

“Sixth-form students benefit from teaching that is closely tailored to their needs.”



Taverham Sixth Form
One vision. Our passion. Your future.

UCAS Parents Briefing

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Session outline

- Post 18 choices
- Key dates
- UCAS Hub
- UCAS application
- The reference process & predicted grades
- How to support your child / ward
- Student finance

Post 18 choices

University

Undergraduate
Foundation degree

Apprenticeship

Higher
Degree level

Gap year

Employment



KEY DATES FOR 2027

Taverham Sixth Form internal deadlines:
Friday 2nd October
Friday 20th November.

UCAS



* 18:00 UK time



Your Hub

Your personalised homepage and discovery hub

Start your journey →

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Welcome Sam

You're applying for Undergraduate courses in 2026 - [Change year](#)

Start application

2026 Application

Start application



Start an application

Apply to universities and colleges to study degrees, HNDs, and HNCs and dance, drama and music at conservatoires.

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.

FOUND A COURSE YOU LIKE?

[Find out more >](#)

FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP

[Learn more >](#)

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

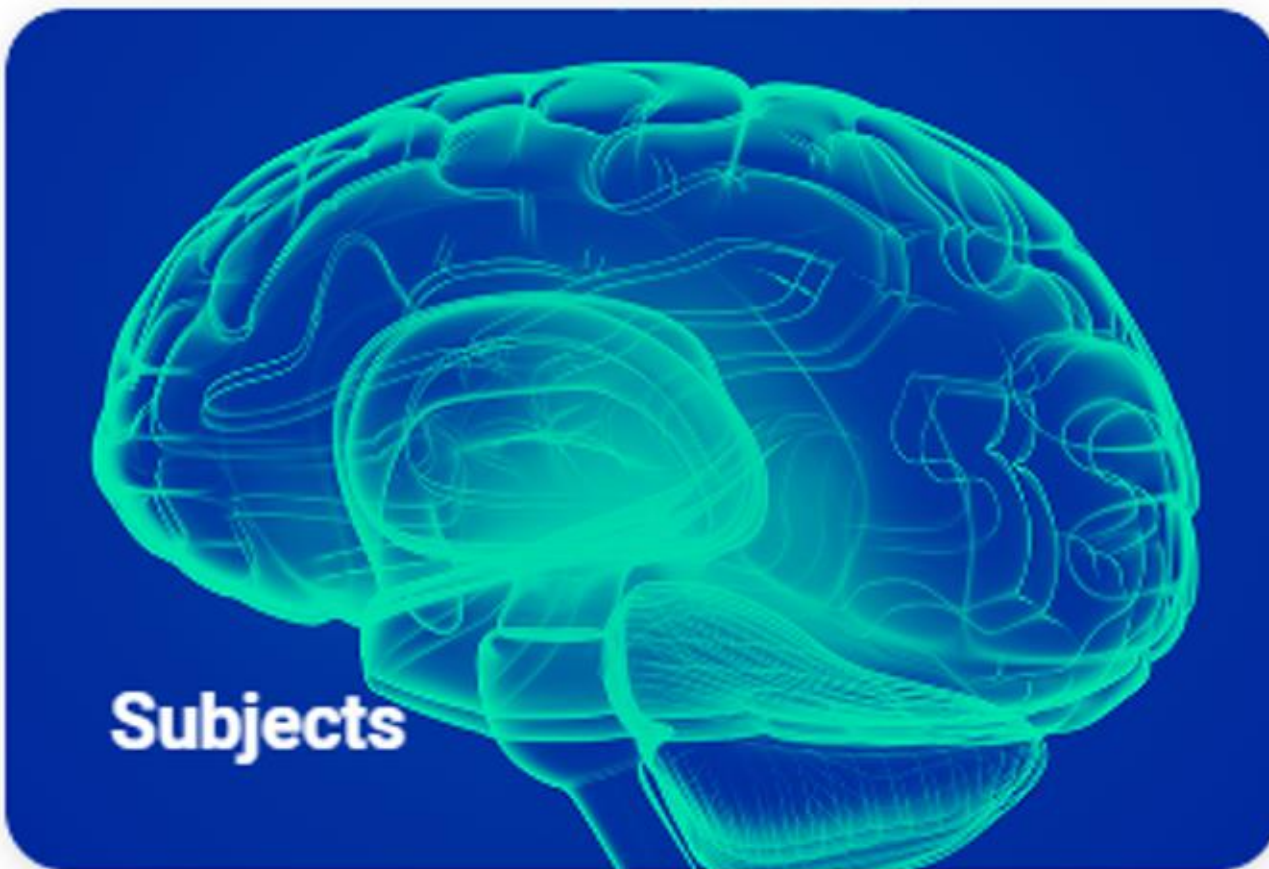
Browse universities, colleges and employers and learn more about cities and regions in the UK.

[Find out more](#)

Search

Courses, apprenticeships, information guides and more

 Search for items



FIND YOUR **BEST FIT** UNI OR COLLEGE

Style and focus

- ✓ From research-intensive to practical, career-orientated learning.

Location and size

- ✓ Ranges from small campuses to large city-based universities with over 20,000 students.

Culture and facilities

- ✓ Environment, resources, and student life.

Graduate outcomes

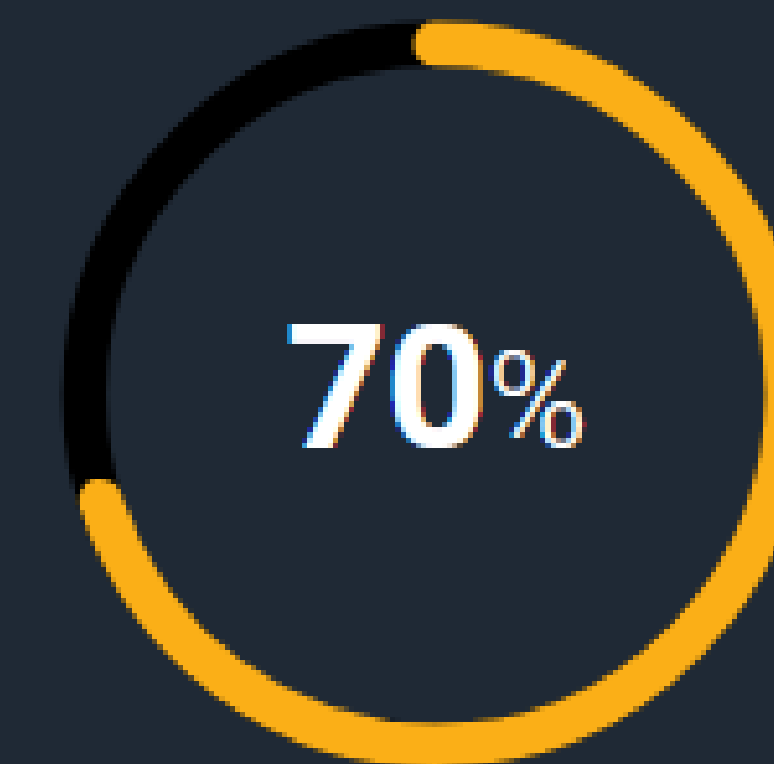
- ✓ What careers have recent graduates gone on to?

Costs

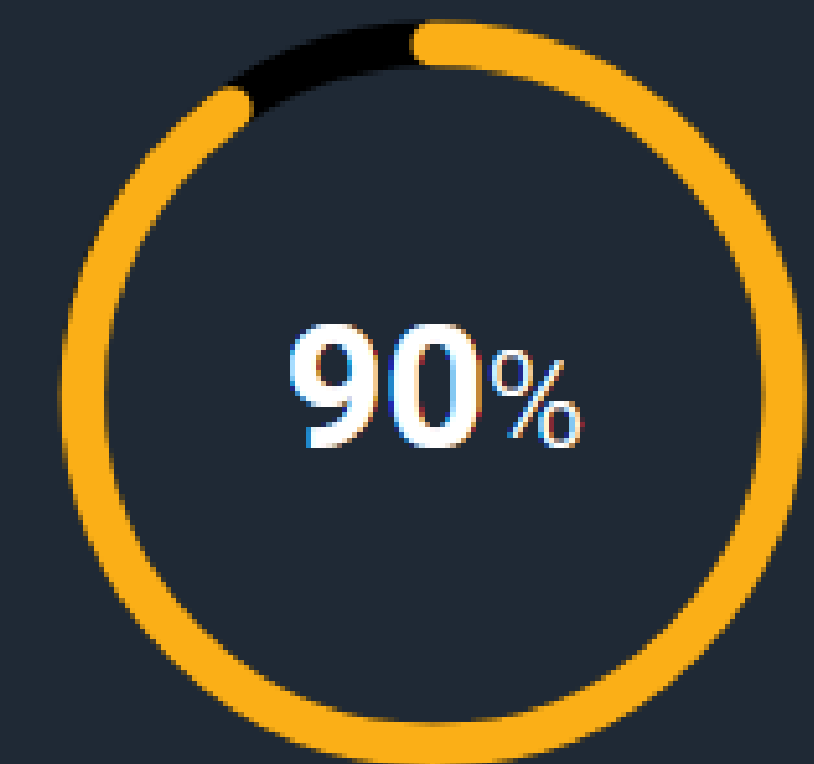
- ✓ Include living costs, accommodation, and transport.

Student Outcomes

Operated by the Office for Students



Employment after 15 months (Most common jobs)



Go onto work and study

The number of student respondents and response rates can be important in interpreting the data – it is important to note your experience may be different from theirs. This data will be based on the subject area rather than the specific course. [Read more about this data on the Discover Uni website.](#)

CHOICES AND WHAT TO LOOK FOR

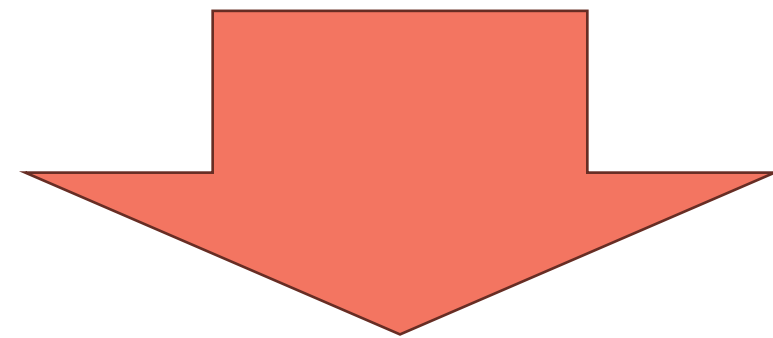
- Students can make a maximum of *five* choices on their application including:
 - No more than *four* choices to any one of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or veterinary science.
 - No more than one course at either Oxford or Cambridge.
- Invisibility of choices
- Choices are not sent in preference order

Look at the subject requirements as well as grades

Look at the course content

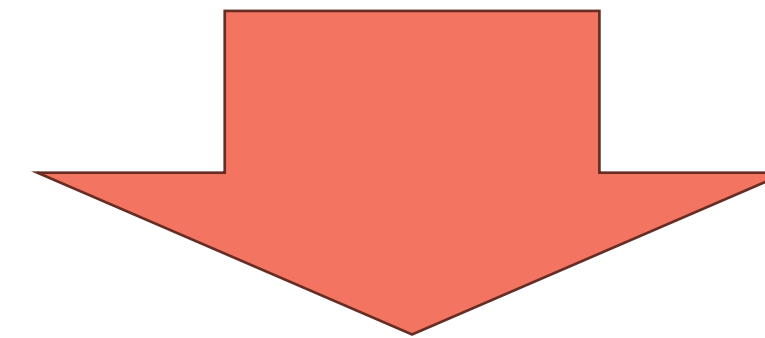
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & ADMISSIONS

Check entry requirements and match against predicted grades.



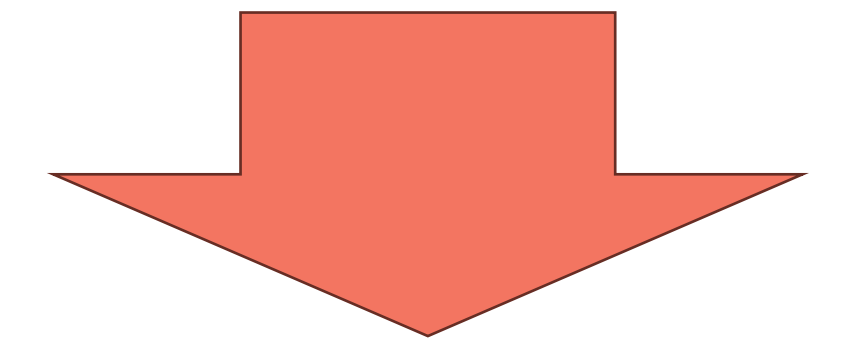
Have a range of entry requirements including a safe choice.

Check whether there are any additional admissions tests required



UCAT – booking 16/6 - 16/9
LNAT – booking opens 1/8/
ESAT & TMUA – booking 20/7 - 28/9

Early entry applications need to be sent by October 15 (internal deadline October 2)



Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary.

UCAS FEE AND FSM FEE WAIVER

UCAS

- The cost to submit a UCAS application for 2027 entry is **£34.50**
 - This single fee allows your child / ward to add up to five university and college choices to their application.
- Students who have received UK Government funded free school meals at any point during secondary education may be eligible to have the application fee waived.
 - Your child / ward has to declare they received FSM in the 'More about you' section of their application
 - FSM is different to the sixth form bursary.
- If your child / ward receive the sixth form bursary, this can be used to pay the UCAS application fee.

COMPLETING THE UCAS APPLICATION



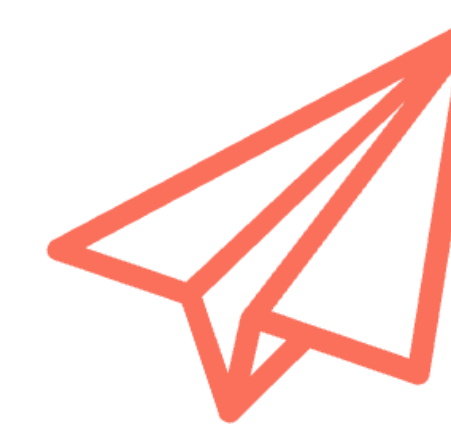
Student registers for a UCAS Hub account to carry out research and start an application.



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.

We are currently here.



THE PERSONAL STATEMENT



Why do you want to study this course or subject?



How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?



What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

DECISIONS

Universities and colleges will review the whole application including:



Qualifications



Personal statement



Reference



Admissions test



Interview



Portfolio / audition

THE REFERENCE PROCESS

- The overall reference is written by *form tutors*.
- All students will have a reference regardless of destination.
- *Subject teachers* add information to Unifrog about how the student has done in areas or skills that link to their chosen subject.
- Predicted grades are an *optimistic yet realistic* prediction of what your child / ward could achieve if everything went as well as it could.
 - Needs to be based on demonstratable evidence

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD / WARD

Talk about options

Encourage reflection

**Check their personal
statement draft**

Attend open days

**Identify experiences
/ supercurricular**

**Remind them of
deadlines**

LIFELONG LEARNING ENTITLEMENT (LLE)

- This replaces previous student finance applications.
- Students can still be eligible for:
 - Tuition fee loan
 - Maintenance loan
- The amount partly depends on the number of credits student's study.
 - A year of studying a bachelor's degree full time is usually 120 credits.
- Students can apply for Tuition Fee Loans up to a total of £39,160. This is the same as 4 years of full-time study or 480 credits.
- Students start repaying loans when they earn over £25,000 a year.
- Loans will be written off 40 years after the April they are first due to repay.
- Interest is charged at 3.2%

LIFELONG LEARNING ENTITLEMENT (LLE)

Tuition fee loan.

- Covers the full cost of the fees charged by universities.
 - ***Up to £9,790 per year***
- Paid straight to the university
- Eligible applicants need to 'ordinarily reside' in the UK or British overseas territory for 3 years before the start of the course.

Maintenance loan.

- Helps towards living costs
- The loan amount will depend on:
 - their characteristics, including where they live
 - what they study and how
 - their household income
- Paid in 3 instalments at the start of each term directly to the student

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES & GRANTS

Search

Scholarships, bursaries & grants

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Search for items

Not all scholarships, bursaries, and grants are on UCAS.com. Check directly with your chosen university for all available options. [Learn more](#)

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Global Futures Scholarships - North America - Undergraduate

Funding application deadline: 05 Mar 2026

University of Manchester

£10,000.00

Rest of UK (RUK) Bursary 2026-27

Funding application deadline: 27 Aug 2026

University of Dundee

£2,000.00

Sir Thomas White Scholarship

Funding application deadline: 31 Mar 2026

University of Northampton

£4,500.00

(RUK) Academic Excellence Bursary - 2026-27

Funding application deadline: 27 Aug 2026

University of Dundee

£3,000.00

2025-26 Business Scholarships

Funding application deadline: None

Hartpury University

Between £2,000 to £3,500

2025-26 Postgraduate Country Scholarship

Funding application deadline: None

Hartpury University

Up to £5,000

2026-27 Alumni Discount

Funding application deadline: None

Northumbria University, Newcastle

20%

2026-27 PGT International Scholarships for South Asian Applicants

Funding application deadline: None

Northumbria University, Newcastle

£3,000.00

2026-27 UG International Scholarships

Funding application deadline: None

Northumbria University, Newcastle

£3000

2026/27 Postgraduate International Scholarship

Funding application deadline: None

Northumbria University, Newcastle

£3,000.00

Care Leavers and Experience of Care Scholarship

Manchester Metropolitan University



Details

Amount: £6,000.00 to £8,000.00
Domicile: UK
Study level: Undergraduate
Awarded by: Manchester Metropolitan University
Funding application deadline: 31 Jul 2026

Apply

Scholarship information

Value

£6,000 in years one and two, £8,000 in your final year for two undergraduate students.

Study level

New, full-time undergraduate students in their first year only.

Aim of the scholarship

Supported by a number of donations over the years, this Scholarship offers support to undergraduate students who are care leavers and care-experienced to help improve social mobility.

Funding application deadline:

31 Jul 2026

To apply for this scholarship you must submit your application on the scholarship provider's website by this date.

FURTHER RESOURCES

- **UCAS website** [Advice for parents, guardians and carers | UCAS](#)
- **UCAS Parents Podcast** [UCAS Parents' Podcast | UCAS](#)
- **Admissions tests** [University Admissions Tests | UCAS | UKCAT, BMAT, LNAT And More](#)
- **Lifelong Learning Entitlement** [Student finance if your course starts on or after 1 January 2027: Overview - GOV.UK](#)