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APPLYING FOR ENTRY IN 2026

Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

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**Failing to prepare
is
Preparing to fail**

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Apprenticeships and traineeships

Alternative ways to learn



Post-16 apprenticeships

What are apprenticeships? What's needed to get on one? And, how do you apply?




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Traineeships and school leaver programmes

What are traineeships and school leaver programmes, and how can they help you get an apprenticeship or a job?



Supported internships

Who's eligible, how the study programme works, and who to contact for more information.



Work, volunteer, and study part-time

As long as you're training or studying a recognised qualification, you can get a job or volunteer.

Things to consider

Where in the country do you want to study?

What kind of university do you want to attend?

Campus, town, London, rural

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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

**What subjects do I need to take at
A level?**

What grades will I need?

What to do now



- University Websites
- Ask friends, family
- Open Days - www.ucas.com/ucas/events and ucas.com/virtual tours
- Visit ucas.com for courses and for details eg content, entry requirements, fees

INVESTIGATE COURSES

- www.ucas.com
 - www.unistats.com
 - www.whatuni.com
 - www.gooduniguide.co.uk
 - www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk
 - Individual universities' websites
- and



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Check the tariff table (ucas.com)



- What do I need to get at A level?
- What are the facilitating courses?
- Not all universities and colleges use the Tariff - many use qualifications and grades instead.
- Have I done anything else - DofE Bronze - Gold, music, sport. **DO NOT STOP**

TESTS etc



- Do I need to take one and when
 - BMAT - BioMedical Admissions Test
 - 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
- MAT - Mathematics Admissions Test
- OLAT - Oriental Languages Aptitude Test
- ELAT - English Literature Admissions Test
 - Other tests? **CHECK**

Etc

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Work Experience - what, where and with whom.

Volunteering is important for some courses

KEEP A RECORD OF CONTACTS

Oxbridge



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Applying to do something Medical at University





What courses are we considering?



Medicine

Dentistry Early Entry – application by October

Veterinary

(Some nursing)

Physiotherapy

Optometry

Pharmacy

Paramedic Science

Other “medical” related courses 178 currently listed

Important before we start

This career choice has to be because **you** want it not because your parents want it for you.



No family expectations

The interview **will** get it out of you

What grades are you predicted do you need? (MED School)

GCSE – what are you predicted?

Cardiff (Medicine) 2021 – 25+ points from top 9 subjects

9 = 3, 8 = 2, 7 = 1

Bristol (Medicine) 2021 – at least 5 x 8

Birmingham 2021 - 6 x 8



Check what your grades are worth?

They may only count English once!

What is the minimum English Lit/Lang grade?

Bristol/Birmingham 8

Most students like you will be getting excellent grades

What do the universities need – Do Your Research





Select the right A levels

Facilitating subjects – the A levels are changing **do your research** as to which courses are still available/apply.

Chemistry, Biology + one other

(Medicine one student – Chemistry, Biology and Philosophy and Ethics)

Will they accept your choice if not Physics or Maths

Get the right A level grades

Typical offers 2022 – based on predictions

Medicine AAA

Dentistry AAA

Veterinary AAA

Physiotherapy AAB

Optometry AAA

Pharmacy AAB

EPQ A grade only to be considered



What else – the things that make the difference – example 1



Work experience

- GP + Reading Drop In Centre
- London Hospital (GOSH)

Medical

- daily visits to JR and RBH for 16 weeks.
- care of mother following brain haemorrhage
- Alzheimer's Society – regular social activities

Other

- D of E Bronze to Gold
- volunteer as cub leader (training to be Young Leader)
- School deputy head boy
- Various School committees

Work

- shop assistant local pharmacy

What else – the things that make the difference – example 2

Work experience

- Vet Surgery x 2
- Small animal clinic
- Safari park
- Abattoir + Butchers

Farming

- Animal Welfare Trust Mixed social farm
- Dairy + lambing

Other

- Riding for the disabled
- Yr7 mentor
- Open evening guide
- Local running club – personal + blind runner

Work

- local pet shop



What to do now



www.ucas.com –The UK University application and information website

www.sacu-student.com – Personal Statement help and advice. Great student section

www.prospects.ac.uk–Graduate career prospects + lots of helpful information

<http://russellgroup.ac.uk/> for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and college - help with A' level choice (also learn about the 'Russell Group' universities)

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk – contains very helpful information

www.thestudentroom.co.uk - Forums on choosing universities/degrees/student life and much more!

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk> – advise the A-Level subjects which might be required for certain degree courses, especially at Russell Group universities

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Young Forensic Scientist Summer Experience



Young Software Engineer Summer Experience



Young Artist Summer Experience



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6th Options Evening

Work Experience

GCSE's - they count!