



Largs Academy
Pupil & Parent
Information evening
Wednesday 13th September

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UCAS - Setting the Scene



**University &
College
Admissions
Service**

- Central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to full-time higher education (HE) courses in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- UCAS operate on behalf of all full-time higher education courses at member institutions

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Key Stats

- 596,590 applications by January 2023 deadline
- 683,650 application by June 2023 deadline
- 74,090 applications by October 2022 deadline.

- Largs Academy for September 2023 entry:
 - 91 applicants received
 - 82 placed
 - 7 placed into clearing & 1 withdrew

Monthly Key Statistics Report – 2023

UCAS

15535 Largs Academy

Key Statistics Report as of 1st September 2023 for your 2023 main scheme applicants.

Applicants

Total Applicants

91

Acceptance Rate

Applicants (Percent of total)

82 (90%)

Offer Rate (Applicant level)

Applicants (Percent of total)

90 (99%)

Offer Rate (Choice level)

Choices (Percent of total)

293 (68%)

Applicant status

Placed



82 | 90%

Awaiting confirmation decision



1 | 1%

Free to be placed in Clearing



7 | 8%

Withdrawn



1 | 1%

Applicant total offers count



Zero offers

1 | 1%



At least one offer

90 | 99%



At least two offers

83 | 91%



At least three offers

60 | 66%



At least four offers

41 | 45%



Five offers

19 | 21%

Provider decisions – choices

Conditional offer



169 | 39%

Unconditional offer



124 | 29%

Reject

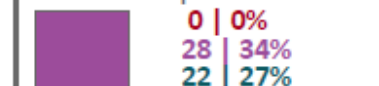


120 | 28%

Other

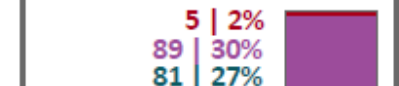
Provider mission groups

Acceptances



0 | 0%
28 | 34%
22 | 27%

Offers



5 | 2%
89 | 30%
81 | 27%

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Provider decisions – acceptances

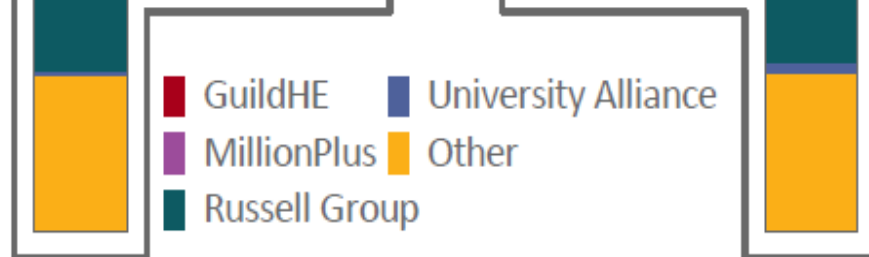
Accepted at conditional offer



Accepted at unconditional offer



Accepted at other



Applicant reply – acceptances

Accepted at firm



Accepted at insurance



Accepted at other



Most applications

Provider | Applications | % of total

University of Glasgow	80	19%
University of Strathclyde	68	16%
Glasgow Caledonian University	45	10%

Most offers

Provider | Offers | % of total

University of Glasgow	63	22%
Glasgow Caledonian University	38	13%
University of Strathclyde	28	10%

Most acceptances

Provider | Acceptances | % of total

University of Glasgow	18	22%
Glasgow Caledonian University	16	20%
University of Strathclyde	13	16%

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Applying - key facts

- To start an application you need to register with **ucas.com**, you can register at any time.
- From **16 May 2023** you'll be able to start an application.
- Universities and colleges **can't see** your other choices when you apply.
- Apply by the **equal consideration date**.
- You have up to **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** £27.50.

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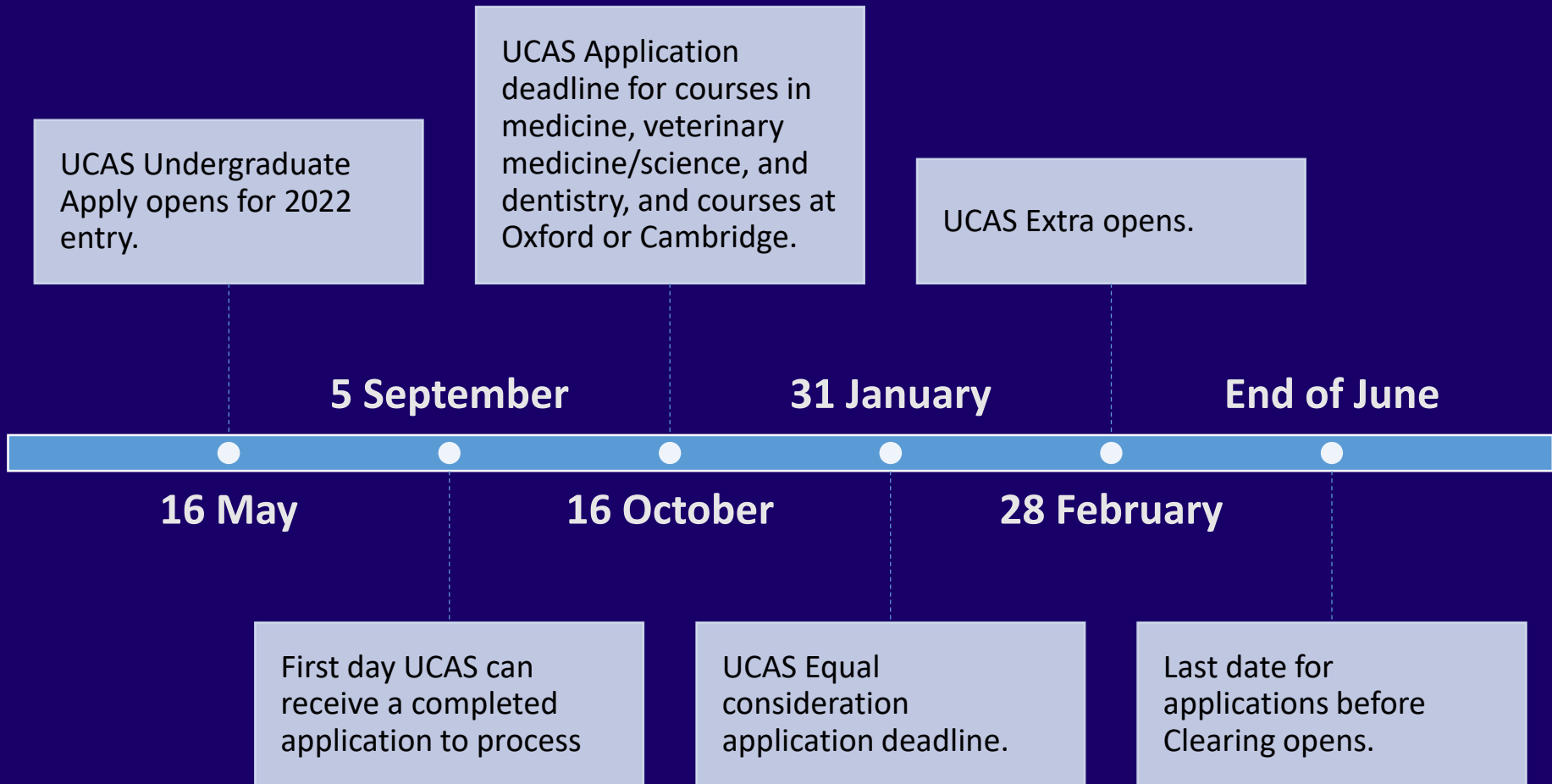
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When to apply for 2024 entry



Choosing the right course for you

- 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?

Choosing the right place for you

- **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.
- **Accommodation**- High on the list when considering where to study, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Understand what options there are using our [accommodation search](#)

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Starting your research

Register with the UCAS Hub to:

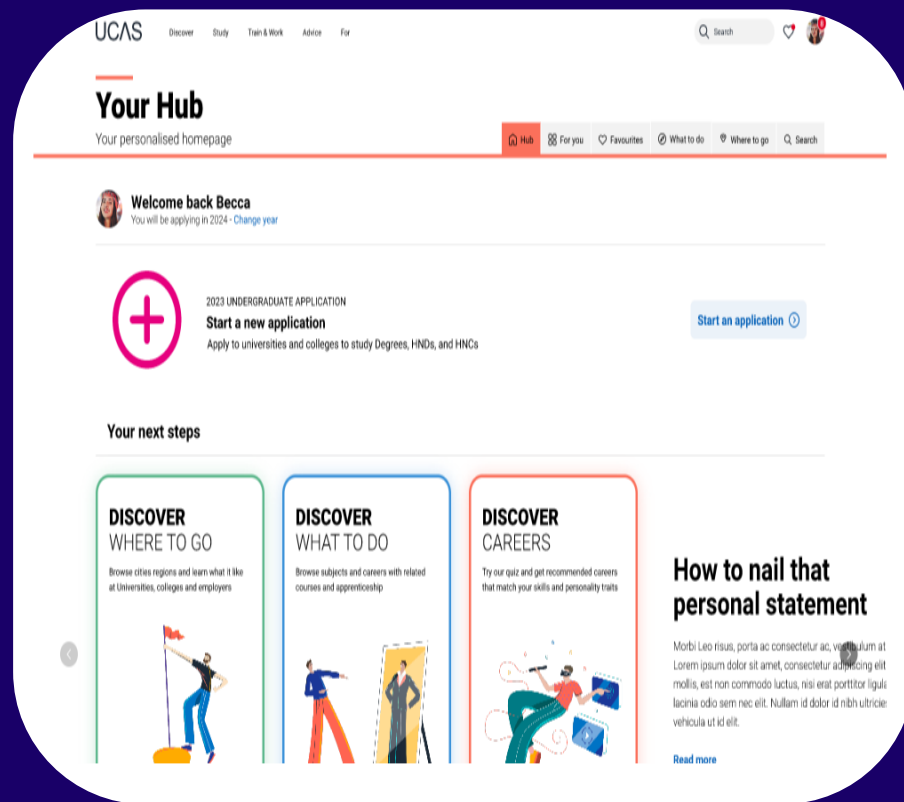
- Explore careers, subjects places & apprenticeships- find and favourite over 35,000 courses

www.ucas.com/search

- Search for open days, events and virtual tours-

www.ucas.com/open-days

- Turn predicted grades into UCAS Tariff points
- <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator>
- Speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)
- Speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending [Hub lives](#)
- Take the [UCAS Quiz](#) to find your career matches



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And more research

- Online....
- www.ucas.ac.uk/students/coursesearch/ Ucas course search
- www.myworldofwork.co.uk click on 'Learn and Train'
- www.ucas.tv Ucas TV 'How to' guides
- www.planitplus.net course advice
- www.prospects.ac.uk course choice advice based on school subjects
- www.thecompleteuniversityguide.com ranks universities
- [Personal Statement Examples | Studential.com](#) sample personal statements
- [Find and Compare the Best University & Degree Courses – The Uni Guide](#) advice from uni admissions staff
- <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events-> Open days/events

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Open Days in Scotland 2023

<p>University of Aberdeen www.abdn.ac.uk/openday Saturday 10 June (Medicine only), Tuesday 29 August and Saturday 7 October</p>	<p>Glasgow Caledonian University www.gcu.ac.uk/openday Friday 8 September and Saturday 7 October</p>	<p>University of Stirling www.stir.ac.uk/openday Saturday 16 September, Wednesday 4 October (virtual) and Saturday 21 October</p>
<p>Abertay University www.abertay.ac.uk/visit/ Saturday 30 September and Saturday 4 November</p>	<p>Heriot-Watt University www.hw.ac.uk/opendays 30 September & 28 October (Edinburgh Campus), 6 October & 3 November (Scottish Borders Campus)</p>	<p>University of Strathclyde www.strath.ac.uk/openday Wednesday 21 June and Thursday 22 June (virtual), Tuesday 5 September and Saturday 7 October</p>
<p>University of Dundee www.dundee.ac.uk/open-days Saturday 23 September and Saturday 28 October</p>	<p>Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh www.qmu.ac.uk/open-days-and-meeting-us/ Saturday 23 September and Saturday 28 October</p>	<p>University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) www.uhi.ac.uk/opendays UHI offers courses across multiple campuses and open day dates vary. Please check the website for updates.</p>
<p>University of Edinburgh www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/visiting Friday 16 June, Saturday 7 October and Saturday 28 October</p>	<p>Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen www.rgu.ac.uk/openday Wednesday 30 August, Saturday 28 October and Saturday 25 November</p>	<p>University of the West of Scotland www.uws.ac.uk/study/open-days-info-sessions/ UWS offers courses across multiple campuses and open day dates vary. Please check the website for updates.</p>
<p>Edinburgh Napier University www.napier.ac.uk/openday Saturday 23 September and Saturday 28 October</p>	<p>University of St Andrews www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/meet-us/ug/ Visiting Days held in October 2023. Please check the website for updates.</p>	 <p>HELOA The Higher Education Liaison Officers Association www.heloa.ac.uk</p>
<p>University of Glasgow www.glasgow.ac.uk/openday Thursday 15 June, Wednesday 30 August and Saturday 21 October. For Dumfries campus dates see web.</p>	<p>Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays SRUC offers courses across multiple campuses and open day dates vary. Please check the website for updates.</p>	



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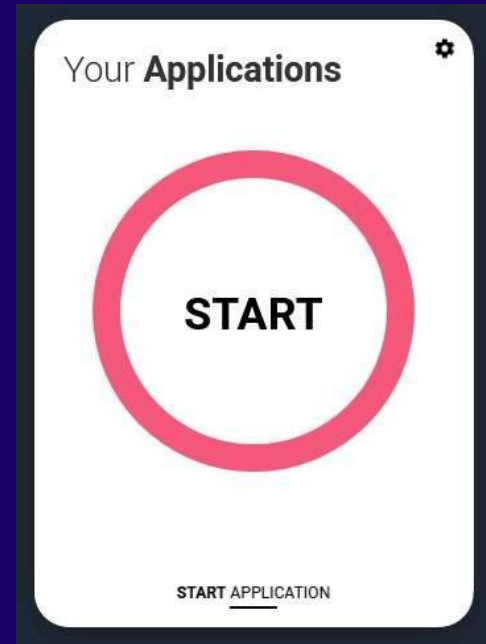
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Registering

- To start an application you need a UCAS Hub account.
- Register for a UCAS Hub account at any time
- From 18 May 2021 you'll see a new 'Your applications' tile in your UCAS Hub
- Click 'Start application' to get started...



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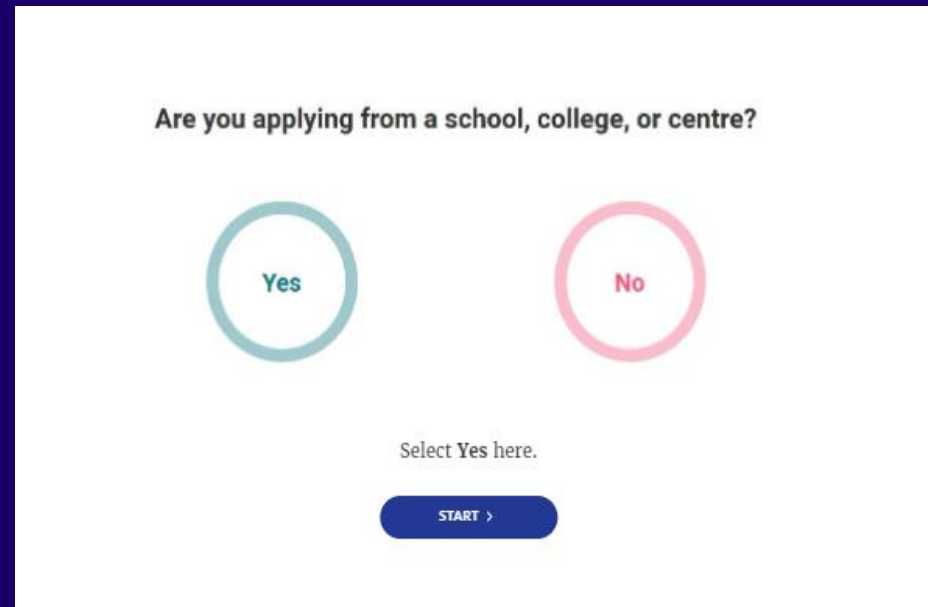
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Linking to a school

- If you're applying with the help of a school, college or centre you should enter their 'buzzword' to link your application to them.
- The buzzword is a unique code set by your school, college or centre- **Largs2024**
- By linking your application you're giving your school, college or centre permission to view and track your application. It also means they'll provide you with a reference, and send your application to UCAS on your behalf.



Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?

Yes No

Select Yes here.

START >

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Making an application

Sections to be completed:

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

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Making an application

Sections to be completed:

Experiences:

- Education
 - Employment
 - Extra activities*
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- 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

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School Deadlines

- End of September- all sections of the UCAS application form (except personal Statement) should be complete.
- All pupils to attend personal statement workshops with Paul & Pamela wk beginning 1st October. This needs to be coordinated in added value columns.
- Before October holidays- 1st draft of personal statement should be given to referee as well as info to support Reference. (word document)
- Post October holidays- regular check ins with referee to check over drafts of personal statement until its complete.
- End of November UCAS form should be complete (Paid/Sent)
- Pre Xmas Holidays – reference added and S6 Year Team will check over forms before sending off to UCAS.
- This process allows pupils to then focus on prelims after the Xmas holidays.

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Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition

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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.

Follow your application 24/7:

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



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

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

- unconditional offer
- conditional offer
- unsuccessful



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.

Replies to offers

Once you have decisions on all your choices, you can hold a maximum of two offers:

- 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

You must then decline any remaining offers.

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.



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Other options



Extra (28th Feb – 4th Jul)

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

Clearing (5th Jul – Oct)

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

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Provider name

University of Strathclyde

Provider code

S78

UNCONDITIONAL FIRM

Course name

Forensic and Analytical Chemistry

Course code

FF41

Date of offer

14 Feb 2023

Course start date

11 Sep 2023

Point of entry

Year 1

Application reply deadline

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Provider name

University of Glasgow

Provider code

G28

UNCONDITIONAL DECLINE

Course name

Mechanical Engineering with Aeronautics

Course code

H3H4

Date of offer

17 Feb 2023

Course start date

18 Sep 2023

Point of entry

Year 1

Application reply deadline

-

Conditions for acceptance

This offer is subject to you obtaining

We strongly encourage you to fully commit to your S6 studies even though you have an unconditional offer. Research indicates that students with good S6 results find the transition to university much smoother and attain better degrees. Graduate employers are interested in all qualifications attained by students, not just their degree qualification.

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Provider name	Provider code	UNSUCCESSFUL
University of Strathclyde	S78	
Course name	Course code	Date of offer
Finance & Marketing	NN35	27 Jan 2023
Course start date	Point of entry	Application reply deadline
11 Sep 2023	Year 1	-
Conditions for acceptance		

After careful consideration, we regret to advise you that your application has been unsuccessful due to the limited number of places.

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References- 3 section approach



Enter a general statement about your school/college/centre.



If applicable, enter any information about extenuating circumstances which may have impacted the applicant's education and achievement.



Outline any other supportive information specific to the applicant and relevant to the course(s) applied for that you think universities/colleges should be aware of.

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What can our students be doing?

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



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Additional help

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