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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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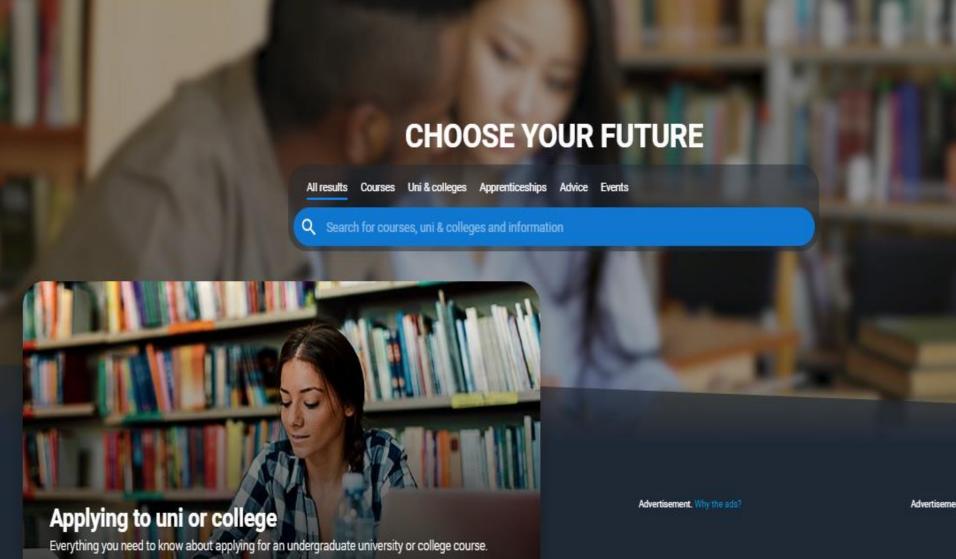
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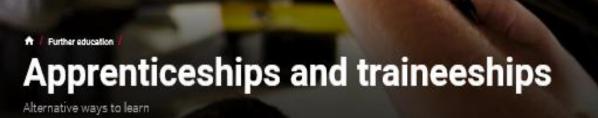


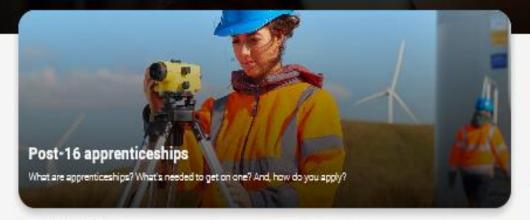
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UCAS Hub Not just about University















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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?



- 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



Check the tariff table (ucas.com) UC/\S



- ·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



Work Experience - what, where and with whom.

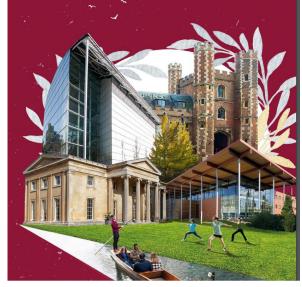
Volunteering is important for some courses

KEEP A RECORD OF CONTACTS

Oxbridge















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



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



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

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

<u>www.prospects.ac.uk–Graduate</u> career prospects + lots of helpful information

<u>http://russellgroup.ac.uk/</u> 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)

<u>www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk</u> – contains very helpful information

<u>www.thestudentroom.co.uk</u> - 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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Research 6th Options Evening Work Experience GCSE's - they count!