

Parents' evening presentation



A group of students in a classroom or computer lab are gathered around a computer monitor. A young man in a blue shirt is pointing at the screen while a young woman in a blue plaid shirt looks on attentively. Other students are visible in the background, some looking at the screen and others looking towards the camera. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a modern educational environment.

The role of UCAS

UCAS processes applications for full-time courses at higher education providers in the UK.

We guide students through the whole process, providing valuable information and supporting services for applicants and their parents.

Choices available

- Higher education.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships.
- Studying abroad.
- Gap year.
- Getting a job.

Understand the options available at www.ucas.com/alternatives

Apprenticeships advice

UCAS has launched [apprenticeships advice](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process

With the predicted growth of higher and degree Apprenticeships you'll also find a dedicated [degree and professional apprenticeships section](#) on [ucas.com](#) which profiles current programmes in more detail.

Why higher education?

Opportunities while studying:

- chance to study a subject they are passionate about
- achieve a qualification that could lead to their chosen career
- gain confidence, independence, and important life skills that will widen their prospects
- make lifelong friends

With a degree:

- the opportunity to follow their career path
- better job prospects
- many employers target graduates
- higher earning potential

Things to consider

There are a number of things for an applicant to consider when applying for higher education, such as:

- the subject they enjoy – investing time, money, and effort
- if it is right for their career path – check with employers
- location – city/rural, transport links
- the study style that suits them
- finances – course fees, travel, and living costs
- extracurricular activities



Research – it's free

- Search tool – to look for providers, courses, and minimum entry requirements.
- Open days and virtual tours – a great way to explore campuses and facilities.
- UCAS higher education exhibitions – useful to see different universities and colleges, and explore options.
- Learn from others – student videos, blogs, and case studies.
- Career options – our career finder tool is ideal for considering the options after education.

Researching courses

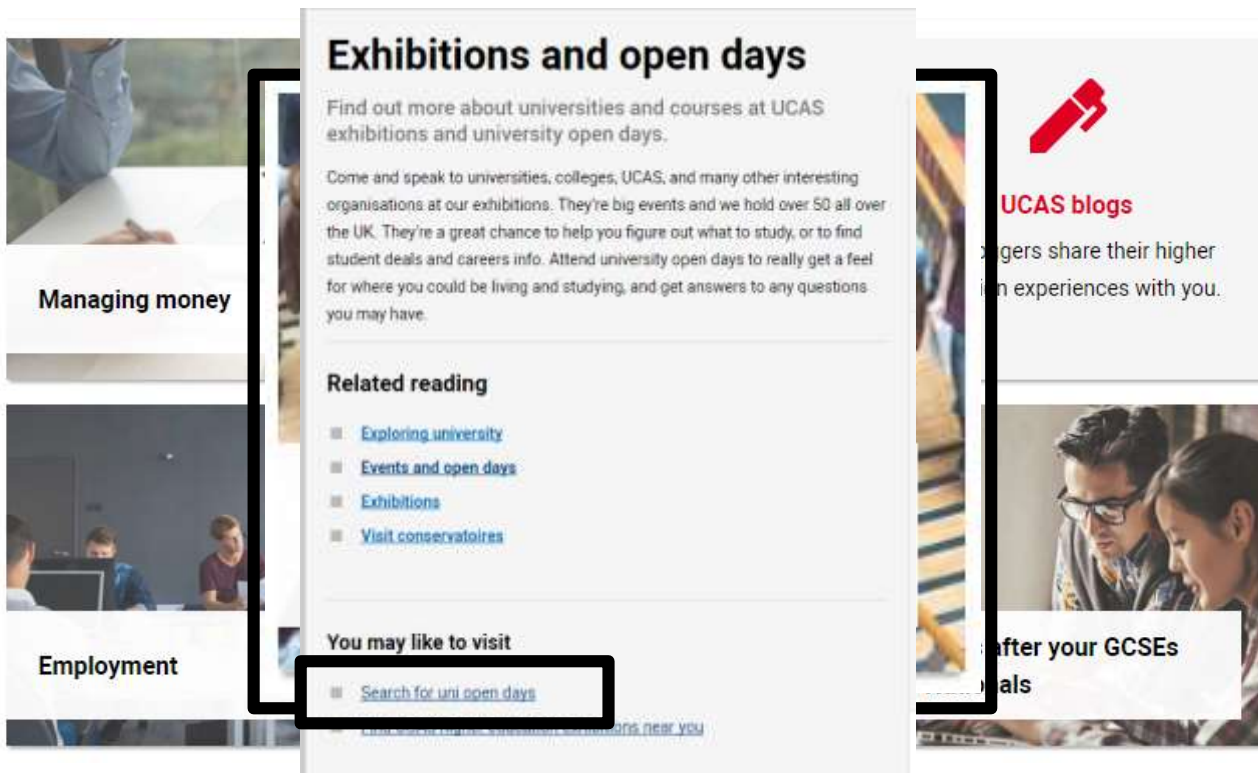
Your son or daughter can use the UCAS search tool at searchucas.com.

Key features include:

- mobile-friendly design
- advanced filtering and sorting options
- ability to shortlist and save course searches
- free text search
- suggestions for misspelt searches



Open days and virtual tours



Managing money

Employment

Exhibitions and open days

Find out more about universities and courses at UCAS exhibitions and university open days.

Come and speak to universities, colleges, UCAS, and many other interesting organisations at our exhibitions. They're big events and we hold over 50 all over the UK. They're a great chance to help you figure out what to study, or to find student deals and careers info. Attend university open days to really get a feel for where you could be living and studying, and get answers to any questions you may have.


Related reading

- [Exploring university](#)
- [Events and open days](#)
- [Exhibitions](#)
- [Visit conservatoires](#)

You may like to visit

- [Search for uni open days](#)

[UCAS exhibitions and open days near you](#)



UCAS blogs

Bloggers share their higher education experiences with you.

After your GCSEs

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Open days search tool

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Virtual tours

Virtual tours

Here's a list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.

Relevant to **Undergraduate**

If the uni/college you're interested in isn't listed, take a look at their website or YouTube channel instead.

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You may also like to read

- [Events and open days](#)
- [Learn about uni on a taster course](#)
- [UCAS Undergraduate entry requirements](#)
- [UCAS Undergraduate, international and EU students](#)
- [Mature undergraduate students](#)

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Apply key facts

- Application is entirely online.
- Maximum of five choices.
- Some choice restrictions:
 - for medicine, veterinary science/medicine and dentistry there is a maximum of four choices
 - can only apply for either Oxford or Cambridge
- Simple application cost:
 - one choice – £13
 - two to five choices – £24
- Equal consideration if deadlines are met.
- Invisibility – universities cannot see where else someone has applied.

When to apply

6 September – completed applications can be submitted to UCAS.

15 October (18:00 UK time) – deadline for Oxford or Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine/science.

15 January (18:00 UK time) – deadline for the majority of undergraduate courses.

24 March (18:00 UK time) – deadline for some art and design courses.

30 June (18:00 UK time) – last date to submit an application before Clearing.

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.
- Max. 4,000 characters, 47 lines.
- Min. 1,000 characters.
- No spelling/grammar check.
- No formatting.

Apprenticeship advice service

- 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.
- Extracurricular activities and relevant work experience.
- Skills they can use on the course – leadership, communication, teamwork for example.
- Encourage them to ask you for more ideas.
- Allow plenty of time.

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**.

Other options

Extra (24 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.

Adjustment (from A level results day)

If they've gained better results than the conditional offer they hold, they could apply for a different course or university.

What should your son/daughter should be doing now?

- Research
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Go beyond the syllabus
- Focus on this year's studies

How can you support them?

- Use the parents/guardians' section of the UCAS website – www.ucas.com/parents – and sign up for the newsletter.
- Use our [parent information tool](#) for advice, hints, and tips to help someone you care for through the application process.
- 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.

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