



UCAS Information Event

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June 2024

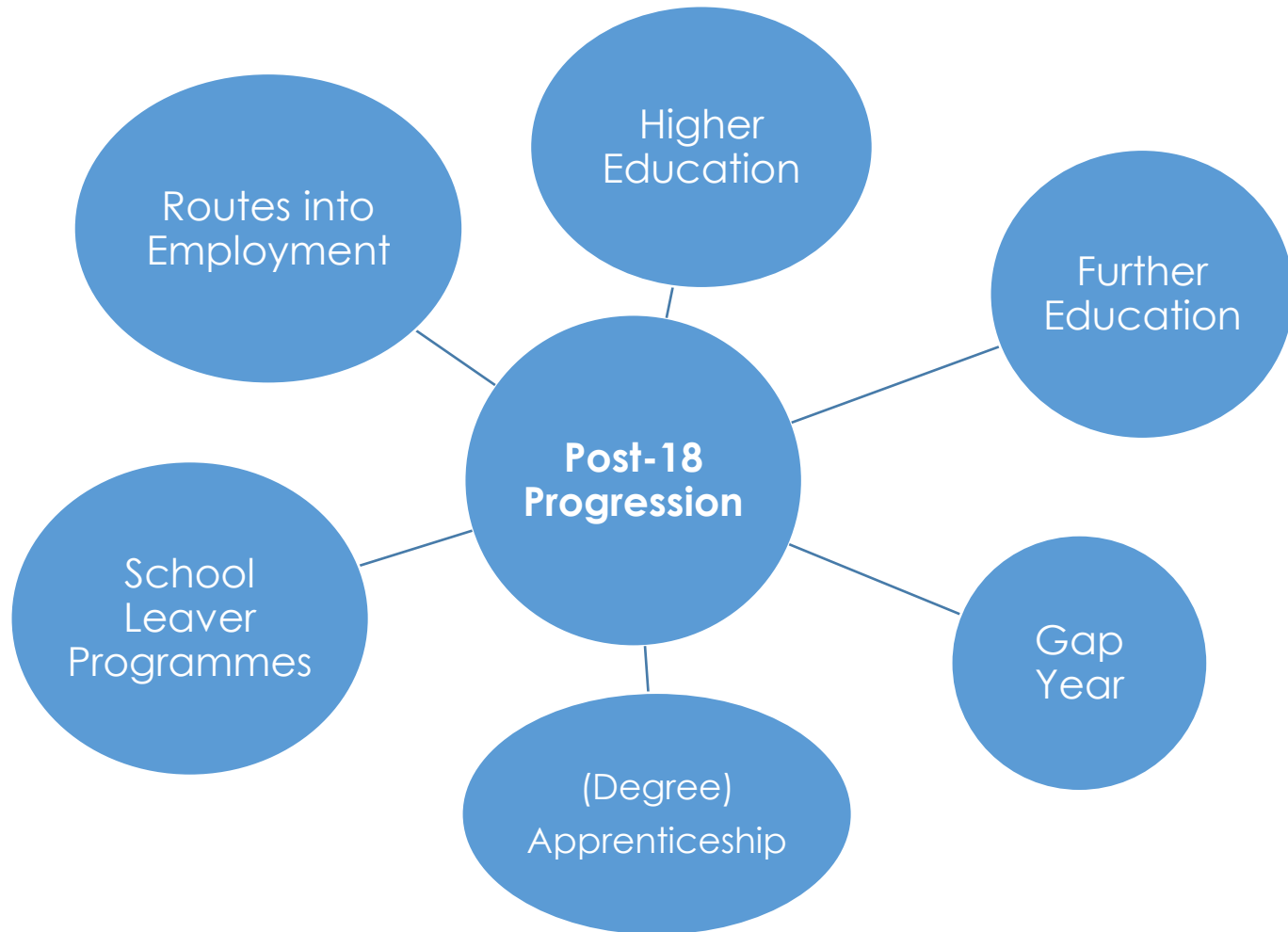


UCAS Information Event

- 1) **Stephen Leggott:** The UCAS process at CSF – timetable and overview

- 2) **Lucy Nottingham,** Higher Education Adviser, University of East Anglia:
 - The universities' perspective on the process
 - Student finance

Post-18 Progression



IS UNIVERSITY THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR ME?



Higher Education – Is it the right choice for me?



- Choice
- Money
- Skills
- Opportunities
- Enjoyment
- Independence
- Social life
- Well-being

Higher Education – How do I know what to study?

- Do some proper research
 - [Unifrog](#)
 - www.ucas.com
- Check requirements for particular careers
- Wrong choice of course is widely regarded as the biggest reason students drop out of university
- Choose a subject you love
- Read the actual prospectus
- Speak to students on the course (UniBuddy)
- Visit universities and talk to relevant departments

Higher Education – How do I apply?

Through the UCAS website:

Registration (June 2024)

Profile

- Personal details
- Nationality details
- Where you live
- Contact details
- Supporting information
- Finance & funding
- Diversity & inclusion
- More about you

Experience

- Education (GCSEs and Pending BTEC/A-level qualifications)
- Employment
- Extra activities

Personal Statement*

Choices

Reference – completed by academic tutors

Pay & Send

UCAS Support Timetable

June/July 2024

- Official start of the UCAS process with **online registration** of all potential applicants
- Preparation events, such as the **UCAS Discovery Exhibition** at the Norfolk Showground Arena and Open Day visit to the **University of Birmingham**
- 3rd July: Planning and writing a **Personal Statement** – guidance session
- Further opportunities to work with tutors on Personal Statements during individual tutorials along with access to full complement of supporting resources in the CATalogue

UCAS Support Timetable – Year 13

September 2024

- Within first week of term: Opportunities for students applying for early entry courses or institutions to receive additional support with completion of Personal Statements
- Guidance sessions and Personal Statement planning continues for all students

October 2024

- 15th: UCAS deadline for receipt of applications to Universities of Cambridge or Oxford and applications for medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science
- 25th: Premium checking service deadline for students in main cycle

October/November 2024

- 15th November: Basic checking service deadline for students in main cycle
- Offers begin
- Mock interviews and practice tests offered to all students for whom they are part of the process

Advice For Parents And Guardians | UCAS | Parent Guide To University



A screenshot of the UCAS website. The header includes the UCAS logo on the left and navigation links for "Further education", "Undergraduate", "Postgraduate", "Alternatives", "Careers", and a search icon on the right. The main content area features a background image of a person writing in a notebook at a desk. A dark overlay contains the breadcrumb "Home / Undergraduate / Applying to university" and the main title "UCAS UNDERGRADUATE: ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS". Below the title is a link "Explore this section" with a dropdown arrow. A white text box contains the message: "We've got lots of resources and information dedicated to helping parents and guardians support students applying to uni." In the bottom right corner, there is a small thumbnail for "Transformative trips" showing a building.

Home / Undergraduate / Applying to university

UCAS UNDERGRADUATE: ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Explore this section ▾

We've got lots of resources and information dedicated to helping parents and guardians support students applying to uni.

Transformative trips



Useful Links

- [UCAS](#)
- [UCAS Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide 2024](#)
- [Discover Uni](#) (Formerly Unistats)
- [Work Experience | Medical Schools Council \(medschools.ac.uk\)](#)
- [RateMyApprenticeship](#)
- [UCAS Apprenticeship Finder](#)
- [Gap Year Advice](#)
- [CSF CATalogue Resources](#)

References:

- [Labour market value of higher and further education qualifications: a summary report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [The impact of undergraduate degrees on lifetime earnings | Institute for Fiscal Studies \(ifs.org.uk\)](#)
- [New analysis shows students who choose to learn more, earn more – with extra boost for students from poorer backgrounds \(universitiesuk.ac.uk\)](#)

The UCAS Process – Ask for help

Stephen Leggott (main cycle) and **Laura Peacey** (early entry)
Deputy Heads of Sixth Form

Sarah Thomas & Carli Callander
UCAS Administration

Your subject teachers

Ask them what you might expect from a particular subject

Your academic tutor

Discuss with them what your interests are and your hopes for the future

The wider Sixth Form team

There are lots of people here with a wealth of expertise – use them!

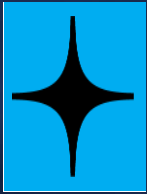
Alternative Pathways and Careers: **Mrs Fay Lawson**

Next...

Lucy Nottingham

Higher Education Adviser,
University of East Anglia





A GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS & FINANCE

ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

LUCY (she/her)
Higher Education Adviser



**THIS IS
UEA**

UK TOP 25

The Complete University Guide 2024
UK Top 30 in the Times/Sunday Times
and Guardian University 2023 guides.

RESEARCH QUALITY

UK TOP 20

Times Higher REF 2021 Analysis

SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS

UK TOP 10

Times Higher Education Impact
Rankings 2023



THIS IS UEA



JOHN INNES CENTRE

COLNEY LANE PLAYING FIELDS

NORFOLK AND NORWICH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

BOB CHAMPION RESEARCH AND EDUCATION BUILDING

SAINSBURY CENTRE

ZIGGURATS ACCOMMODATION

THE LIBRARY

THE STREET (SHOPS, BANK, LAUNDRETTE)

STUDENT SERVICES

THE CAMPUS KITCHEN

THE SQUARE STUDENT UNION

EARLHAM HALL

EARLHAM PARK

THE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

SPORTSPARK

DOCTORS AND DENTIST

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

WHO'S WHO IN THE WORLD OF UNIVERSITY?



UCAS

(The University and Colleges Admissions Service) is the service that students use to **apply to university**.



sfe
student finance england
the student finance experts

Student Finance is the organisation responsible for providing Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Loans to students at university.



SLC
Student Loans Company

The Student Loans Company (SLC) is a government organisation which organises the **repayment of Student Loans** (tuition fees & maintenance loans).

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1 CHOOSE A SUBJECT

2 USE UCAS TO SEARCH COURSES

3 ATTEND OPEN DAYS

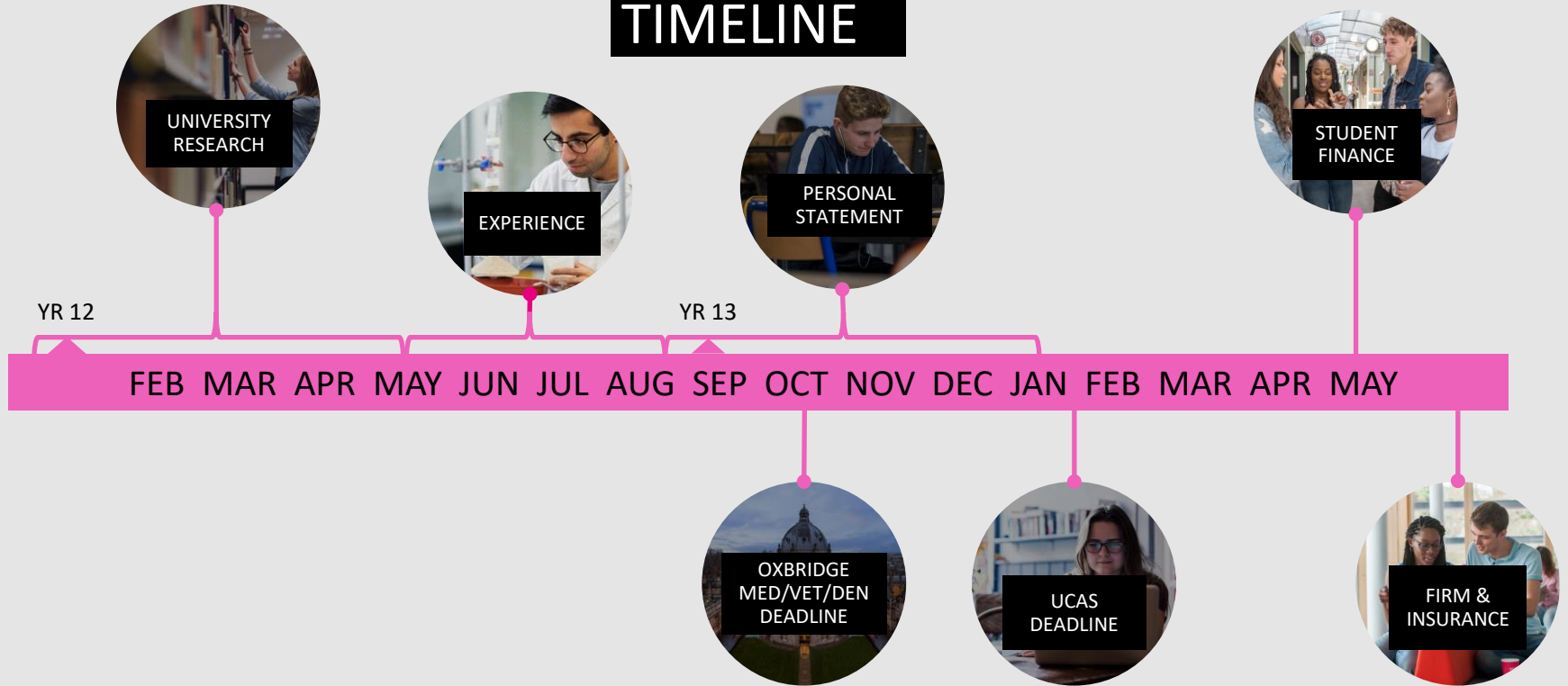
4 PICK 5 UNIVERSITY CHOICES

5 COMPLETE UNIVERSITY (UCAS) APPLICATION

6 APPLY FOR STUDENT FINANCE

7 WAIT FOR OFFERS AND A LEVEL/ BTEC RESULTS

APPLICATION TIMELINE





CHOOSING A COURSE

FINDING THE RIGHT SUBJECT



34,500+

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
TO CHOOSE FROM

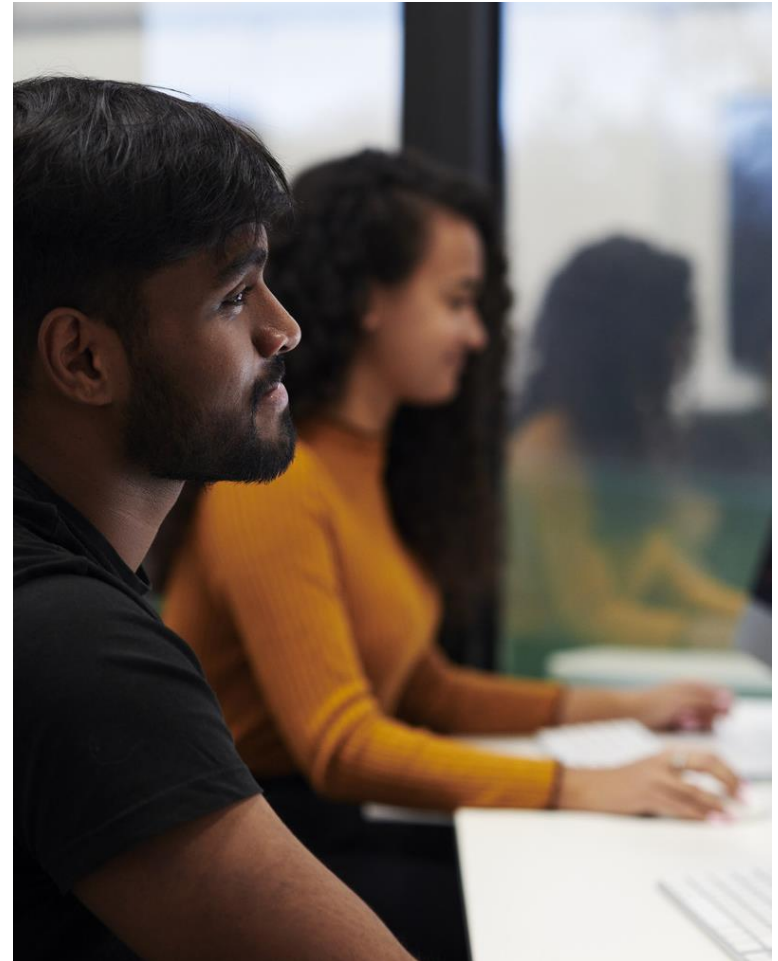


5 CHOICES

EXCEPT FOR MEDICINE, DENTISTRY
AND VETERINARY SCIENCE

FINDING OUT ABOUT THE COURSE

- UCAS
- The Student Room
- The Uni Guide
- The Complete University Guide
- Careers Advisers
- University prospectuses
- Taster sessions & webinars
- Open Days



KEY CONSIDERATIONS

INTEREST

What do you enjoy
day to day?

MODULES

Which course is more
relevant to your interests?

CAREER

Think about your goals and
the qualifications required

OPPORTUNITIES

Year abroad
Year in industry
Sports facilities and
societies

RESEARCH

League tables
UCAS
REF



SELECTING 5 CHOICES

FINDING THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY

WHICH UNIVERSITY?

RANKINGS

Does the university have a good reputation for your course?

LOCATION

Where is the university based?
Do you feel like you would belong there?

OPPORTUNITIES

Are there opportunities to choose modules from other subjects? Can you do Study Abroad/ Placement Year?

WHICH UNIVERSITY?

CAMPUS:

- Facilities all in one place
- Community feel
- Excellent transport links
- 24/7 security

CITY:

- Hustle & bustle atmosphere
- Part of a larger community
- Commute to facilities
- Bars, shops & restaurants



STUDENT LIFE



ACADEMIC SUPPORT



**APPLICATION
ADVICE**



**YEARS IN
INDUSTRY**

ASK US ABOUT...



NIGHT LIFE



**BURSARIES &
SCHOLARSHIPS**



ACCOMMODATION



STUDY ABROAD



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

WHAT ARE UNIVERSITIES LOOKING FOR?

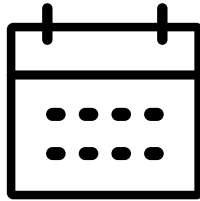
APPLYING: WHAT DO YOUR STUDENTS NEED?

- Employment
- Education and qualifications
- Nationality
- Supporting Information
- Student Finance & funding
- Your choices (course and institution)
- Personal Statement
- School/College reference
- Pay and send - £28.50

The screenshot displays a 'My profile' application form interface with a grid of sections. Each section includes a title, a brief description, and a completion status bar at the bottom.

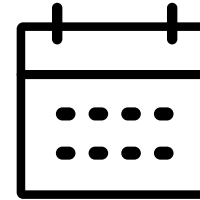
Section Name	Description	Status
Personal details	Name, age, title and gender	Section complete
Contact and residency details	Address, email, telephone and where you live	Section complete
Employment	Employment, past	Section complete
Education	Qualifications and periods of study	Start this section
Nationality details	Birthplace and nationalities	Section in progress
Supporting information	So that providers know how to support you during your studies	Start this section
English language skills	Is English your first language?	Section in progress
Finance and funding	Tell us how you'll fund your study	Section complete
Diversity and inclusion	Only shared with a provider once you have a place or your application is archived.	Start this section

THE DEADLINES



15 OCTOBER

Oxford
Cambridge
Medicine
Dentistry
Veterinary Science



29 JANUARY

Most other courses

2025 entry

PERSONAL STATEMENT

47 LINES

THERE'S A LOT
TO PACK IN

WHAT DO UNIVERSITIES WANT?

WHY THAT COURSE

What about that subject interests you?

EXPERIENCE

Extra curricular activities, volunteering & jobs.
We want to see your skills.

INTERESTS

What makes you, YOU?

CAREER PLANS

Do you have a plan?
Don't worry if not.

GAP YEAR

Do you have any plans?

SUBJECT SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE

LAW

- Law Gazette
 - Current affairs
-

SCIENCES

- Nature magazine
 - Virtual work experience
 - MOOCs
-

ENGLISH AND HUMANITIES

- Write reviews
 - Blogs
 - Articles
 - MOOCs
 - University taster sessions
 - TED talks
 - Webinars
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ARTS

- Online museums and theatres
 - Portfolio or audition preparation
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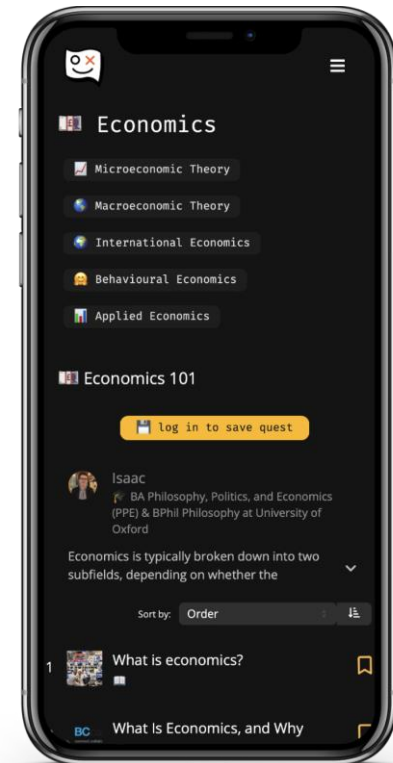
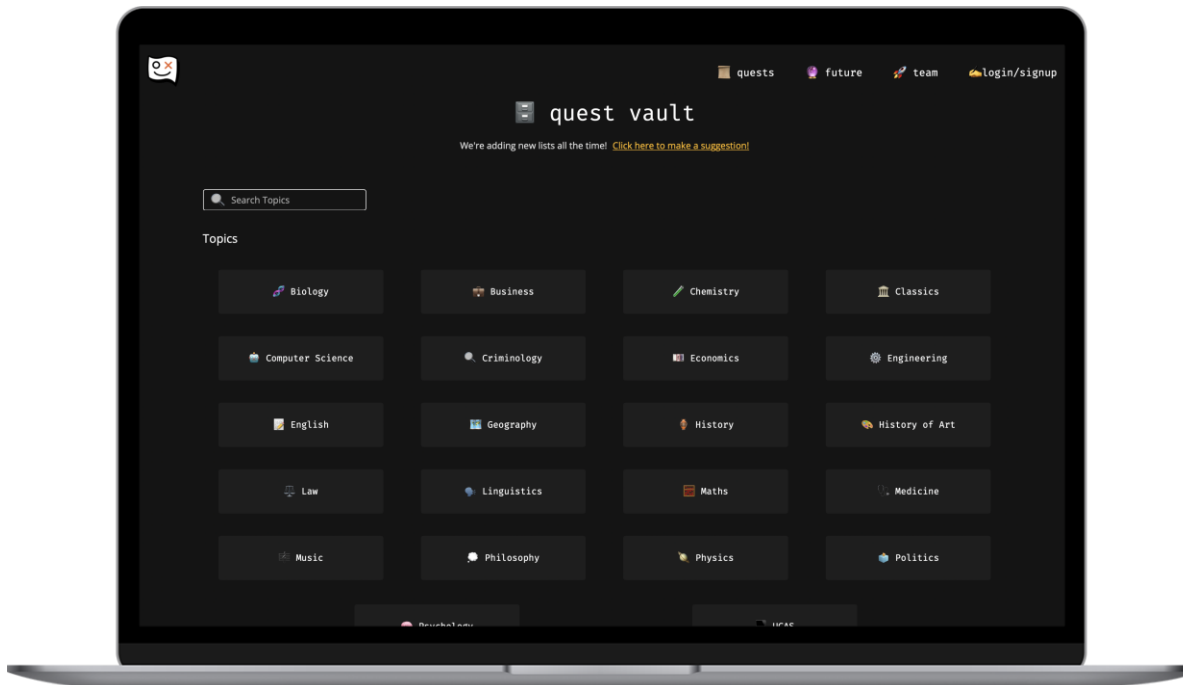
MEDICINE AND HEALTH

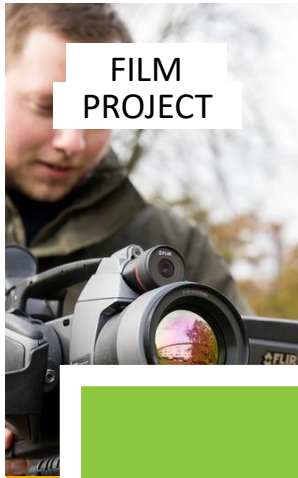
- NHS values
- 'Observe GP' work experience on the RCGP website
- British Red Cross 'Safe Hands' emails



QUESTER: WIDER READING RESOURCES

[HTTP://QUESTER.IO/](http://quester.io/)





FILM PROJECT



TASTER LECTURE



SPORTS TEAM



FIRST AIDER



SCIENCE LAB



ART PROJECT

EXPERIENCE



FUNDRAISING



WORK EXPERIENCE



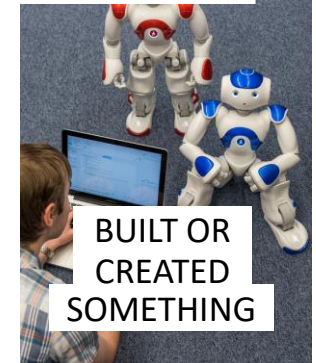
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READING CHALLENGE



SUBJECT CHAMPION



BUILT OR CREATED SOMETHING



POST UCAS SUBMISSION

STUDENT FINANCE & CHOOSING FIRM/ INSURANCE



ELIGIBILITY

WWW.GOV.UK/STUDENT-FINANCE/WHO-QUALIFIES

TUITION FEE LOAN



MAINTENANCE LOAN



TUITION FEE LOAN



£9,250

MAXIMUM MAINTENANCE LOAN



LIVING AT HOME

£8,610

LIVING AWAY
FROM HOME

£10,227

LIVING AWAY
FROM HOME
IN LONDON

£13,348

2024 entry

HOW MUCH?

FULL TIME STUDENTS	MAXIMUM LOAN	EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO THIS	TOP-UP BASED ON HOUSEHOLD INCOME
PARENTAL HOME	£8,610	£3,790	£4,820
AWAY FROM HOME	£10,227	£4,767	£5,460
LONDON	£13,348	£6,647	£6,701

2024 entry



STUDENT FINANCE CALCULATOR

WWW.GOV.UK/STUDENT-FINANCE-CALCULATOR

REPAYMENTS

9% ON EARNINGS OVER £25,000

“Ignore newspaper headlines about students leaving university with £50,000 of debt. That's mostly a meaningless figure. What counts is how much you'll repay.”

Martin Lewis, 2022

2023 entry

REPAYMENTS



£30K

~£38 per
month

£35K

~£75 per
month

£40K

~£112 per
month

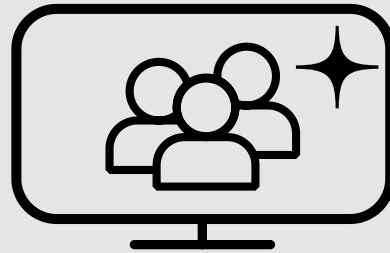
2024 entry

INTEREST RATES

%

RPI ONLY

APPLY ONLINE



WWW.GOV.UK/STUDENTFINANCE

COURSE

BANK DETAILS

INCOME

NI NUMBER

MEET THE DEADLINE

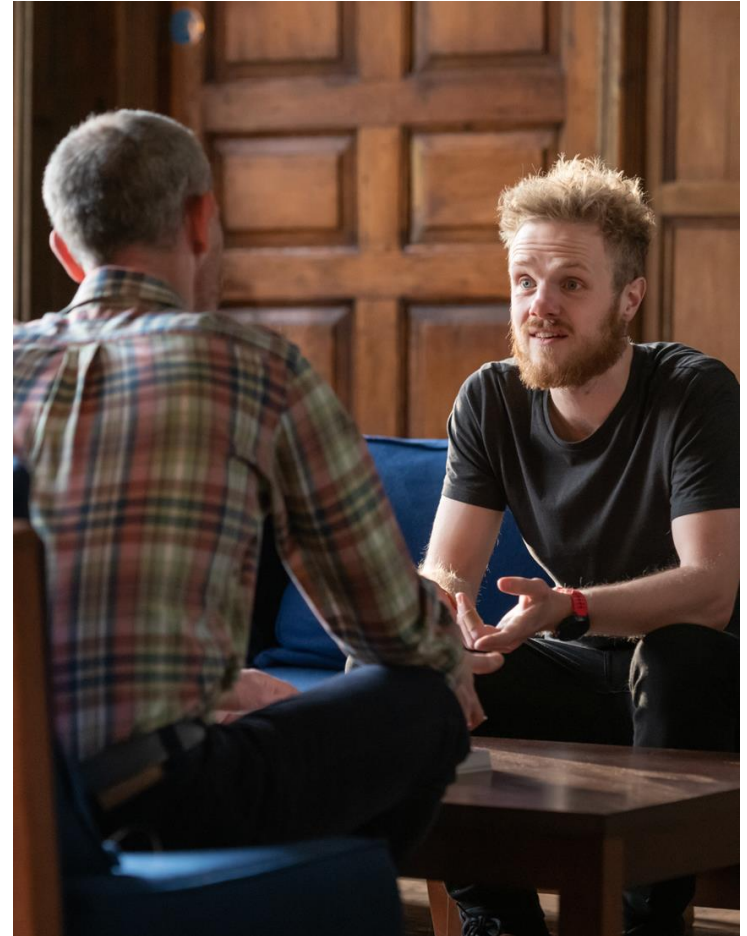
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Deadline for 2024 Entry

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- Travel Grant
- Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)
- Dependents
- Childcare
- NHS Learning Support Fund:
including the £5,000 NHS Training Grant





UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

UEA BURSARIES

£800 - £2,500 per year



60TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIPS

60 £1000 SCHOLARSHIPS

UK FEE PAYING STUDENTS

ONLINE APPLICATION, DEADLINE 3RD MAY 2024

2024 entry

**'66% OF STUDENTS RELY ON PART-TIME WORK FOR MONEY'.
National student money survey
2021**

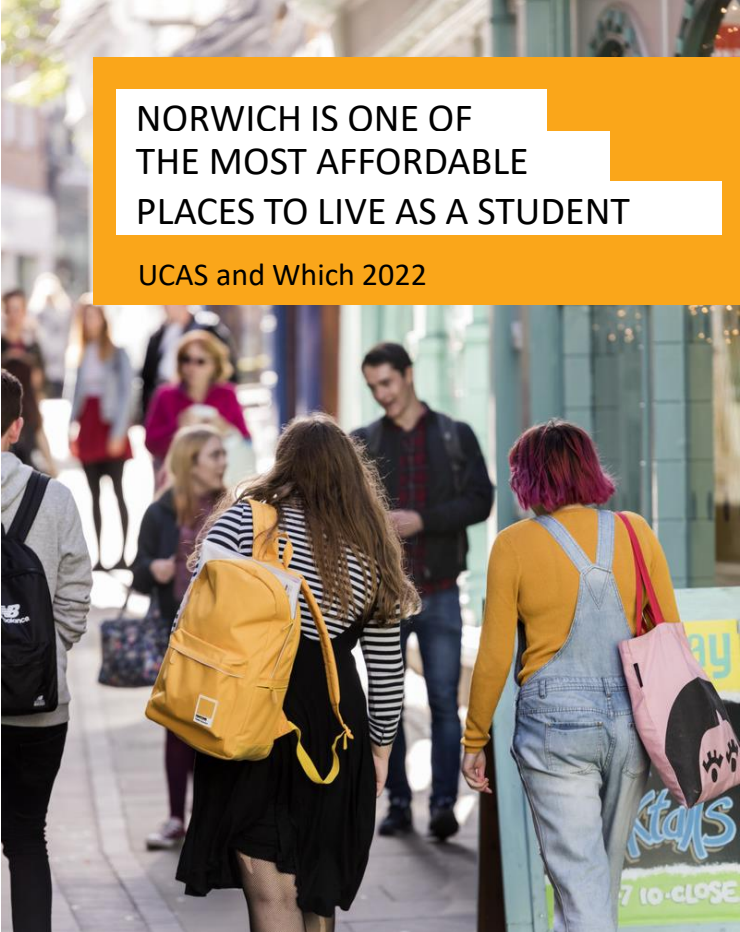


'The average student earns £404 per month from their part-time job'

COST OF LIVING

University	Average Monthly Cost
UEA	£755
Exeter	£806
Leeds	£823
Nottingham	£915
Southampton	£898
Manchester	£773
Birmingham	£820

Source: [UCAS/Which Student Budget Calculator](#)



NORWICH IS ONE OF
THE MOST AFFORDABLE
PLACES TO LIVE AS A STUDENT

UCAS and Which 2022



POST UCAS SUBMISSION

STUDENT FINANCE & CHOOSING FIRM/ INSURANCE

AFTER SUBMISSION

RESPONSES

OFFER

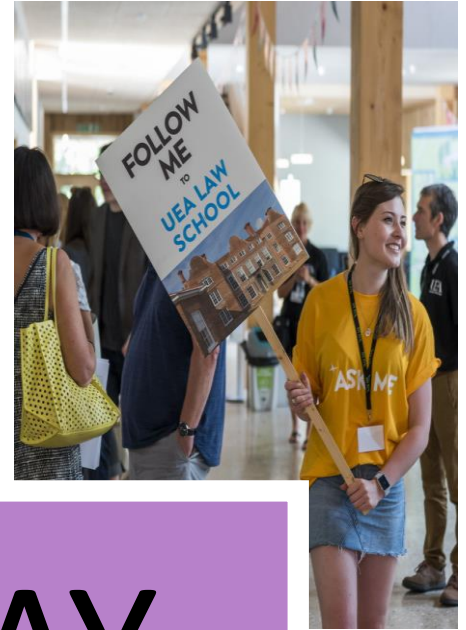
CONDITIONAL
OR UNCONDITIONAL

INTERVIEW

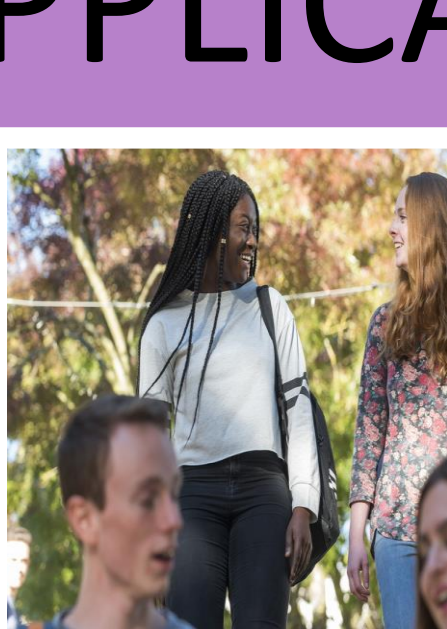
WE LIKE THE LOOK
OF YOU

REJECT

SORRY



APPLICANT DAY





FIRM & INSURANCE

RESULTS DAY

1

ACCEPTED FIRM

2

ACCEPTED
INSURANCE

3

EXCEED FIRM

4

MISS BOTH

FURTHER INFORMATION

ASK US

uea.ac.uk/ask-us

OPEN DAYS & VISITS

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virtualopenday.uea.ac.uk

TASTERS & WEBINARS

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**OPEN DAYS
2024**

SAT 6 JULY

SAT 7 SEPTEMBER

SAT 26 OCTOBER

SAT 23 NOVEMBER

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ANY QUESTIONS?

UEA.AC.UK/ASK-US

Trips...

UCAS Discovery Day: Monday 10th June – Please follow the steps in the email sent today by UCAS in order to register for the event and download your ticket.

University of Birmingham Open Day: Friday 21st June - The ParentPay window for payment for this trip remains open and a few places still remain...



Thank you...