



Destinations Evening

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- An overview of next steps for pupils
- Student UCAS applications
- Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities
- Apprenticeships
- Next Steps
- Q&A

What do we want for our students?

- *Choice*
- *Resilience*
- *Confident competitors*

Aim High

Be Kind

Take Responsibility



The Current Higher Education Climate

- From 2024, the numbers of 18-year-olds will increase again
- Competition for places at top universities remains as hard as ever

According to January 2023 UCAS application data

- 596,590 applicants in total
 - Significantly up on the pre-pandemic figure of 275,300 in January 2020 (+14.3%)
- Approximately 52% of applicants were UK 18 year olds
- International applicants totalled 114,910.
 - This was an increase of 3% compared to 2022

UK Universities

Oxbridge



Russell Group

University of Birmingham	London School of Economics & Political Science
University of Bristol	University of Manchester
University of Cambridge	Newcastle University
Cardiff University	University of Nottingham
Durham University	University of Oxford
University of Edinburgh	Queen Mary University of London
University of Exeter	Queen's University Belfast
University of Glasgow	University of Sheffield
Imperial College London	University of Southampton
King's College London	University College London
University of Leeds	University of Warwick
University of Liverpool	University of York

Twenty-four universities that are deemed to be very prestigious and are highly regarded worldwide. They are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching staff and learning experience

Apprenticeships

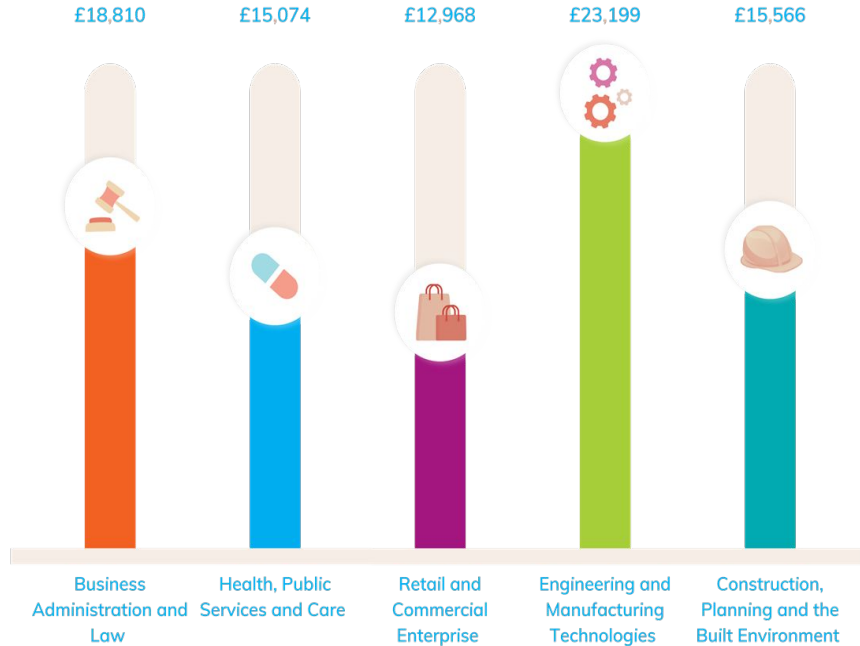
- Paid job with training
- Apprenticeships are available at levels 2 to 7
 - That's GCSE level right up to Masters
- An apprentice must spend 20% of their time in 'off the job' training which will be delivered by a training provider such as a university

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- Advanced (level 3)
- Higher (levels 4 and above)
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NATIONAL AVERAGE APPRENTICESHIPS SALARY



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Universities/Apprenticeships look for 3 things:

- A) Academic Qualifications
- B) Strong References
- C) A standout Personal Statement

Application Platforms

THE NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP SHOW



MONSTER



University Application Platforms

- To research future options – Universities
 - To answer questions that will help inform applications
 - For teachers to compile your subject references.
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- The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
 - Its main role is to operate the application and admissions process for British universities
 - It also provides online application portals, several search tools, and free information



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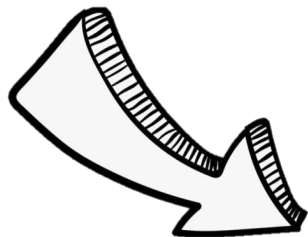
What do you want to study?

* Subject

psychology

next ▶

or go back



Our advice:

- 2 aspirational
- 2 solid
- 1 safe

5 UCAS
Choices



Aspirational (193)

Top of your range

	Combined Honours in Social Sciences - 3FT BA (Hons) Durham University A Level: A*,A,A	
	Psychology - 3FT BSc (Hons) UCL (University College London) A Level: A*,A,A	
	Psychology and Psychological Practice - 4FT Msci (Hon) University of Birmingham A Level: A*,A,A	
	Psychological and Behavioural Sciences - 3FT BA (Hons) University of Cambridge A Level: A*,A,A	
	Psychology - 3FT BSc (Hons) King's College London, University of London A Level: A*,A,A	

Solid (165)

In the middle

	Psychological Studies - 1FT BSc (Hons) University of Plymouth Requirement: Not given. Check their site (Avg UCAS points 124)	
	Psychology (3 years or 4 years including Foundation) - 3FT BSc (Hons) Cardiff Metropolitan University A Level: B,B,C Foundation year	
	Psychology with an International Foundation Year - 4FT BSc (Hons) Loughborough University A Level: B,B,C Foundation year	
	Psychology with a Foundation Year (Elite Athlete Pathway) - 4FT BSc (Hons) Loughborough University	

Safe (118)

At the bottom

	Psychology with Foundation - 4FT BSc (Hons) Durham University Foundation year	
	Psychological and Behavioural Science with Foundation - 4FT BSc (Hons) Durham University Foundation year	
	Psychology with Foundation Year - 4FT BSc (Hons) University of Sheffield Foundation year	
	Psychology (2+2 programme with Foundation Element) - 4FT BSc (Hons) University of Liverpool Foundation year	
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Calculate your UCAS points

TURN YOUR PREDICTED GRADES INTO UCAS POINTS...

A levels and Higher

UCAS points

	A*	A	B	C	D	E
A levels	56	48	40	32	24	16
AS levels		20	16	12	10	6

- Every university course will stipulate the **minimum grade requirements** or number of **UCAS tariff points** that should be achieved by a student for entry onto the course
- Students' UCAS application will stipulate **teachers' predicted grades** and universities will consider applications based on these predictions

BTEC Nationals

UCAS points

Award

D	M	P
48	32	16

Certificate

DD	DM	MM	MP	PP
96	80	64	48	32

Diploma

DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP
144	128	112	96	80	64	48

Predicted Grades?

- The grade of qualification an applicant's teacher believes they're likely to ***achieve under positive circumstances.***
 - In other words, ***what a student will achieve on their best day***
- These predicted grades are then used by universities and colleges, as part of the admissions process, to help them understand an applicant's potential

UCAS Applications

- Students have 5 choices for the Universities/courses they will apply for
 - No preferences expressed – choices are listed alphabetically
 - Invisibility of choice – Universities can't see where else you have applied
- Teachers predict grades and compile subject references for students
- Students enter in all personal information on their UCAS portal
- Students compile a personal statement
- The entire application is reviewed by tutors, and HOY.

Payment of £27 needs to be made by credit or debit card



Applications

- The personal statement is an opportunity for students to sell themselves
 - What skills make them better than the next person who has the same excellent qualifications?
- 75% academic
- 25% non-academic
- Around 550–1000 words (1 A4 sheet of paper)



Deadlines

- 16 October 2023 (18:00 UK time) – Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry.
- 31 January 2024 (18:00 UK Time) - All other universities
- ‘First come, first served’ at some universities
- Universities can make an offer or reject – ongoing until May
- Can apply for deferred entry if you intend to have Gap year



Parent Involvement

- Ask questions and have conversations
- Encourage discourse with teachers
- Offer to read personal statement
- Research university Open days

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Next Steps

- Open Days
 - When a university invites prospective students onto their campus to look around, experience their teaching methods and ask all the course-related questions you have



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Next Steps

- Students will 'submit' their applications to us by **21 October 2023**
- The application will be held by the school so we can collate everything, and quality check your application
- The application is then sent through UCAS after we have a final check, confirm all the details, and upload our references

