

Once again we had a great set of Sixth Form results!



To aspire, endeavour
together

With a wide range of destinations secured.



Name	A Levels/Btecs	Destination	Course
Theo McFarlane	Biology A*, Maths A*, Physics A*	Bristol University	Airbus Degree Apprenticeship
Rebecca Robinson	Biology A, Maths A, Chemistry A	Lancaster University	Natural Sciences
Ella Cave	History, B Psychology, A Criminology A	Sheffield University	Psychology
Lily Jones	English B, Photography B, Creative Media Dist*	Manchester University	English Language
Hannah Lawton	Photography B, Textiles A, Creative Media Dist	Huddersfield University	Costume with Textiles
Mia Walton	Art A, History B and Criminology B	Manchester Met University	Art History and Curating
Tom Kay	Business B, Geography C, Maths A	Sheffield University	Financial Mathematics
Rubbyanne Bannei	Art A, Photography B and Criminology C	Manchester Met University	Fine Art
Elsa Cavanagh	Art B, Creative Media Dist, Health and Social Care Dist	Gap Year	
Lauren Staines-Hall	English B, Geography B, Biology C, EPQ A	Sheffield University	English Language and Literature
Annie Jones	Criminology C, Creative Media Dist and Health and Social Care Merit	Huddersfield	Criminology
Katy Eadsforth	Product Design B, Mathematics D and Psychology B	Edge Hill University	Sport and Exercise Psychology
Nicole Thomas	Art A, Photography C and Creative Media Pass	Manchester Met University	Fine Art
Charlotte Jones	Biology C, Psychology C, Criminology B	Liverpool John Moore	Forensic Science



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Your working week



Student timetables will have;

- 12 - 15 hours in lessons
- 1 hour of Personal Development
- 1 hour of Personal Enrichment
- 3 hours of Wider Reading (1 per lesson)



These sessions are designed to support students through their Sixth Form studies and look after their wellbeing. They are a compulsory part of our Sixth Form experience.

- *Transition from GCSE activities eg group study skills/ note taking/ organisation.*
- *Mental Health and Wellbeing eg Body image in a digital world/ managing anxiety/ healthy coping strategies*
- *UCAS - Personal Statements*
- *CV - letters of application*
- *Independence - risks and consequences of substance abuse/ managing influences*

The school day



9.20 - 10.20 - P 1
10.20 - 10.35 - Break
10.40 - 11.35 - P 2
11.40 - 12.35 - P 3
12.40 - 13.10 - Lunch
13.10 - 14.10 - P 4
14.10 - 15.10 - P 5
15.10 - 16.10 - P 6



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A typical Sixth Form timetable...



Year 13 students

- Still quite intense course content to cover - more complex concepts. Year 13 also has a big focus on revision/retrieval and exam practice.
- 2 mock examinations – in November and March
- Vocational courses will have external exams – primarily in January but some resits may be in June
- Students who did not achieve at least a grade 4 in English and Maths will continue to study these subjects.
- GCSE resits in Maths and English November and June

Independent Study



- Research shows that the most successful students do 4/5 hours of extra study per subject per week.
- Students have lessons, 3 hours of Wider Reading, 1 hour of Personal Development and 1 hour of Enrichment on their timetable - but not enough. Need to be using extra time also.
- The other gaps in their timetable should not be thought of as 'free periods'. They are opportunities for independent study
- Some students work better here - we encourage them to think of Sixth Form as a 'full time job'

Part Time Work - A Balancing Act



- Very important to get this right – it makes ALL the difference to success or failure.
- You will enjoy leisure more if you have faced up to your academic commitments – do the work to EARN your leisure time.
- Too much part-time work affects academic performance: More than 8-10 hours a week is too much – backed up by national research and data analysis (not just our advice!).

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Future pathways

UCAS



What is UCAS?

UCAS is an independent charity providing information, advice and admissions services. We're there to help people discover what their next step might be.

UCAS does:

- provide information, advice, and support
- process applications
- complete fraud and verification checks
- take part in education sector engagement

UCAS doesn't:

- make decisions or offers
- set entry requirements
- advise on finance
- advise on immigration or visas for individuals



What Next?

What are the options available?



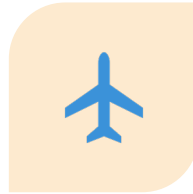
Choices available



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



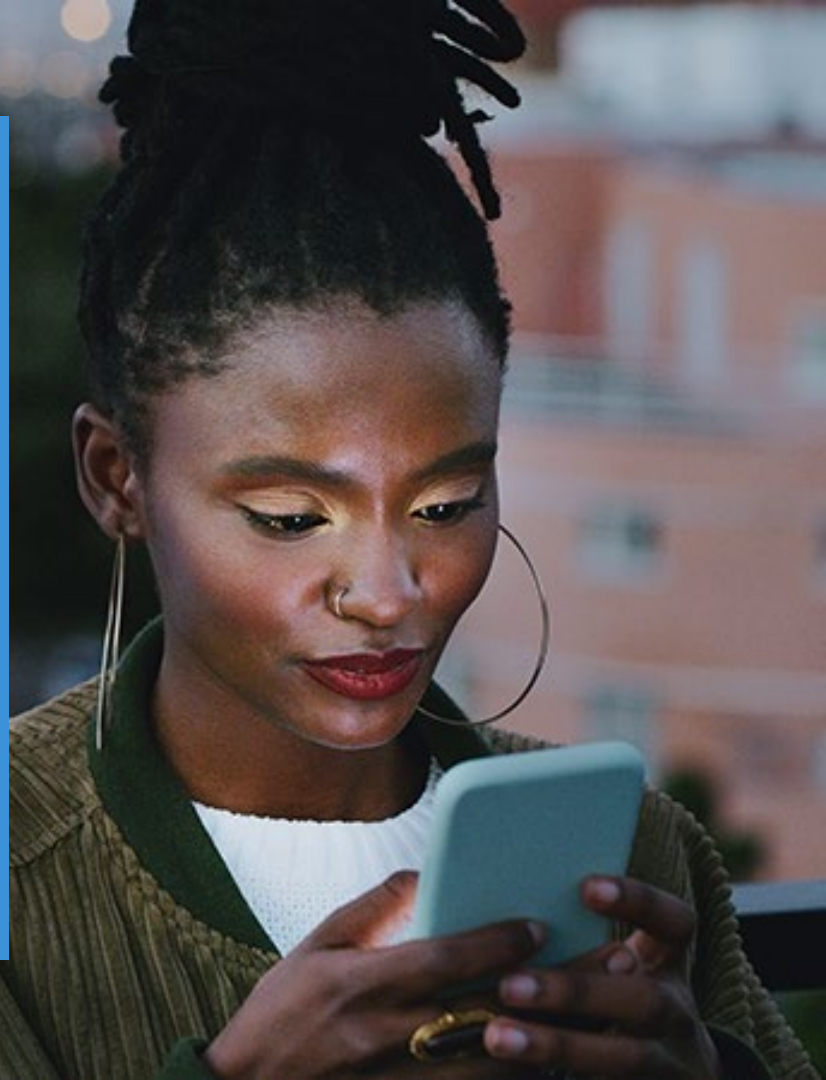
GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand the options available and make choices that are right for you: ucas.com/hub



UCAS Hub

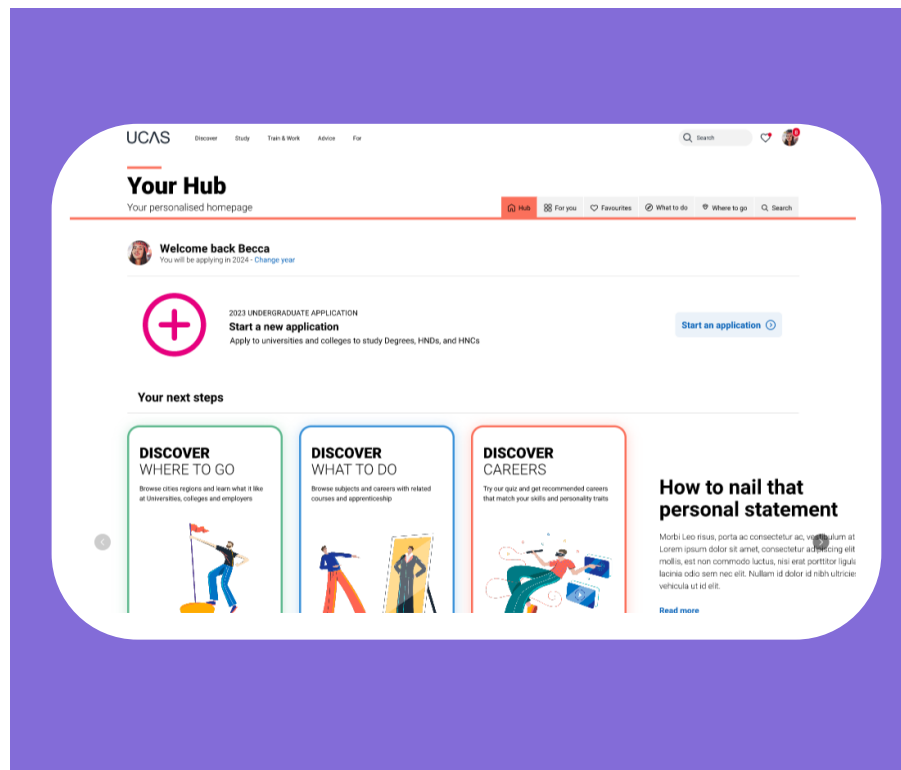
Your discovery tool



Starting your research

Register with the UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, places, and apprenticeships
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for open days, events and virtual tours
- turn predicted grades into UCAS Tariff points
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending [Hub lives](#)
- take the [UCAS Quiz](#) to find your career matches
- start your application



UCAS Exploring Apprenticeships

From UCAS Hub you can easily explore apprenticeships; learn more information and see a live selection of apprenticeship vacancies.

Set alerts to stay up to date.

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Search for apprenticeships

Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023

Ware, Hertfordshire
A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per year, which increases after year 1

Apply for this job

R&D Laboratory IT (Digital & Tech) Degree Apprentice, Stevenage, 2023

Stevenage, Hertfordshire
A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per

FIND MORE

Found 504 jobs

Browse

Search

Keywords

Keyword

Location

Location

Within 5 miles

☐ Nationwide

☐ Homeworking

Specialism

Sector

Role Type

2 selected

☒ Apprenticeship

☐ Other work and training

Start Date

Get new jobs for this search by email

Create alert

TOP JOB

Radio Access Optimisation Apprentice (Virgin Media)

- Leeds, Hammersmith, Runcorn, Wythenshawe
- £23,000
- Estio Training

Level 3 Radio Network Technician About the company: We're Virgin Media O2 and we're here to upgrade the UK. Virgin Media O2 combine...

View details

10 days ago

Save

Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023

- Ware, Hertfordshire
- A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per year, which increases after year 1
- GSK

Join GSK's R&D (Research and Development) Apprentice Programme – Ware UK, 2023: Help us get ahead of disease together

View details

4 days ago

Save



University or college



What are the options?

- **Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) and Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE):** first and second year of a degree course.
- **Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND):** HNC is a one-year industry specific course, and the HND is a two-year industry specific course.
- **Higher apprenticeships :** provide an opportunity to gain Level 4 qualifications or above, e.g. HND, or foundation degree while you work. Can take from one to five years to complete, depending on the course level.
- **Foundation degree:** flexible vocational qualification, combining both academic study and workplace learning. It usually takes two years to complete.
- **Bachelor's or undergraduate degree:** a three to four-year course which can also be available as a parttime option, allowing you to study and work.
- **Degree apprenticeships:** enable you to gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course.

What's right?

There are a number of things to consider with your next step :

- something you enjoy – you are investing time and effort
- whether it's right for your career path – check with employers and professional organisations
- location – city or rural, transport links
- a study and assessment style that suits you
- environment including extracurricular, clubs, and societies
- finances



Choosing the right place

- **Style** – from traditional, with a focus on subject -based courses and research, to modern universities/colleges, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are in large cities, others in small towns, by the coast or in the countryside – it's all a major influence on the environment and lifestyle.
- **Size** – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics; it can be useful to find out what jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between universities and colleges; check if there are scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

Choosing the right course

- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different.
- Look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to your career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- How is the course taught – structured teaching, or more independent research?
How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?
- How is the course assessed?

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Apprenticeships

What you need to know

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships



Apprenticeships

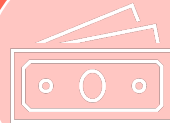
What are
apprenticeships?



Study



Job



Wage

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The A – Z of apprenticeships

There are **over 600** possible apprenticeship 'standards' (training programmes) which exist. Here are just a few ...

- Accounting and Taxation
- Architect
- Boat Builder
- Building Surveyors
- Civil Engineer
- Cyber Security Technician
- Data Analyst
- Doctor (from 2023)
- Early Years
- Ecologist
- Farrier
- Food Technologist
- Game Programmer
- Geospatial mapping
- Harbour Master
- Historic Environment Adviser
- Internal audit professional
- Intelligence analyst
- Journalist
- Junior 2D artist (visual effects)
- Knitted product manufacturing
- Laboratory scientist
- Licensed conveyor
- Midwife
- Marketing Manager
- Nuclear Scientist and Engineer
- Nursing
- Operational firefighter
- Orthodontic therapist
- Paralegal
- Physiotherapist
- Quality practitioner
- Rail engineer
- Research scientist
- Social worker
- Software Developer
- Teacher
- Town planning assistant
- Utilities engineering
- Veterinary nurse
- Vehicle damage assessor
- Water process technician
- Workplace pensions consultant
- Youth worker

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#

What am I doing now?

For example in England, Northern Ireland and Wales:



GCSE grade 9-4 is a
Level 2 qualification



A level or T level is a
Level 3 qualification

Did you know?

An apprenticeship offering a degree may also be called a Level 6 or Higher Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships work in levels too!

In England:

Level 2	Level 3	Level 4-7
Intermediate Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship

In Wales:

Level 2	Level 3	Levels 4-7
Foundation Apprenticeship	Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship

In Northern Ireland:

Level 2	Level 3	Level 4-7
Level 2 Apprenticeship	Level 3 Apprenticeship	Higher Apprenticeship

Who can start an Apprenticeship?



- Anyone 16 and over
- Anyone not in full time education*
- Apprenticeships in Scotland, Wales or England require you to be living in the same country as the apprenticeship

When can I apply?

- Not one deadline
- Advertised throughout the year
- Larger organisations with multiple application processes may recruit earlier than smaller local organisations
- Higher apprenticeships with a Sep/Oct start tend to recruit in the previous academic year

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships





How can I apply?

- Applications are made directly through the company or the education provider.
- There is no limit on the number of applications you can make.
- The application process might vary across vacancies, you could be asked for:
 - CV and Covering Letter
 - Application Form
 - In App/Site application
- You can apply for universities and apprenticeships at the same time!

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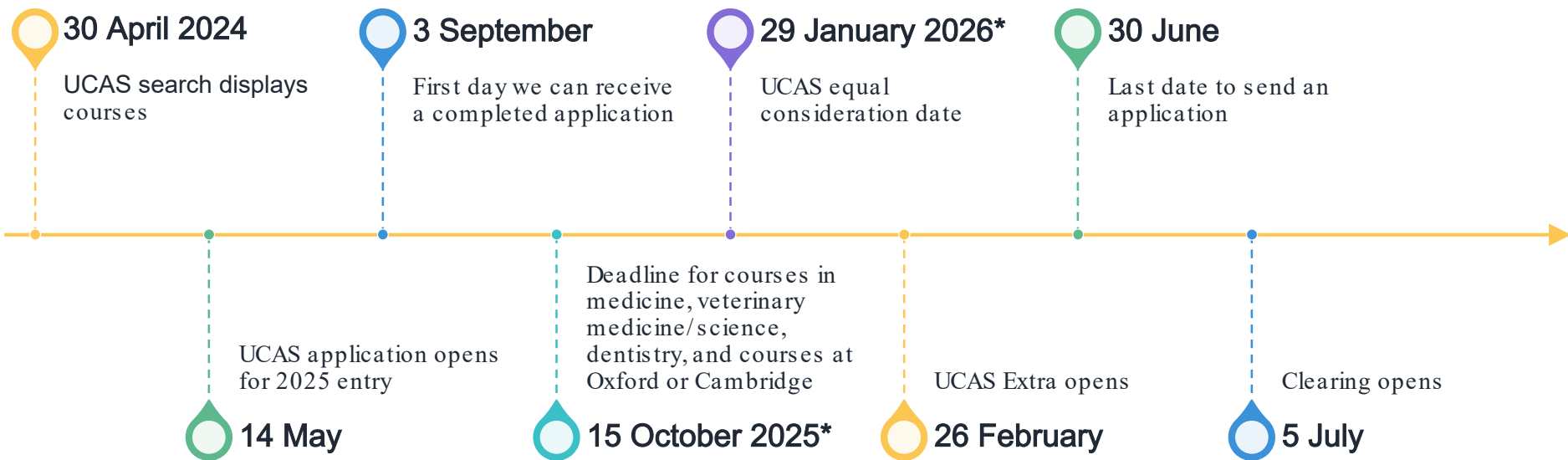
UCAS

Applications

How to apply



When to apply 2026 entry



* 18.00 UK time

Internal UCAS deadline

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Key facts



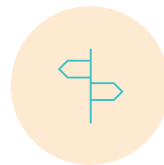
Start your
application from
14 May 2025



Universities and
colleges **can't see**
your other
choices when you
apply.



Apply by the
equal
consideration
date.



Five choices,
unless applying to
study medicine,
veterinary,
medicine/science,
dentistry – then
it's **four choices**.



You **can't apply to**
both Oxford and
Cambridge.



Applying costs
£28.50.

Completing the UCAS application



Student registers for a UCAS Hub account to carry out research and start application.



Student completes all sections of the application and sends it to their school/college.



Teacher or adviser reviews the application and adds reference and predicted grades.



Applications are sent to UCAS by the school or college on behalf of the student.



Universities and colleges make their decisions on the application.

Application

Profile:

- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- Nationality details
- Supporting information
- English language skills
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion*
- More about you

* (for students with a UK home address)

Profile

Personal details > Name, age, title, and gender 🕒 Section complete	Contact & residency details > Address, email, telephone, and where you live Start this section	Nationality details > Country and nationality details Start this section
Supporting information > 🕒 Section in progress	English language skills > Is English your first language? Start this section	Finance & funding > Tell us how you'll fund your study 🕒 Section in progress
Diversity & inclusion > Only shared with a provider once you have a place or your application is archived Start this section	More about you > Tell us about any circumstances that you might need support for during your studies Start this section	

Application

Experiences:

- Education
- Employment
- Extra activities*
- Personal statement
- Reference**
- Add choices – up to five

*(for students with a UK home address)

** (not visible for students linked to their school/college)

Experience

Education >
Your qualifications and periods of study
Section in progress

Employment >
Employment, paid or unpaid, or volunteer work
Section complete

Extra activities >
Activities you have attended in preparation for higher education
Start this section

Personal Statement

Personal statement >
Why do you want to study this subject?
Start this section

The personal statement



The only section you have full control over



Your only chance to market yourself as an individual



The same for all of your choices



A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines



A minimum of 1,000 characters



There isn't a spelling or grammar check



No formatting allowed

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

The new personal statement questions

Question 1: Why do you want to study this course or subject?

Question 2: How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?

Question 3: What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?



Consider...

Universities and colleges will consider:

- Have you chosen the course for the right reasons?
- Can you achieve in a new learning environment?
- Do you have a range of interests and aptitudes?
- Do you have a depth of interest in the subject?
- Have you studied independently?
- Do you appear motivated and committed?
- Do you have good numeracy and literacy skills?



Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition

Tracking your application



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

Waiting for decisions

Universities or colleges are considering your application.

Providers have until dd-mm-yyyy to respond to your choices.



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

All decisions received

You've received a decision from all of your choices. You can now reply to your offers at any time.

Reply by dd-mm-yyyy



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

Waiting for confirmation

You're waiting for confirmation of your choices. If you meet the offer conditions, the university/ college will confirm your place. Send them your results if requested.

Follow your application 24/7:

- see your choices
- keep personal information up to date
- view and reply to your offers

You'll receive one of three decisions from your choices:

- unconditional offer
- conditional offer
- unsuccessful

Replies to offers

Once you have decisions on all your choices, you can choose two:

- One as a 'firm' acceptance— your first choice.
- The other as an 'insurance' acceptance. This acts as a back-up if you do not get into your 'firm' choice.

Any remaining offers must be declined.

Once all your decisions and replies have been made, if you are not holding an offer, you may be able to use Extra or Clearing to find available places.



Other options

Extra (26 Feb – 4 Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time.

Clearing (5 Jul – 20 Oct)

- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
- Find vacancies from 5 July and add a Clearing choice to your application.

Deferred entry - You can apply one year ahead.





Student Finance



Student Finance England provide financial support on behalf of the UK government to eligible students from England entering higher education in the UK:

- Two main costs you will have while studying are tuition fees and living costs

SFE make funding available to help students with both

- You may be able to get a range of financial help and support, depending on;
 - Your course and where you live and study
 - Your household income
 - Your personal circumstances

STUDENT FINANCE ENGLAND

GENERAL ENTITLEMENT

Generally, a Tuition Fee Loan is available for your first full undergraduate course, plus one extra year should you need it:



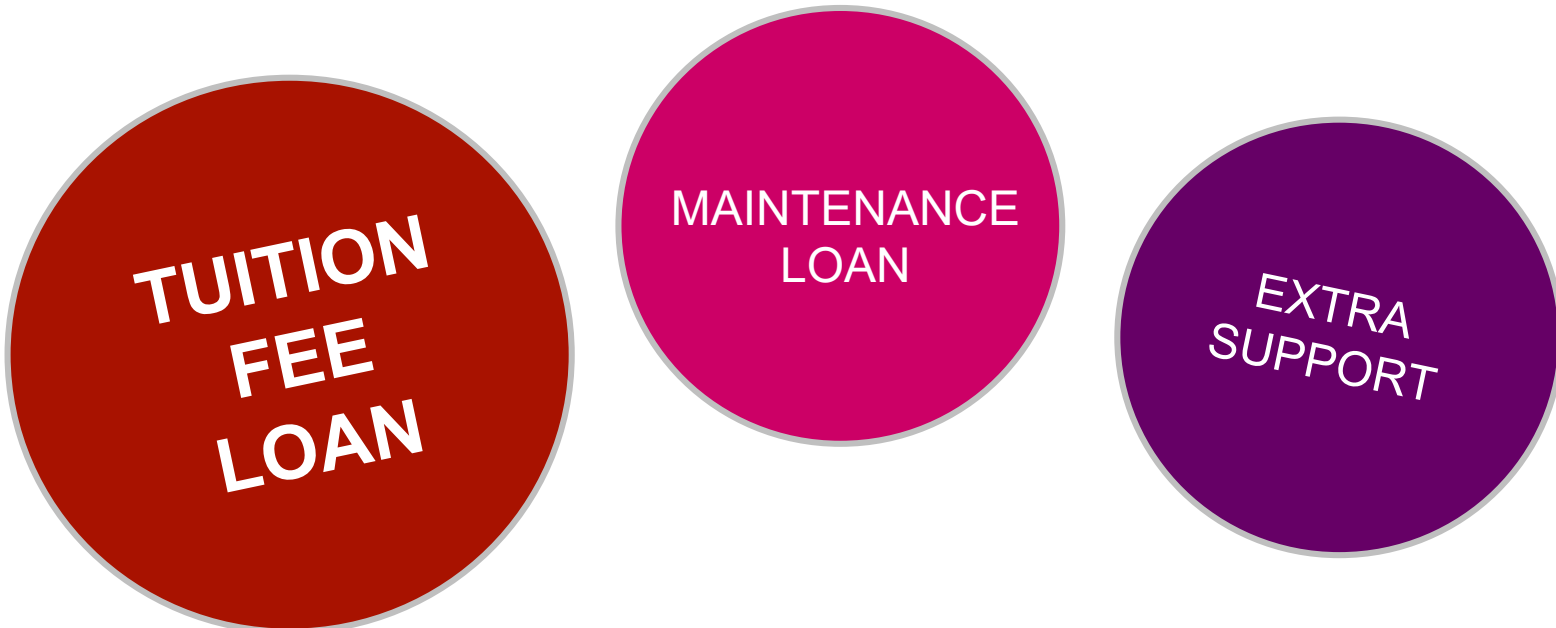
Example based on standard 3-year Full-Time Degree

- This extra year could be used if you choose a course but realise it is not for you and want to start a different one, or if you need to repeat a year of study
- You might not get full support if you have to repeat more than one year or have any previous HE study, but personal circumstances can be taken into account

STUDENT FINANCE 2025/26

Next years figures have not
yet been released

THE STUDENT FINANCE PACKAGE – TUITION FEE LOAN



**TUITION
FEE
LOAN**

**MAINTENANCE
LOAN**

**EXTRA
SUPPORT**

STUDENT FINANCE 2025/26

TUITION FEES AND LOANS

For academic year 2025/26, Approved (Fee Cap) Higher Education providers can charge full-time undergraduate students tuition fees of **up to £9,535**

With tuition fees of up to £9,535, can you afford to study in higher education?

- Eligible students **won't** have to pay any tuition fees up front
- A Tuition Fee Loan is available to cover the fee charged by a provider
- A Tuition Fee Loan **doesn't depend on household income**
- SFE pay a Tuition Fee Loan directly to your university or college

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THE STUDENT FINANCE PACKAGE – MAINTENANCE LOAN



So that's tuition fees covered, but what other support can you get?

A Maintenance Loan is available to **help students with their living costs**:

- All eligible students are entitled to get some Maintenance Loan support
- The actual amount you can get depends on your household income and where you live and study
- Your Maintenance Loan is paid directly into your bank account each term
- Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans do **have to be repaid** but not until you've left university/college and your income is over the relevant threshold



If your household income is **under £25,000** then you can apply for the full rate of Maintenance Loan

Full-Time students, not eligible for benefits or aged over 60 – 2025/26



Parental Home Rate:

Live at home while they study

£8,877



Elsewhere Rate:

Live and study away from home, outside London

£10,544



London Rate:

Live and study away from home, in London

£13,762



Different rates of Maintenance Loan are available to full-time students who are entitled to benefits or aged over 60 before the first day of their course

Maintenance Loans in England 2025/26

Household Income	Living at home	Away from home (outside London)	Away from home (London)
£25,000 or less	£8,877	£10,544	£13,762
£30,000	£8,132	£9,791	£12,997
£35,000	£7,387	£9,038	£12,231
£40,000	£6,642	£8,285	£11,465
£42,875	£6,214	£7,852	£11,025
£45,000	£5,897	£7,532	£10,700
£50,000	£5,152	£6,779	£9,934
£55,000	£4,407	£6,026	£9,168
£58,349	£3,907	£5,522	£8,655
£60,000	£3,907	£5,273	£8,403
£62,377	£3,907	£4,915	£8,039
£65,000	£3,907	£4,915	£7,637
£70,000	£3,907	£4,915	£6,871
£70,116+	£3,907	£4,915	£6,853

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THE STUDENT FINANCE PACKAGE – EXTRA SUPPORT



There may also be **extra financial support** available for students who;

- Have a disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty
- Have children or adult dependants
- Study overseas as part of their UK based course or go on a clinical placement
- Study eligible Nursing, Midwifery or Allied Health Profession courses
- For more details on this support go to www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help and www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services
- Many universities and colleges offer **bursaries and scholarships**, which can depend on things like academic results, course choice or household income



Student Finance Repayment



From academic year 2025/26, loan repayment policies for undergraduate students in England will be changing and key facts about how repayments will work include;

- You won't have to make repayments until your income is **over a set threshold**, which will be **£25,000 a year** until **April 2027**
- From April 2027 the threshold is set to **rise annually** with inflation (RPI)
- If you study a full-time course, you will be due to **start repaying** from the April after completing your course or leaving/withdrawing from higher education
- If your **income drops below the threshold**, your repayments will stop and any outstanding balance will be written off **40 years** after entering repayment

Students will repay 9% of their income over the threshold

Income each year before tax	9 % will be deducted from	Monthly repayment (Approx)
£25,000	£0	£0
£26,000	£1,000	£7.50
£30,000	£5,000	£37.50
£40,000	£15,000	£112.50
£50,000	£25,000	£187.50



Next steps



What can students be doing?

- research, research, research
- attend open days and events
- extracurricular and super curricular activities
- work experience
- volunteering
- independent learning outside the curriculum
- focus on this year's studies



School Website and Parent / Carer Handbook

www.glossopdaleschool.org.uk/sxithform

Reintroduced Parent / Carer Handbook

- Key contacts within the Sixth Form team
- Attendance and punctuality expectations
- Independent study and homework routines
- Academic support and intervention
- Enrichment opportunities
- Wellbeing and pastoral support
- Key dates for the academic year





Thank you

