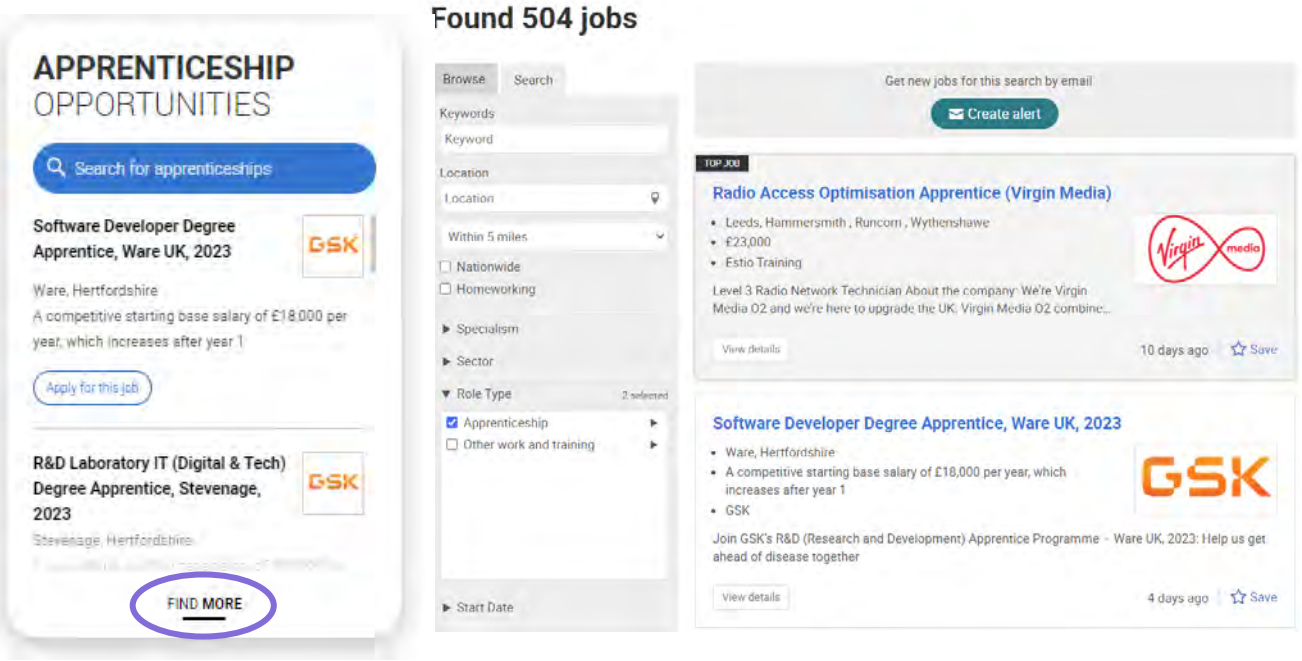
From UCAS Hub you can easily explore apprenticeships; learn more information and see a live selection of apprenticeship vacancies.

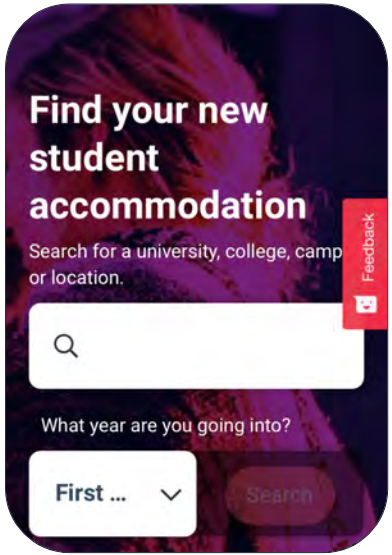
Set alerts to stay up to date.



What else do you need?

Accommodation

High on the list when considering where to study, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Understand what options there are using our accommodation search.



Personal Statement Builder

Designed to help you think about what to include, and how to lay it all out. It counts how many characters you've used, so it's easy to see when you're close to the 4,000 character limit.

Apprenticeships

What you need to know

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

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Apprenticeships

What are apprenticeships?

Study

Job

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* Foundation apprenticeships in Scotland are unpaid

The A – Z of apprenticeships

There are over 600 possible apprenticeship 'standards' (training programmes) which exist. It's probably easier to name an industry that doesn't have an apprenticeship then to list all that do. Here are just a few ….

- Accounting and Taxation
- Architect
- Boat Builder
- Building Surveyors
- Civil Engineer
- Cyber Security Technician
- Data Analyst
- Doctor (from 2023)
- Early Years
- Ecologist
- Farrier
- Food Technologist
- Game Programmer
- Geospatial mapping
- Harbour Master
- Historic Environment Adviser
- Internal audit professional
- Intelligence analyst
- Journalist
- Junior 2D artist (visual effects)
- Knitted product manufacturing
- Laboratory scientist
- Licensed conveyor
- Midwife
- Marketing Manager
- Nuclear Scientist and Engineer
- Nursing
- Operational firefighter
- Orthodontic therapist
- Paralegal
- Physiotherapist
- Quality practitioner
- Rail engineer
- Research scientist
- Social worker
- Software Developer
- Teacher
- Town planning assistant
- Utilities engineering
- Veterinary nurse
- Vehicle damage assessor
- Water process technician
- Workplace pensions consultant
- Youth worker

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#

What am I doing now?

For example in England, Northern Ireland and Wales:

GCSE grade 9-4 is a **Level 2 qualification**

A level or T level is a **Level 3 qualification**

Did you know?

An apprenticeship offering a degree may also be called a Level 6 or Higher Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships work in levels too!

In England:

Level 2	Level 3	Level 4-7
Intermediate Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship

In Wales:

Level 2	Level 3	Levels 4-7
Foundation Apprenticeship	Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship

In Northern Ireland:

Level 2	Level 3	Level 4-7
Level 2 Apprenticeship	Level 3 Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship

When can I apply?

- Not one deadline
- Advertised throughout the year
- Larger organisations with multiple application processes may recruit earlier than smaller local organisations
- Higher apprenticeships with a Sep/Oct start tend to recruit in the previous academic year

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

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How can I apply?

- Applications are made directly through the company or the education provider.
- There is no limit on the number of applications you can make.
- The application process might vary across vacancies, you could be asked for:
    - CV and Covering Letter
    - Application Form
    - In App/Site application
- You can apply for universities and apprenticeships at the same time!

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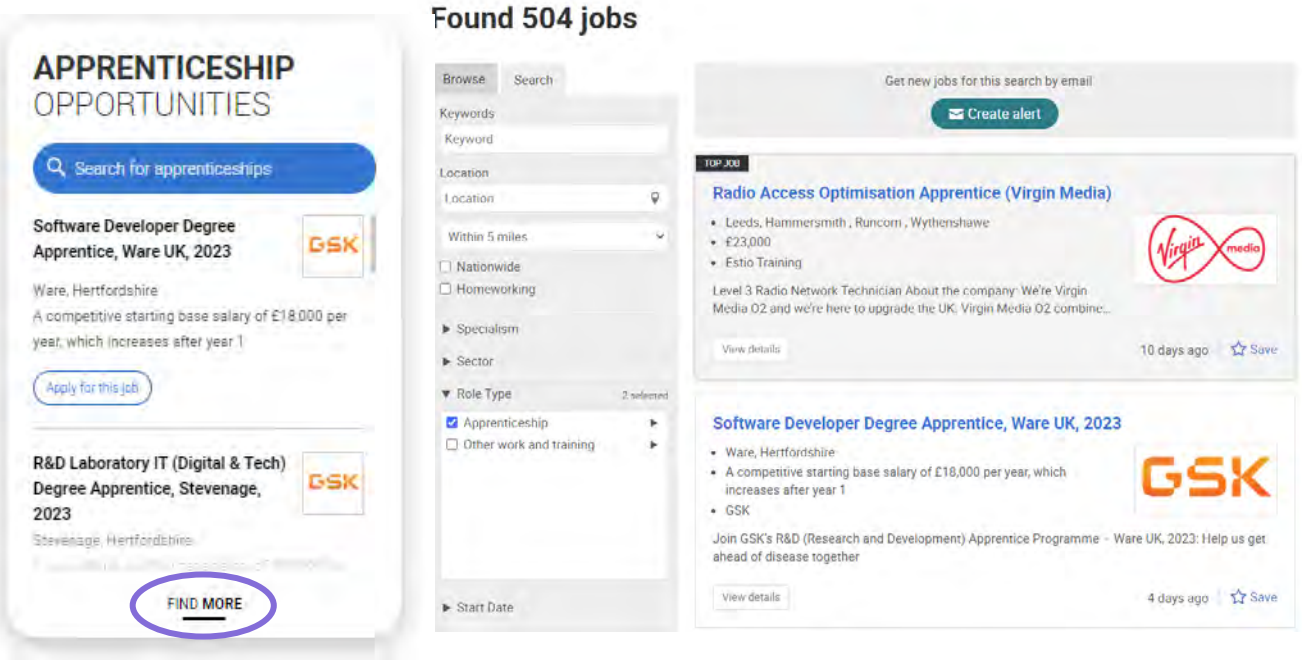

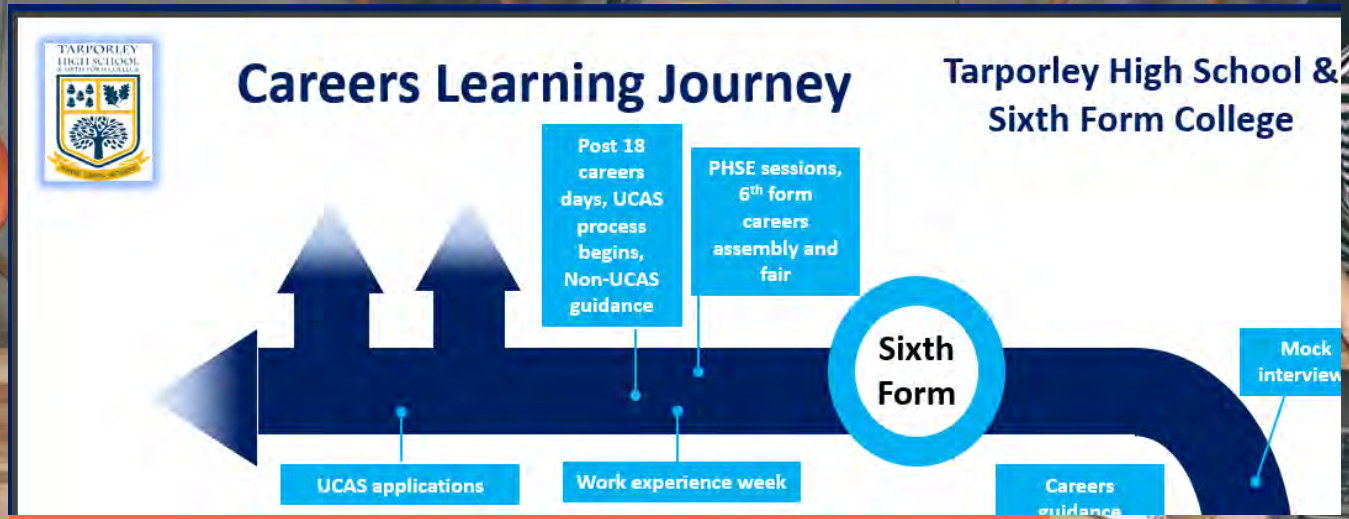

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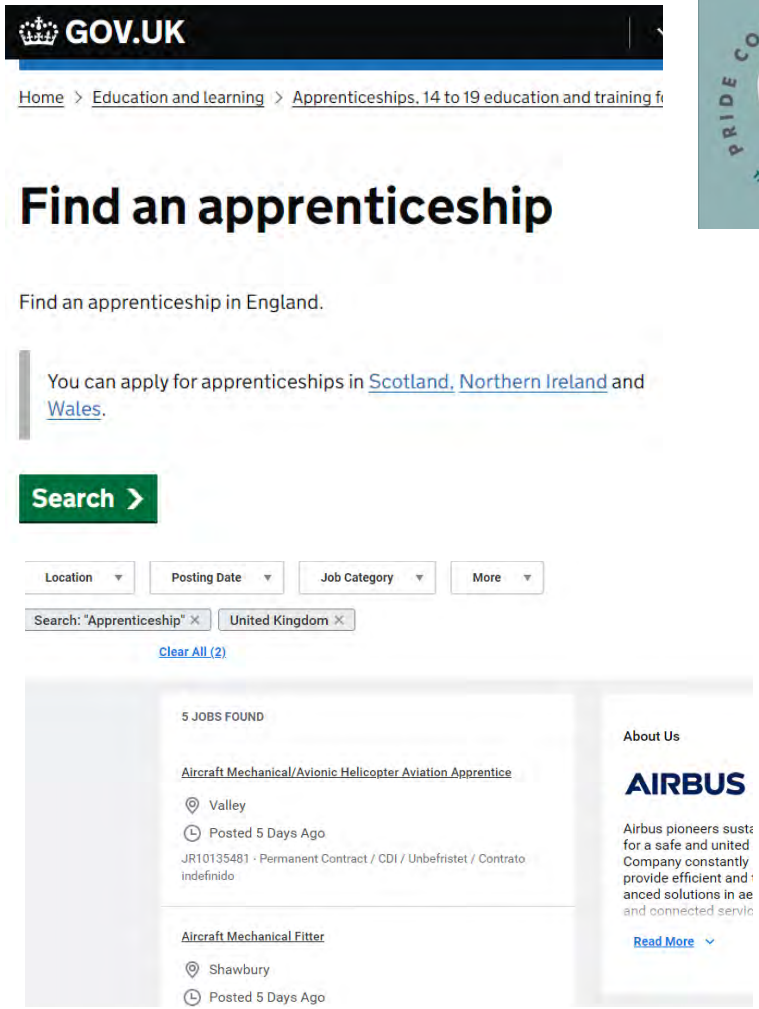
Non-University Pathways

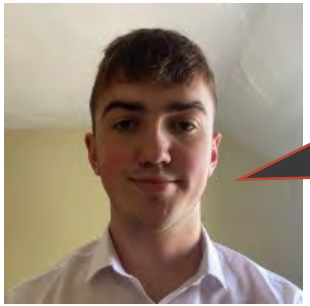
Apprenticeships

- All accredited Apprenticeships found on the Gov.uk site https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Some post on their own website
- Why Apply for an apprenticeship? (GSK)
- What an apprenticeship at the BBC is like



Tarporley Apprenticeships

- James (2019)
- Ernst and Young



‘It’s the best decision I could have made. I wasn’t suited to University and wanted to start earning on the job’.

- Olivia (2022)
- Bentley Motors, Digital Marketing.

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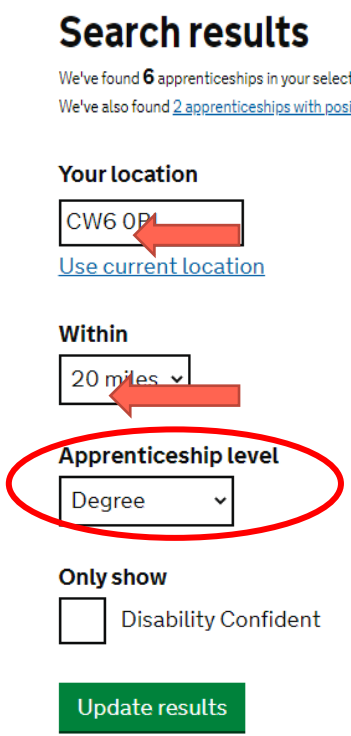
‘I’ve gone from studying my A Levels to being highly valued in a world recognised company and earning whist I’m learning’

Current search results



- **You can search by:**
  - Keyword
  - Job Title
  - Industry
  - Employer
  - Location from postcode
- **There are multiple levels of apprenticeships you can search for.**
  - Degree – Work with time to complete a degree
  - Higher
  - Advance
  - Intermediate

A Level students usually would apply for degree or higher

Current search results: Degree apprenticeships

Science and Technology Facilities Council

Level 6 (Degree) Cyber Security Apprentice

The Science and Technology Facilities Council

Annual wage
£16,608.00

£16,608 rising incrementally to £22,129 per annum in final year of apprenticeship

Working week
37 hours per week, Monday-Friday 08:30 – 17:00 -/ 09:00 – 17:30
Total hours per week: 37

Expected duration
4 Years

Possible start date
01 Sep 2022

Date posted
10 May 2022

What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?
The qualifications you will achieve are:

- BSc (Hons) in Digital & Technology Solutions
- Level 6 Digital & Technology Solutions Professional

Requirements and prospects

Desired skills and personal qualities
Communication skills, IT skills, Attention to detail, Team working, Computing, Technology

Qualifications
GCSE or equivalent Maths, English and Additional STEM Subjects (Grade C / 4 or above) Essential
A Level or equivalent Various (Grade A minimum of 104 UCAS tariff) Essential

About the employer

At the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) you belong to a community of experts who are driving science and technology forward. STFC is a world-leading multi-disciplinary science organisation where curiosity, blue-skies thinking meets practical, application-led science and engineering. Our goal is to deliver economic, societal , scientific and international benefits to the UK and its people – and more broadly to the world.

Current search results: Degree apprenticeships

CRODA

Laboratory Scientist Degree Apprenticeship

CRODA EUROPE LIMITED

Working week

Monday to Friday - Flexible working hours in a 35 hour week with core hours typically between 09:30 and 16:00.

Total hours per week: 34.75

Expected duration

60 Months

Possible start date

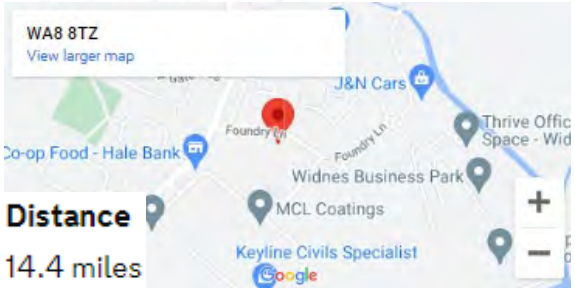
05 Sep 2022

Date posted

4 days ago

Positions

2 available



Our purpose statement is 'Smart science to improves lives' Croda is a values driven, global chemistry additives company with the United Nations Sustainability goals as part of our key drivers. We are based in Yorkshire and have 4 manufacturing and technical sites across the UK

Requirements and prospects

Desired skills and personal qualities

Communication skills, IT skills, Attention to detail, Organisation skills, Problem solving skills, Number skills, Analytical skills, Logical, Team working, Creative, Initiative, Non judgemental, Patience

Qualifications

A Level or equivalent Chemistry (Grade B) Essential
A Level or equivalent Other Science (Grade c) Essential
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What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?

We have an exciting opportunity for you to join our 2022 Laboratory Scientist Apprentice intake.

Our Degree Apprenticeships are great for school/sixth form leavers that want to learn whilst earning at the same time.

During your apprenticeship you will study towards a BSc (Hons) Chemistry with Industry qualification, at the University of Nottingham. The course delivery is a mixture of day release and block teaching that equates to 23% of your time. The rest of the time you will spend at a Croda location, making a difference from day one.

The duration of the course is 5.5 years (including the End Point Assessment), and alongside this you will receive on-the-job training and attend a residential training programme that focuses on developing your personal and business skills.

Current search results:

Degree apprenticeships

FISHER GERMAN PRIESTNER LTD

Chartered Surveyor (Rural) Degree Apprenticeship

based in Knutsford, Cheshire (North West)

Annual wage

£20,000.00

The employer is offering a competitive salary and package will be discussed at interview.

Working week

Apprentices will work between 8am - 6pm Monday to Friday – hours may vary. Apprentices will be given 20% off the job time for training, which includes specific block weeks of study at University.

Total hours per week: 48

(the hours are based on the candidate being over 18)

Expected duration

60 Months

Possible start date

02 Sep 2022

Positions

2 available

Date posted

11 May 2022

What training will the apprentice take and what qualification will the apprentice get at the end?

You will work part time towards your BSc Honours degree in Rural Enterprise and Land Management. You will be with apprentices from all over England, spending time studying at Harper Adams University (roughly 8 weeks per academic year) whilst contextualising your study with practical work experience. In addition to your attendance at University, we have a structured training programme which will guide you through the qualification and provide you with all the support required in the workplace.

Requirements and prospects

Desired skills and personal qualities

Communication skills, Organisation skills, Customer care skills, Problem solving skills, Presentation skills, Administrative skills, Number skills, Analytical skills, Team working, Initiative, Driving Licence desirable

Qualifications

GCSE or equivalent English (Grade C or 4) Essential
GCSE or equivalent Mathematics (Grade C or 4) Essential
A Level or equivalent any (Grade C) Essential
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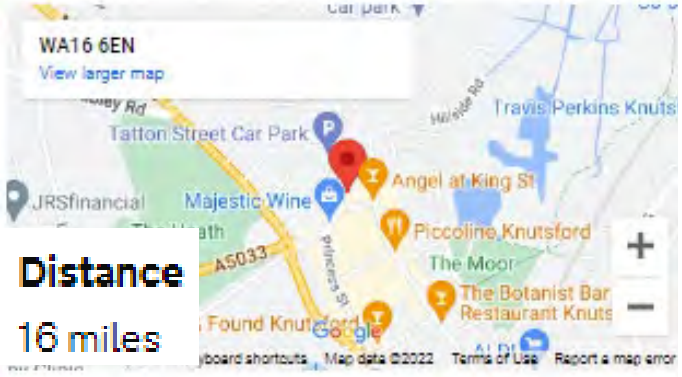
About the employer

FGP Limited – Chartered Surveyors and Specialists in Energy and Infrastructure. This specialism enables us to work on projects around the UK in England, Wales, Scotland, and the Republic of Ireland on energy generation, storage, and transport. FGP offer a bespoke service and aim to provide clients with the support they need to take the project from an idea, through planning and landowner consent, to legal, assist in construction, before reinstating and managing the asset for the duration.



THE PLEDGE EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME

PSHE Sessions

- Clear guidance
- Professional bodies
- Alumni
- Employer links
- Bespoke
- Careers Fair

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TARPORLEY SIXTH FORM

Amazing Apprenticeships

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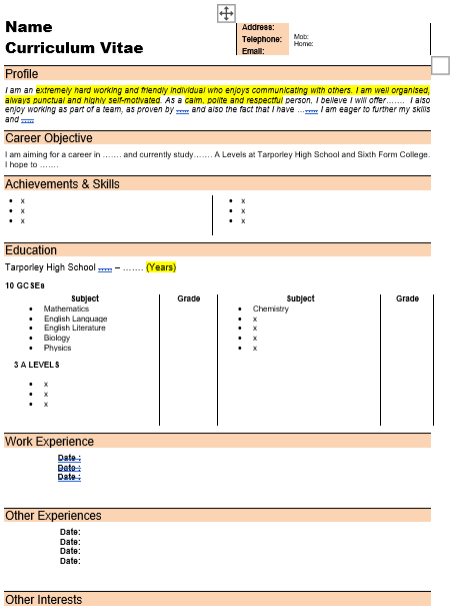
Careers Fairs

- October
- Local employer encounters
- Decision makers
- Q&A

CV interviews

- November/December
- 1-2-1
- Local employers
- Relevant feedback
- Networking



Name
Curriculum Vitae

Address:
Telephone:
Email:
Mob:
Home:

Profile

I am an extremely hard working and friendly individual who enjoys communicating with others. I am well organised, always punctual and highly self-motivated. As a calm, polite and respectful person, I believe I will offer… I also enjoy working as part of a team, as proven by …. and also the fact that I have …. I am eager to further my skills and ….

Career Objective

I am aiming for a career in …… and currently study…… A Levels at Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College. I hope to ……

Achievements & Skills

- x
- x
- x
- x
- x
- x

Education

Tarporley High School …. – ……. (Years)

10 GCSEs

Subject	Grade	Subject	Grade
• Mathematics		• Chemistry	
• English Language		• x	
• English Literature		• x	
• Biology		• x	
• Physics		• x	

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- x
- x
- x

Work Experience

Date :
Date :
Date :

Other Experiences

Date:
Date:
Date:
Date:

Other Interests

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Mock Assessment Centre

UCAS Applications

How to apply

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Completing the UCAS application

Student registers for a UCAS Hub account to carry out research and start application.

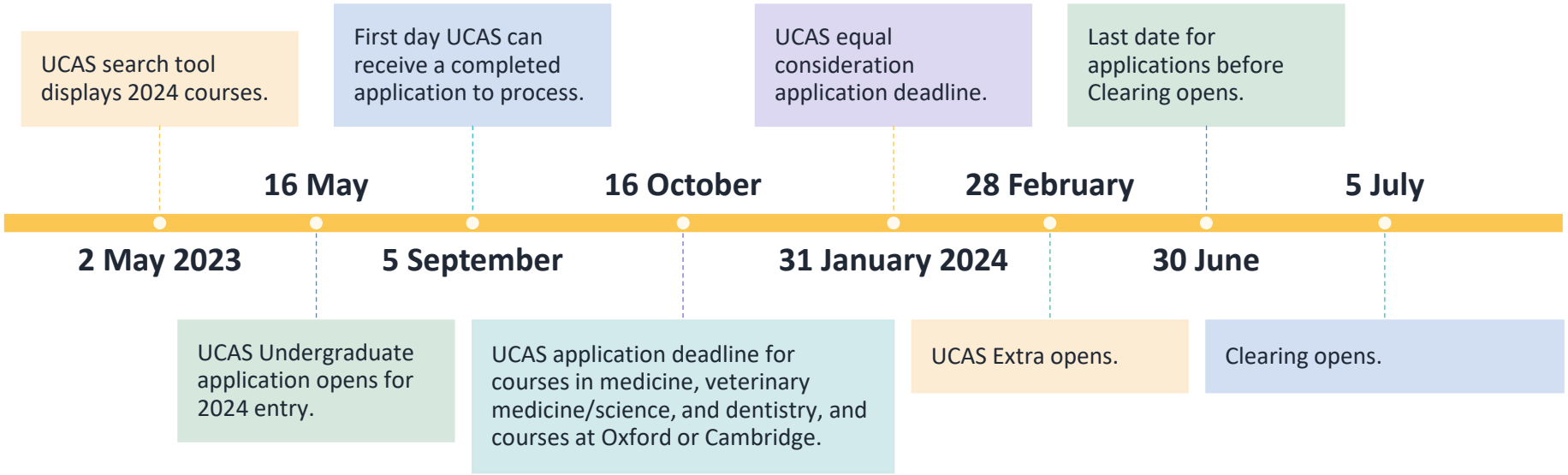
Student completes all sections of the application and sends it to their school/college.

Teacher or adviser reviews the application and adds reference and predicted grades.

Applications are sent to UCAS by the school or college on behalf of the student.

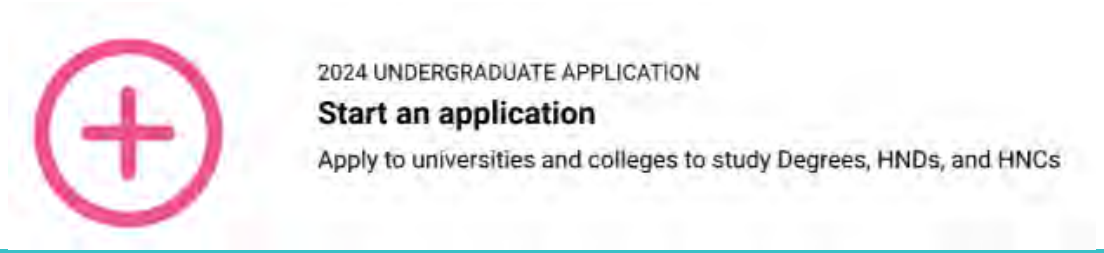
Universities and colleges make their decisions on the application.

When to apply for 2024 entry



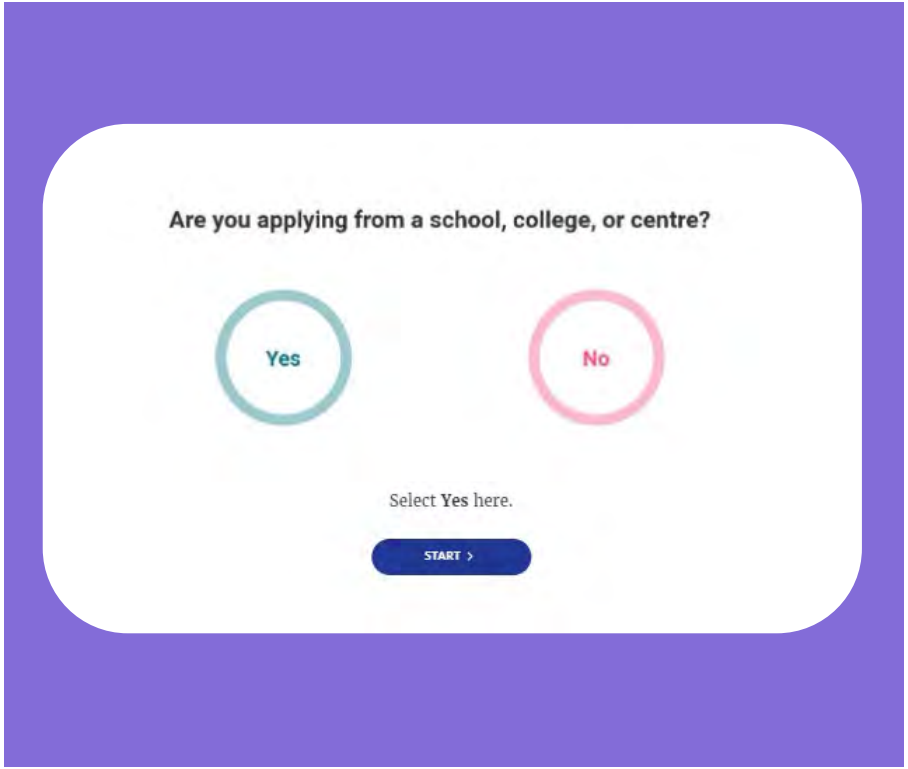
Key facts

- To start an application you need to register with ucas.com, you can register at any time.
- From 16 May 2023 you'll be able to start an application.
- Universities and colleges can't see your other choices when you apply.
- Apply by the equal consideration date.
- You have up to five choices, unless applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's four choices.
- You can't apply to BOTH Oxford and Cambridge.
- Applying costs £27.50.



Linking to a school

- If you're applying with the help of a school, college or centre you should enter their 'buzzword' to link your application to them.
- The buzzword is a unique code set by your school, college or centre.
- By linking your application you're giving your school, college or centre permission to view and track your application.
- It also means they'll provide you with a reference, and send your application to UCAS on your behalf.

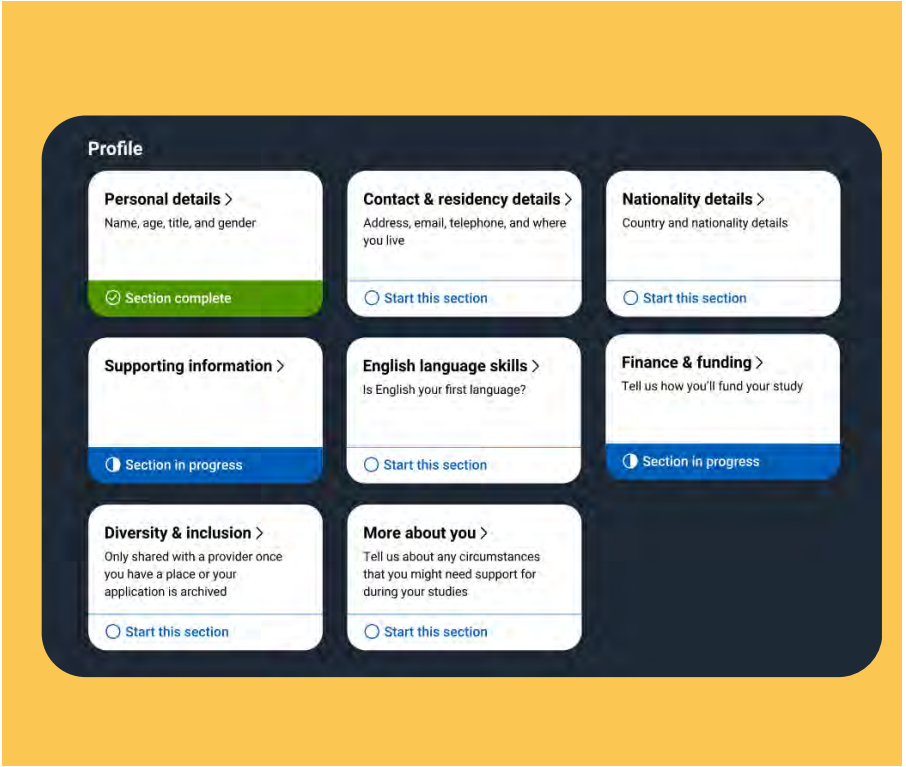


Application

Profile:

- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- Nationality details
- Supporting information
- English language skills
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion*
- More about you

* (for students with a UK home address)



Application

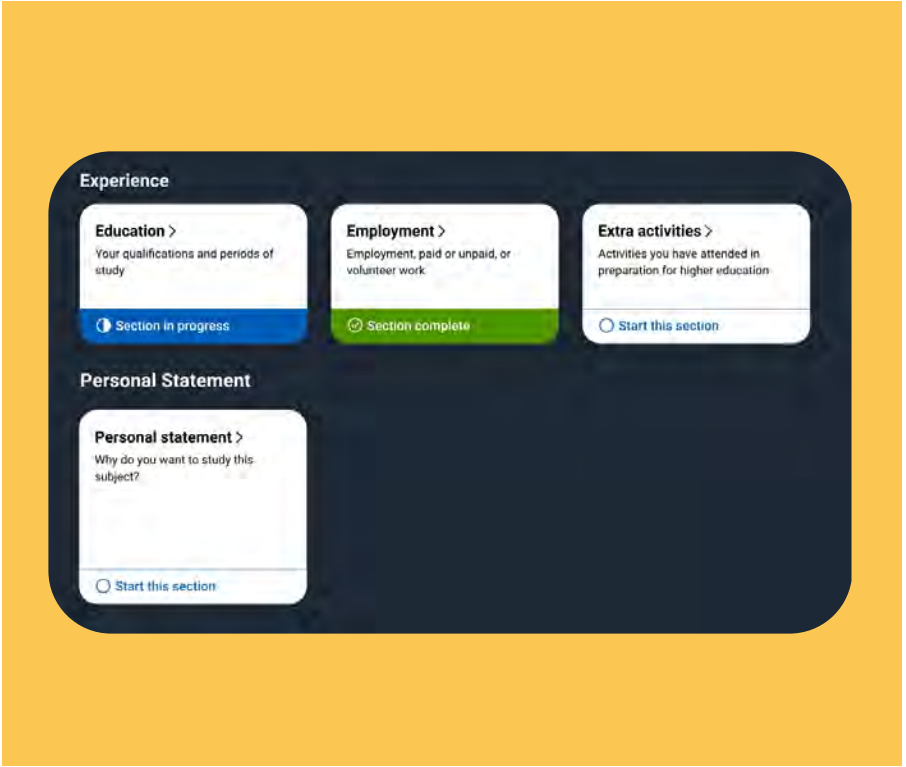
Experiences:

- Education
- Employment
- Extra activities*

- Personal statement
- Reference**
- Add choices – up to five

*(for students with a UK home address)

**(not visible for students linked to their school/college)



The personal statement

- The only section you have full control over
- Your only chance to market yourself as an individual
- The same for all of your choices
- A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines
- A minimum of 1,000 characters
- There isn't a spelling or grammar check
- No formatting allowed

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Start early

Include:

- academic achievements, past and present
- interest in the course area
- knowledge of the subject area
- enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus
- details of independent study skills

Consider…

Universities and colleges will consider:

- Have you chosen the course for the right reasons?
- Can you achieve in a new learning environment?
- Do you have a range of interests and aptitudes?
- Do you have a depth of interest in the subject?
- Have you studied independently?
- Do you appear motivated and committed?
- Do you have good numeracy and literacy skills?

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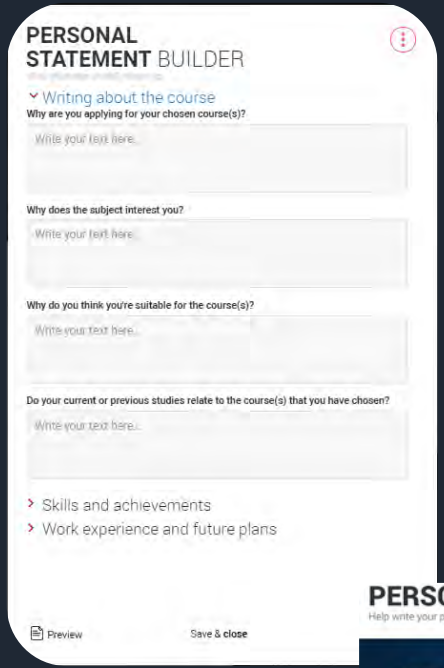
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Writing about the course
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Why do you think you're suitable for the course(s)?
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Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:

- personal statement
- qualifications
- reference

They may also ask for:

- admissions test
- interview
- portfolio/audition

Tracking your application

2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

Waiting for decisions

Universities or colleges are considering your application.

Providers have until dd-mm-yyyy to respond to your choices.

2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

All decisions received

You've received a decision from all of your choices. You can now reply to your offers at any time.

Reply by dd-mm-yyyy

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Waiting for confirmation

You're waiting for confirmation of your choices. If you meet the offer conditions, the university/college will confirm your place. Send them your results if requested.

Follow your application 24/7:

- see your choices
- keep personal information up to date
- view and reply to your offers

You'll receive one of three decisions from your choices:

- unconditional offer
- conditional offer
- unsuccessful

Replies to offers

Once you have decisions on all your choices, you can choose two:

- One as a ‘firm’ acceptance – your first choice.
- The other as an ‘insurance’ acceptance. This acts as a back-up if you do not get into your ‘firm’ choice.

Any remaining offers must be declined.

Once all your decisions and replies have been made, if you are not holding an offer, you may be able to use Extra or Clearing to find available places.

Other options

Extra (28 Feb – 4 Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time.

Clearing (5 Jul – Oct)

- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
- Find vacancies from 5 July and add a Clearing choice to your application.

Next steps

What can students be doing?

- research, research, research
- attend June open days and events (register) – next series is Autumn
- extracurricular and super curricular activities
- work experience
- volunteering
- independent learning outside the curriculum
- focus on this year's studies

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