



UCAS & Positive Destinations Presentation

20th September 2023





Key Support Staff for UCAS

- ◉ Miss Dunsmore - S6 Pupil Support Leader
- ◉ Mr Macleod - DHT
- ◉ Fiona Lafferty - SDS Careers Advisor
- ◉ Selected school staff - mentor support for applications





Key Support Staff for Positive Destinations

- ◉ Miss Dunsmore/Mr Campbell/Mrs Spencer & Mr Gracie - Pupil Support Leaders
- ◉ Mr Macleod/Mr Snedden - DHTs
- ◉ Fiona Lafferty - SDS Careers Advisor
- ◉ Miss MacVicar - (Acting) Principal Teacher DYW/ Partnerships





UCAS Timeline & Key Dates

- August - Students register with UCAS
- September - Students assigned a Mentor
Students begin the next stages of their UCAS application
& start the first draft of their personal statement
- October - 29th September 2023 is the deadline for Oxbridge,
Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry
- Oct/Start of Nov - Pupils continue to meet with Mentors;
Oxbridge candidates sit entry exam
- December 1st - Mentor references sent to office & final check of
applications & personal statements;
Mock interviews (in school) for Oxbridge candidates
- December 15th - Applications submitted (school deadline)





January: UCAS submission deadline
Mock interviews (in school) for relevant courses

February - June: Offers issued by Universities

February: UCAS Extra* is available

June: Final UCAS offers **MUST** be accepted

July-October 2024: Clearing* opens

It is the student's responsibility to meet all deadlines. Failure to do so can result in a delayed application.

*Further information about *Extra* and *Clearing* is available in the FAQ section





<https://sites.google.com/view/wallacehighseniorphase/home>



This website has been designed to help support you through your senior years at Wallace High School.

It will give advice to reduce anxiety and stress, provide resources to help plan and support revision and help you progress towards a positive destination beyond school, whether that be further study, training or employment.



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Course/Unit Guide



Choose your future

At the heart of connecting people to higher education

Click on the image to access the UCAS website.

UCAS & School Deadlines

June 2022 - Start application process on Induction Day

August 2022 - Choose a mentor - fill in google form for this

September 2022 - Start meeting with your mentor & writing your personal statement

15th October 2022 - Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary applications completed and sent off.

Nov 2022 - All other personal statements completed and checked by mentors

Dec 6th 2022 - School deadline for applications to be completed, paid and sent off

Jan 2022 - UCAS deadline for applications





Choices



- The majority of offers will be based on Higher results although some Universities will give a conditional offer requesting a grade at Advanced Higher.
- We would recommend that students contact the university to make enquiries regarding their subject choices.
- Some universities count a subject twice - achieved at Higher and then Advanced Higher; whilst some do not.
- Students cannot “drop” a subject during the school year as this may impact their application -

A number of universities, and UCAS themselves, send letters to pupils to say they must not “drop” a subject once they have an offer - increasingly common practice.



Entry Requirements

Each course has different entry requirements that students should have achieved, or be working towards in school this year.

Students should check the University prospectuses for course entry requirements. Fiona Lafferty and Mr Macleod/ Miss Dunsmore can offer advice on this, if required.

This is where the option to apply for up to five courses is helpful - students can choose courses with higher and lower requirements so that they have backup options.





The table below details exemplar S5 Standard Entry Requirements and Minimum Entry Requirements, and the cumulative grades required for applicants who receive a Conditional Offer for entry to the University after S6.

Subject Area	Qualification	S5 STANDARD Entry Requirements	S5 MINIMUM Entry Requirements	S6 Entry Requirements	Other Mandatory Requirements
Accountancy & Finance	B.Acc or BSc	AAAAAB	ABBB	AAAAAB	Maths and English or a Humanities at grades A/B or B/A
Arts/Modern Languages/BD Theology/Ministry	MA, BD	AAAA or AAABB	ABBB	AAAAAB	English and a Humanities at grades A/B or B/A
Engineering	M.Eng	AAAAA	AAAA or AAABB including Maths	AAAAAA	Must include Maths and Physics both at grade A
Engineering	B.Eng	AAAA or AAABB including Maths and Physics at Grades A/B or B/A.	ABBB	AAAAAB Must have Maths in S5 and Physics at Grades A/B or B/A by the end of S6.	Entry from S5 requires Maths and Physics at grades A/B or B/A. Entry from S6 will require applicants to have Maths in S5 and Physics at grades A/B or B/A by the end of S6





How & When Decisions Are Made

- The following information contained within the UCAS application is used to help make decisions:
 - Qualifications - subjects & grades
 - Personal Statement
 - Reference
- Interviews are commonly required for the following programmes:
 - Art, Design, Teaching/Community Education, Music, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Medicine
 - Not all applicants will be called to interview
- Portfolios are required for Art & Design (sometimes Architecture)
- UCAT test - Medicine only
- LNAT test - Law - Glasgow only





Offers

Offers will either be:

- ***Unconditional*** - this is when the requirements have been met for the course
- ***Conditional*** - this is when additional qualifications will be required (it can be specific e.g. a B at Higher Maths or general e.g. BB in any subjects)
- ***Unsuccessful*** - this is when no offer will be made





- Decisions are made at different times by each university.
- After the UCAS deadline (January) some applicants will hear quite soon, for others it can be up until June before courses issue their offers. This does not mean to say that they will be unsuccessful; it is simply about the individual working practices of university faculties and can vary significantly.





Alternative Routes to Degree Level Qualifications

- College HNC/D courses can be a route into University (1st 2nd or 3rd year)
- We would recommend that students check that they are on course for the minimum entry for University. If they are not, they can complete a college application for a related HNC/D course. Once this is successfully completed they can enter a degree level course at University.
- College applications are separate to UCAS and pupils can apply to colleges directly (some students do this as a back-up in case they do not get the grades at the end of S6 for University)





College

- HNC/HCD courses are offered at colleges.
- HNC are 1-year courses & HND are 2-year courses
- Entry requirements are usually 1-2 Highers
- Many careers require HNC/D qualifications





Modern & Graduate Apprenticeships

- ◉ Apprentices learn on the job - gaining skills, experience and qualifications that'll kick-start their career.
- ◉ Gain real-life industry skills while working towards a qualification that's accredited by the SQA.
- ◉ Modern Apprenticeship - similar level to HNC/D.
- ◉ Graduate Apprenticeship - study an Honours degree while working. Must be eligible for SAAS funding.





Work Experience

- ◉ Many courses require work experience.
- ◉ Employers recommend having work experience.
- ◉ Developing experience, skills and knowledge within chosen industry.
- ◉ Pupils can gain a week of work experience at WHS.
- ◉ CVs and Interviews.
- ◉ See Miss MacVicar regarding Work Placement.





FAQs

- ◉ How much does the UCAS application cost?

£27.50. Students can pay using a debit/credit card.

- ◉ What are UCAS tariff points?

They are points given to grades of qualifications, but are not used in Scotland for entry.

- ◉ Where can I find out about funding?

www.saas.gov.uk

- ◉ What should I put in my personal statement?

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement>

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/applying-courses-0>

- ◉ Where can I find out about Graduate and Modern Apprenticeships?

www.apprenticeships.scot





What is UCAS *Extra*?

If you included five choices on your application, have received decisions from all five, and weren't accepted, or if you declined the offers you received, you will be able to use *Extra*.

You can ask more about *Extra* by contacting Fiona Lafferty or Miss Dunsmore





What is Clearing?

Clearing is how universities and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses.

From July - October, you can apply for a course using *Clearing* if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still has places.

You can use *Clearing* if:

- you're applying after 30 June
- you didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept)
- you didn't meet the conditions of your offers
- you've paid the multiple choice application fee of £27.50
- you've declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in *Track*





Can I defer a place?

- If you decide you want to delay starting your course, you can apply at the same time as students planning to start in 2024, and defer your start date by a year. You need to select the *deferred entry start date* when adding a choice on your UCAS application.
- In your personal statement, you need to give reasons for deferring, and your plans for your year out. These will be taken into account when assessing your application.
- *Deferred entry is not guaranteed.* Students must contact the individual universities to ask if deferment for a particular course is possible.





How many courses can I apply for?

Five courses through UCAS. College applications are made direct to the colleges and you can apply to as many as you want, except for HNC/D applications to UHI and Scottish Rural University College - these should be done through UCAS.

When can I apply to college?

Applications for College courses open in January. The actual dates will be announced nearer the time.

Do I need Advanced Highers?

These are accepted/required for some courses e.g. Medicine, Vet Medicine and Pharmacy. It is important to ensure you have the required Highers first, as an Advanced Higher usually replaces the Higher grade (at an upper level) so does not count always count as an additional subject.





- Other FAQs:

<https://www.ucas.com/faqs>

- Personalised questions about your child's applications:

Please email Miss Dunsmore at:

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Miss Dunsmore will either answer directly by email or, for more detailed enquiries, arrange a phone conversation or Google Meet.

