

Welcome to the Year 12
Higher Education Launch
3rd February 2022

Mrs Radford
Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)



Sixth Form team for Post 18 steps

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Deputy Head (Y13) Mrs Hughes
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Careers Advisor: Innervate
SIXTH FORM TUTORS



Post 18 Options

University

Apprenticeships

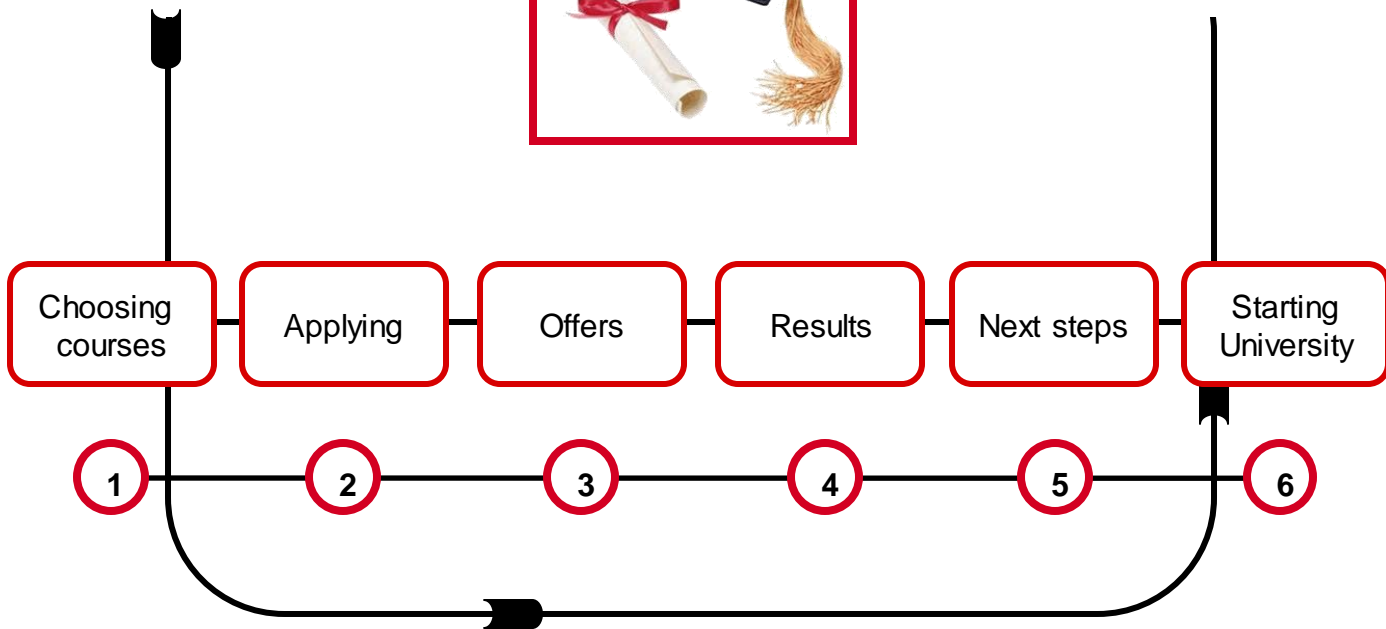
Work



Why go to university?

- A degree is now a requirement for a large number of professions
- It improves career prospects and earning potential
- A recent report from the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills stated that workers with degrees earn **27% more** than those workers with only A-levels – over a lifetime, this is on average **£210,000**
- Students will develop many important and transferable skills that will help them in the future





Phase 1 Unifrog: February – June

- HE launch event- tonight! Focus from now on should be on research.
- March UCAS Fair
- Attend Open Days at Universities of interest – may be virtual for now
- Higher Education meeting for parents (in June)
- Higher Education Day (in June for students): personal statement writing workshop
- Log on to UCAS and begin the application



The UCAS Process ; second phase June – December 2022

- Students create a UCAS account in summer term
- They add **5 choices** of courses/universities that they think they can access based on their predicted grades
- They need to write **one personal statement** to convince admissions tutors to offer them a place
 - **Deadline for this is by October half term 2022**
- We write a reference for them during October/November
- We send the application off with the students
 - **UK deadline typically 15 January 2023 but my deadline is November 2022**
- We wait to receive offers
- Students then narrow down their 5 choices to final two by May: a firm choice and then an insurance choice



What are the different types
of universities?



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University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
Cardiff University
Durham University
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
and 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

GROUP

'Typical' offer A*AA or AAA at A Level

Could be AAB with an EPQ (Grade A* - A)



THE FORMER 1994 GROUP

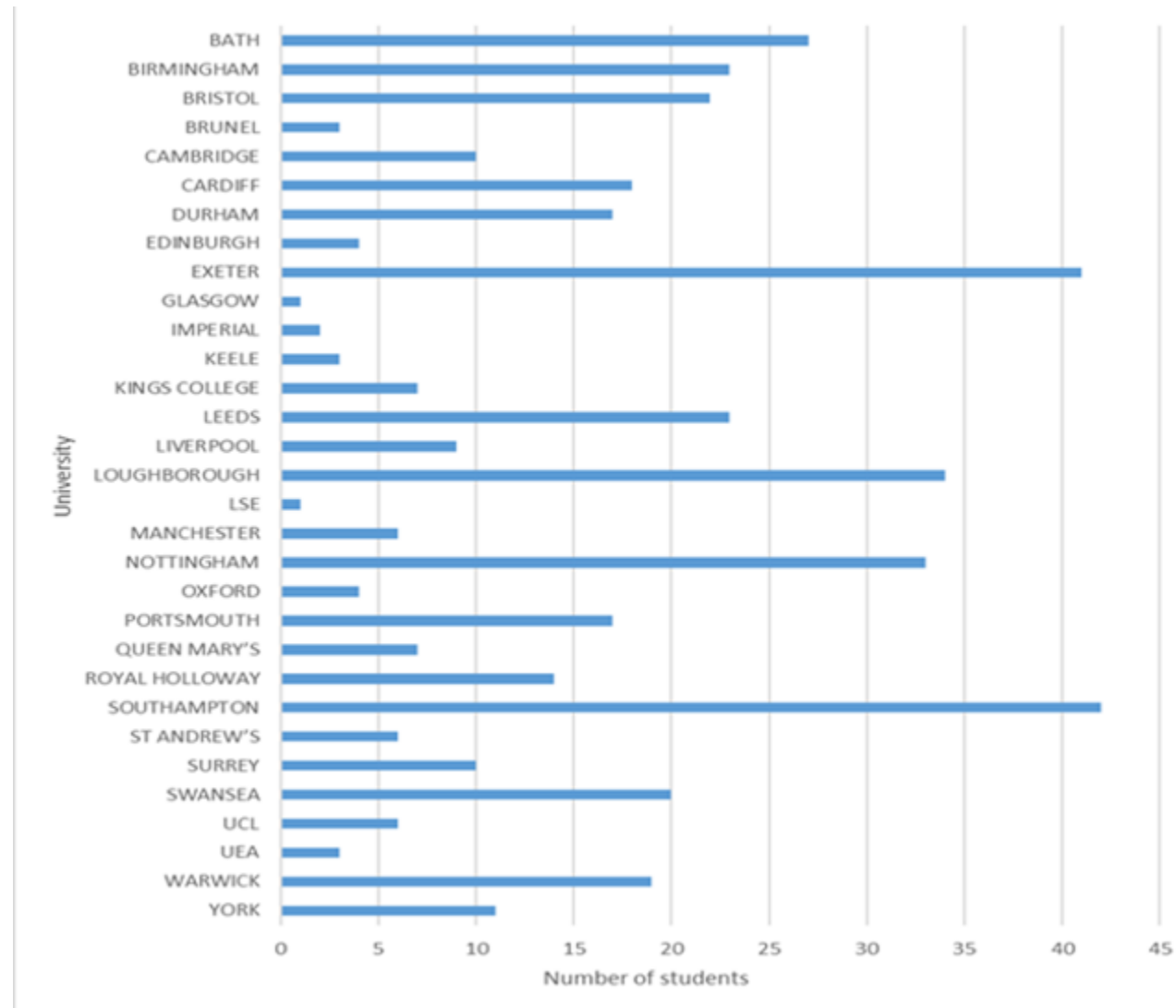
- Birkbeck, University of London
- University of East Anglia
- University of Essex
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- Institute of Education, University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Lancaster University
- University of Leicester
- Loughborough University
- School of Oriental and African Studies
- University of Sussex

Containing research intensive universities = 'red brick'

'Typical' offers AAB or ABB



Top destinations over time



Open Days Information

- www.unitasterdays.com/
- www.opendays.com/
- www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/find-open-day
- www.uni4me.co.uk



Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Mrs Hughes

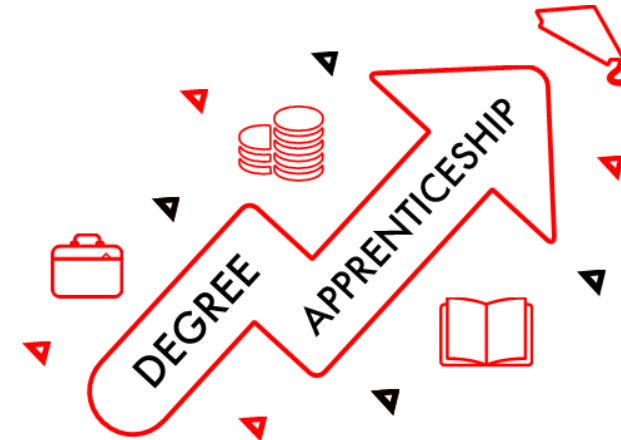


What are apprenticeships?



WORK + LEARN = APPRENTICESHIPS

- A REAL JOB WITH A REAL EMPLOYER
- PAID A SALARY
- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
- CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT, HOLIDAY, SICK
- SUPPORT FROM TRAINING PROVIDER/UNIVERSITY
- 3-6 YEARS



Degree apprenticeships

- Students study for a degree and earn money at the same time.
- Apprentices are employed throughout the training and spend part of their time at university (minimum 20%) and the rest with the employer (80%).



Degree Apprenticeships at Russell Group Universities

Queen Mary University of London

- Chartered Manager
- Software Engineer

University of Exeter

- Civil Engineering
- Applied Finance (J.P. Morgan)

University of Birmingham

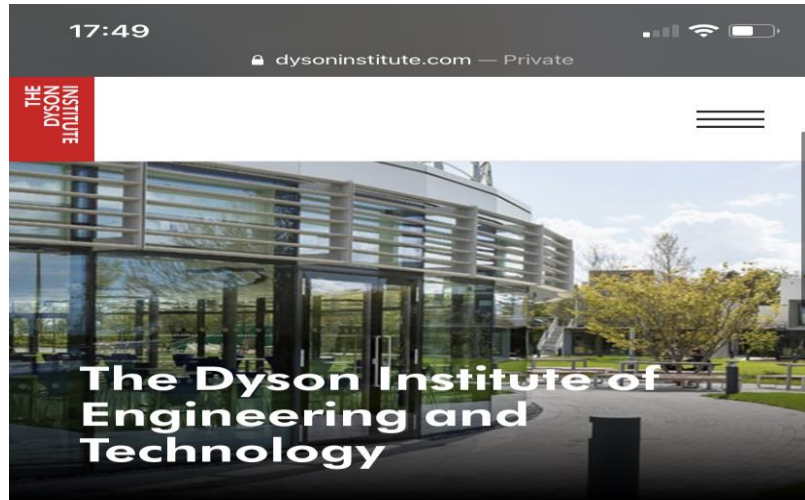
- Computer Science with Digital Technology

University of Warwick

- Engineering (Dyson)
- Social Work



Current apprenticeship



An immersive engineering degree for the next generation

The Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology is unlike any other higher education institution. It's for those with a passion for solving problems and a fascination for how things work; people who'd rather get hands-on with real engineering challenges.

Our Undergraduate Engineers work alongside the Dyson Technology Global Engineering team from day one. They contribute to live projects, while studying for their BEng (Hons) Engineering degree apprenticeship.

dyson



Government
Economic
Service

Recruiter	Government Economic Service
Location	Nationwide
Salary	£21,000-£28,000
Posted	14 Dec 2020
Closes	18 Jan 2021
Specialism	Finance
Sector	Accounting, Banking & Financial Services
Role Type	Apprenticeship, Degree
Start Date	September
Duration	24 months+



Typical apprentice employers



Cabinet Office

Allianz 

 **Capgemini**
CONSULTING. TECHNOLOGY. OUTSOURCING

 **HM Revenue
& Customs**

B B C

 **ERNST & YOUNG**
Quality In Everything We Do

MORRISONS



**Sponsored
Degree**

 **Southern
Water**

 **gsk**
GlaxoSmithKline


edf
ENERGY



What are employers looking for?

Flexibility and adaptability

Team work

The ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines

The ability to be proactive and work on your own initiative

Honesty and reliability

Attention to detail

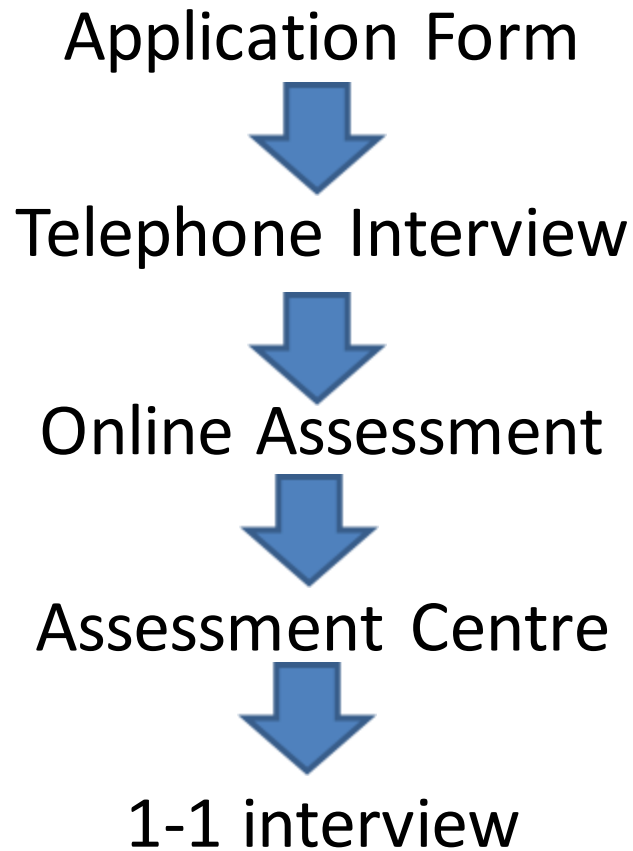
Discretion / understanding of confidentiality issues

Ability to think quickly in a crisis

Resilience



Typical Selection Process



Ellen

- Left Sixth form in 2019
- 2 year Higher Apprenticeship Sports Journalism
- Selected from over 300 applicants
- Completed exams on shorthand, journalism, law public affairs, OFCOM and video journalism
- Started in studio in January 2020



Harvey

- Gained an apprenticeship with UKSA Super Yachts this year

Process:

- Interview
- Maths and English test
- Fitness tests
- Team building days
- Final interview and presentations



Where to find advice on apprenticeships

- The National Apprenticeship Service [website](#).
- Take a look at company websites you are interested in.
- [UCAS website](#)
- The [National Careers Service](#) is good for advice.
- Careers department at Gordon's. Contact Mrs Radford who is Head of Careers or Mrs Augusta Kennedy.



From a university perspective

University of Bath



Charlie Smith
Student Recruitment Manager
University of Bath



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Choosing a Course & Applying to University



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Fast Facts

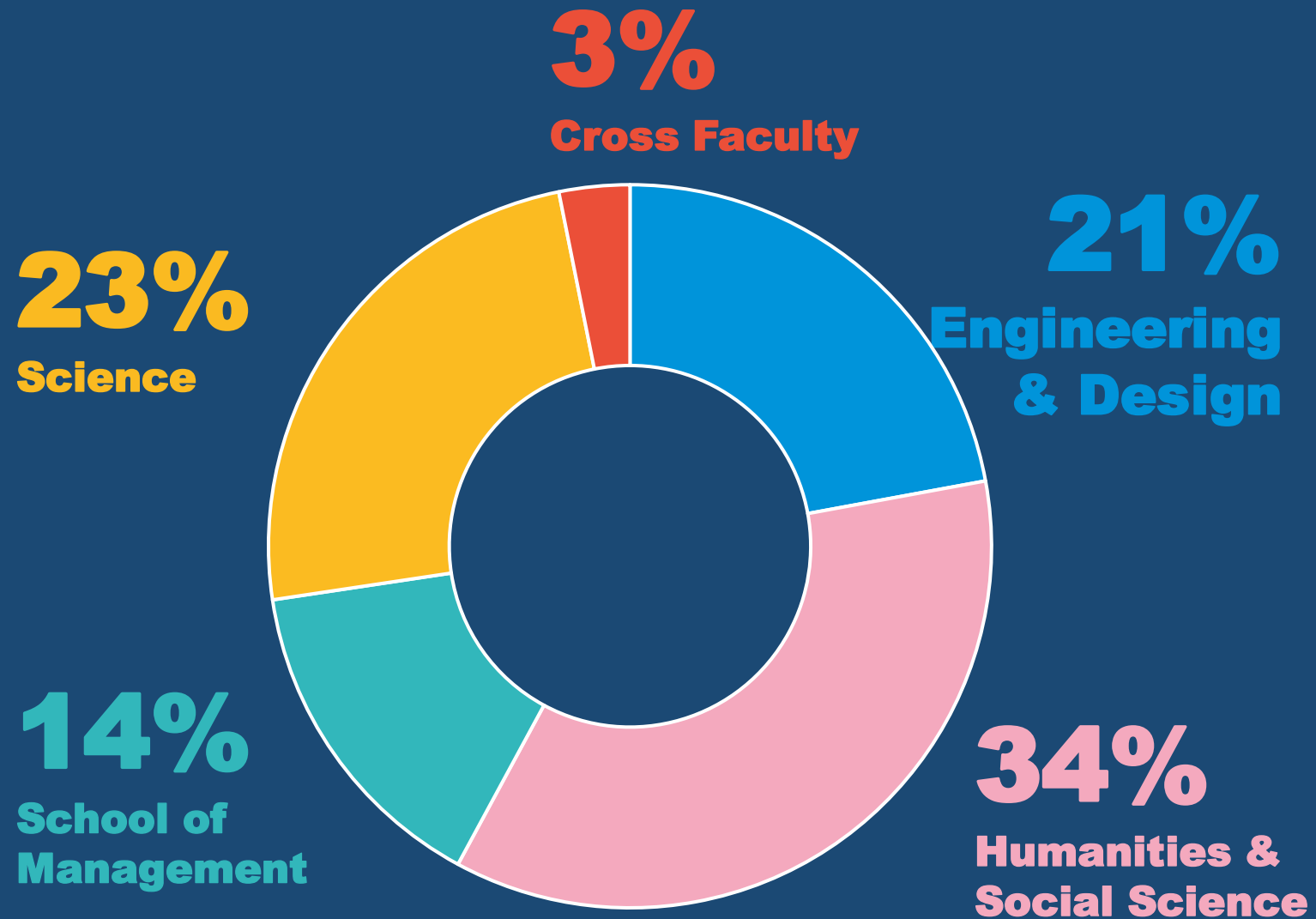
**Triple Top 10
UK University**

**Six courses
scored 100%
satisfaction**

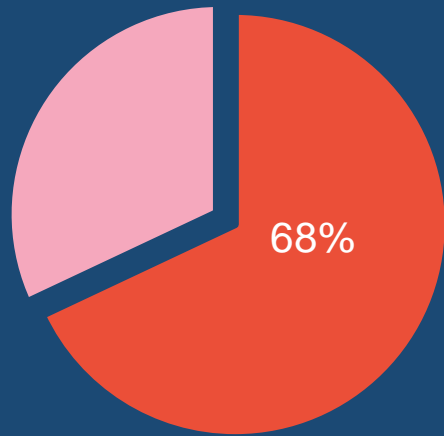
**Sixth for
Graduate
Prospects**



Fast Facts



Professional Work Placements



*(HESA Destinations of Leavers from HE 16/17)



“Finding a placement has helped me prepare for the working world and explore different areas of work that interest me.”

Jey,
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering



Exploring options



Application Timeline (2022 entry)

September 2020 to June 2021
School events - find out when your school is running Higher Education events

February 2021 to June 2021
UCAS Fairs - find one near you

June 2021 to September 2021
University of Bath Open Days

September 2021
UCAS applications open

October 2021
15 October: Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

November 2021 to April 2022
University of Bath Applicant Visit Days for applicants and/or offer holders

January 2022
26 January main UCAS application deadline

February 2022
UCAS Extra opens (for students who don't receive any offers)

May 2022
20 May Bath aims to have made decisions on applications received by the main UCAS deadline

June 2022
Deadline for Firm and Insurance choices

July 2022
July International Baccalaureate results day

August 2022
August A level results day - Adjustment and Clearing open

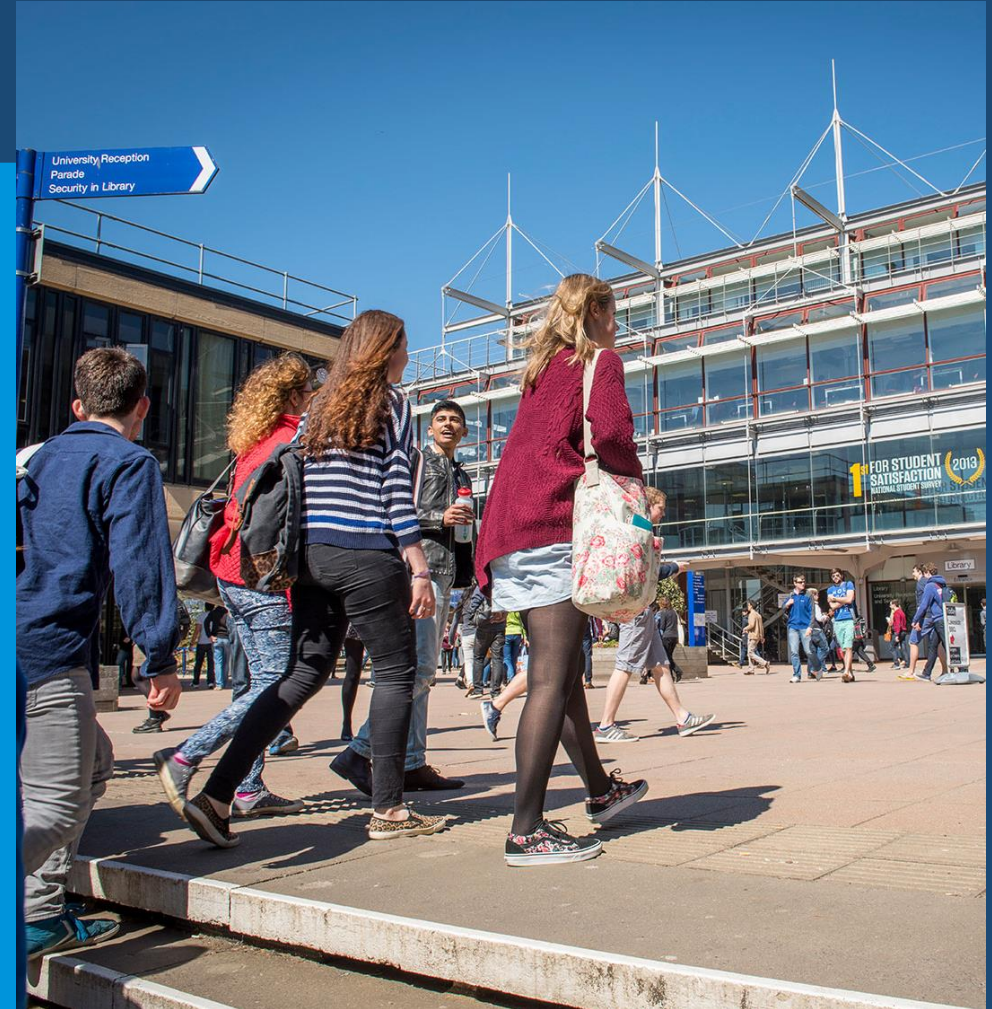
September 2022
University of Bath Welcome and Freshers' Week

Your choice

370+ universities and colleges

36,000+ courses

- Bachelors Degrees
- Undergraduate masters
- Foundation degrees
- Degree apprenticeships



Choosing a subject

Traditional

Chemistry
French
Maths

New

Architecture
Mechanical Engineering
Pharmacology

Interdisciplinary

IMML
Natural Sciences
Sport & Exercise Science

Vocational

Medicine
Pharmacy
Social Work



What can you study?

One of your A-Levels?	Something new or interdisciplinary?	A vocational course?
History	American Studies	Heritage Studies
Biology	Natural Sciences	Wildlife Management
Chemistry	Pharmacology	Medicine
Physics	Mechanical Engineering	Construction Engineering Management
French	International Management and Modern Languages	French and Translation
Sociology	Gender Studies	Social Work



Entry requirements

Essential and preferred subjects?

Are your EPQ or other qualifications recognised?

Interview?

Work experience?



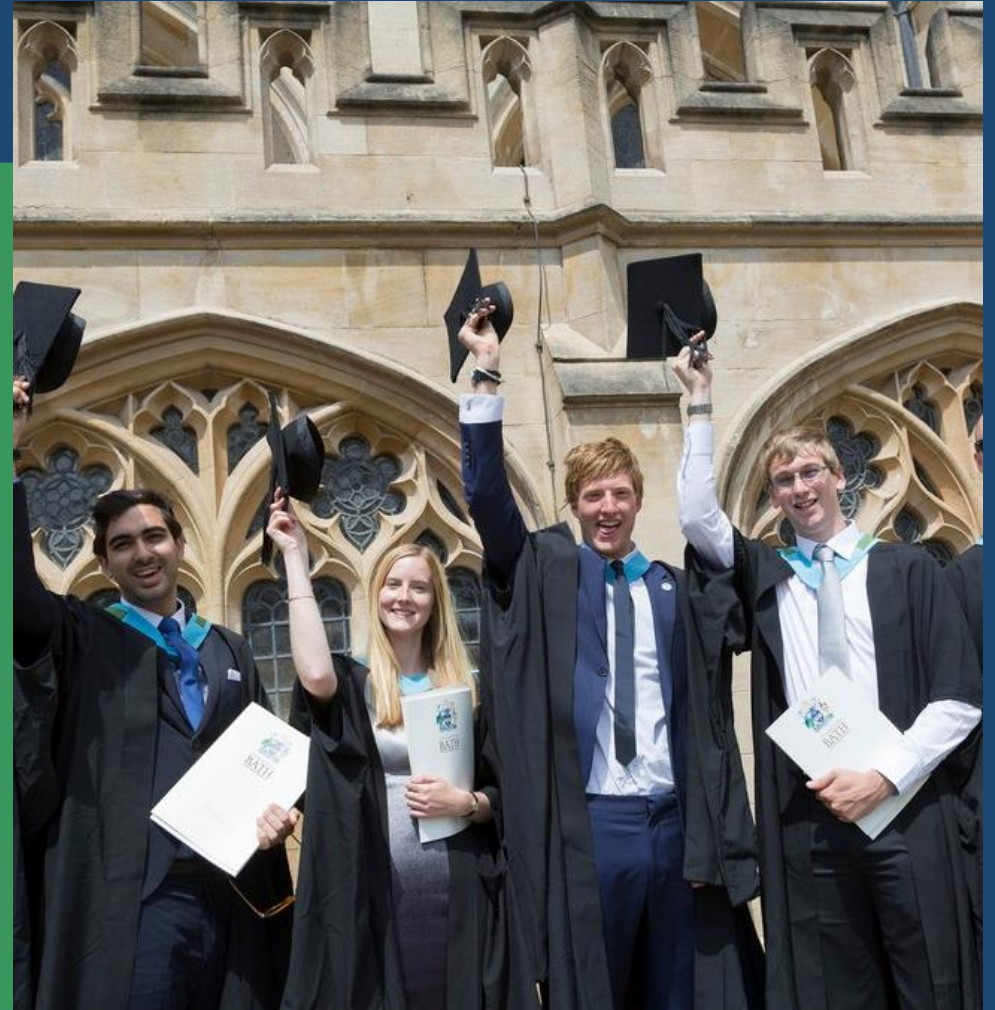
Rankings

Independent sources of information

Consider university and subject rankings

Student Satisfaction (NSS)

Graduate prospects



Standing out



What are university offers based on?

Prior academic performance

Predicted academic performance

Personal Statement

School or College Reference

Interview

Contextual data

Mitigating circumstances

Admissions or aptitude tests



Personal Statement

4,000 characters or 47 lines

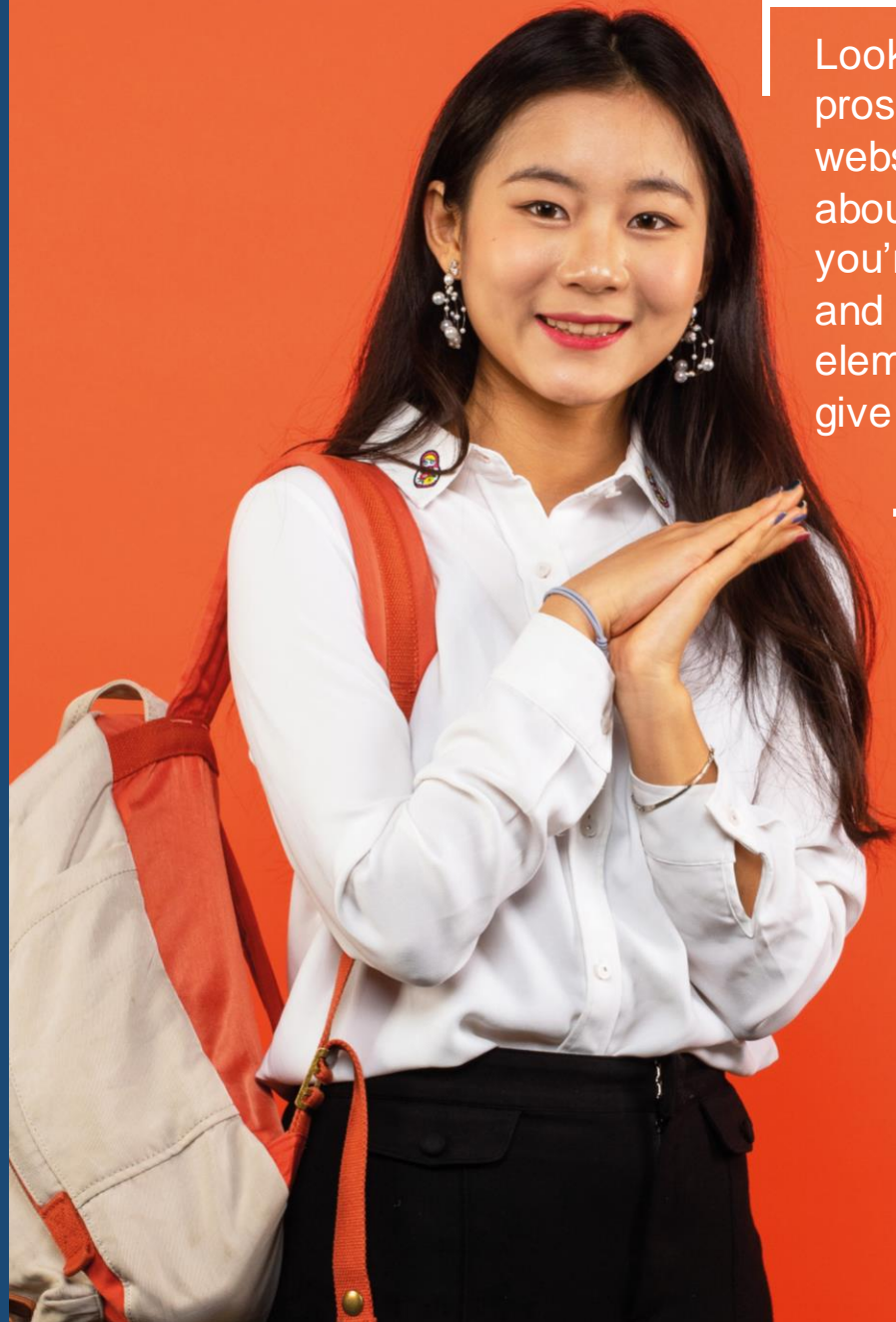
You can provide evidence of work experience /additional activities

Your opportunity to speak directly to the person deciding on your application – why **you** want to study the subject and what makes **you** the right person for the course



Statement Preparation

- 80% academic 20% extra-curricular
- Research
- Evidence is key
- Spelling and grammar accuracy
- Be clear with your language
- It will take multiple attempts to write
- Don't overuse quotes



Look at university prospectuses and websites to find out about the courses you're applying for and pick out the key elements you need to give evidence for.

Examples of academic interests

**Extended Project
Qualification**

**Academic projects
and competitions**

**University
summer schools**

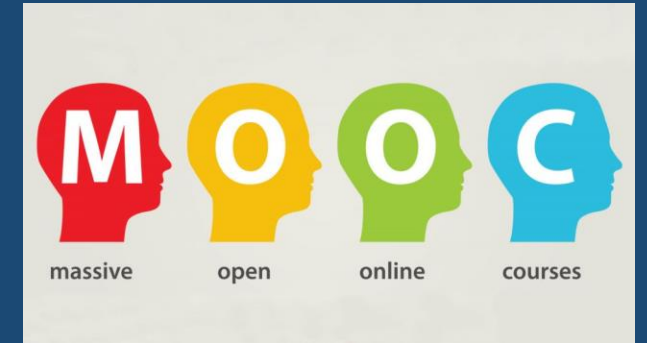
Further reading

**Free online
courses**

**TED talks
Podcasts
Online/On-demand**



Online content



Final tips

**Research,
research,
research**

Ask questions

Evidence





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Any Questions?

Find out more [about our courses](#)



Oxbridge

Co-ordinator: Mrs M Wright



Process

- Early deadline for UCAS: internal **15th September**
- **UCAS 15th October**
- Admissions tests: **2nd November 2022**

<https://www.admissionstesting.org/>

- Interviews: early December

Please note: It is the responsibility of each applicant to check which test is required and to register as required (via Mrs Clinch, examinations officer or online) and to ensure the date is in the diary as **it may fall in October half term.**

BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT), in November.

Classics Admissions Test (CAT)

English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)

History Aptitude Test (HAT)

Mathematics Aptitude Test (MAT)

Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT)

Oriental Languages Test (OLAT)

Physics Aptitude Test (PAT)

Philosophy Test

Thinking Skill Test Assessment (TSA) Oxford

Medicine: UKCAT and BMAT



Is it right for me?

- Excellent academic credentials: A/A*PGS across the board
- Wide range of further reading
- Passion, interest and love of subject
- Extensive work experience with evidence of reflection (medicine related courses)



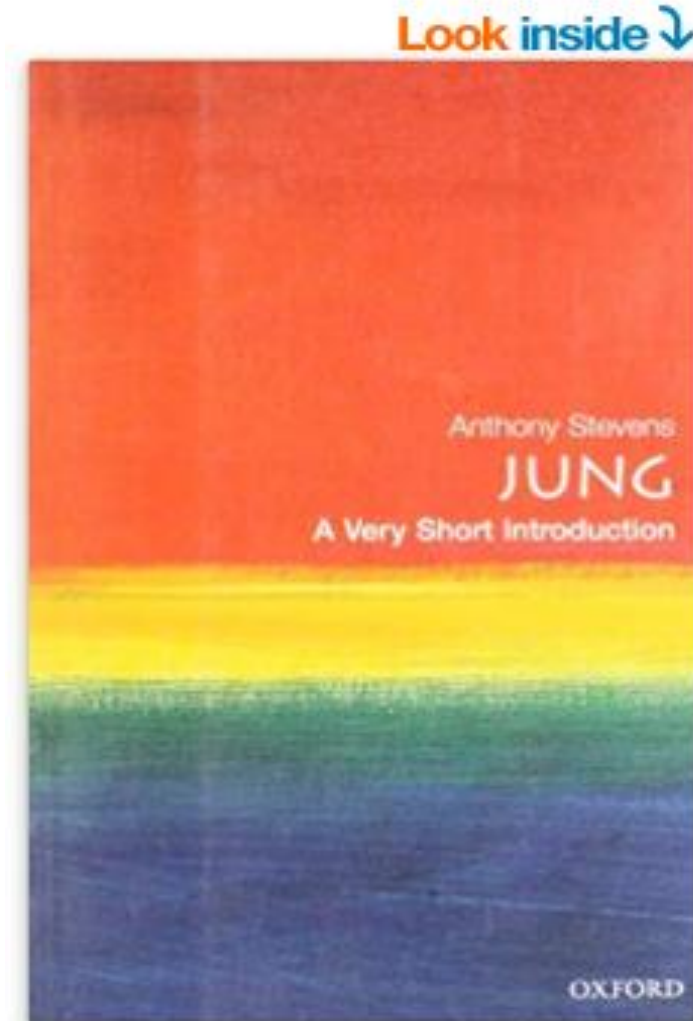
The support we offer

- Talks with Oxbridge undergraduate and outreach officers in Autumn & Spring terms
- HE day: guidance on personal statement; admissions testing support where possible
- September: 1:1 session on statement & support with UCAS form
- Reference using guidance from Oxbridge tutors
- Support within departments on further reading and admissions test preparation
- November/December: interview practice



What are they looking for?

- Independence
- Intellectual curiosity
- Studiousness
- Love of subject
- Determination and willingness to work hard & under pressure
- A demonstrable scholarly instinct
- Flexibility of thought



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Introduction to Unifrog:
Parents Evening



Mr Carl Bezuidenhout

What is Unifrog?

- Unifrog believe that destinations - where students end up after school - is even more important than their academic performance. They partner with schools to support students to progress into the best opportunity for them.
- Unifrog do this by providing a one-stop-shop where students can explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their best next-step after school.

The Unifrog tools

Exploring pathways

Careers library

Subjects library

Know-how library

MOOC

Searching for opportunities

UK universities

US universities

European universities

Oxbridge

Apprenticeships

College/ Sixth Form

Canadian universities

Asian universities

Special Opportunities

Recording what you've done

Activities

Competencies

Interactions

Drafting application materials

Personal Statement

CV / Resumé

Teacher References

Common App Essay

Making applications

Post 16/18 Intentions

Locker

Applications list

Careers Library

- Over 1000 career profiles
- Presents information from a range of sources
- Includes qualifications and skills needed, interviews with industry professionals and labour market information
- Explores progression opportunities and what a working week really looks like

Architect

Architects design new buildings and the spaces around them, and work on the restoration and conservation of existing buildings.



UK Universities

English Literature - 3FT/6PT BA (Hons)

Oxford Brookes University
 Safe - YEF Silver

English Literature offers the opportunity to study an exciting range of modules, blending the study of classic texts and literary traditions with current theoretical models for understanding literature as a dynamic, global phenomenon. Our course is renowned for its inspirational teaching and research excellence. In the 2013 National Student Survey (Source: Unistats), 93 per cent of students agreed that staff had made the subject interesting.

Full-time undergrads at the uni: 13005 Domestic / Int'l undergrads at the uni: 84% / 16%

[Website](#)
[Open Day](#)
[Course page](#)
[Finance page](#)
[Virtualities](#)

Getting in

Overall Application success rate
21%

UK Application success rate
22%

Entry requirements A Level
Full-time 3-Years: Grade B in A-level English Literature or English Language required.

Entry requirements UCAS points
112 points

IMPORTANT: check the course page to see if your qualifications are accepted.

Additional requirements
GCSE: GCSE English - Grade 5.2 x further GCSE - Grade 4, normally to include Maths.

Last year's successful applicants
89.8% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was: A Level: C

Unofficial overview

"Oxford Brookes is spread across three suburban campuses in Oxford and the small university city has a friendly feel. Oxford Brookes pioneered the modular system of study and the academic year is split into two semesters rather than three terms. The university has a strong reputation for sport, and there are also strong links with industry. Despite the fact that the city is tiny, nightlife is lively and students enjoy studying here."

Campus or City: CAMPUS

- Students can enter subject of interest and projected grades to see all relevant university courses available in the UK
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like hours of lectures, price of accommodation and graduate job rates
- Get direct links to university information pages, with impartial information on courses and institutions
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

Apprenticeships

 **AAT Apprentice - Intermediate Level**

 **Employer:** Henson Motor Group

 **Learning Provider:** Delivered by Newcastle College.

Key dates

Deadline	25 May
Interview	Check their site
Start	26 May

Qualification required

English and maths at GCSE level - 5 grade (or equivalent) or above.

Skills and personal qualities required

The successful candidate will be proficient in using Microsoft Excel and managing spreadsheets. They will be confident with numbers and have a high level of attention to detail.

- A passion for accountancy
- Professional attitude
- Well organised

Quick facts

£	🕒	👤	📅	🚗
Weekly Wage	Hours a week	Employer Vacancies	Duration	Distance from home
Competitive	Working 9-5:30 Minutes Breaks	1	12 months	1 miles

Job description

The apprentice will gain experience in a range of duties for which they will be responsible:

- Purchase Ledger
- Credit Control
- Invoice Processing
- Raising Invoices
- Allocation of Payments
- Statement reconciliation
- Processing Transactions

Employer description

Henson Motor Group is one of the UK's largest car supermarkets. Established in 1996 Henson Motor Group were the first to pioneer the new and used car supermarket concept, not only in Newcastle but in the North East.

- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

Special Opportunities

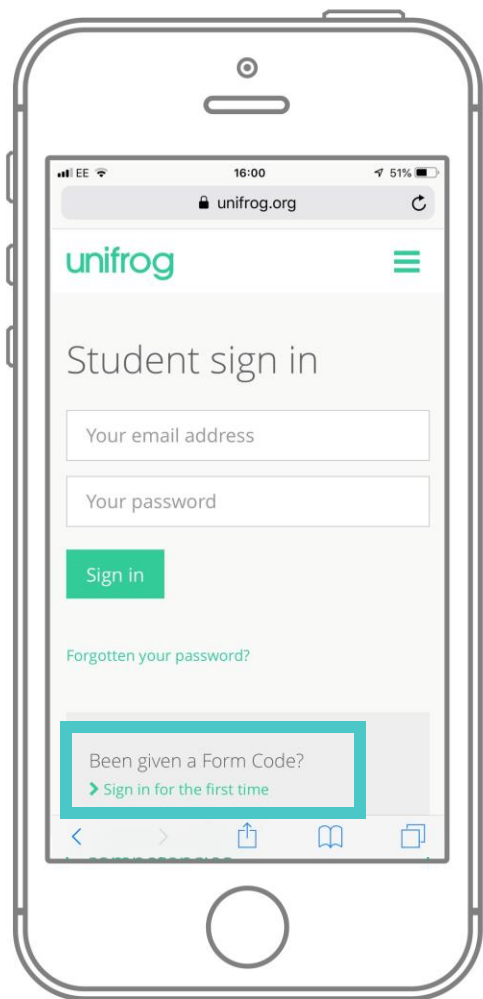
- Includes £5 million-worth of grants, bursaries, scholarships, contextual offers and extracurricular activities
- These can be filtered by circumstances or characteristics, depending on the access requirements of the opportunity
- Includes direct links for applying
- Unlimited shortlists can be created and referred back to

Select special opportunities below
Pick the best opportunities for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.

✓ Rank ▾
Filter ▾

Scholarships (690) <small>Money you don't have to pay back</small>	Activities (13) <small>Summer schools, mentoring, extracurricular</small>	Contextual offers (54) <small>Lower entry requirements</small>
<p> 100 Year Anniversary Of The Great War Award University of Bolton Country: UK</p> <p> A Level Entrance Scholarship Competition Queen's University Belfast Country: UK</p> <p> AB InBev Scholarship University of Bath Country: UK</p>	<p> Action Tutoring Action Tutoring Country: UK</p> <p> BGU Open Days Bishop Grosseteste University Country: UK</p> <p> BGU Summer School Bishop Grosseteste University Country: UK</p> <p> Bishop Grosseteste University Next</p>	<p> Aberystwyth University Contextual Offers Aberystwyth University Country: UK</p> <p> Aston University Contextual Offer Aston University, Birmingham Country: UK</p> <p> Bangor University Beneficial Offers Bangor University Country: UK</p>

Parents & guardians, get signed up!



Go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time' You'll be asked for some details and a form code. This is what you need:

GRDNPARENTS

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

So what's next...

Mrs Radford





Planned timeline 2022

3rd February 2022	HE Launch: Spring = research using Unifrog
21st March 2022	UCAS Fair - Farnborough
June 2022	HE Evening parents and students
June 2022	HE Day - Personal statement writing workshop (Unifrog & UCAS)
15th October 2022	Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry deadline
16th Oct 2022	All other students complete UCAS application
1st Nov onwards 2022	Applications sent off

Early applications = early offers

