

UCAS Apply 2023 – Key Information



Monday 6th June 2022

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College or University?

The differences:

- **Studying at University – APPLY VIA UCAS**

- Degree qualification – usually 4 years full time
- Years 1-2 – breadth of study
- Years 3-4 – specialisation in chosen subject



- **Studying at College – APPLY TO INDIVIDUAL COLLEGES**

- A variety of qualifications – HNC, HND, BTEC ...
- Vocational Qualifications not available at Universities
- Can be used as a stepping stone to Universities



College or University Entry Requirements:

- University:
 - Usually at least 5 Highers – **realistically much more!**
 - Advanced Highers – **depends on institution**
- College:
 - End of S5/6 – Usually between 1-3 Highers
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/filling-your-ucas-undergraduate-application>



Making the right course choices

- Vital to get this right in June / August!!!!
- Research is the key!
- www.planitplus.net
- www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- Seek Advice – Pastoral Care Teacher
- School Careers Advisors – Vanessa and Nicky!
- www.ucas.com (search for courses)
- Subject teachers
- Speak to family members / family friends





General Information on UCAS

- Number of choices – 5
- Cost- approximately £27 – varies each year.
- Simultaneous consideration
- Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary Medicine – 4 choices + 1 extra choice for another course (back-up) – 15th October 2022 deadline!
- 1 application per cycle
- Deadlines – school deadline is 3rd October for early applicants and 25th November 2022 for all other applicants.



Important points to consider for UCAS

- This is YOUR application – therefore you MUST meet the school deadlines, otherwise we cannot guarantee your application will be sent off within the deadlines.
- UCAS will NOT consider late applications.
- The personal statement must be written by you – universities do check for plagiarism based on previous years applications.

School Deadlines for UCAS Apply 2023 students

Deadlines – Sheet Issued



Date	Deadline Set:
Monday 5 th September	First draft of Personal Statements for pupils applying to Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Studies, Oxford or Cambridge
September onwards	Higher Education Convention- date TBC Virtual open days / in person open days
Wednesday 14 th September	First draft of Personal Statement for all other applicants
Monday 3 rd October	All applications to Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Studies, Oxford or Cambridge submitted to UCAS
Friday 25 th November	All other applicants submitted to UCAS
December / January	Personal statements for college should be completed by December. College Applications will open in January.



Choosing Courses

- This requires RESEARCH...LOTS OF IT!!!
- Find out about courses you are interested in. This can be done through:
 - * Online
 - * UCAS course search
 - * University websites
 - * Open Days / Conventions
 - * Word of Mouth

REMEMBER:

Course entry requirements show the minimum grades a University would expect an applicant to have to even be considered for an offer.

If an offer is made, they could ask for higher grades.



The Process...

There are 6 steps to applying and the Pastoral Care Team will work with pupils to assist them in the process of applying. The steps are:

Step 1: Choosing Courses



Importance of research

Step 2: Applying



Personal Statement

Step 3: Offers

Step 4: Results

Step 5: Next Steps

Step 6: Start Uni / College



Support and Advice

- Higher Education Convention – Date to be confirmed – keep eye on S6 year group team
- Which Way Now Information Evening – September 2022
- S6 Assemblies / PSE Input
- Visits from Colleges & Universities – on-going starting in August 2022
- One to one help and support from your Pastoral Care Teacher
- Support / advice from the school's Career Advisor and/or Miss Cusick – DYW Coordinator.
- School Twitter, Website and Year Group Team!

It is the students responsibility to meet the deadlines and ensure that their application is submitted on time

**Entrance Exams – some Universities
and courses require students to sit
these as part of their application!**



Entrance Exams

Medicine / Vet Medicine / Dentistry applicants:

- UKCAT Test
- Register online between 20th June to 22nd September
- Testing runs from 11th July to 29th September.
- Practice is vital for this!
- You MUST register online by yourself – schools do not enter you for this test.
- Late entries are strictly forbidden!



Medicine Applicants:

- Medical students – there is a really good Facebook page called ‘Medic Insight Glasgow’ – try to join this.
- It is run by Medical Students from Glasgow University.
- Think about either the Medics Against Violence training programme for S6 or the Mental Health Ambassador role – really important to get relevant leadership experience!





Entrance Exams

Law – selected universities:

- LNAT Test must be sat for some universities e.g. Glasgow University.
- 1st August – registration opens.
- Testing starts on 1st September.
- Booking closes on 20th January 2023. Must sit before 25th January 2023.
- For Oxbridge candidates – must sit LNAT by 15th October 2022.
- Students must register themselves for this.
- <https://lnat.ac.uk/registration/dates-and-deadlines/>



Entrance Exams – Oxford and Cambridge Universities

Oxbridge Applicants:

- Some courses in some colleges require you to sit admission testing.
- Some testing is carried out during your visit to the University, others are done in a test centre.
- PLEASE do your own research – check each college you wish to apply and each course – they are all different.
- Tests can include; BMAT, ELNAT, TSA, PAT, CAT (Oxford), MAT.
- **Please make Miss Stewart DHT aware if you are intending to apply to Oxbridge ASAP.**

Tasks to be completed by any S6
who is even considering applying to
UCAS by Monday 13th June 2022



All S6 Possible UCAS applicants:

- No later than Sunday 12th June, you should have registered with UCAS Apply 2023.
- Use your Glow email address
- Take a note of your username and password – keep these details safe on your mobile phone – ONLY UCAS can reset your password!
- Link application to school – Hyndland buzzword is **Hyndland2** and select your Pastoral Care Teacher.



- Start to complete the personal information section e.g. address / name / gender / school name etc.
- Add in your qualifications achieved in S4.
- Add in your qualifications sat in S5.
- Add in the subjects you are studying in S6 – this can always be changed!



- On Monday 13th June, Ms Stewart and Mrs Forrester will start to give you MUCH more detail and help on what makes a good personal statement.
- Before this, EVERY student considering applying to University must have signed up for UCAS – we can always delete your form if you change your mind!
- Start to do some research – look at the different University websites and also My World of Work website.