



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



- *Choice*
- *Resilience*
- *Confident Competitors*

Aim High

Be Kind

Take Responsibility

The Current Higher Education Climate

- From 2025, the numbers of 18-year-olds will increase again
- Competition for places at top universities remains as hard as ever

2024 UCAS application data

- 594,940 applicants in total
 - 316,850 applications were from 18 year olds who have just completed their P16 education - increase of 0.7% since 2023 and the second highest number on record.
- International applicants totalled 115,730.
- The number of disadvantaged 18 year olds has increased by 30% over the last 10 years and 2% since 2023.

UK Universities

Oxbridge



Russell Group



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

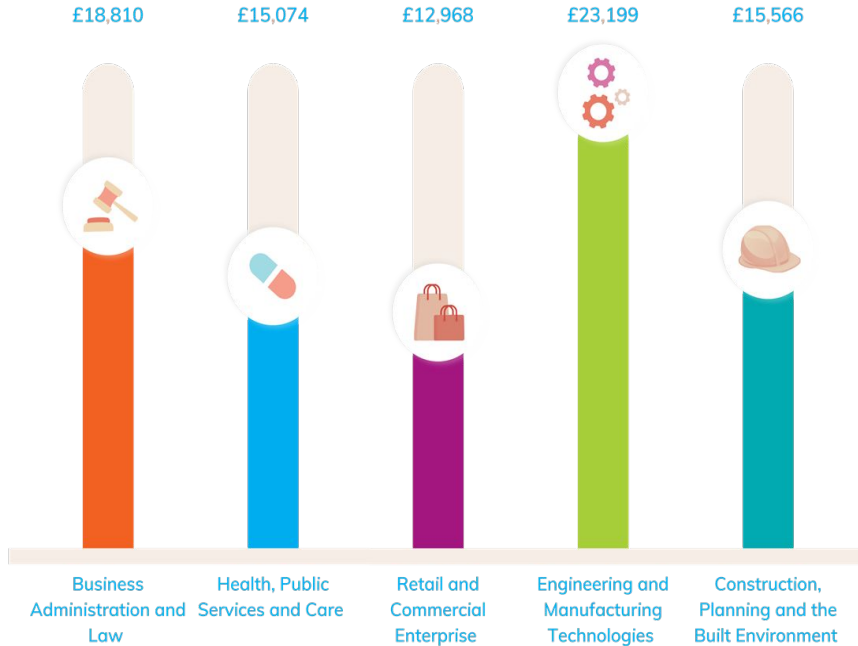
- Paid job with training
- Apprenticeships are available at levels 2 to 7
 - That's GCSE level right up to Masters
- An apprentice must spend 20% of their time in 'off the job' training which will be delivered by a training provider such as a university
- Very competitive and increasingly so -
278,590 started apprenticeships in 2023,
275,630 in 2022. 25% of all apprenticeships were from under 19s.

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



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Types of Apprenticeships



Agriculture and
animal care



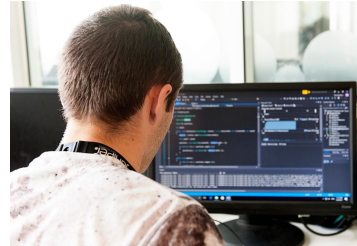
Business and
administration

Accounting and
finance

IT



Care services



Engineering

Catering and
hospitality



Sales and
marketing

Construction





Universities/Apprenticeships look for 3 things:

- Academic Qualifications
- Strong References
- A standout Personal Statement/letter of intent

Application Platforms

THE NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP **SHOW**



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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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UCAS



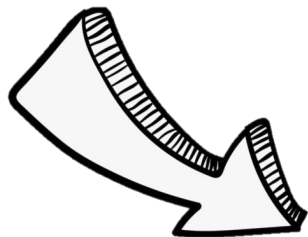
What do you want to study?

* Subject

psychology

next ▶

or go back



Our advice:

- 2 aspirational
- 2 solid
- 1 safe

5 UCAS Choices



Aspirational (193)

Top of your range

Solid (165)

In the middle

Safe (118)
















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Psychology and Psychological Practice - 4FT Msci (Hon) University of Birmingham A Level: A*,A,A	1
Psychological and Behavioural Sciences - 3FT BA (Hons) University of Cambridge A Level: A*,A,A	1
Psychology - 3FT BSc (Hons) King's College London, University of London A Level: A*,A,A	1

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	

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 Highers

UCAS points

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

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



- 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

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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 £27.50 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)
- Character limit of 4000



Deadlines

- 16 October 2024 (18:00 UK time) – Universities of Oxford and Cambridge as well as medicine, veterinary and dentistry courses.
- 31 January 2024 (18:00 UK Time) - All other universities and courses.
- ‘First come, first served’ at some universities
- Universities can make an offer or reject – ongoing until May
- Offers will be conditional or unconditional - conditional offers will require certain grades to be met.
- 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 & attend University Open days - these are happening now.



Parental Involvement

- 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
 - Opportunity to see halls of residence, sporting facilities, social areas.



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Next Steps

- Students will 'submit' their personal statements to us by **25 October 2024**
- 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



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