

UCAS

APPLYING FOR ENTRY IN 2026

Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

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slide from student presentation →



Predicted Grades

Open days

Roadmap for the process

UCAS website

The screenshot shows the UCAS website homepage with a dark background. At the top, the text "Choose your future" is displayed in white, with the subtitle "Explore your options, apply to university, and more" below it. A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Find courses, information, and more" is positioned below the subtitle. The main content area features several promotional tiles and advertisements. On the left, a large tile titled "Going to university?" shows a group of graduates celebrating with their caps. To its right are two advertisements: one for Amazon Prime Student offering a 6-month trial and 50% off Prime, and another for a university with a red background and "APPLY NOW" button. Below these are five smaller tiles: "Not sure what to do?", "Study at a conservatoire", "Postgraduate", "Alternatives to university", and "Further education". At the bottom, there are four more tiles: a person with a clipboard, a group of students with a UCAS logo, a woman looking at a phone, and a group of students with a "Get updates from UCAS" button.

Choose your future
Explore your options, apply to university, and more

Find courses, information, and more

Going to university?
Studying at a university, college, or conservatoire?

ONLY FOR STUDENTS
Start your 6-month trial
50% off Prime
prime student

APPLY NOW
GOLD

Not sure what to do?
Explore your options.

Study at a conservatoire
Pursue a career in the performing arts.

Postgraduate
Returning to study?

Alternatives to university
Apprenticeships, internships, and gap years.

Further education
Explore your options and plan your next steps.

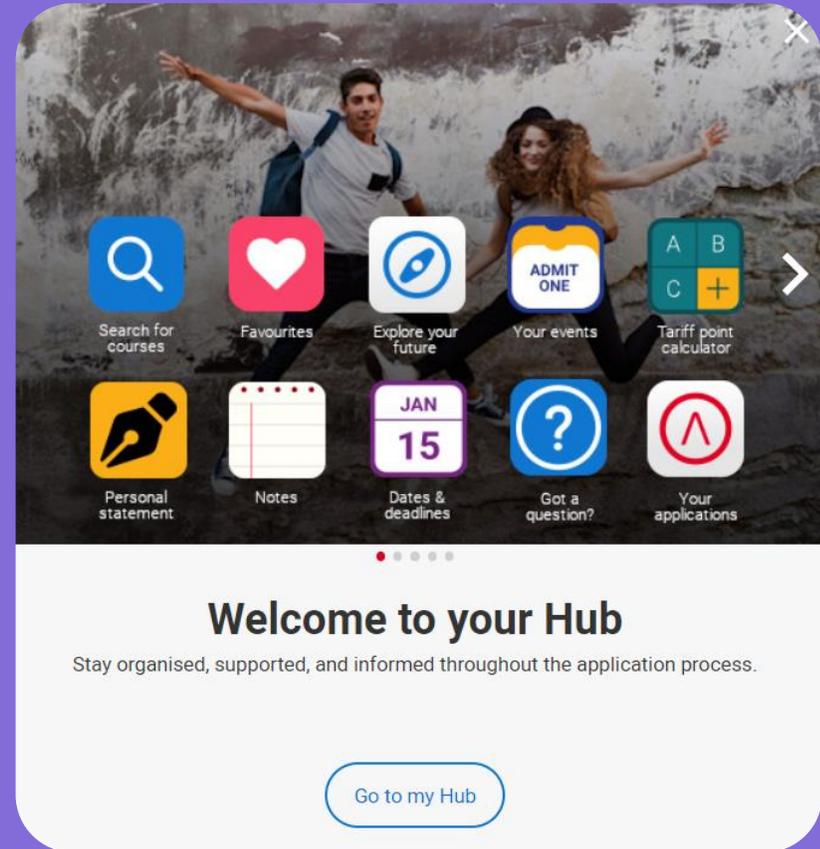
Get updates from UCAS



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, online 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 the [Hub lives](#)
- start an application for 2026 entry **FROM JUNE**



Your next steps | [Open legacy to do list](#)

DISCOVER WHAT TO DO

Browse subjects and careers with related courses and apprenticeships.

[Discover more](#)



FAQS

What subject should I take?

Read our subject guides to see what might be right for you.

HOW TO

How to apply

All you need to know about applying to university, college or an apprenticeship.



DISCOVER CAREERS

Try our quiz and get recommended careers that match your skills and personality traits.

[Take the quiz](#)



FAQS

Key application dates

Find out what you need to do and when.

HOW TO

How to nail that personal statement

Writing a personal statement can be daunting. Follow our tips and advice to help make it easier.

DISCOVER WHERE TO GO

Browse universities, colleges and employers and learn more about cities and regions in the UK.

[Find out more](#)



What's happening

Replying to your offers - your questions answered

Getting ready to reply to your offers? We've got all your questions answered.

[More info](#)



Chat to students

Chat with UK and international students who are already studying the courses you've applied for at universities and colleges across the UK, on Unibuddy.

[More info](#)



University course tasters

Experience what a university course would be like with Springpod's Subject Spotlights. These interactive, virtual university course tasters feature real-life lectures, seminars, and academics.

[More info](#)



Live now: Studying in the UK

There's a lot to consider when moving to a new country. We explore accommodation, visas, scholarships and everything in between.

[More info](#)



Your pathways Side by side

You can see apprenticeship opportunities alongside undergraduate courses.

The UCAS Hub enables you to explore all your options and build your profile in one place.



Dental Nurse Apprentice

MR DEVANAND ISUKAPATLA

📍 South Shields

Apprenticeship level	Industry
England - Advanced Apprenticeship - Level 3	Medicine, dentistry and nursing
Start date	Duration
30/10/2023	18 Months
Date posted	Closing date
06/03/2023	29/10/2023
Salary	
£10,982.40	



AAT Apprenticeship - Audit, Accounts and Tax (March 2024)

MOORE KINGSTON SMITH GROUP SERVICES LIMITED

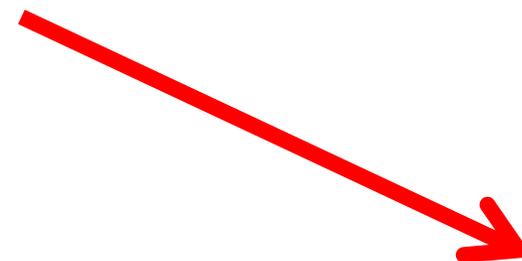
📍 LONDON

Apprenticeship level	Industry
England - Higher Apprenticeship - Level 4	Accounting and Finance
Start date	Duration
04/03/2024	2 Years
Date posted	Closing date
05/07/2023	30/10/2023
Salary	
£25,000.00	



Google Classroom

**All the information has already been
supplied to the students**



Predicted Grades

A holistic judgement that will include:

Assessed work (prelims)

Attitude in class

Willingness to respond to feedback

Professionalism (HWK, attendance)

“Aspirational but achievable”



Predicted Grades

Finalised by 3rd Week in September

There is no negotiation on predicted grades!



AND

**The subject references are finalised in the 3rd
week of September
based on.....**

The same criteria as above



Our track record is very strong

Total number of students 228

212 applications – (including 20 past students) – so 192 applications in total
84%

Of 20 FSM students, 18 applied and they were all offered a place (9 of which were at Russell Group unis)

135 were offered places at Russell Group universities – 70% of applicants –
59% of all students

3 Oxford, 2 Cambridge

5 medics; 4 vets; 0 dentists

Eligibility criteria

**Do I have the right GCSE
grades?**



Eligibility criteria

UCAS search tool: ucas.com

Use this to browse by **subject** or **course**

Link to university websites

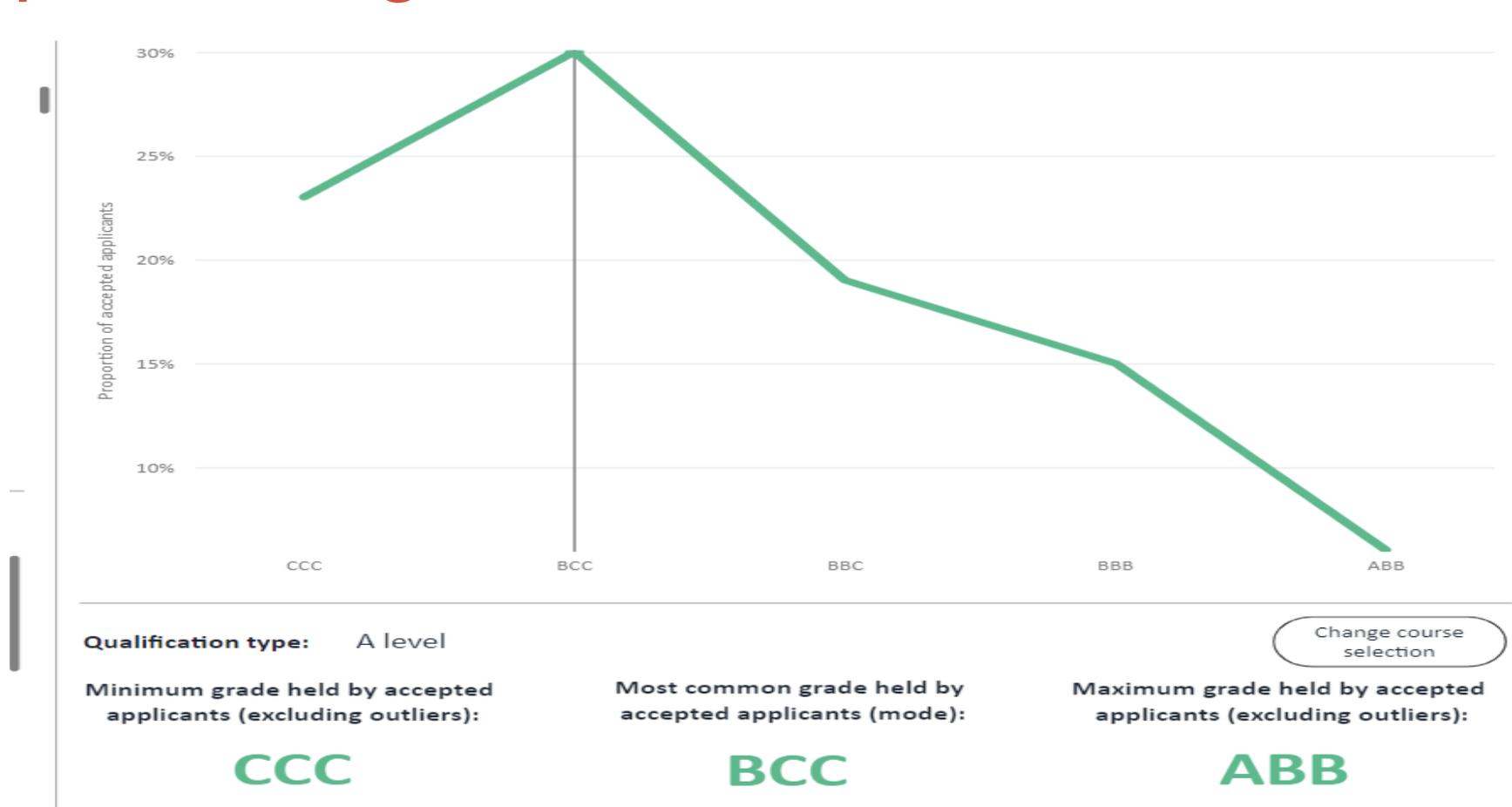


Eligibility criteria

- What grades do I need to get at A-level?
- What are the required subjects?
- Have I done anything else to support my application – work experience, DofE bronze – gold, music, sport qualifications, part-time work (in personal statement).



Using predicted grades



The Russell Group

[University of Birmingham](#)
[University of Bristol](#)
[University of Cambridge](#)
[Cardiff University](#)
[University of Durham](#)
[University of Edinburgh](#)
[University of Exeter](#)
[University of Glasgow](#)
[Imperial College London](#)
[King's College London](#)
[University of Leeds](#)
[University of Liverpool](#)

[London School of Economics & Political Science](#)
[University of Manchester](#)
[Newcastle University](#)
[University of Nottingham](#)
[University of Oxford](#)
[Queen Mary University of London](#)
[Queen's University Belfast](#)
[University of Sheffield](#)
[University of Southampton](#)
[University College London](#)
[University of Warwick](#)
[University of York](#)

Early entrance

Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Oxbridge, Conservatoires



TESTS etc

Do I need to take one and when?

- UCAT – Universities Clinical Aptitude Test
- LNAT – Law National Aptitude Test
- MLAT – Modern Languages Admissions Test
- TSA – Thinking Skills Assessment
- HAT – History Aptitude Test
- PAT – Physics Aptitude Test
- TMUA – Test for Mathematics for University Admission
- OLAT – Oriental Languages Aptitude Test
- ELAT – English Literature Admissions Test
- Other tests? **CHECK**
- **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** – some dates earlier than before

Work Experience – what, where and with whom. **KEEP A RECORD OF CONTACTS**



What to do now

Open Days

2 and 3 July - 10 September - 8 and 9 October

Undergraduate open days

Our 2022 Open Days will be taking place on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 July, Saturday 10 September, and Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October. In the meantime, you can watch recordings of our latest online talks, or register your interest for alerts about the upcoming events.

[Register your interest →](#)



What to do now **Open Days**

Book your place for the course taster sessions

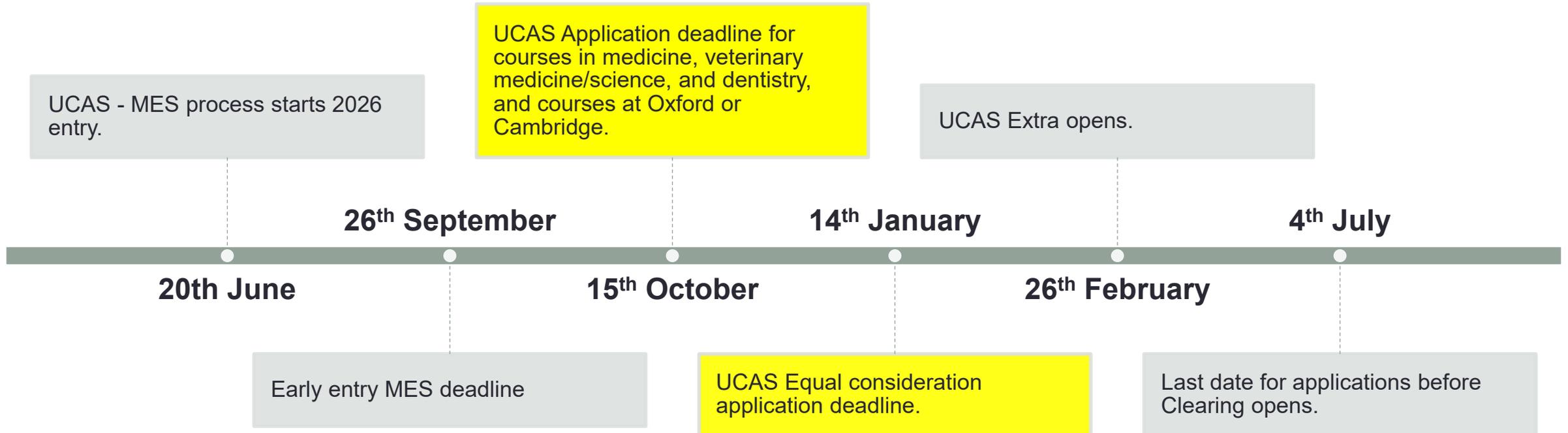
Tell me if you plan to go

Encourage them to make the journey themselves so they really experience it...

You can put down up to 5 choices on your UCAS form.

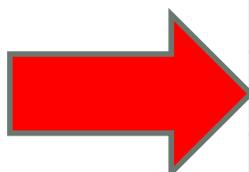


When to apply 2026 entry



Timeline for 2026 entry

Date	UCAS process for 2026 entry
NOW	Register on UCAS hub
29 th April	UCAS 2026 courses in search tool
13 th May	UCAS 2026 system live (not for MES students)
23 rd May	MES UCAS The process explained
Early June	MES UCAS Application launch assembly
Wed 2 nd July	MES UCAS Parents Information Evening - 6.00pm
Friday 4 th July	MES personal statements assembly
16 th July	Future Pathways day - Personal Statement session
26 th September	MES Early Entry deadline
15 th October 18:00	UCAS Early Entry deadline
5 th January 2026	MES UCAS deadline
14 th January 18:00	UCAS Equal Consideration deadline



What to do now

Roadmap – dates

Date	Event
26 th February 2026	Extra Opens
3 rd June 2026	Offers by 13 th May – Decision deadline
30 th June 2026	Applications automatically into clearing
5 th July 2026	Clearing opens
14 th August 2026	A-level results day
24 th September 2026	Final date for 2026 applications (email CE / SO)



Application process

Student completes application online

Personal Details

Finance

Education and Work

Course selection – order does not matter

Personal statement

Pay for application (£28.50) and sent to school

Application process

Maiden Erlegh School then

- Checks application and examination results (application “bounced back” if necessary)
- Resubmit application (you do not pay again)
- Subject teachers write references – including extenuating circumstances
- Adds school reference with tutor information
- Application sent to UCAS by the coordinator

Application process

UCAS then:-

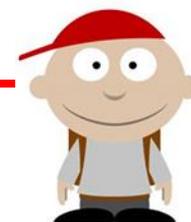
- Checks application and personal statement (plagiarism, AI checker)
- Sends application to universities
- Starts UCAS Track
- Feeds offers back to students
- Sends responses to universities
- Sends results to universities
- Confirmation and clearing

Application process

Admissions tutors consider:

- Predicted grades
- GCSE grades
- School reference
- Personal statement
- External/Internal Tests, eg UCAT, LNAT, interview

Different universities apply different weightings to this information - technically this should be declared by the university.



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- ✓ Personal details
- ✓ Contact and residency details
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Nationality details
- ✓ Supporting information
- ✓ English language skills

[Finance and funding](#)

What will be your main source of funding for your studies? *

Select an option from the drop-down list to tell us how you expect to pay for your tuition fees. Most applicants from the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and the EU will be in the category UK, ChI, IoM, or EU student finance.

This guidance has been created in the absence of full Brexit arrangements being available and you should give your answer as guided. Universities and colleges are aware that EU applicants will be selecting the UK, ChI, IoM or EU student finance option.

UK, ChI, IoM or EU student finance services ▾



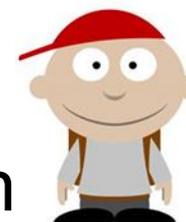
Student support arrangements

Tell us who will assess you for tuition fees, or how you will pay for your course. Please select the option which best describes your situation.

Wokingham ▾

or Reading/West Berkshire/Oxfordshire

Select this option even if you do not intend to have a Tuition fees loan



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Entering exam results:

Dates attended

Maiden Erlegh School only: 09/2019 - 07/2026

Other Schools: 09/2019 - 08/2024 then MES 09/2024 – 07/2026

Dates of sitting summer exams: –

08/2024 for GCSE (2023 for RP at MES)

08/2026 for A2 and BTEC



Equal opportunities

Every year, over 60,000 students with a physical and/or mental health condition, long-term illness, or learning difference apply through UCAS to study at a university or college in the UK, and access a range of support available to help with their studies, day-to-day activities, travel, or lifestyle. Would you consider yourself as living with any of the following: *

- None
- A learning difference (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D)
- A visual impairment uncorrected by glasses (e.g. blindness or partial sight)
- A hearing impairment (e.g. D/deafness or partial hearing)
- A long-term illness or health condition which may involve pain or cause fatigue, loss of concentration or breathing difficulties – including any effects from taking associated medication.
- A mental health condition, challenge or disorder (e.g. anxiety or depression)
- A social, behavioural or communication impairment (e.g. an autistic spectrum condition or Tourette's Syndrome)
- A physical impairment or challenges with mobility (e.g. climbing stairs or uneven surfaces), or dexterity (e.g. using a keyboard or laboratory equipment)
- A condition or impairment not listed above (please give details in the box below)
- Two or more impairments or conditions (please give details in the box below)

A long-term illness or health condition which may involve pain or cause fatigue, loss of concentra... ▾

Further details about your disability

Characters used: 0 of 450 characters

Nothing you declare will negatively affect your application



Equal opportunities

Parental education

Do any of your parents, step-parents or guardians have any higher education qualifications, such as a degree, diploma or certificate of higher education?

No

Occupational background*

If you are under 21, please give the job title of your parent, step-parent or guardian who earns the most. If she or he is retired or unemployed, give their most recent job title. If you are 21 or over, please give your own job title. Click 'find...' and enter the job title.

Car Mechanic

This may give access to additional support.



Equal opportunities

Care support information

Have you been in care?

Select yes if you've ever lived in public care or as a looked-after child, including:

- with foster carers under local authority care
- in a residential children's home
- being 'looked after at home' under a supervision order
- living with friends or relatives in kinship care

← This is the one people miss

Note: This does not refer to time spent in boarding schools, working in a care or healthcare setting, or if you are a carer yourself. Please note that eligibility for support may differ between higher education providers – we strongly recommend contacting the student support team in advance of making an application

For more information about answering this question read our [FAQs](#).

Yes No



Deferred Entry

You must contact each of your choices before sending your application to check that they will accept you for deferred entry.



Application process

Student Finance

Information will be given in a timely manner. (March 2026)



Application process

UCAS TRACK

Extra

Confirmation

Clearing



Early entrants

Known by me and receiving specialist support in-house and through WCSA



Any questions?

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