# Hayesfield Mixed Sixth

# Post 18 Routes 2027

# This evening..

6 pm - Miss Trueman, Mr Gould

- Welcome
- Overview of pathways
- Non- University pathways
- UCAS Process

6.45 pm - Optional Workshops

- Art Foundation Courses - UA1
- Getting your application ready - Roper
- Planning a Gap Year - WDR
- Understanding the local market for employment/apprenticeships - W2
- Student Finance - the nuts and bolts -UA2



# Which Way?

**Foundation degree**

**Apprenticeship**

**University-Undergraduate degree**



**Employment**

# Destinations Post 18

- 81% University and Further Education
- 19% Employment & Higher Apprenticeships



# Non-university routes

## Mr Gould

# Non-University Routes - weighing it up

- Strong local opportunities:
  - Foundation Courses at FE Colleges
  - Apprenticeships
  - Wider employment
- Pathways to employment that are less well covered by universities

- No one stop-shop like UCAS - more research, and varied application processes involved
- Certain career paths are less well supported by this route



# The risk averse option - Twin track application

A twin track application would involve applying for apprenticeships/ employment to start in 2027 whilst also applying for deferred entry to university in 2028



What would this process look like?

- Apply via UCAS for degrees: October/ November ***£34.50***
- Defer place to 2028
- Apprenticeship/ Employment applications: November – June
- Decisions August 2027

# Foundation courses at Further Education providers

Most often a single year course taken before moving onto a specialist degree. There are many benefits to this but also some things to consider::

- Extendable to a full university degree
- Broader experience taken into account as well as qualifications
- Flexible and local (Bath College, Wiltshire College, City of Bristol College)
- **This is the usual route for students pursuing Fine Art/ Art Textiles courses**
- Can be free if completed in year post A Level esp. Trowbridge/ Bath
- Later on £5000 fees on average

# Types of Apprenticeship

| Name | Level | Equivalent educational level |
|---|---|---|
| Intermediate | 2 | GCSE (5) |
| Advanced | 3 | A level |
| Higher | 4,5,6 and 7 | Foundation degree and above |
| Degree | 6 and 7 | Bachelor's or master's degree |

# Weighing up Apprenticeships - some of the benefits

***Structured Mentorship***

***Earn While You Learn***

***Career Progression***

***Real Work Experience***

***Nationally Recognised Qualifications***

***Often have high retention rates***

# Weighing up Apprenticeships - some things to consider

More demanding balancing of Work and Study

May not offer the same chance to develop independence

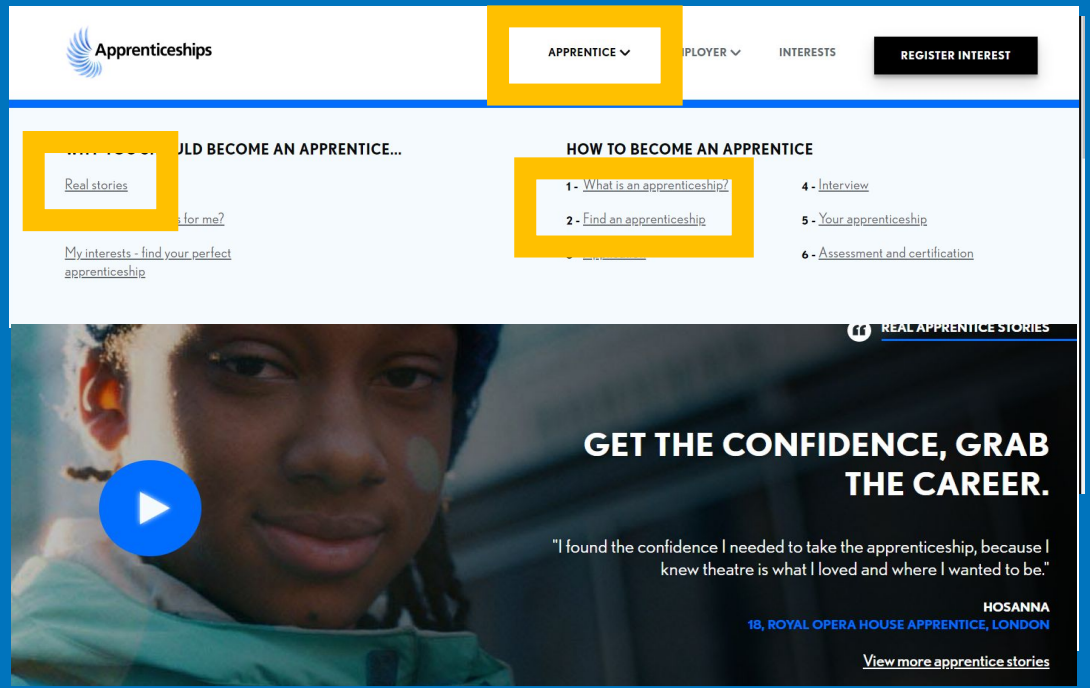
Variable Quality - not all are the same

May not offer the scope to investigate career paths within a subject

# Researching Apprenticeships

The government's apprenticeships website provides an excellent overview and has some good case study videos

[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)



# Apprenticeship Case Studies

## Eloise:

- Applied via UCAS for History– deferred place at Durham
- December Y13 Osborne Clarke - £20,000 p.a +
- LLB – 5 years

## Madison:

- Applied via UCAS for Aeronautical Engineering - place at Bristol
- Aeronautical engineering degree apprenticeship at BAe systems

# Apprenticeship Timelines

## Higher Apprenticeships

- December to June
- Linked to Further Education Colleges
- Specific vocational training

## Degree Apprenticeships

- November to February
- Linked to specific university
- National firms

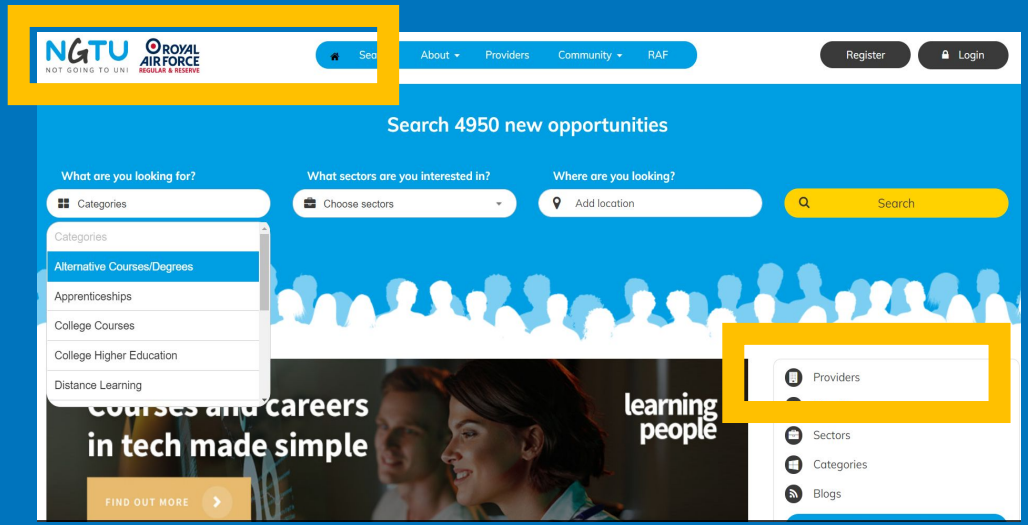
# Local Opportunities

**Certain sectors are better represented in Apprenticeships**

- Engineering
- IT
- Accounting and Finance
- Law (emerging in the Bristol area)
- Retail management (competitive salaries)

# Support: Not Going to Uni

Broad range of non-university options including employment & training and sponsored degrees. Also includes a parents' monthly newsletter.




www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

# Upcoming Opportunities

- National Apprenticeship Fair West - September 2026 Bristol
- Optional Session on local employment market this evening
- Independent Careers' Advisor appointments via school
- Apprenticeship application support in September  - CVs, covering letters, interview preparation

# Can you help?

- Post 18 apprenticeships - higher or degree - in your workplace? l.adams@hayesfield.com
- Work experience placement for this Summer or the future? l.adams@hayesfield.com
- Practice Uni  interviews - 1:1 in Autumn c.trueman@hayesfield.com

# UCAS: To university and beyond…

Miss Trueman



# With a degree…

- The opportunity to follow their career path.
- Better job prospects.
- Many employers target graduates.
- Average higher earning potential.



# If you’re not sure about applying..

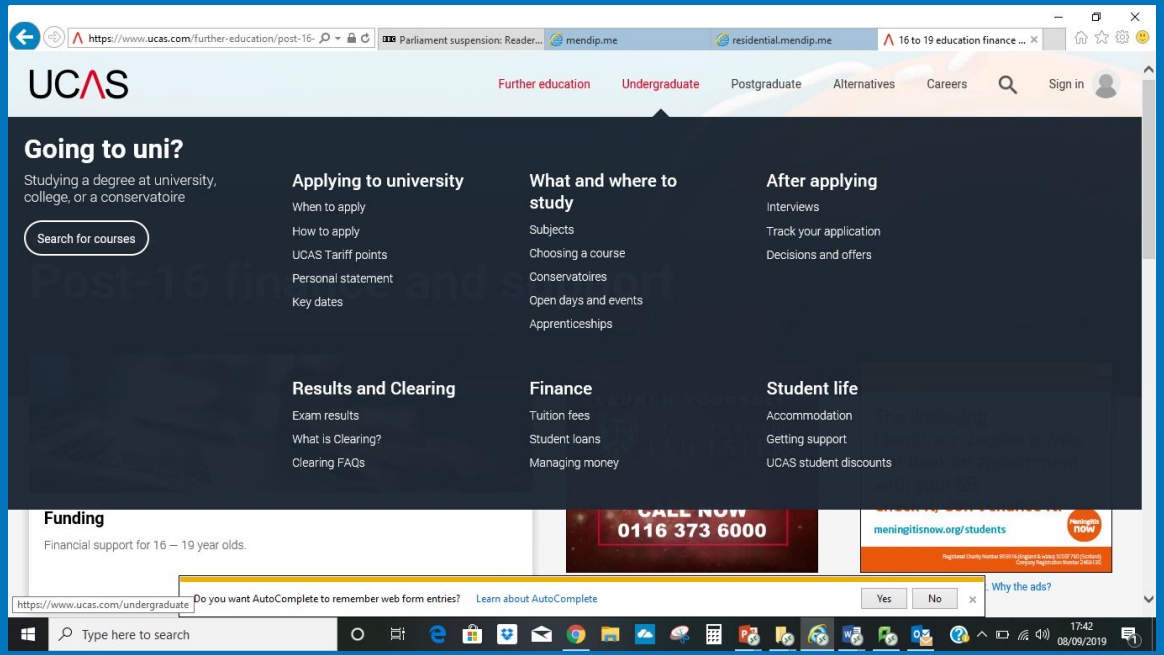
- Twin track applications
- Deferred entry – 2028
- Build in a gap year with a deferred entry in place
- Try them out – taster days, open days, work experience



# UCAS Timeline

- May 2026 UCAS Hub opens
- June 2026 Start UCAS applications
- 30th Sept **School deadline for early entry applications**
- 2nd Oct Music conservatoires application deadline
- 31st October School deadline for all UCAS applications
- 13th Jan 2027 UCAS final deadline for all school submissions

# Navigating the UCAS website

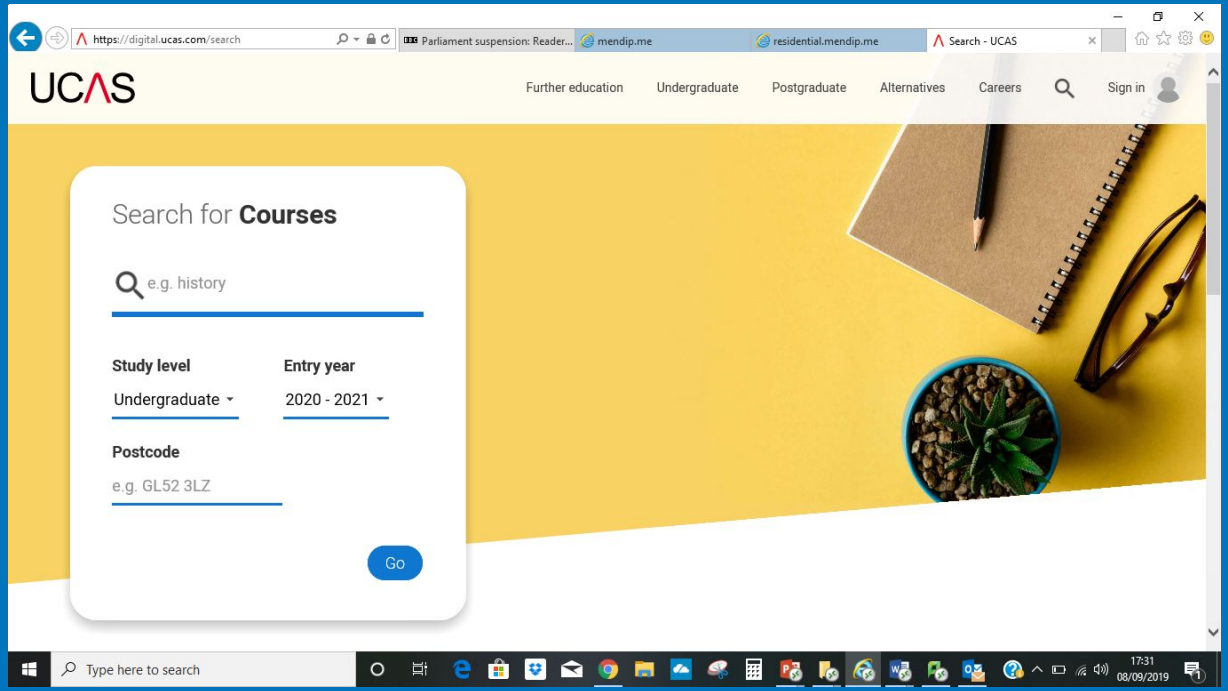


# Using the UCAS Hub



# Researching courses

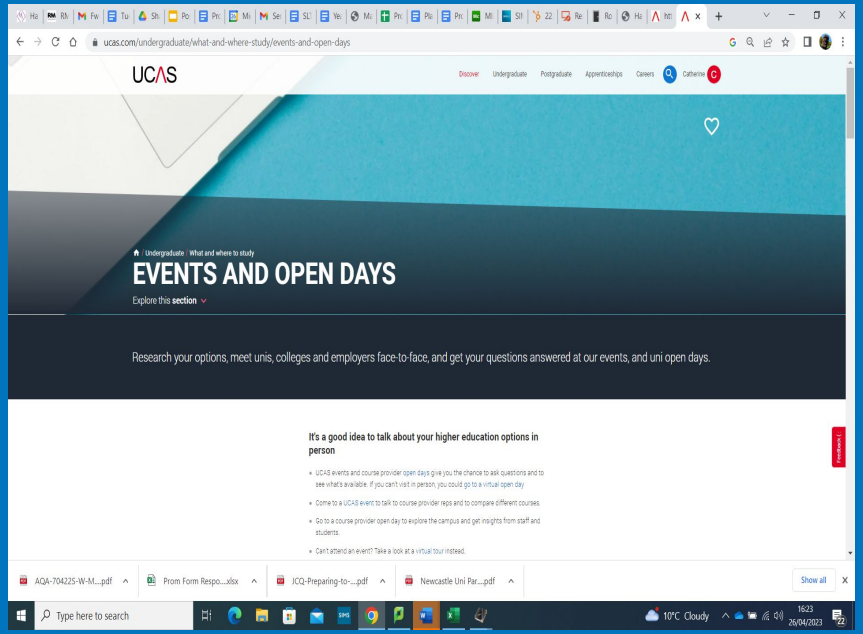
Your son or daughter can use the UCAS search tool search.ucas.com



# Other things to consider

- Finance – course fees, grants, travel and living costs
- Travel – to and from home
- Accommodation – uni halls or private residences?
- Extra curricular activities

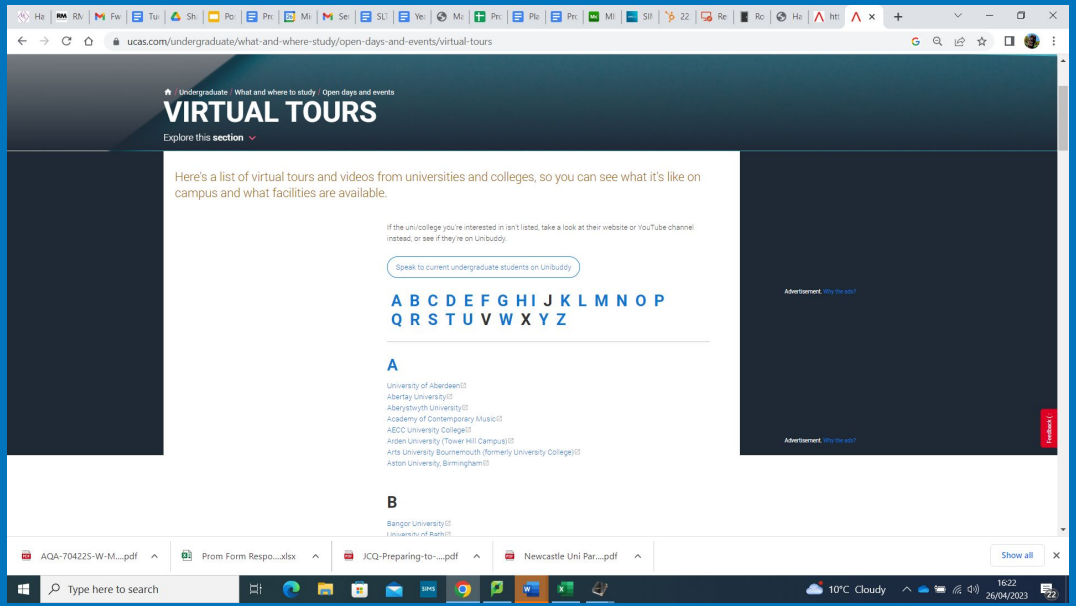
# Visit, visit, visit … in person or online tours




www.unitasterdays.com – updated every Tuesday

www.opendays.com

# ucas.com/virtual tours



# Completing the application

- **Personal details**
  - Fee Code 02 - Local authority
  - Fee Code 01- Private finance

- **Education**
  - All past qualifications
  - Even those with a U/ low grade
  - Sixth Form courses – grade pending
  - Check titles with teachers



# Completing the application

Choices:

Maximum of five choices
Some choice restrictions:

- Medicine, veterinary, dentistry – max. four
- Oxford **or** Cambridge

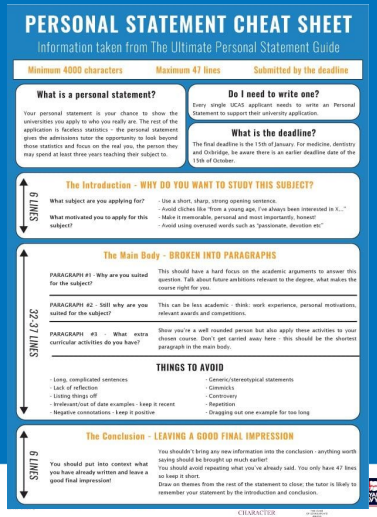
Simple application cost:

- Five choices – £34.50

# The Personal Statement

- The only section your son or daughter has control over.
- Their only chance to market themselves individually.
- One personal statement for **all** choices. 3 sections

➔ Max. 4,000 characters, 47 lines
➔ Min. 1,000 characters
➔ No spelling/grammar check
➔ No formatting
➔ 3 prompt questions this year

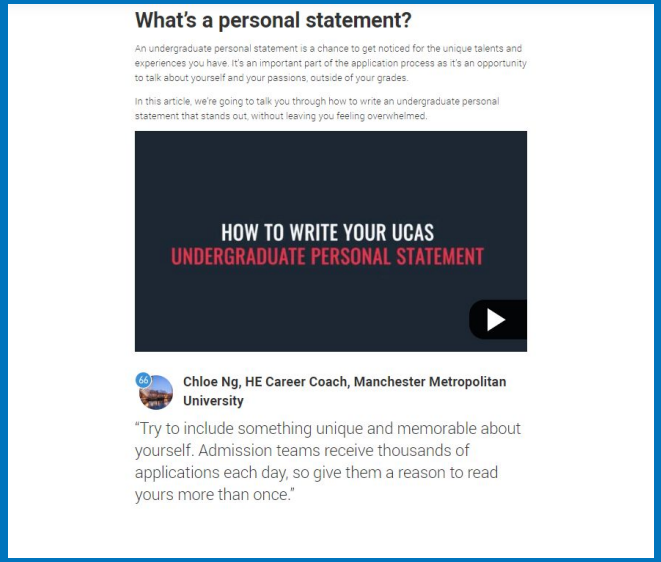


# Where to start

- Think about what makes them stand out in an exciting and positive way.
- Show enthusiasm for the course they are applying for and list supporting evidence to back this up.
- Extra curricular activities and relevant work experience.
- Skills they can use on the course – leadership, communication, team work for example.
- Encourage them to ask you for more ideas.

# Personal Statement resources

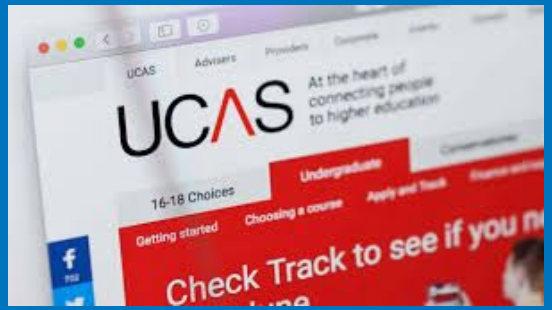
www.ucas.com/personalstatement



# Tracking Applications

"Track" will allow your son or daughter to:

- Follow the progress of their application online
- See their choices and personal information
- See their offers
- Reply to offers online



# Decisions and replies

Provider decisions:

- Unsuccessful
- Unconditional offer
- Conditional offer – qualifications and achievements and/or UCAS Tariff points

Once all decisions are received, they can hold up to two offers:

- One as their **firm choice**
- One as their **insurance choice** (if they want to)
- All other offers are declined

Track will show their reply date.

# Firm and Insurance offers

- One firm choice – if you get the grades you will definitely go here
- One insurance choice – if you miss the grades for your firm choice but get these grades you will go here. Therefore, they must be lower!
- STUDENTS MUST PICK AN INSURANCE CHOICE THEY ARE PREPARED TO ATTEND

# Other options

Extra  End Feb – 4 July

If all five choices have been used and they have no offers/rejected all offers.

Clearing from early July

If there are no offers, or have applied after 30 June deadline.

# What your son/daughter should be doing now?

- Research
- Extra curricular
- Work experience

- Go beyond the syllabus
- Focus on this year's studies



# Open Days ( virtual or reality)

- Useful to see the reality rather than the myth
- 3 days in term –time only
- Many open days on Saturdays
- Departmental days

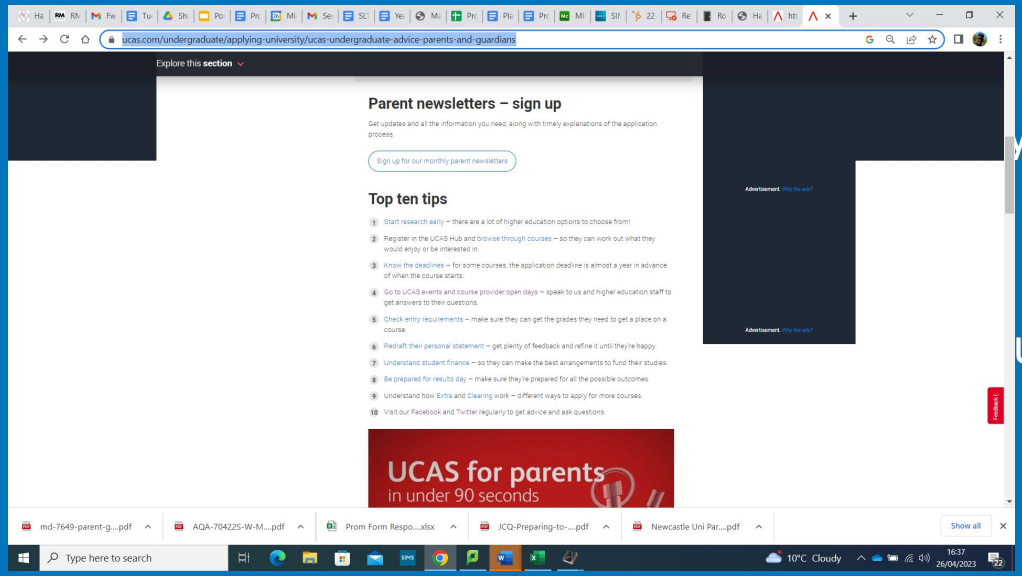


# How can you support the application process?

- Use the parents/guardians section of the UCAS website/Parent Guide publication – www.ucas.com/parents and sign up for the newsletter.
- Offer to attend open days, you may have a different perspective.
- Don't book family holidays at key times.
- Make sure they read everything carefully that is sent to them.
- Support your son/daughter's management of their application.

# Videos for parents

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



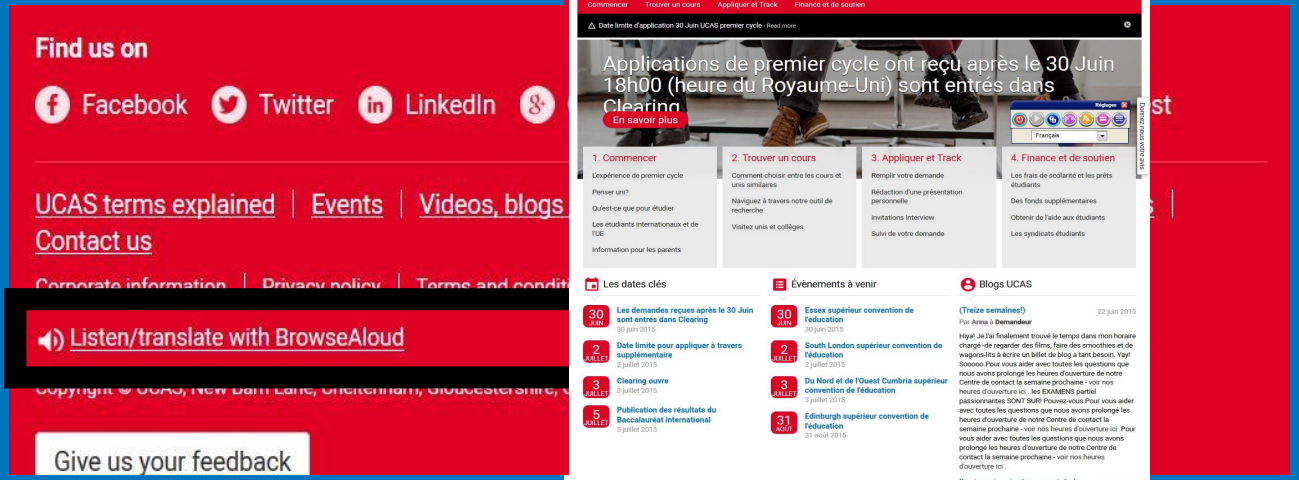

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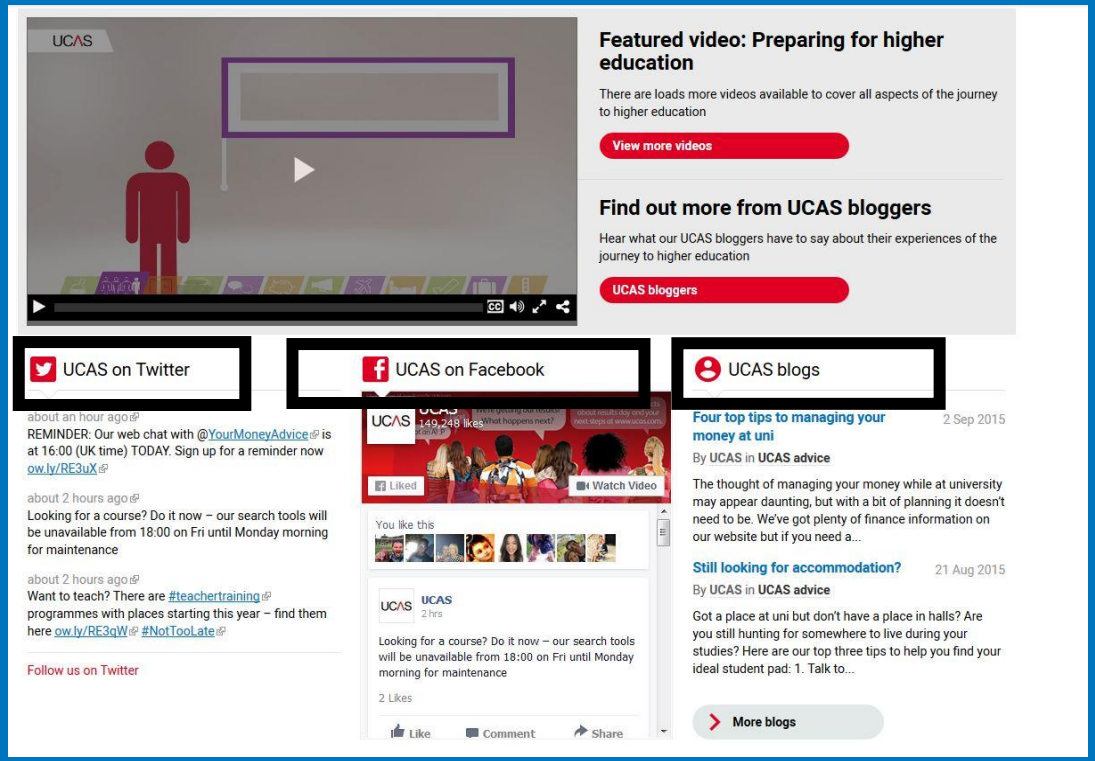









# ucas.com/connect – Social Media



# Additional help

UCAS Customer Experience Centre
0371 468 0468
Monday to Friday, 08:30 – 18:00 (UK time)

# UCAS: The preparation

- Yr 12: University Visits and Careers guidance. 5 universities to choose from.
- Yr 12: Destinations Exhibitions Exeter.
- Yr 12: Apprenticeships Fair March
- Yr 12: Term  5 & 6 UCAS prep. and open day visits
- Yr 12: Personal statement support and guidance  - tutors
- Yr 12: Log on and register with UCAS. Complete personal information section.
- Summer Yr 12: Course selections

# UCAS: The preparation

- Y13 Ignite Day September : Personal Statement day with tutors
- Y13: Early entry deadline 30th September
- Y13 Deadline for all UCAS forms start of November

- Y13 Oxbridge entrance exams end of October
- Early entry support for applications, entrance tests and interviews
- Practice interviews where needed
- Portfolio support for arts applications

# How do UCAS Offers work?

- Selective Universities + others = Grade offers eg AAB, BBB
- Other Universities = Points-based offers e.g 112 points = BBC
- www.ucas.com/ tariff tables

# Contextual Offers

- Sophie Kirtley - Wessex Inspiration Network (WIN) sk2279@bath.ac.uk
- Equality of opportunity - inclusivity - circumstances & challenges - potential
- Reduced grade offer; guaranteed interview; foundation year
- Qualifying factors: where you live; household income; parental education; caring responsibilities; refugee status; physical or mental health; outreach programmes
- All unis operate differently - check websites
- UCAS application, teacher reference
- Ongoing support - financial, accomodation, mental health support

# Early Entry

- Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Oxford and Cambridge
- Programme throughout Year 12 and 13 to support application to elite courses
- 15th October UCAS deadline (30th September in school)
- End September complete and pay
- Interview and entrance exam support

# Finance & Accommodation

- More details Spring Yr 13
- Firm offer will contact for accommodation
- Meet deadlines for accommodation
- Insurance offer – no guarantee



# Results Day 2027 - 12 or 19th August??

- UCAS emails 8 am
- Support and advice available in school during morning. Please DON'T book holidays away then.
- Clearing – phone, phone, phone – everyone pitch in!
- Be flexible, persistent and resilient!

# Rest of the Evening

## Optional Workshops

- Art Foundation Courses  - Mr Lee - UA1
- Getting your application rounded & ready  - Mr Gould Roper
- Planning a Gap Year - Dr Sheppard WDR Drama room
- Understanding the local market for apprenticeships & employment - Mrs Adams  - W2
- Student Finance - the nuts and bolts  - Miss Trueman - UA2