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APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY 2024

Form Time:
LAUNCH EVENT

Mr Linnell



Applying to University **Year 12**



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IT IS YOUR FINAL YEAR!

With just 12 months until you exams start it is time to begin looking at where next. This is an exciting potential option to consider for the next phase of your education. This presentation outlines the **UCAS process.**



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By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- identify what resources are available to support you
- explain how to apply to a UK university or college
- list the dates you need to send your application by
- know how to follow your application and reply to offers



Choices available



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand all your options and make the right choices for you: ucas.com/hub

What are the options?



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- **Foundation degree:** flexible vocational qualification, combining both academic study and workplace learning. It usually takes 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.

Why?

- 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.



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What's right for you?

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



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IT IS YOUR CHOICE

What you go onto after Sixth Form is up to you.

The majority of our leavers go onto University **76% in 2023**.

The application process takes place nationally for all Universities via an online application process called

UCAS. The cost of applying is **£27.50**

This process has just opened and closes on January 25th 2023, For Oxbridge/medicine it is 15th October 2022.

HOWEVER, places are often allocated first come, first served. So the quicker we can send off your application the better.

Our school deadlines are: Monday 2nd October 2023 for 'fast track' students and **Monday 6th November 2023** for all other applicants.





OVERVIEW OF THE UCAS PROCESS

UCAS is essentially an online application form.

It includes:



- Registering your application. **MAY**
- Completing an online application form. **JUNE**
- Writing a personal statement (You may use up to 47 lines of text or 4,000 characters, along with spaces.) **THIS IS THE KEY PART. JULY-SEP**
- Asking the school to put together a reference for you. **JULY-OCT**
- Paying and Mr Linnell sending to UCAS. **By the 6th NOV**



SUPPORT FOR THE UCAS PROCESS

Who does what?

You are responsible for your application but you have support:



- Completing form and drafting and improving personal statement. **YOU!**
- Checking your form **Sixth Form Team**
- Checking your personal statement **Form Tutor**
- Writing your reference **Form Tutor**
- Checking your reference **Sixth Form Team**
- Final check and sending to UCAS **Mr Linnell**

unifrog

You have Unifrog to help guide your research in where to apply to and also the help videos and search engine on the UCAS website.



REFERENCES

Whether you want to go to University, take on an Apprenticeship or embark on employment you will need a reference.



This is all conducted on Unifrog, so:

- Select **one teacher per subject** to write your subject reference (check with departments who this is).
- E-mail your tutor this half-term to go through what you would like in your reference and progression intentions and if there are mitigating circumstances.
- Use Unifrog to search for courses and opportunities.

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TODAY

This presentation will take you through the process to apply.

- To start the process you need to follow the instructions on the sheet.
 - I will e-mail you the how to complete guide and registration checklist.
 - You will need your exam certificates to enter the qualifications.
 - Aim to complete these details by **3rd July** so we can check they are accurate.
 - Above all remember this is a formal application. Any mistakes will look bad and will hold up your application.
- Only you can edit, not staff.

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name

First name:

Last name:

Date of Birth

Day: Month: Year:

Gender

Male Female Other

Nationality

UK Other

Postcode

Address

Address line 1:

Address line 2:

Address line 3:

Postcode:

Save this section as complete

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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



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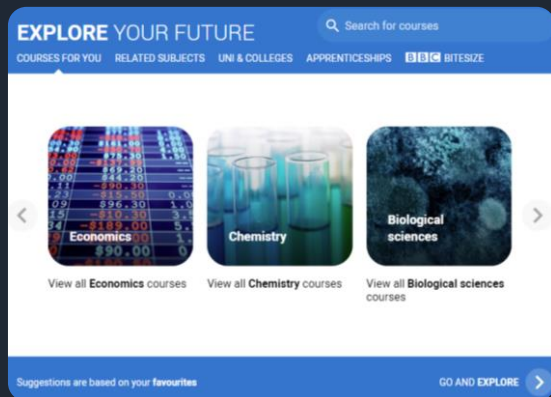
The screenshot shows the UCAS Hub interface for a user named Becca. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the UCAS logo and links for Discover, Study, Train & Work, Advice, and For. Below this is the 'Your Hub' section, which is personalized for Becca. It includes a welcome message, a '2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION' section with a 'Start a new application' button, and a 'Your next steps' section with three cards: 'DISCOVER WHERE TO GO', 'DISCOVER WHAT TO DO', and 'DISCOVER CAREERS'. Each card has a brief description and an illustration. To the right of these cards is a section titled 'How to nail that personal statement' with a 'Read more' link.

Personalised tools to help



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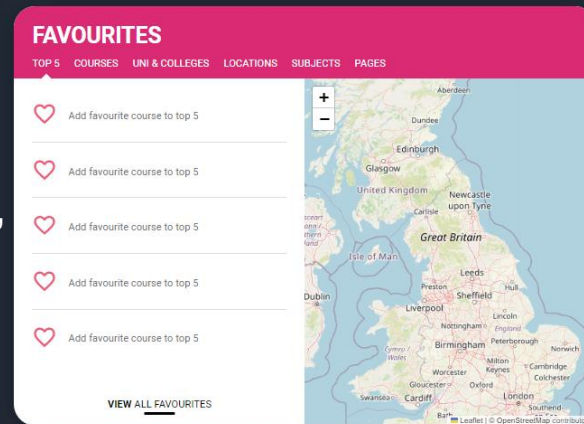


Explore your future

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.



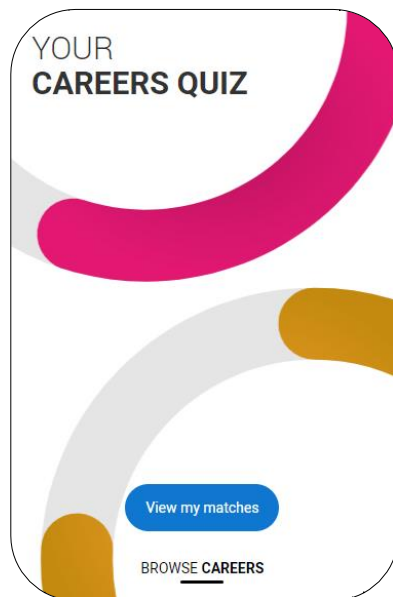


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UCAS Quiz

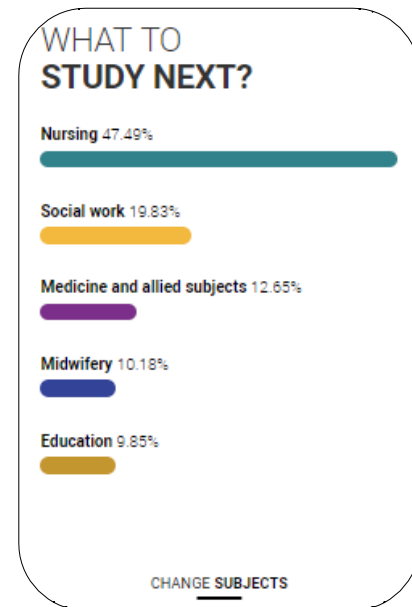
Find job and career ideas matched to your personality.

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.






UCAS Exploring Apprenticeships

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.


APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Search for apprenticeships

Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023 

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
A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per

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

Get new jobs for this search by email

Create alert

TOP JOB

Radio Access Optimisation Apprentice (Virgin Media)

- Leeds, Hammersmith , Runcorn , Wythenshawe
- £23,000
- Estio Training

Level 3 Radio Network Technician About the company: We're Virgin Media O2 and we're here to upgrade the UK. Virgin Media O2 combine...

View details 10 days ago Save

Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023

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

Join GSK's R&D (Research and Development) Apprentice Programme – Ware UK, 2023: Help us get ahead of disease together

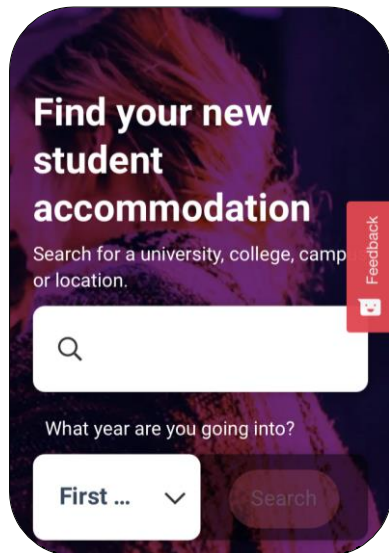
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What else do you need?

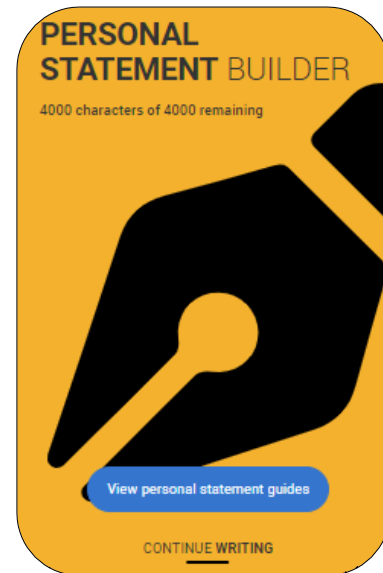
Accommodation

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](#).



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.





Choosing the right place for you

- **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 for you

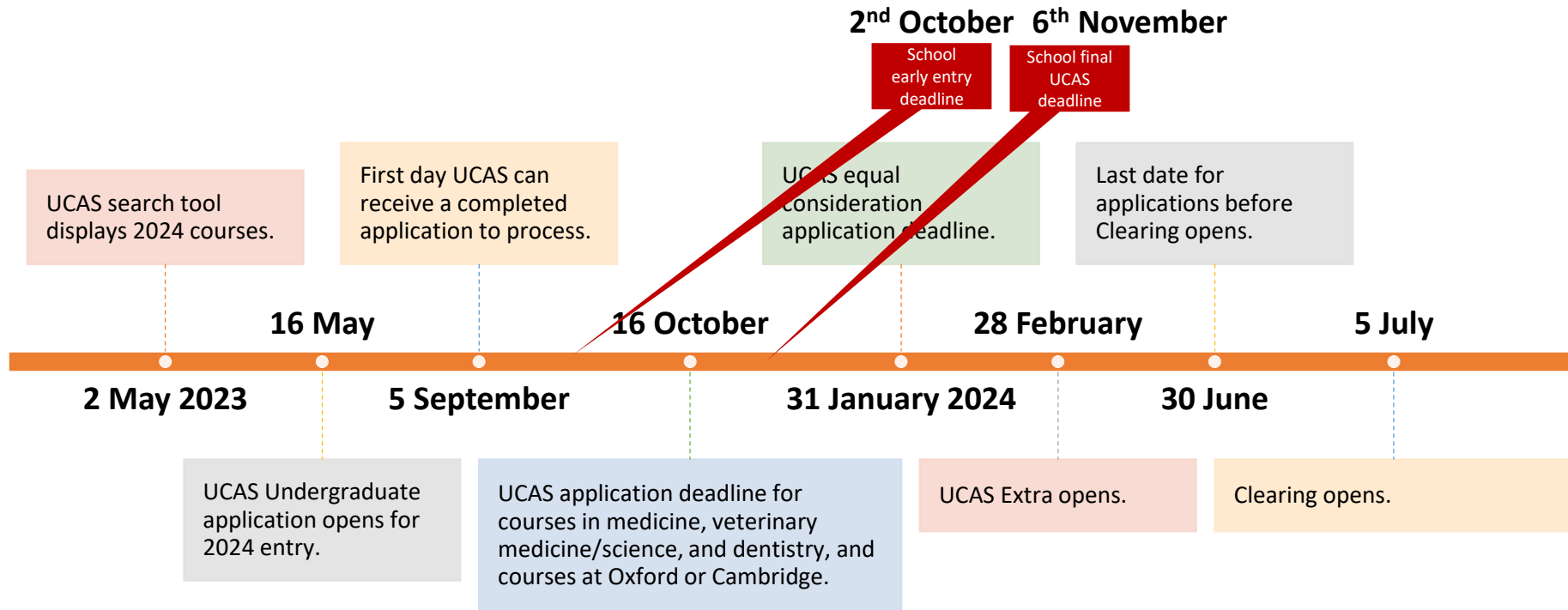
- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different.
- Look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to your career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college 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?

When to apply for 2024 entry



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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 is **taverham2024**.
- 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.



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Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?

Yes No

Select Yes here.

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 a dark-themed application profile interface with a yellow background. The profile is organized into a grid of sections:

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

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)



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The screenshot displays the UCAS application interface on a yellow background. It features a dark blue rounded rectangle containing the following sections:

- Experience**
 - Education >**
Your qualifications and periods of study
 Section in progress
 - Employment >**
Employment, paid or unpaid, or volunteer work
 Section complete
 - Extra activities >**
Activities you have attended in preparation for higher education
 Start this section
- Personal Statement**
 - Personal statement >**
Why do you want to study this subject?
 Start this section

The personal statement



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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
- why you're interested in the subject area
- your knowledge of the course area
- your enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus
- what you enjoy about studying
- details of your 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

4000 characters of 4000 remaining



[View personal statement guides](#)

CONTINUE WRITING

PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

4000 characters of 4000 remaining

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](#)



What to include in your environmental science personal statement



What to include in your biology personal statement



What to include in your business management personal statement



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



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

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.





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Apprenticeships

What you need to know

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

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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!



Our support

UCAS Customer Experience Centre:

0371 468 0 468

From outside the UK:

+44 330 3330 230

Monday to Friday

08:30 – 18:00 (UK time)



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REMINDER OF UCAS DEADLINES

You **MUST** focus on completing your UCAS applications as soon as possible.

It is often **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** on many courses.

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2nd October 2023 is school deadline for Oxbridge and medicine courses.

16th October 2023 UCAS deadline for Oxbridge and medicine courses.

6th November 2023 school deadline for **UCAS applications**.

31st January 2024 UCAS final deadline for UCAS applications. **UCAS CLOSES!**



RECAP

You need to complete ASAP the following sections:



- Personal details
- Qualifications
- Employment

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Leaving **choices** and **personal statement** to be added
in from **unifrog**



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Thank you for
listening and good
luck with your
applications!