

Introduction to UCAS @ D6A



Learning Intention: *To ensure that all students understand how to move forward in the UCAS process.*

Learning goals

1. Understand what to be getting on with remotely to support UCAS application
2. Have an awareness of the UCAS timeline and system
3. Begin to understand how the process will be managed at D6A
4. Know where to get support with their application

Big Picture Link

Ensuring that students secure places at the best, and most appropriate, university course for each individual



What to be doing now

- Research
 - Online open days
 - Course content
 - Course requirements
 - What you can apply for
- Personal Statement
 - Structure
 - Gathering ideas
 - Drafting

We also run personal statements through our Copycatch database, which flags any similarities to online personal statements, or those submitted by applicants in past cycles. We then automatically send emails to the applicants and their choices, to let them know a similarity has been detected, and the university or college can decide to take further action if they wish to do so.



UCAS HUB

UCAS

Further education

Undergraduate

Postgraduate

Alternatives

Careers



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ONLINE EVENTS AND OPEN DAYS TO HELP YOU MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE

ATTEND A VIRTUAL OPEN DAY >

YOUR **HUB**

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Your **to do list**

Open to do list >



Your **preferences**

Update for a better experience >

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Your **notifications**

Open notifications >

Favourite courses



Advice, courses, and locations

TOP FIVE COURSES



Select a favourite



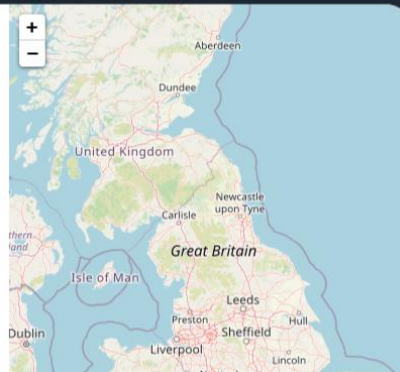
Select a favourite



Select a favourite



Select a favourite



Explore

Courses for you



FIND YOUR IDEAL
COURSE HERE

APPLY NOW

**VIRTUAL
OPEN DAYS**

INTEGRITY | CURIOSITY | LEADERSHIP



UCAS HUB

TARIFF POINT CALCULATOR

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Q A level

A*	A	B	CLEAR
C	D	E	DELETE
			SAVE
	VIEW <u>SAVED</u>		LOAD

Personal statement builder

4000 characters of 4000 remaining

CONTINUE WRITING



Official UCAS Deadlines

- 15th October 2020 Deadline for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Oxbridge applications
- 15th January 2021 All applications received by this date should receive equal consideration
- End February 2021 Extra opens
- End April/May 2021 Final dates to reply to offers – varies
- 30th June 2021 Final date for applications. Those after this go into Clearing
- Start July 2021 Extra closes and Clearing opens
- 19th August 2021 Results Day – A Levels. Adjustment opens
- 31st August 2021 All offers to be accepted. Adjustment closes



References & Predicted Grades

- Subject references will be written by subject tutors
- Progress tutors will collate subject references into actual reference

Subject Tutors

- Course title
- Grades required
- Skills needed for the course

Progress Tutors

- Course title
- Grades required
- Outside interests
- Responsibilities
- Special circumstance

- Predicted Grades – Very unlikely that tutors will predict more than one grade higher than your KA7 grade

(commentary says KA6 – now should be KA7)



Our Timeline

- June/July Subject tutors write subject comments
 - September Progress tutors collate references
 - September KA7 Examinations to guide predicted grades
 - End September Deadline for Medics, Oxbridge etc
 - Start December Deadline for all other applicants
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- Keep your eyes peeled for information about deadlines for completion of personal statement and filling in the application form



The Application Form

- Cannot complete yet
- Sections
 - Personal details
 - Additional Information
 - Student Finance
 - Choices
 - Education
 - Personal Statement
 - Employment



Key Terms

- Extra – late February
- Clearing – From Results day
- Adjustment - you are released from your contract

- UCAS Apply
- UCAS Track

- **Offer Types**
- Conditional
- Unconditional
- Firm
- Insurance



Widening Participation

- Look at different schemes for each university you apply to
- Check eligibility
- Some may enrol you immediately through postcode
- If already on scheme make sure you mention it on your application form



FAQs

- Can I apply for two or more different types of courses as I am undecided between Pharmacy and Accounting?
- Do I have to fill all 5 choices straight away?
- Can I apply for two different courses at the same institution?
- Can I fill in my application form straight away?
- What do I do if I'm thinking of taking a gap year?
- Do I have to pay to use UCAS?
- How long is a personal statement?



Unsure about applying?

- Many other routes after A Levels
- Personal Statement
- Application Form



The Lesson Ends...

...but the learning continues:

- Ask for help if unsure
- Keep a folder with your research notes and relevant information in
- Do not panic – all applicants for 2021 entry are in exactly the same position as you
- Keep your aspirations high. Don't let this pesky virus dampen them

