

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?

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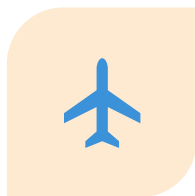
Choices available



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.

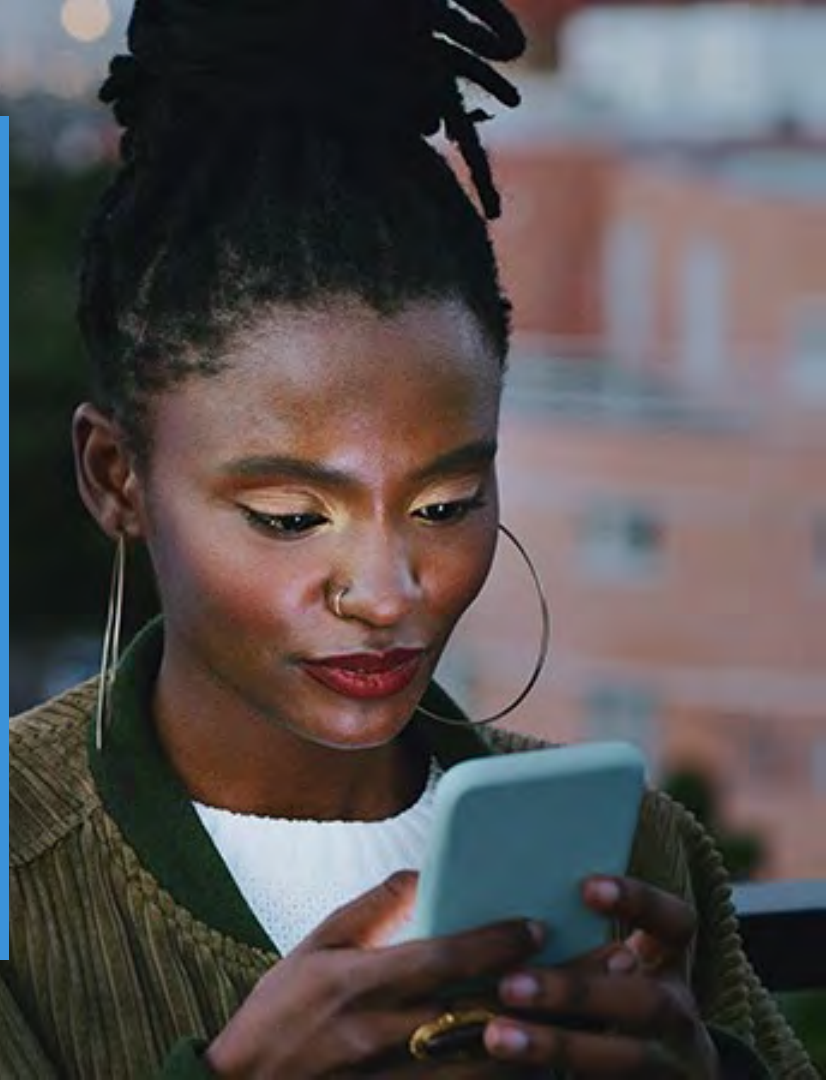
Choosing the right course

- 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?

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Your discovery tool

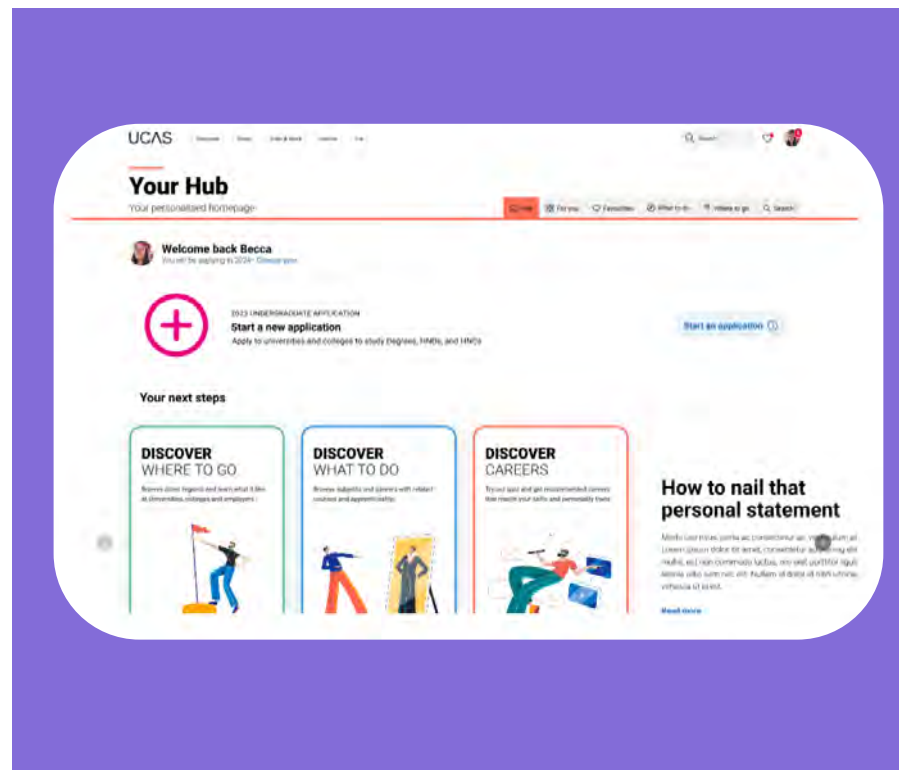
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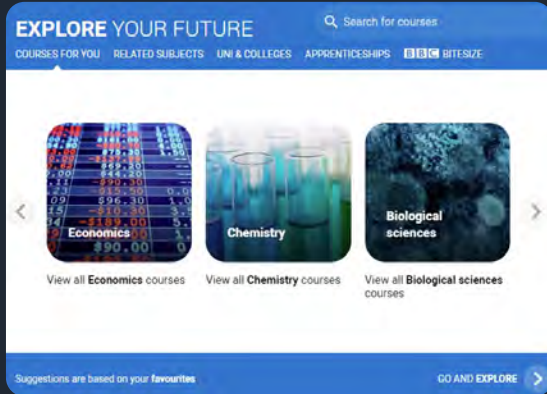
Starting your research

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

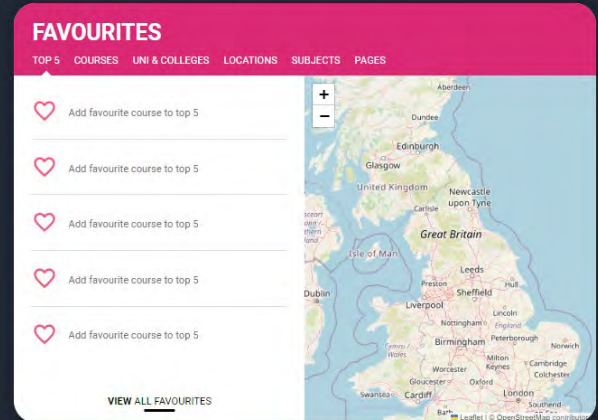


Explore your future

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.

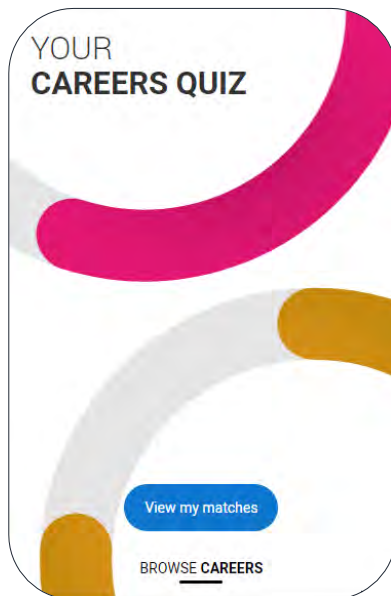


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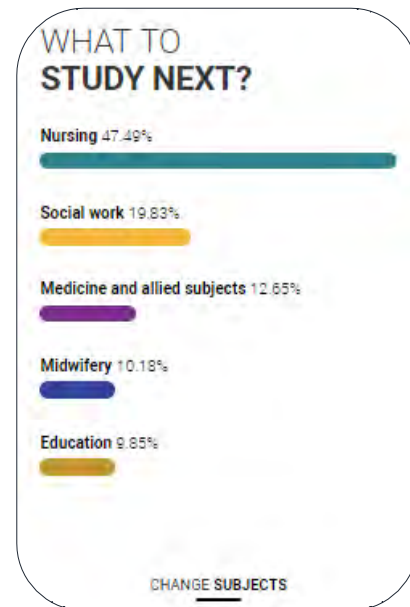
Find job and career ideas matched to your personality.

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.

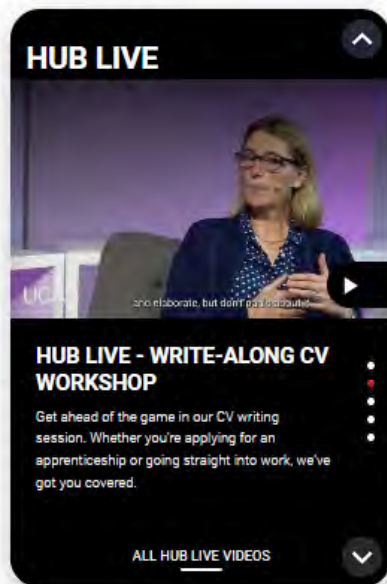


Our advice and events

UCAS Hub lives

Join our [live sessions](#) hosted by expert panels.

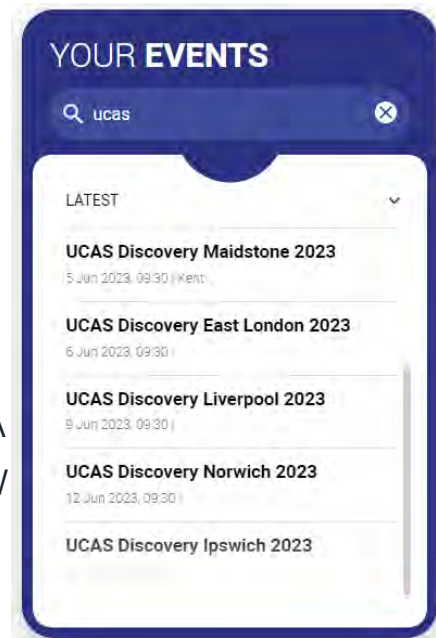
Ask questions to help you make an informed decision about the right path for you. University, apprenticeships or the world of work.



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.




UCAS Exploring Apprenticeships

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Set alerts to stay up to date.

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES


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Ware, Hertfordshire

A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per year, which increases after year 1

Apply for this job

R&D Laboratory IT (Digital & Tech) Degree Apprentice, Stevenage, 2023 

Stevenage, Hertfordshire

FIND MORE

Found 504 jobs

Browse Search

Keywords
Keyword

Location
Location

Within 5 miles

☐ Nationwide
☐ Homeworking

Specialism

Sector

Role Type 2 selected

☒ Apprenticeship
☐ Other work and training

Start Date

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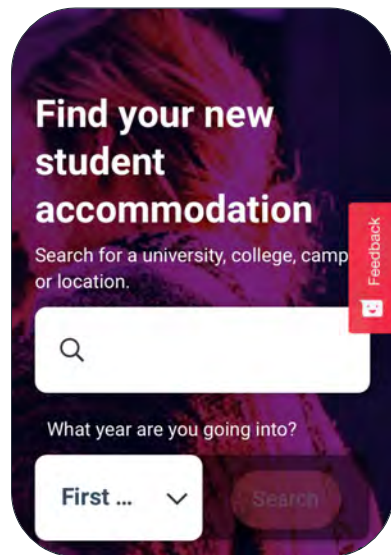
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What else do you need?

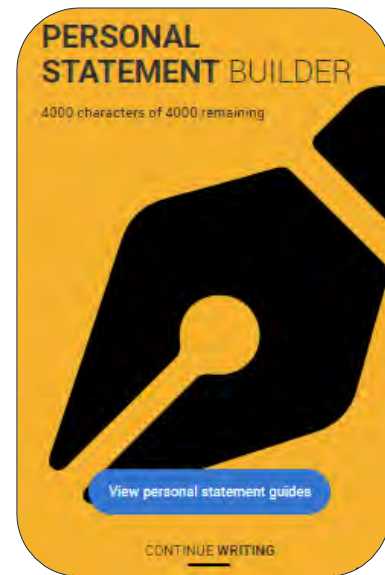
Accommodation

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](#).

A screenshot of a mobile app interface for finding student accommodation. The background is dark purple with a faint image of a person. The text 'Find your new student accommodation' is in white. Below it, a smaller line of text says 'Search for a university, college, camp or location.' There is a white search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, the text 'What year are you going into?' is followed by a dropdown menu showing 'First ...' and a 'Search' button. A red 'Feedback' button is on the right side.

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.

A screenshot of a mobile app interface for the Personal Statement Builder. The background is yellow. The text 'PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER' is in black. Below it, a smaller line of text says '4000 characters of 4000 remaining'. There is a large black pen nib icon. Below the icon, a blue button says 'View personal statement guides'. At the bottom, the text 'CONTINUE WRITING' is visible.

Apprenticeships

What you need to know

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

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Apprenticeships

What are
apprenticeships?

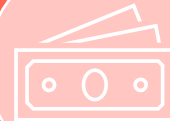
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The A – Z of apprenticeships

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 than 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

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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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The screenshot displays the UCAS Apprenticeship Opportunities interface. At the top, it says "Found 504 jobs". Below this is a search bar with "Browse" and "Search" tabs. The search bar contains "Keywords" and "Keyword" fields. Below the search bar are filters for "Location" (with a dropdown menu set to "Within 5 miles"), "Nationwide" (checkbox), "Homeworking" (checkbox), "Specialism", "Sector", and "Role Type" (with a dropdown menu set to "Apprenticeship"). The "Apprenticeship" checkbox is checked. Below the filters is a "Start Date" field. The main content area shows two job listings. The first listing is for a "Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023" by GSK, located in Ware, Hertfordshire, with a competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per year, which increases after year 1. The second listing is for a "Radio Access Optimisation Apprentice (Virgin Media)" by Virgin Media, located in Leeds, Hammersmith, Runcorn, Wythenshawe, with a salary of £23,000 and Estio Training. Both listings have a "View details" button and a "Save" button. A "Create alert" button is also visible at the top right of the job listings area.

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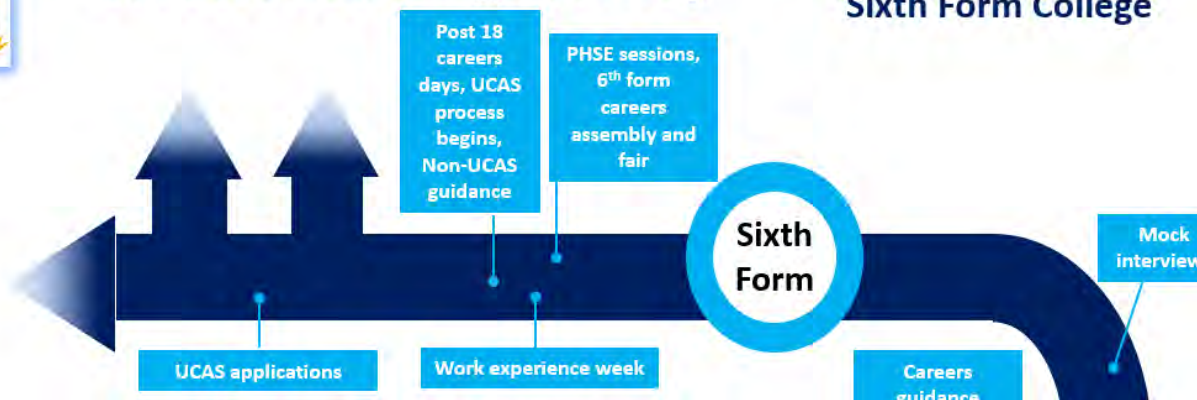
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Careers Learning Journey

Tarporley High School &
Sixth Form College



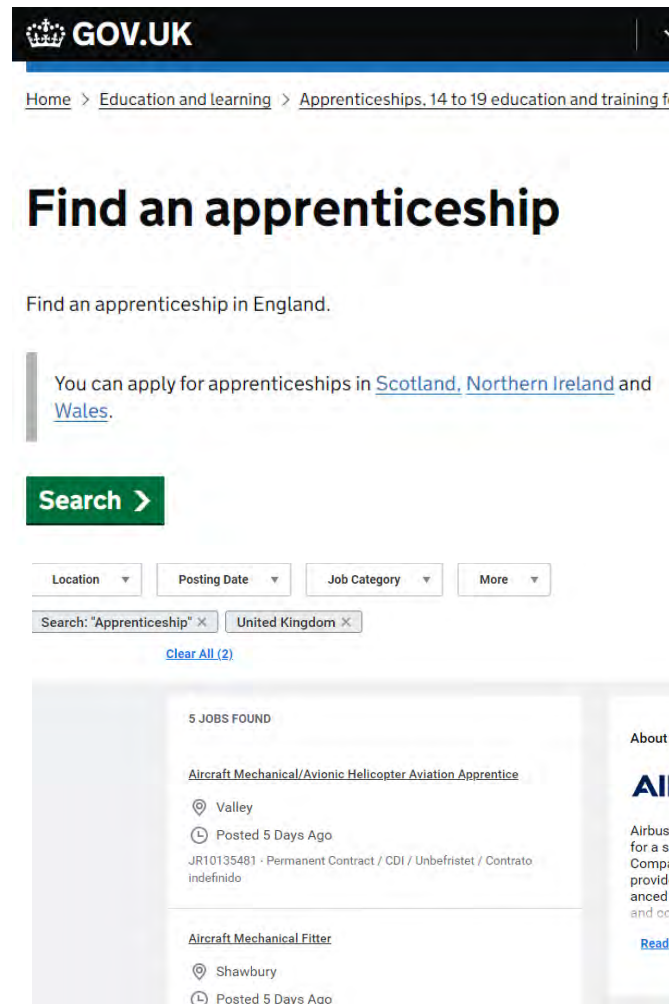
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Non-University Pathways

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](#)



The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website's Apprenticeships section. At the top, the GOV.UK logo is visible. Below it, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Education and learning > Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training. The main heading is "Find an apprenticeship". Below this, a sub-heading says "Find an apprenticeship in England." A text box states: "You can apply for apprenticeships in [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#)." A green "Search >" button is prominent. Below the button are filters for Location, Posting Date, Job Category, and More. The search results show "Search: 'Apprenticeship' x" and "United Kingdom x". A link "Clear All (2)" is present. The results section shows "5 JOBS FOUND". The first job is "Aircraft Mechanical/Avionic Helicopter Aviation Apprentice" located in "Valley", posted "5 Days Ago", with job ID "JR10135481" and contract type "Permanent Contract / CDI / Unbefristet / Contrato indefinido". The second job is "Aircraft Mechanical Fitter" located in "Shawbury", posted "5 Days Ago". On the right side of the page, there is an "About Us" section for "AIRBUS" with a brief description and a "Read More" link.

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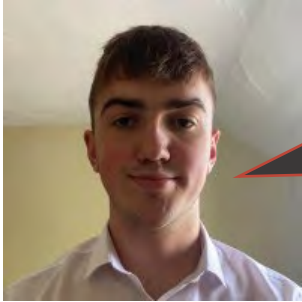
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Tarporley Apprenticeships

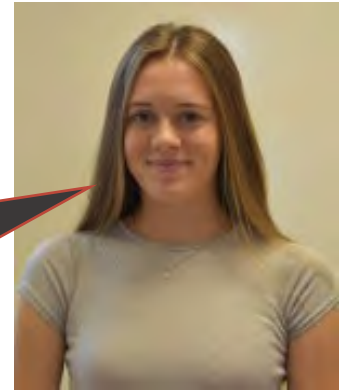
- James (2019)
- Ernst and Young



'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.



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

Current search results

Search results

We've found **6** apprenticeships in your selected area.

We've also found [2 apprenticeships with positions elsewhere in England](#).

Your location

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[Use current location](#)

Within

20 miles

Apprenticeship level

Degree

Only show

☐

Disability Confident

Update results

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Find an apprenticeship

- 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

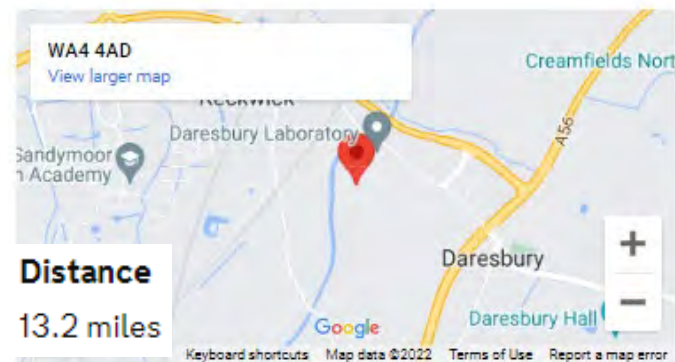
Communication skills, IT skills, Attention to detail, Team working, Computing, Technology

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



Distance
14.4 miles

Our purpose statement is 'Smart science to improve 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.

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 Apprenticeship 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.

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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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

Date posted

11 May 2022

Positions

2 available

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.

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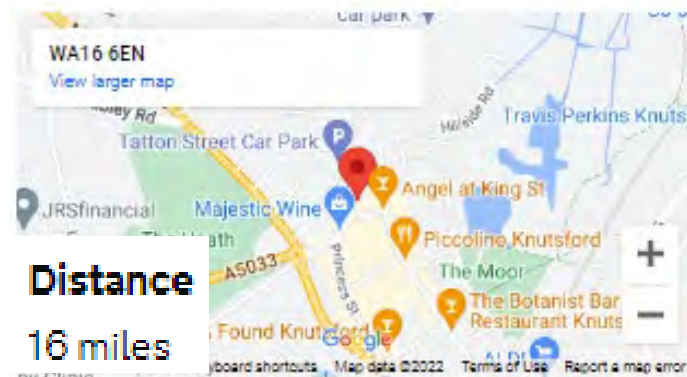
Communication skills, Organisation skills, Customer care skills, Problem solving skills, Presentation skills, Administrative skills, Number skills, Analytical skills, Team working, Initiative, Driving Licence desirable

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



Careers Fairs

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

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CV interviews

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

Name
Curriculum Vitae

Profile
I am an extremely hard working and friendly individual who enjoys communicating with others. I am well organized, 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:

Other Interests

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BANK OF AMERICA



Mock Assessment Centre

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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.

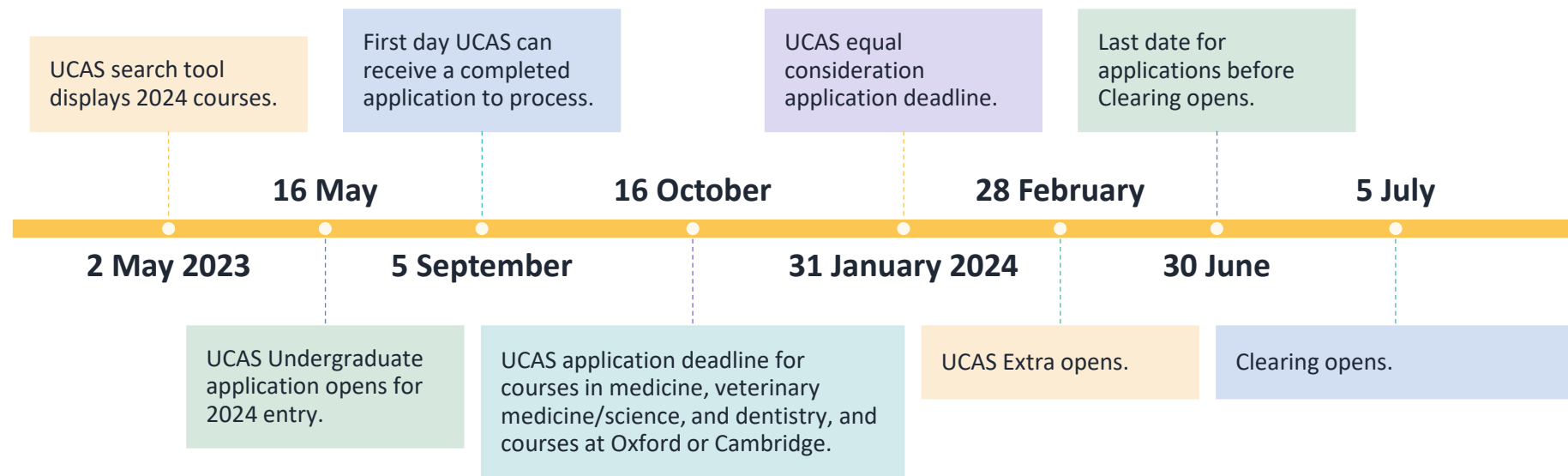


Applications are sent to UCAS by the school or college on behalf of the student.



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.



2024 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

Start an application

Apply to universities and colleges to study Degrees, HNDs, and HNCs

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.

The image shows a digital interface for linking an application to a school. It features a purple background with a white rounded rectangle in the center. Inside the rectangle, the text 'Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?' is displayed. Below this text are two circular buttons: a teal one labeled 'Yes' and a pink one labeled 'No'. The 'Yes' button is highlighted with a teal glow. Below the buttons, the text 'Select Yes here.' is shown, followed by a dark blue button with the text 'START >'.

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)

The screenshot displays the UCAS application profile interface, which is organized into a grid of sections. Each section has a title, a brief description, and a status indicator at the bottom. The sections are as follows:

- Personal details >**
Name, age, title, and gender
Status: **Section complete** (indicated by a green bar and a checkmark icon)
- Contact & residency details >**
Address, email, telephone, and where you live
Status: **Start this section** (indicated by a blue bar and a play icon)
- Nationality details >**
Country and nationality details
Status: **Start this section** (indicated by a blue bar and a play icon)
- Supporting information >**
Status: **Section in progress** (indicated by a blue bar and a play icon)
- English language skills >**
Is English your first language?
Status: **Start this section** (indicated by a blue bar and a play icon)
- Finance & funding >**
Tell us how you'll fund your study
Status: **Section in progress** (indicated by a blue bar and a play icon)
- Diversity & inclusion >**
Only shared with a provider once you have a place or your application is archived
Status: **Start this section** (indicated by a blue bar and a play icon)
- More about you >**
Tell us about any circumstances that you might need support for during your studies
Status: **Start this section** (indicated by a blue bar and a play icon)

Application

Experiences:

- Education
 - Employment
 - Extra activities*
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- 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 screenshot displays the UCAS application interface on a yellow background. It features two main sections: 'Experience' and 'Personal Statement'. The 'Experience' section contains three sub-sections: 'Education >' (described as 'Your qualifications and periods of study' with a 'Section in progress' status), 'Employment >' (described as 'Employment, paid or unpaid, or volunteer work' with a 'Section complete' status), and 'Extra activities >' (described as 'Activities you have attended in preparation for higher education' with a 'Start this section' button). The 'Personal Statement' section contains one sub-section: 'Personal statement >' (described as 'Why do you want to study this subject?' with a 'Start this section' button).

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

UCAS' similarity detection service:
every personal statement is run
through software to check for
plagiarism.

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?





PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

Writing about the course

Why are you applying for your chosen course(s)?

Write your text here...

Why does the subject interest you?

Write your text here...

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

Write your text here...

Do your current or previous studies relate to the course(s) that you have chosen?

Write your text here...

- > Skills and achievements
- > Work experience and future plans

Preview Save & close

PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDES

Help write your personal statement with a guide tailored to the subject you wish to study

Explore Uni & colleges For you Favourites Search



Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition

Tracking your application



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Waiting for decisions

Universities or colleges are considering your application.

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



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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

UCAS



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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