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UCAS

UCAS 2019



Aims

1. To inspire students to be ambitious.
2. To help students understand their choices.
3. To explain the steps students need to take.
4. To help parents understand what their children are doing!

Timeline

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Date	Type	Details
22 September 2017	SCLS	Wera Hobhouse MP - Politics
27 September 2017	SCLS	Psychology Talk - Emma Griffith
04 October 2017	SCLS	Dr W Wilkinson - How to become a research scientist... and how to stop being one
11 October 2017	SCLS	English Will Saunders - Journalism
17 October 2017	SCLS	Chris Wright Anthropological work on Artificial glaciers in Ladakh, India,
17 October 2017	FH	Apprentice & Gap meeting for Y11 12 13, Bishop Fleming, National Citizen Service
19 October 2017	FH	ASK at Careers Fair 1:15 Apprentices Y12/13
08 November 2017	FH	Jude Bennett - Being an Actuary
10 November 2017	IS	Matt Crisp Hustle
22 November 2017	SCLS	Prof Ian Walker of Bath Uni, Using psychology to tackle real-world problems
22 November 2017	FH	MedSoc Panel event - GP, Surgeon, physio, osteopath
28 November 2017	FH	PwC Accountancy, consultancy finance
28 November 2017	SCLS	Humanities - Rupert - Rexit ... We have been here before
23 January 2018	SCLS	Prof Roland Jones Bath Uni, Pharmacology
30 January 2018	FH	Jade from WIN talk to L6th - Why go to Uni?
31 January 2018	SCLS	Literature in the Jazz Era - Sarah O'Higgins
01 February 2018	SCLS	Spotlight on Social Sciences at Bath Uni
03 February 2018	FH	Graduate Careers Showcase
06 February 2018	FH	Bath Innovation Centre Rosie Bennet - STEMSoc and Econ
21 February 2018	FH	Dr Lisa Knight & Medic projects re UKCAT and experience
21 February 2018	SCLS	Maths Webinar - Mr Gill & Reading University

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22 February 2018	FH	UCAS Info for Parents Carol UWE
27 February 2018	FH	James Collis Pritchard - Pentagon Play Sixth Form Study Area
28 February 2018	SCLS	Humanities Sarah Bath Spa or Bristol Uni Prof Gethin
01 March 2018	SCLS	James Nunn Art masterclass
07 March 2018	SCLS	Economics - Bitcoin Sam Williams
13 March 2018	SCLS/FH	Dr Adam Perriman Bristol Biochem and medicine
14 March 2018	SCLS/FH	Paul McCombie - Civil Engineering Bath Uni
20 March 2018	SCLS/FH	Prof Christoph Wuelfing Bristol Biochem and Medicine
21 March 2018	SCLS/FH	Netcraft Comp Science
11 April 2018	SCLS	Phys Ed
12 April 2018	FH	UWE - UCAS Fair
17 April 2018	SCLS/FH	Dr Matthew Avison Biomedical Sciences Bristol
18 April 2018	SCLS/FH	Holburne Museum Curating Talk
24 April 2018	SCLS/FH	Martin Gledhill - Architecture Bath Uni
15 May 2018	FH	Comp Sci - Ojo solutions TBC
22 May 2018	SCLS/FH	Verrisk Maplecroft Sam Haynes - Geog and Tech
24 May 2018	FH	Sir George Zambalis Royal Navy
05 June 2018	FH	Search Star Dan Fallon



Super Curricular Lecture Series

Economics Society



BCS MedSoc



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BEECHEN CLIFF STEM Soc



Volunteering

Beechen Cliff Arts



Inspiring Stories

April 12th, UCAS Fair UWE



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Apply key facts

- Application is entirely online.
- Maximum of five choices.
- Some choice restrictions:
 - for medicine, veterinary science/medicine and dentistry there is a maximum of four choices
 - can only apply for either Oxford or Cambridge
- Simple application cost:
 - one choice – £13
 - two to five choices – £24
- Equal consideration if deadlines are met.
- Invisibility – universities cannot see where else you have applied.



Making a UCAS application

www.ucas.com/apply

Below are the sections that need to be completed:

- Personal details
- Additional information (UK only)
- Student finance (UK and EU only)
- Choices – make up to 5 choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement
- A reference



Personal statement

- The only section over which students have total control.
- Students' chance to sell themselves as an individual.
- One personal statement for all choices.

UCAS similarity detection service
Remember, every personal statement is run through software to check for plagiarism.

- Maximum of 4,000 characters or 47 lines.
- Minimum of 1,000 characters.
- No spelling or grammar check.
- No formatting, e.g. bold, italics or underline.



Personal statement – start early

Include:

- academic achievements, past and present
- why students are interested in the subject area now and in the future
- their knowledge of the subject area
- their enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus
- what they enjoy about studying
- details of your independent study skills



References

- Written by tutor, subject teachers and Mr Oldham or Miss Mather
- Include predicted grades
- Can include extenuating circumstances as required
- Will be written about students 'on their best day'
- Have to be written with integrity i.e. honest
- Are written after students have completed their application
- Are confidential



Predicted Grades

- Are the best hope for students in each subject – aspirational but realistic
- Are based on assessment throughout the Lower Sixth and early Upper Sixth
- Should be carefully used to pick courses and universities
- Are sometimes wrong (!) so both students and universities should take this into consideration



Offers

- Rarely involve interviews except for Oxbridge / Medicine / Healthcare courses
- Either point-based or grade-based
- Generally grade-based for more traditional red-brick / Russell Group universities
- Sometimes specify grade in certain subject *eg must include A in English Lit*
- Are made by each university so can be a delay between first and last
- Are often made on first-come first serve basis i.e. offers will start being made before the ultimate January deadline



Typical Offers



A*A*A to CCC or points

Grade	A Level	AS	EPQ
A*	56	-	28
A	48	24	24
B	40	20	20
C	32	16	16
D	24	12	12
E	16	6	8

L3 Sport	Points
D*D*D*	168
D*D*D	160
D*DD	152
DDD	144
DDM	128
DMM	112
MMM	96

Decision making

An admissions tutor can make one of three decisions:

- **Unconditional offer**
- **Conditional offer**
- **Unsuccessful**

Or they can offer a place on an alternative course.



Institutions can also:

- request an interview
- ask to see your portfolio
- ask you to take an admissions test

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