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Support for University Applications

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Key Dates

Internal deadline → UCAS deadline

Internal deadlines:

Early Applicants **25 September 2026 (18:00)**

All Other Applicants **6 November 2026 (18:00)**

UCAS deadlines:

Early Applicants **15 October 2026 (18:00)**

All Other Applicants **13 January 2027 (18:00)**

Student Finance:

Apply for Student Finance via [.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) around **March 2027**. Deadline **May 2027**



Support from Senior Tutor

Structured, personalised guidance throughout the UCAS and progression process:

- Deliver structured tutorial sessions during A1 to develop **research skills** and support **informed decision-making** on future pathways.
- Provide a step-by-step guide to completing the **UCAS application form**, ensuring students understand **each stage of the process**.
- Conduct one-to-one meetings during the first half term to:
 - Review application progress
 - Explore university and course choices
 - Provide targeted guidance on personal statements
- Write a positive and supportive **academic reference**, tailored to the student's chosen pathway and strengths





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Support from Careers

Careers advisers offer specialist, impartial guidance to complement the support from Senior Tutor:

- Facilitate **student-led careers meetings**, allowing students to take **ownership** of their progression planning.
- Provide expert advice across a **wide range of subjects** and **career pathways**, including university routes, apprenticeships, and employment.
- Support students in making **well-informed, realistic, and aspirational** choices based on their interests and goals.

To further support applications and decision-making the careers team organise **visits from a range of universities** during the first half-term to:

- Help students refine and review personal statements
- Provide direct access to university representatives
- Offer insights into courses, entry requirements, and student life.



Support from you

Talk & Support

- Have regular conversations about ideas, interests, and future plans
- Encourage your young person to ask for help when they need it

Get Online & Informed

- Explore the UCAS website together
- Look at courses, universities, and entry requirements

Encourage Independent Research

- Support them in looking beyond initial choices
- Discuss options, but allow them to take ownership

Visit Universities

- Attend open days to get a feel for the institution
- Ask questions and explore facilities together

Stay on track

- Help them keep organised and meet key college and UCAS deadlines

Support Smart Choices

- Encourage a balanced range of options: Aspirational, Solid and Safe

Make the most of College Support

- Encourage them to engage with Senior Tutors, Careers Advisors, University Visitors, and 1-1 support

Making the right choice...

Degree

- Explore and understand the types of degree courses
- Majority either undergraduate or foundation degree

University

- Finding the right university for the student
- Style, Location, Size, Support, Culture, Facilities, Prospects, Cost

Course

- Explore the content within the degree
- Understand the assessment method and align with preferred style
- Ensure entry requirements align with attainment (including GCSE)

Search courses

All courses



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THE PERSONAL STATEMENT

WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS?



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?



Your chance to show your passion, curiosity, interest.



Three separate sections with question prompts.



A maximum of 4,000 characters, minimum of 350 characters per section.



The same for all your choices.



There isn't a spelling or grammar check.



No formatting allowed.



Every personal statement is run through similarity detection software.

PERSONAL STATEMENT SUPPORT

PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

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What to include in your architecture, planning or building personal statement



What to include in your animal science personal statement



What to include in your art and design personal statement



What to include in your biology personal statement



What to include in your business management personal statement



What to include in your chemistry personal statement



What to include in your computer science personal statement



What to include in your dance personal statement



What to include in your dentistry personal statement



What to include in your drama personal statement



What to include in your economics personal statement



What to include in your engineering personal statement



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Our process

A1: Students will have completed the UCAS application form during tutorial and had this signed off by their Senior Tutor.

Week 1 & 2: Why do you want to study this course or subject?

Week 3 & 4: How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?

Week 5 & 6: What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

Internal Deadline: 6 November 2026 (18:00)

**Application is complete and student has completed Pay and Send*.
Senior Tutor to check, offer feedback, add reference and send to UCAS.**





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UCAS Application Fee

For the 2027 cycle, the undergraduate and conservatoires application fee is **£34.50** paid when student submits to college.

Free school meals application fee waiver: Students who have received UK Government funded free school meals at any point during their secondary education may be eligible to have the application fee waived.

Care leaver application fee waiver: Students who are care leavers may also be eligible to have the application fee waived.

**NO REFUND – NEED TO DISCUSS WITH SENIOR TUTOR
PRIOR TO SUBMISSION**

Student Finance for University

- Separate application to UCAS application
- Tuition fees (studying in England - up to £9,790*)
- Maintenance loans (depends upon household income, where you study, where you live and how long for)
- Other support (Disabled Students' Allowance, scholarships, bursaries and grants)
- **Please refer to the following...**
 - <https://www.ucas.com/money>
 - <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>
 - <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/>

UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME STUDENTS

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HOW MUCH CAN I GET?

Household income	Maintenance Loan living away from your parents and studying outside London	Maintenance Loan living away from your parents and studying in London	Maintenance Loan living with your parents
£25,000	£10,830	£14,135	£9,118
£30,000	£10,058	£13,349	£8,354
£40,000	£8,512	£11,777	£6,825
£50,000	£6,967	£10,205	£5,296
£60,000	£5,421	£8,632	£4,013
£70,131	£5,048	£7,039	£4,013

Repayments...

Salary (before tax)	Repayment per year
< £25,000	£0
£26,000	£90
£30,000	£450
£35,000	£900
£50,000	£2,250
£100,000	£6,750

Interest is added to total student loan at 3.2%



Keeping Options Open

- ✓ Secure UCAS offers
- ✓ Apply for apprenticeships
- ✓ Explore employment opportunities

More options = greater flexibility and better decision-making



Thank you for listening.

**If you have any questions, please
feel free to ask.**