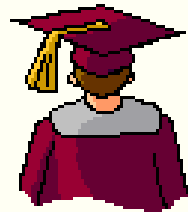




HIGHER EDUCATION 2018 EVENING



Programme

- Introduction and welcome
- The benefits of university study
- The UCAS process and Financial support
- University admissions procedure
- A chance to ask questions

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Introduction

- We ensure our students have the best possible chances when applying to university
- 139 of our students applied for university places in 2018
- 131 went to university in 2017
- All university applications are made in one go through UCAS

What is Higher Education?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4_6antgN4

Top most popular courses

1. Physiotherapy
2. Law
3. Make-up
4. Psychology
5. Actuarial Science
6. Paramedic Science
7. Computer Science
8. Sports Psychology
9. Medicine
10. Marine Biology

Benefits of Higher Education

- Graduates in a lifetime earn more than non-graduates by £250,000 for women and £170,000 for men.
- Qualifications recognised and respected worldwide
- Graduate schemes
- Graduates are more likely to be employed than non-graduates.
- Latest research and technology
- Career opportunities will be improved if you have a degree and for some professions (e.g. Law and Medicine) a degree is essential
- Most leaders in any field are graduates
- Networking
- Builds initiative and leadership skills

Why go to University...

- Exciting, enjoyable, rewarding career
- Thirst for knowledge
- Develop a wide range of new skills
- Leave home and gain independence
- Enjoy lots of new experiences - universities are thriving social and cultural centres



UCAS advice for parents

- Start research early – there are a lot of higher education options to choose from!
- Know the deadlines – for some courses, the application deadline is almost a year in advance of when the course starts.
- Browse through courses – so they can work out what they would enjoy or be interested in.
- Go to UCAS events and course provider open days – speak to us and higher education staff to get answers to their questions.
- Check entry requirements – make sure they can get the grades they need to get a place on a course.
- Redraft their personal statement – get plenty of feedback and refine it until they're happy.
- Understand student finance – so they can make the best arrangements to fund their studies.
- Be prepared for results day – make sure they're prepared for all the possible outcomes.
- Understand how Extra and Clearing work – different ways to apply for more courses.
- Visit our Facebook and Twitter regularly to get advice and ask questions.

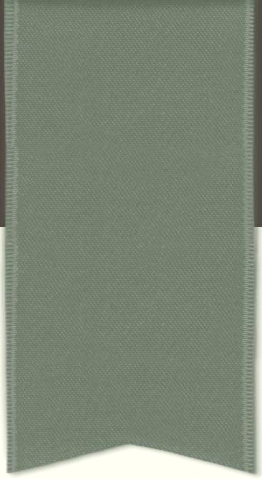
Other ways to prepare

- Sign up for the UCAS parent newsletter
- Read the UCAS parent guide



What to do now

- Universities - which are the best? Location?
- Which course?
- Entry Requirements
 - Grades
 - Admissions test (BMAT, LAT, HAT, UKCAT etc.)
 - Interview
- Accommodation
- Finance
- Gap year (deferred entry?)



THE UCAS PROCESS AT DARRICK WOOD

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Preparation so far....

- UCAS advice covered in PSHE
- UCAS Higher Education conference attended
- Open days and taster sessions advertised
- University visits : 2 per year
- UCAS sign up: Students will be registering during form time later this year to apply for the 2019 entry

Applications procedure

- Register online with UCAS APPLY 2019
- Select 5 Courses/Universities (4 if applying for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science)
- Write a personal statement
- Complete application form online
- Pay online (£24 for multiple or £18 for single)
- Subject teachers and tutors provide information which is compiled for the reference
- Completed form is submitted to UCAS
- The student can track the progress of the application

Personal Statement

- This is your chance to sell yourself
- Guidelines provided
- 47 lines or 4000 characters max

Referees

- When all sections are complete, select 'finish'.
- A print out will be useful to go over with peers/tutor/parents.
- If happy, select 'send to referee'
- Referee will check application, add reference and predicted grades
- Finally, you must make your payment for the application using a debit/credit card
(£18 for single application, £24 for more than one application)



STUDENT FINANCE

How much does it cost? - Tuition Fee Loans

- Tuition fees are charged by the university and can be up to £9,250 per year
- Exact fees are shown in the course details
- The Student Loans Company lends money to students
- Tuition fee loans lend up to £9,250 per year

How much does it cost? - Maintenance Fee Loans

- Maintenance fee loans can be applied for at the same time
- Students will still be able to apply for grants if they receive certain benefits

Full-time student	2017 to 2018 academic year	2018 to 2019 academic year
Living at home	Up to £7,097	Up to £7,324
Living away from home, outside London	Up to £8,430	Up to £8,700
Living away from home, in London	Up to £11,002	Up to £11,354
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £9,654	Up to £9,963

How can you apply for a loan?

- Loan application deadline – 31st May
- Loan paid into student's account in September
- Funding can be applied for up to 9 months after courses start
- Applications take at least 6 weeks
- You do not need a confirmed offer to apply
- Students will need evidence when applying for a means tested loan
- A student bank account is needed for the money to be paid into

Maintenance Loans (means tested)

- Maintenance loan not enough?
- The Government has introduced means tested loans with the expectation that parents will make up the shortfall in loan amount, contributing to living costs
- The amount that you receive also depends on where you are living
- If the household income is more than £25,000 the full amount will not be paid

Additional funding

- From your course provider
- Scholarships/Sponsorships
- Charitable and educational grants and bursaries
- NHS Careers – changes to bursaries
- Social Work Careers
- Teaching Careers
- Fully Funded Degrees or Apprenticeship Degrees

How is a student loan repaid?

- Loans are not repaid until April after students have graduated
- 9% of everything earned above £25,000 will be paid back, if less is earned then repayments are not made (increased from £21,000 in April 2018)
- After 30 years any remaining debt is cleared
- Student 'finance calculators' online can be used to work out how much would be paid back based on an expected salary
- No debt collectors involved

How can you effectively manage finances at University?

1. Choose a good bank account
2. Calculate a budget
3. Balance work and studies
4. Manage debts

Helpful Websites

- New students apply for loans through [gov.uk/studentfinance](https://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)
- Advice and information on [ucas.gov.uk](https://www.ucas.gov.uk)
- The Money Advice Service [moneyadviceservice.org.uk](https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk) offers help for parents and students
- Impartial advice on [moneysavingexpert.com](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com)
- Search for student accommodation [HomesForStudents.co.uk](https://www.HomesForStudents.co.uk)
- Look for available scholarships [scholarship-search.org.uk/](https://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/)
- Search and apply for UK scholarships, fully funded Degrees, grants or bursaries for University www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk
- For information of NHS Bursaries, look at the NHS Business Services Authority website www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services