

UCAS — YOUR JOURNEY

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Get ready to:

- Discover the right tools to find your next step.
- Confidently apply to a UK university or college.
- Stay on top of key dates.
- Track your application effortlessly.





DISCOVER

Explore all your options





DISCOVER OPTIONS







APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING ABROAD



GAP YEAR



GETTING A JOB

Head to UCAS to understand all your options and make the right choices for you.



DISCOVER PATHWAYS

- 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 technical qualifications (HTQs) in England are an example of these.
- 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 part-time option, allowing you to study and work.
- Apprenticeships: typically take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level. Apprenticeships are offered for levels 2-7 in N.I. and England, levels 2-6 in Wales, and SCQF levels 4-11 in Scotland. All nations offer degree level apprenticeships.

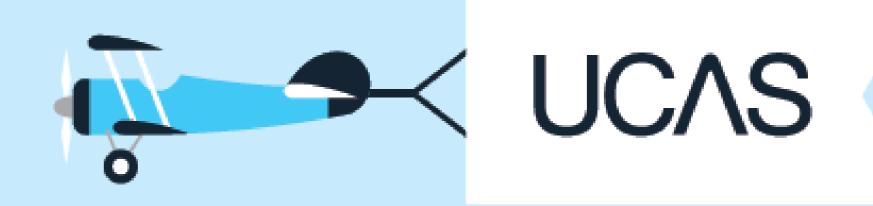
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Is it right for you?

- Is it something you enjoy? You're investing time and effort
- Is it right for your career path? Check with employers and professional organisations
- What about location? Stay at home, move away, city or rural, transport links
- Is it a learning and assessment style that suits you?
- What will your environment be like?
- What about cost?



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BUILD YOUR PROFILE





TAKE THE CAREERS QUIZ

What would you like to









GET STARTED: REGISTER ON THE HUB

Explore your favourite subjects, universities, employers, courses, apprenticeships, and more. Create a list of all your options.





TRY SUBJECT TASTERS

Grab the popcorn and hear real lecturers covering topics you would actually study. Try before you apply. You even get a certificate at the end!

POP



top employers like Airbus, the Met Office, and Amazon Future Engineer. Perfect for CVs, applications, and personal statements.

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORK

Get work experience with







CHAT TO CURRENT STUDENTS

Get messaging! Ask questions, get advice, and see if the university, subject, and location are a good fit for you.

DIVE INTO SUBJECT AND INDUSTRY GUIDES

Discover what it's like to study a subject, the career and salary opportunities available, and see what current students and apprentices think.

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR APPRENTICESHIP?

Compare all your options side-by-side. Take a closer look at apprenticeships, courses, and job opportunities.

FAVOURITE YOUR TOP CAREERS

Click or tap the heart to save what you love as favourites. Not sure which is right for you? We'll show you what's out there.





ATTEND A LOCAL UCAS DISCOVERY EVENT

Chat with people from different universities and companies. Open your eyes to new options and grab some giveaways.



KNOW YOUR FINANCE OPTIONS

Learn about potential study costs and funding options, including student loans and scholarships.



BOOK AN OPEN DAY

Get ready for a great day out! You'll get to see the facilities on campus, speak to current staff and students, and explore the local area.



MAKE A SHORTLIST

Shortlist your favourite options: university courses, apprenticeship pathways, and further education. Use the Historical Entry Grades Tool to understand the grade profiles previously accepted by universities.



STILL DECIDING?

See if a gap year or internship is the best choice for you.



START YOUR APPLICATION

Clear on your next step? Then it's time to start applying!

EXPLORE THE HUB:





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Your Hub

Your personalised homepage and discovery hub

Start your journey













Welcome Sam

You're applying for Undergraduate courses in 2026 - Change year

Start application

Start application

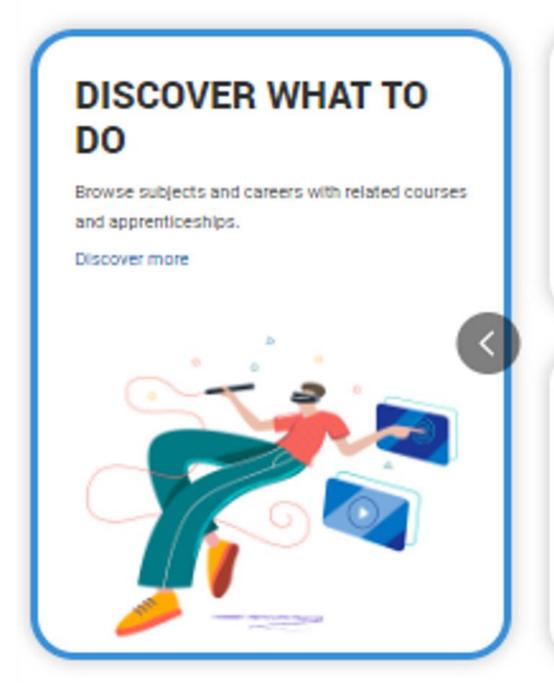
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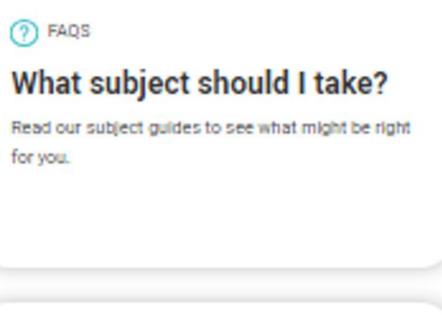


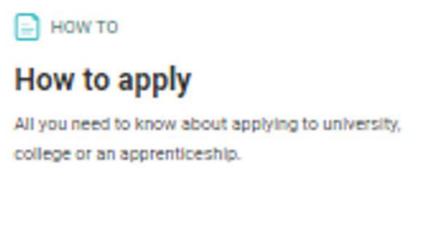
Start an application

Apply to universities and colleges to study degrees, HNDs, and HNCs and dance, drama and music at conservatoires.

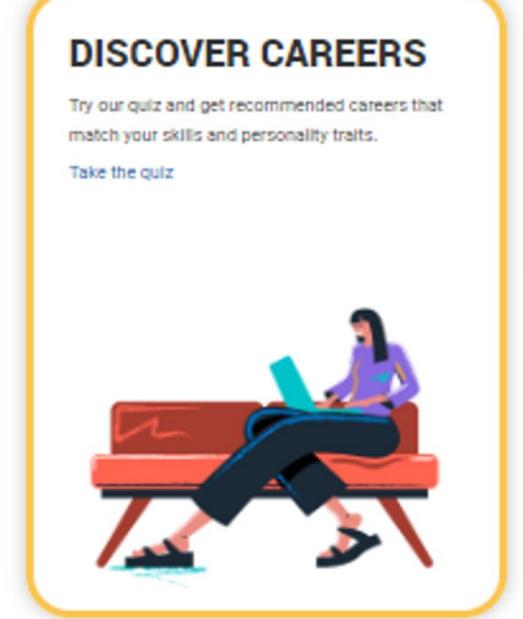
Your next steps | Open legacy to do list

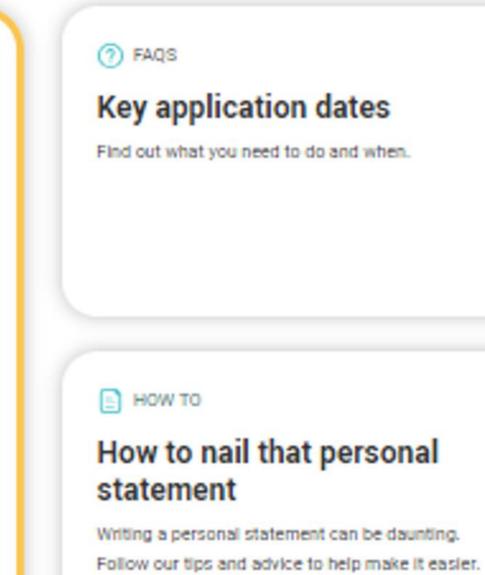


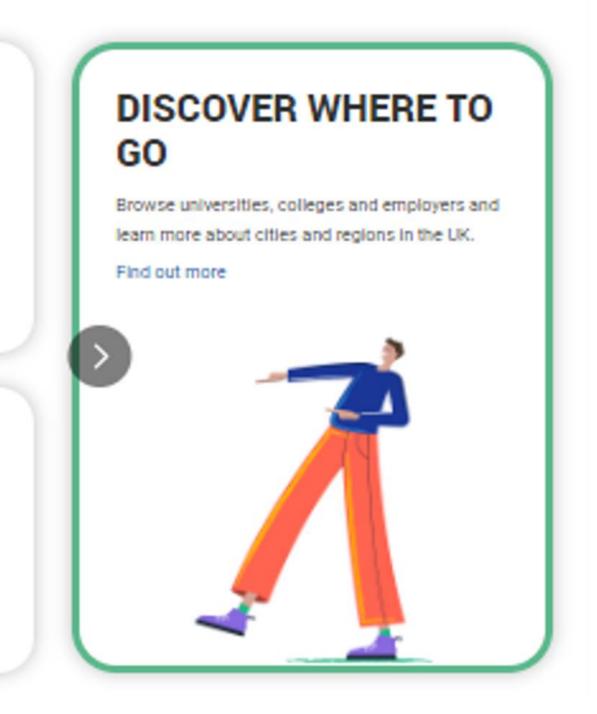










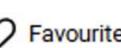


Search

Courses, apprenticeships, information guides and more





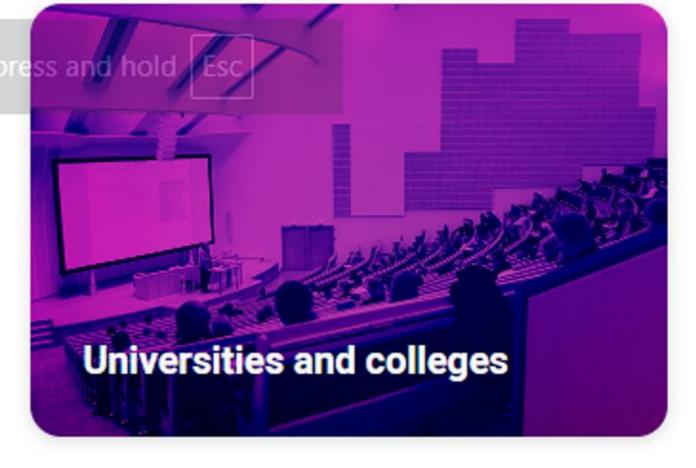




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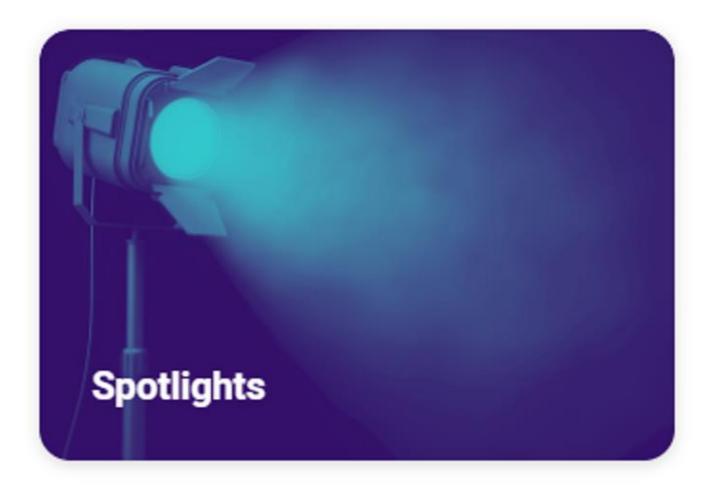








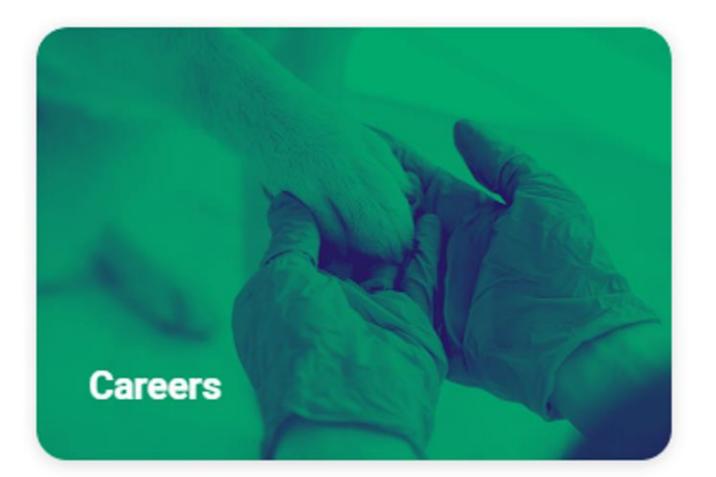










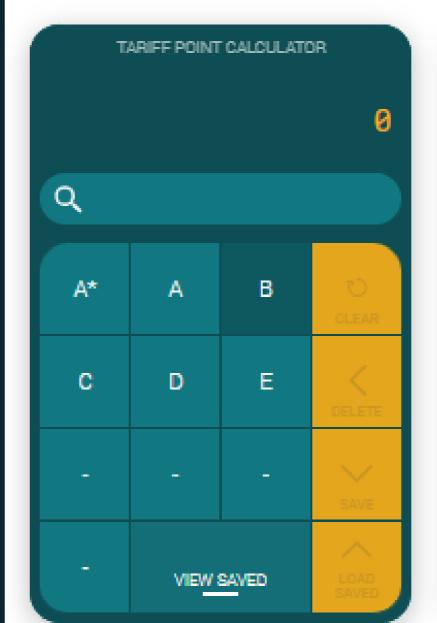


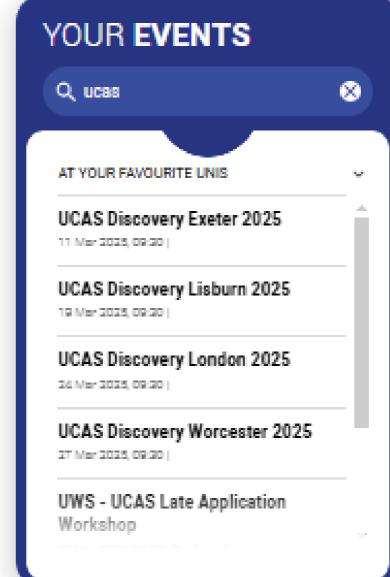


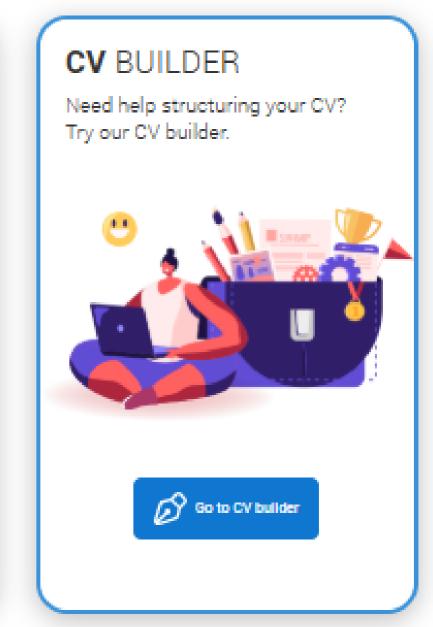


TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

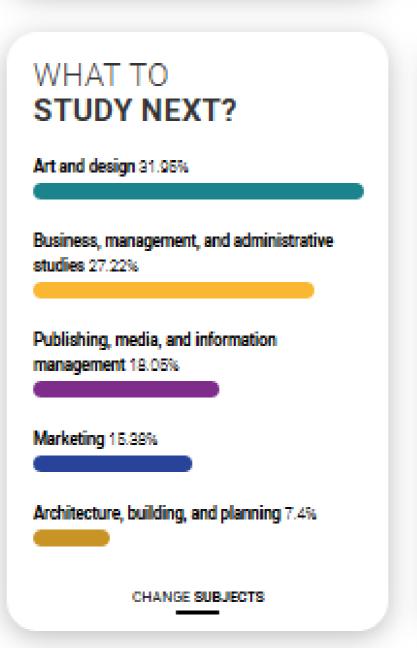
- Explore the Careers Quiz, What to Study Next, Subject Spotlights and Virtual Work Experiences for career and course inspiration.
- Use the Tariff Calculator, Personal Statement Builder, and CV Builder to stay on track and plan your path.
- Search for events, open days, videos to get expert help and questions answered.

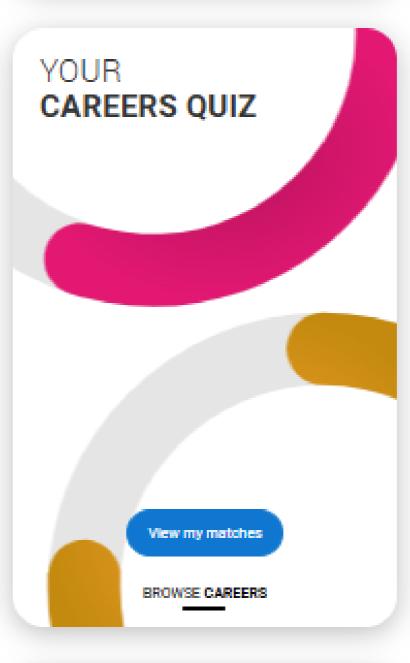


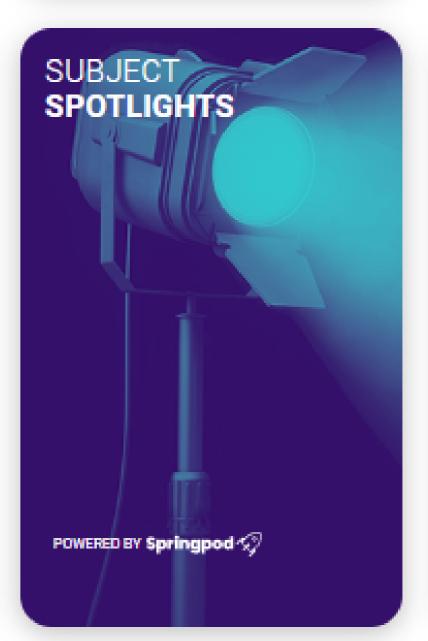




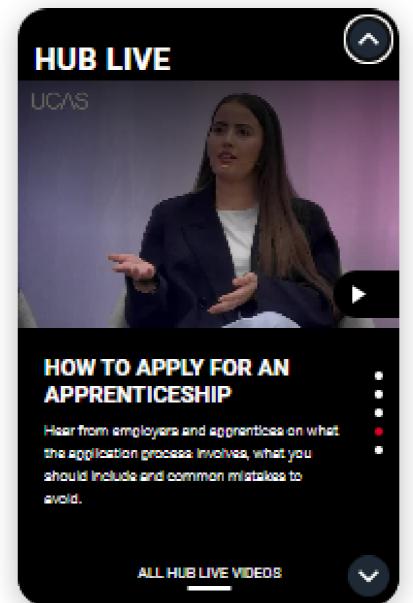


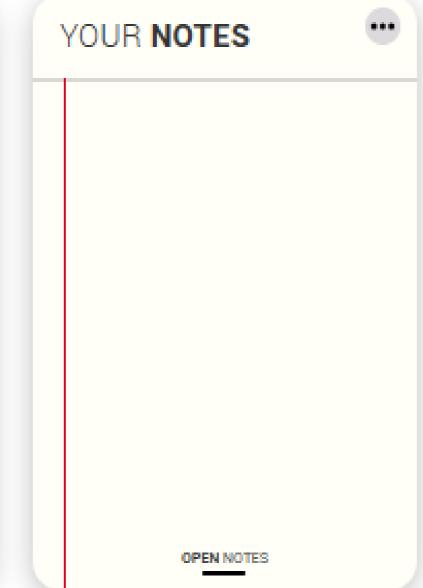


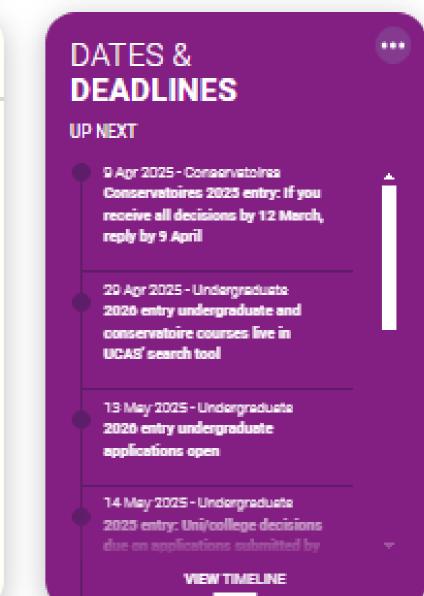


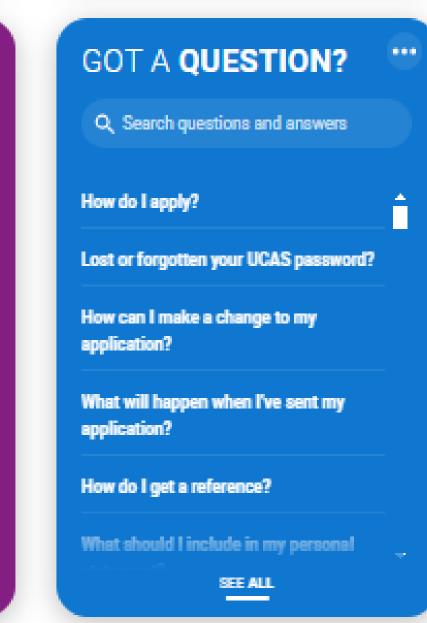












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Compare all your options side-byside. Take a closer look at apprenticeships, courses, and job opportunities - all in one place.

Build your personalised UCAS Hub profile and find your best fit!

Courses for you

Courses related to Agriculture and related sciences

Have you considered the following related courses?

Public Health courses available at 49 universities and colleges

Environmental Science courses available at 36 universities and colleges

Geography courses available at 28 universities and colleges

> See all

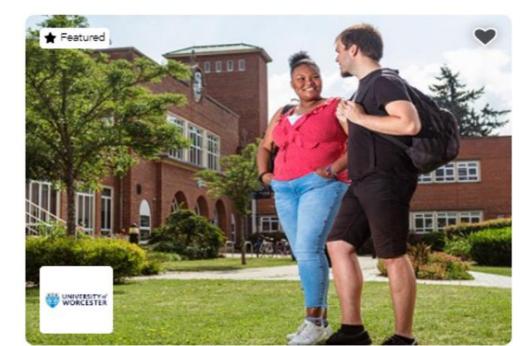
Psychology courses available at 23 universities and colleges

> See all

See all

Universities & colleges

Discover universities & colleges



University of Worcester Worcester - 21 miles



McTimoney College of Chiropractic



University College Birmingham Birmingham - 40 miles

Apprenticeships

Latest apprenticeships and jobs UCAS Media Service

Active Travel Graduate

Transport For Wales (°) Pontypridd

Vacancy type Graduate job

increasing to 28,000 in

Industry Transport and logistics 27,000 per annum,

Apply by | Start date 16/03/2025 01/09/2025

the 2nd year

Administration Apprenticeship

Co-op

Devonport, Plymouth

Apprenticeship level Year 1: 14,893 Year 2: Apprenticeship - Level 2 18,943

Industry Apply by | Start date 20/03/2025 Engineering and 01/09/2025 manufacturing

Advanced Apprentice Fabricator

BAE Systems

Glasgow

Apprenticeship level Competitive Salary

Apprenticeship - Level 6 Offered

Industry Engineering and manufacturing

Apply by | Start date 07/03/2025 | 01/09/2025

Employers

Discover employers UCAS Media Service



Ministry of Defence





Babcock

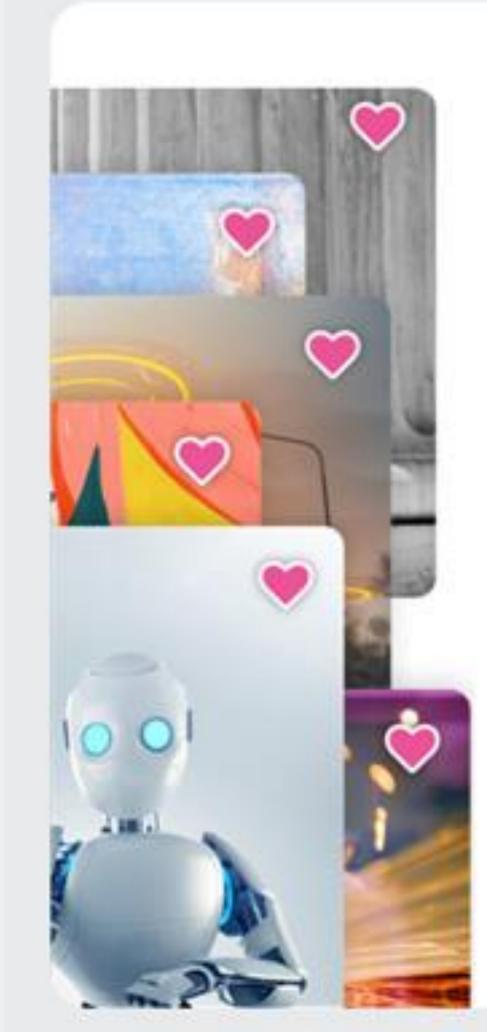


START NOW

Favourites

Shortlist Courses Uni & colleges Locations Subjects Pages

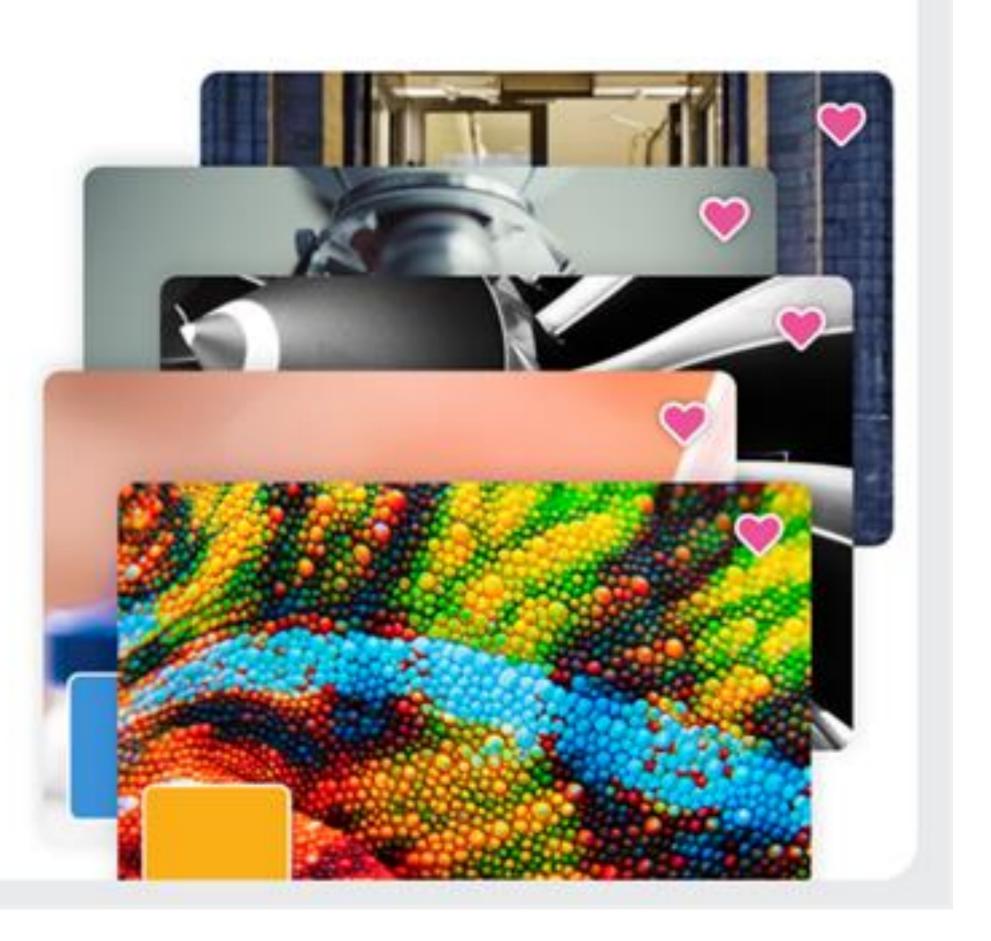
Manage favourites >



Build your shortlist

Save courses, universities, colleges, subjects, careers, apprenticeships, and more to your favourites.

Choose some favourites





Manage favourites >

WHAT AND WHERE

Favourites

Shortlist Courses Uni & colleges Locations Subjects Pages



Agricultural Business Management with Foundation

University of Reading 10/2025 • 4 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time

Tariff points: N/A



Animal Science (Zoo and Wildlife Conservation)

Anglia Ruskin University 15/09/2025 • 3 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time

Tariff points: 96/96



Animal Bioscience and Management

University Centre Askham Bryan 08/09/2025 • 3 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time

Tariff points: 84/84



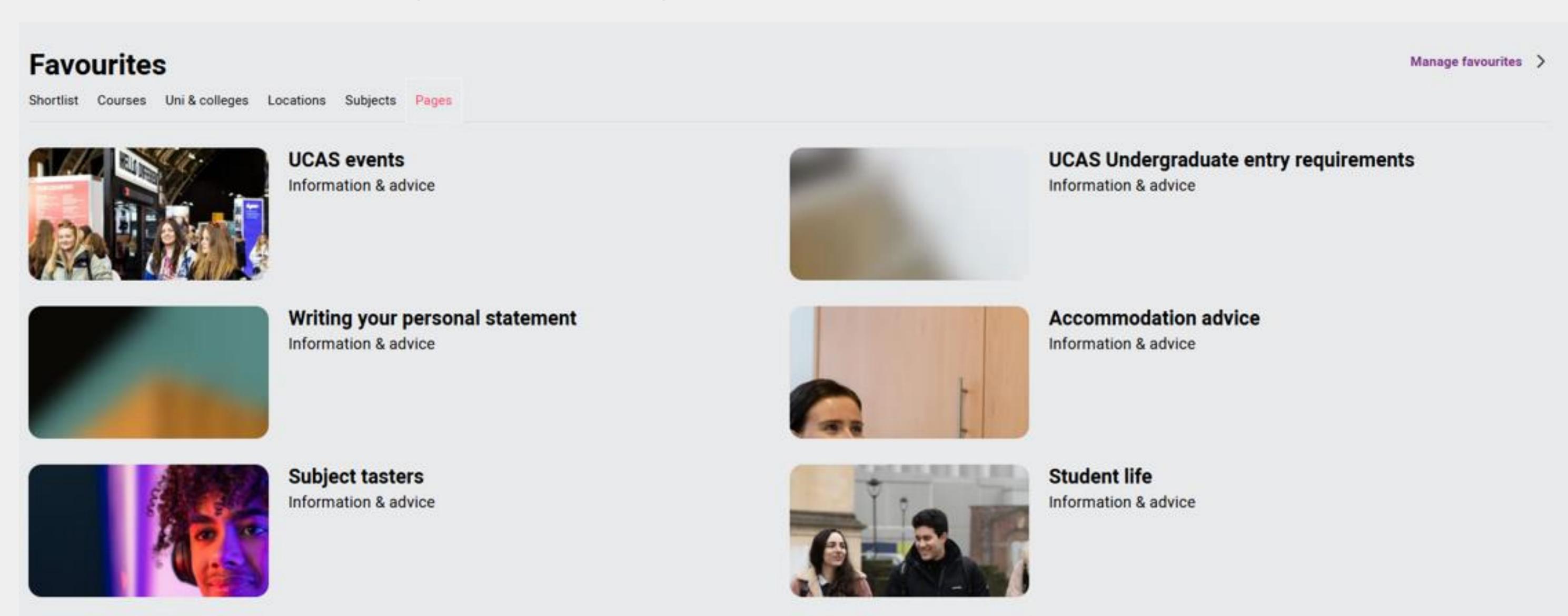
Animal Behaviour with Foundation Year

Liverpool John Moores University



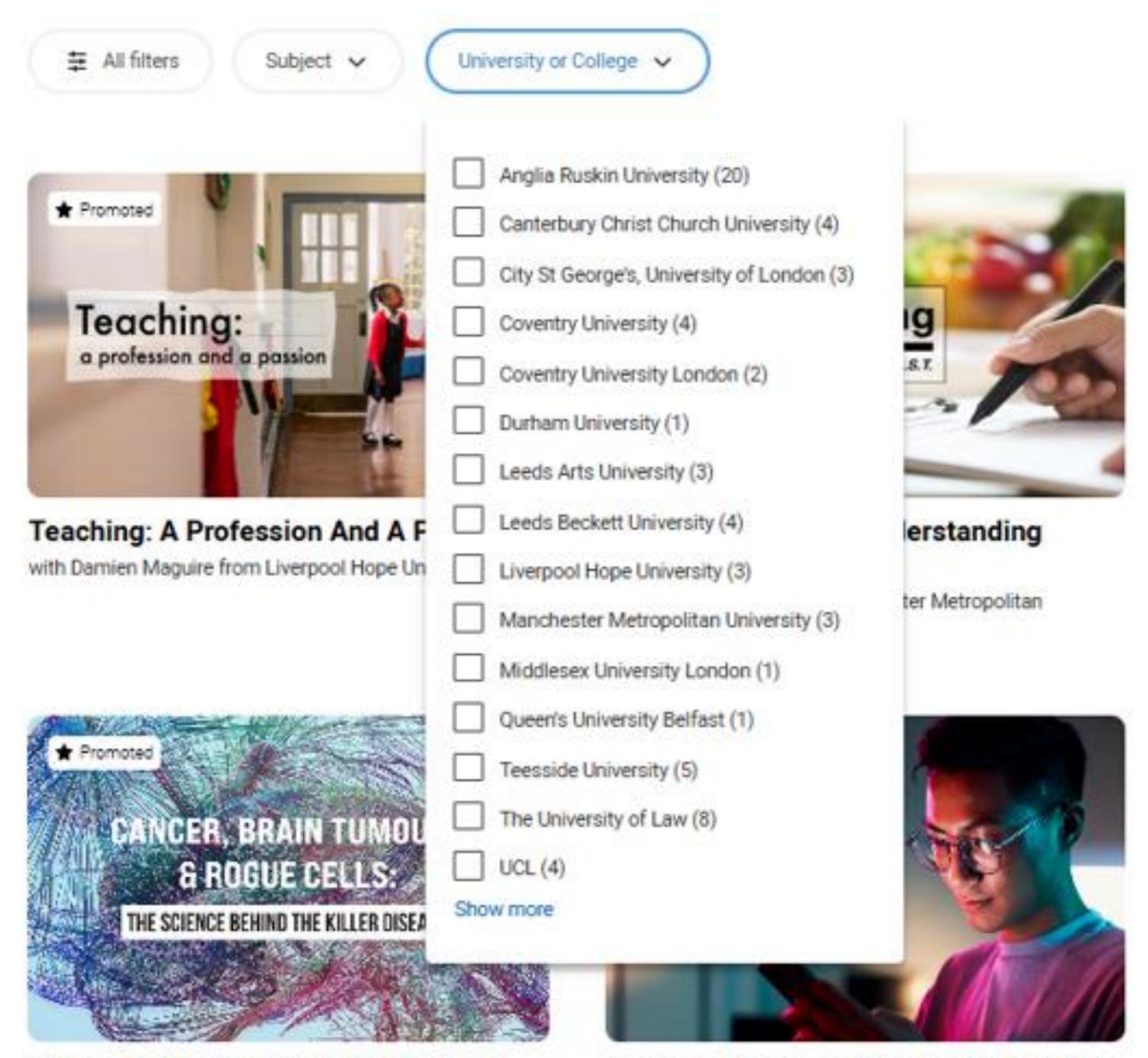


HANDY INFORMATION





SUBJECT SPOTLIGHTS



Cancer, Brain Tumours & Rogue Cells: The Science Behind The Killer Disease

with Dr Shafiq Ahmed from University of Sunderland

Computer Science: Is Generative Al The Problem Or The Solution?

with Dr Aminu Usman from the University of Sunderland



And Breathe: The Respiratory System Explained

with Charlotte Anderson from the University of Sunderland



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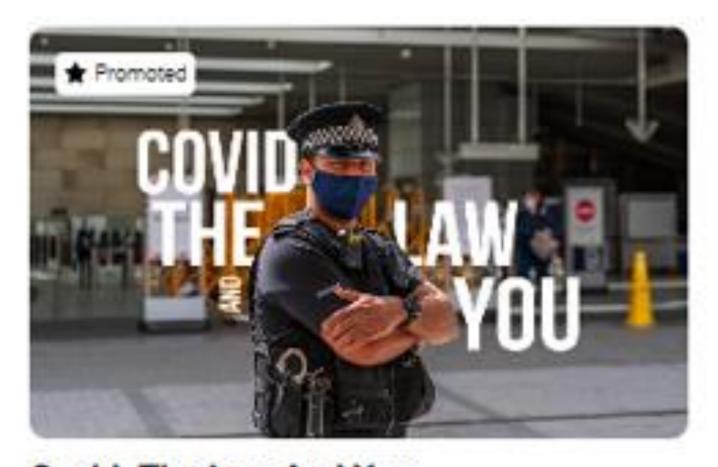
Biotechnology: The Rise Of Radical Healthcare

with Prof. M. Safwan Akram from Teesside University



Computer Science: Space Exploration And Beyond

with Dr Paul Sant from The University of Law

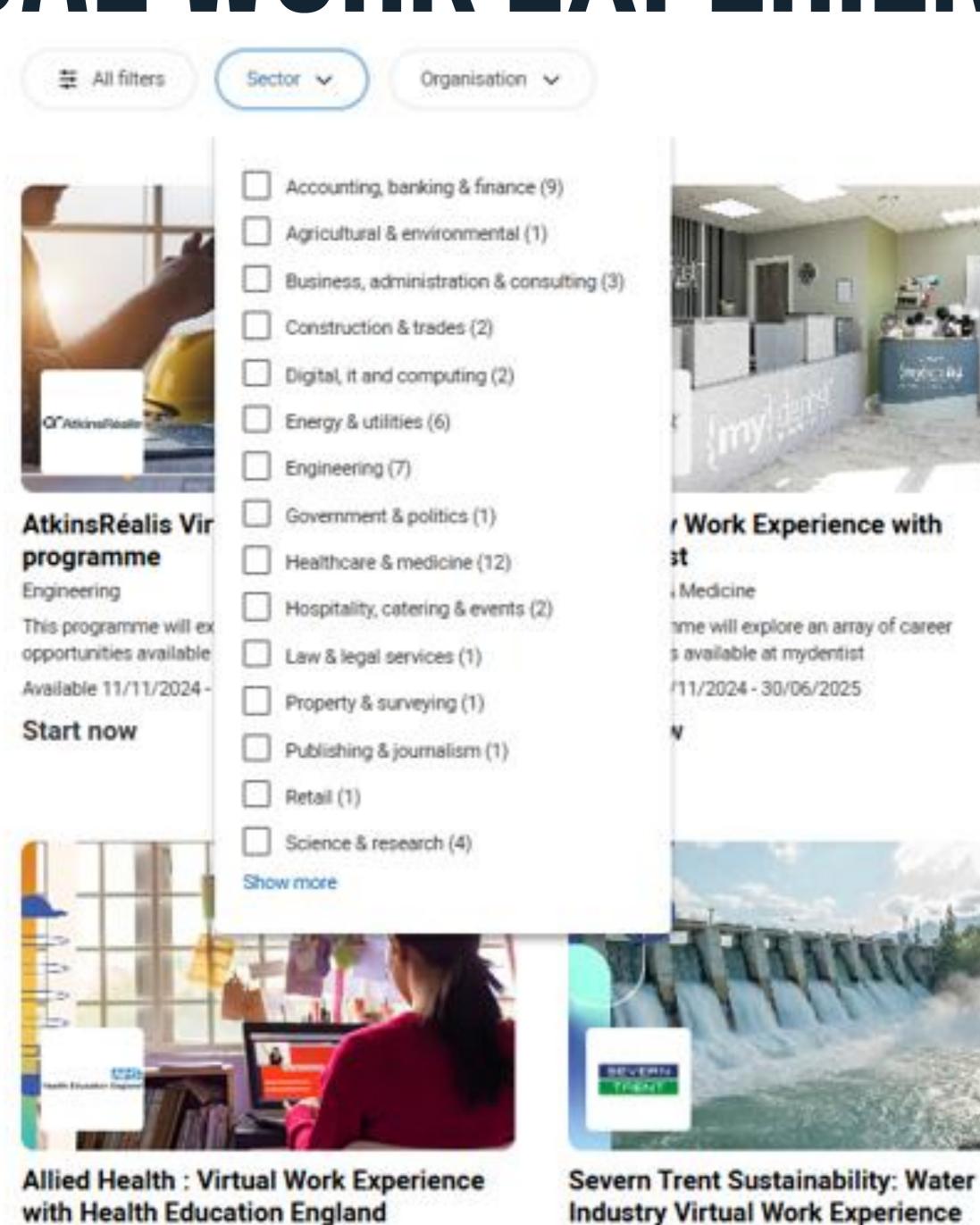


Covid: The Law And You with Mike Meehan from University of Law



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VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE



Energy & Utilities

Start now

This programme will explore an array of career

opportunities available at Severn Trent

Available 09/09/2024 - 29/04/2025



HR Career Insights: Virtual Work Experience with CIPD and Springpod

Business, Administration & Consulting

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development

Available 13/11/2023 - 31/10/2025

Start now



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Skills for Success: Forvis Mazars Work Experience

Accounting, Banking & Finance

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This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Forvis Mazars

Available 28/10/2024 - 15/06/2025

Start now



Engineering a Sustainable World - Work Experience with IChemE

Engineering

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Institution of Chemical Engineers Available 30/09/2024 - 30/04/2026

Start now



Legal Realities Unveiled: Virtual Law Careers with TLT and Springpod

Law & Legal Services

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at TLT LLP Available 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2025

Start now



Public

Healthcare & Medicine

Start now

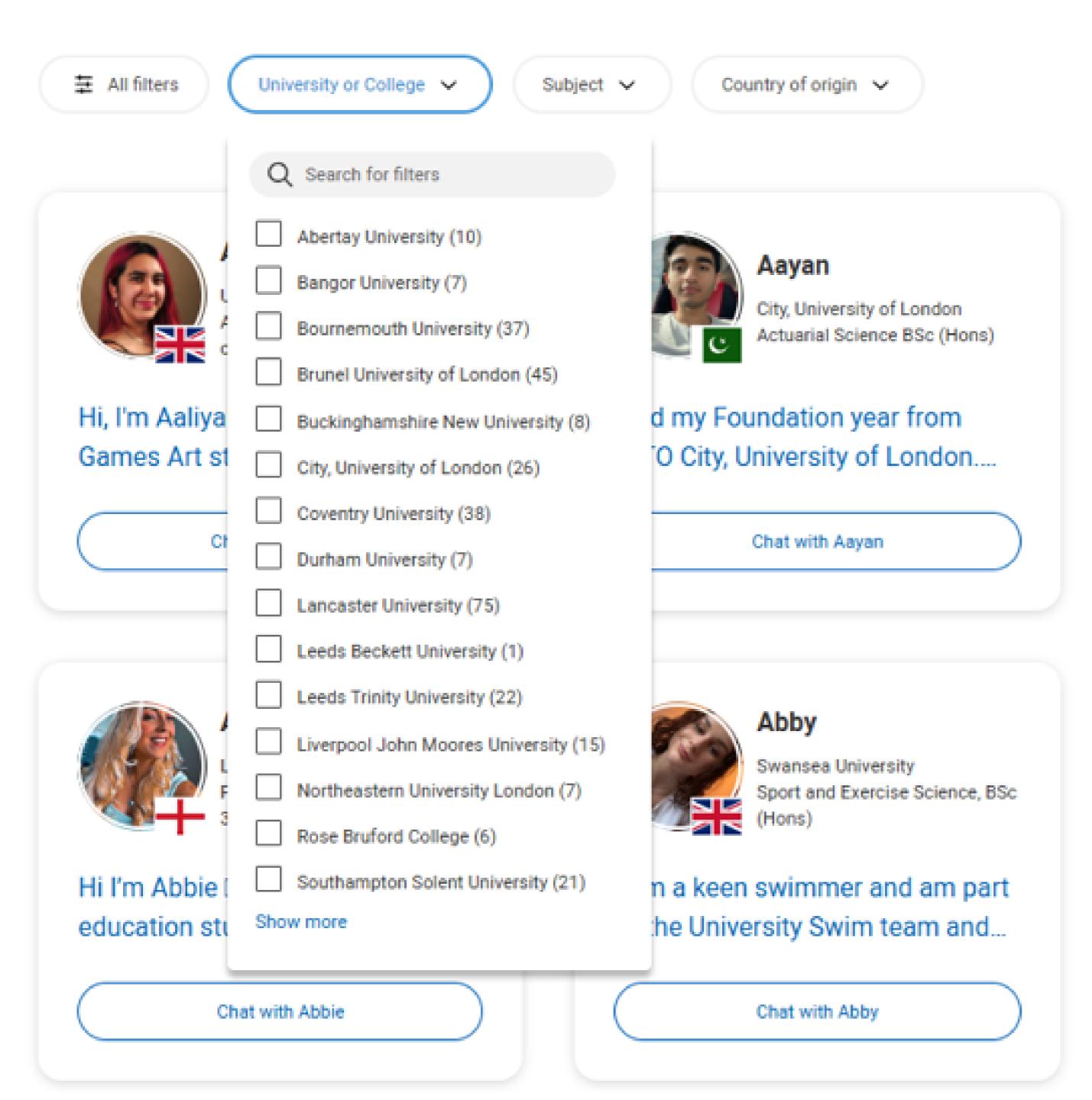
This programme will explore an array of career

Available 16/09/2024 - 25/03/2025

opportunities available at Health Education England

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CHAT TO STUDENTS





Abbey

Leeds Trinity University Criminology with Police Studies BA Combined (Hons)

I am looking at going into the police after university and doing...

Chat with Abbey



Abbie

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University of Strathclyde

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I would love to develop a career in research. I enjoy sharing my...

Chat with Abbie



abdeldjouad

University of Westminster Finance and Business Management BA Honours

Hi everyone! my name is Abdeldjouad, I'm an international...

Chat with abdeldjouad



Abdul

University of Lincoln Architecture - BA (Hons)

"Hi! Feel free to ask me any questions about the courses here...

Chat with Abdul



APPLY

How to apply to universities and colleges for 2026 entry



KEY DATES FOR 2026





FIND YOUR BEST FIT UNI OR COLLEGE

Style and focus

✓ From research-intensive to practical, career-orientated learning.

Location and size

Ranges from small campuses to large city-based universities with over 20,000 students.

Culture and facilities

Environment, resources, and student life.

Graduate outcomes

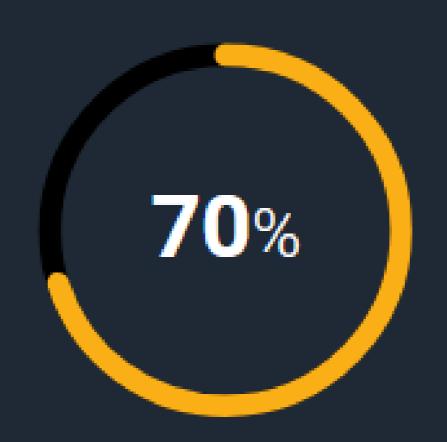
What careers have recent graduates gone on to?

Costs

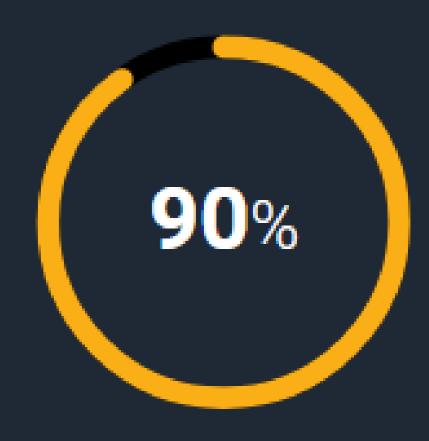
Include living costs, accommodation, and transport.

Student Outcomes

Operated by the Office for Students



Employment after 15 months (Most common jobs)



Go onto work and study

The number of student respondents and response rates can be important in interpreting the data – it is important to note your experience may be different from theirs. This data will be based on the subject area rather than the specific course. Read more about this data on the Discover Uni website.



THE COURSE MATTERS

Teaching & learning

✓ Teaching hours, self-study, lectures, and group work.

Assessment & structure

Coursework, exams, practical work, and module choices.

Entry requirements

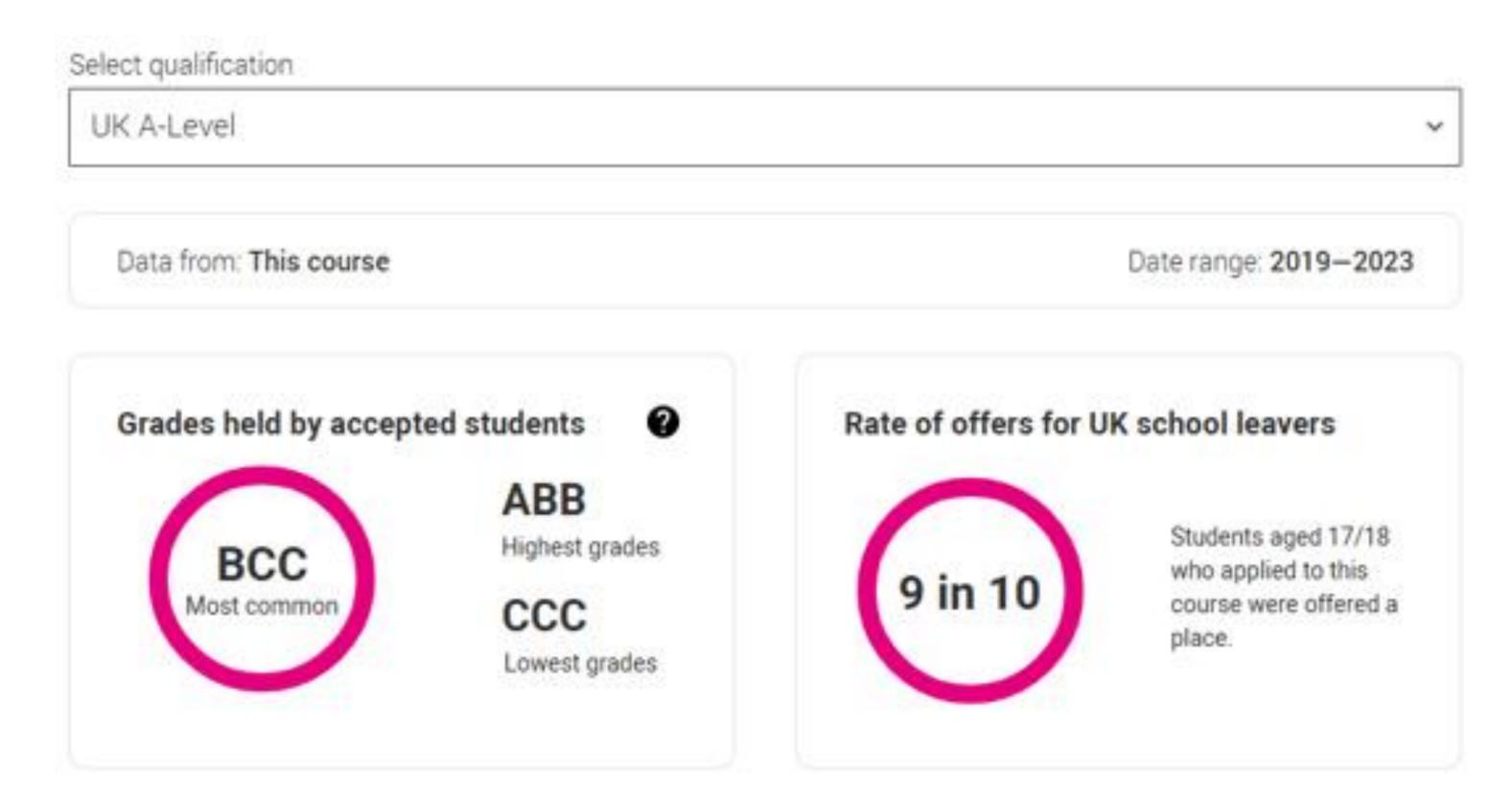
✓ Grades, skills, interviews, or auditions.

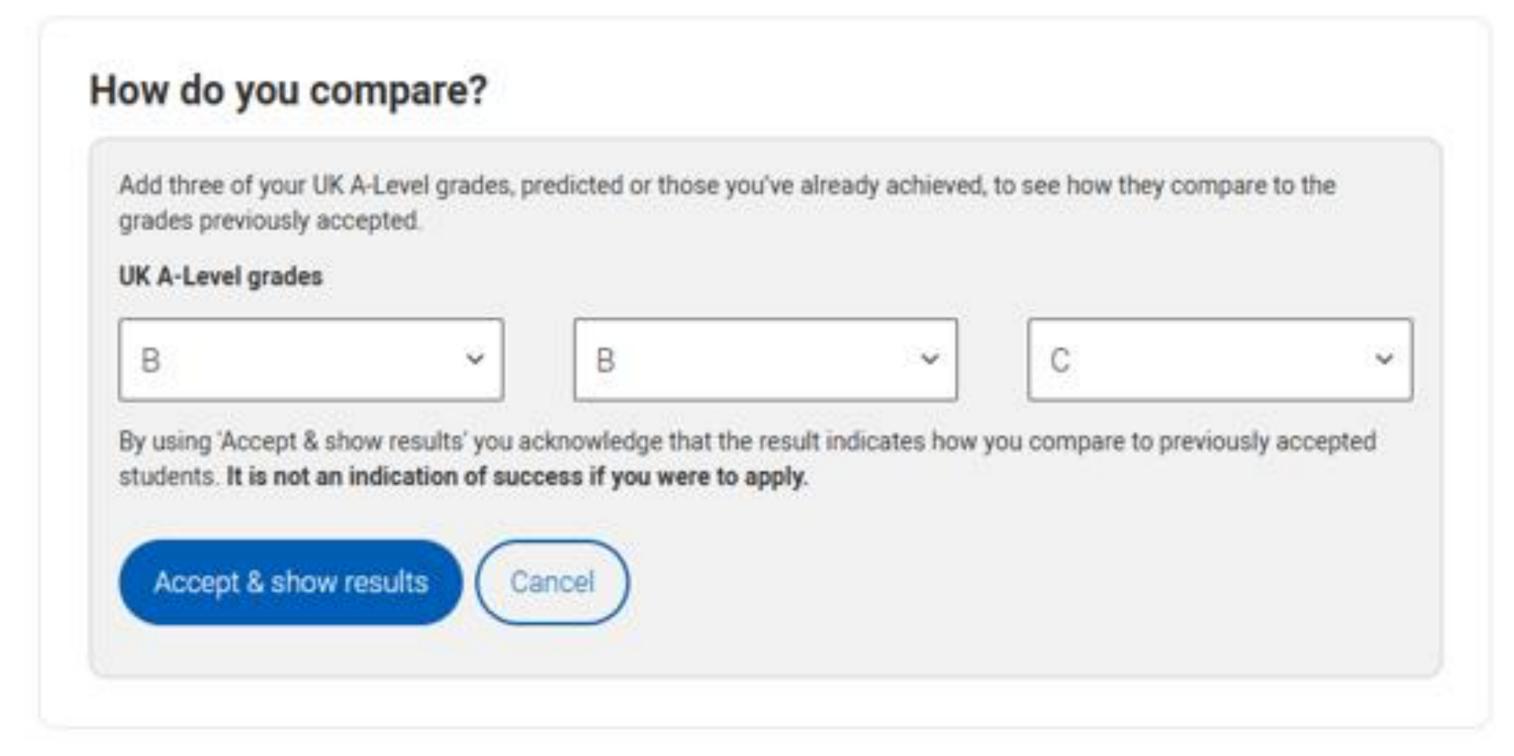
Career links

✓ Placements, internships and study abroad.

Class size & experience

✓ Student numbers and learning environment







Invisibility - Universities and colleges can't see your other choices



Apply by the relevant equal consideration date.



Five choices, with some restrictions (medicine, veterinary, dentistry, Oxford and Cambridge).



Research is key to a successful application.



Applying costs £28.95.



COMPLETING THE UCAS APPLICATION



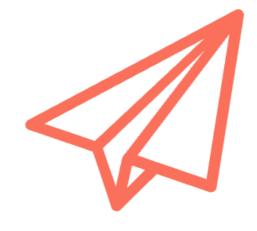
Student registers for a UCAS Hub account to carry out research and start an application.



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 of college on behalf of the student.



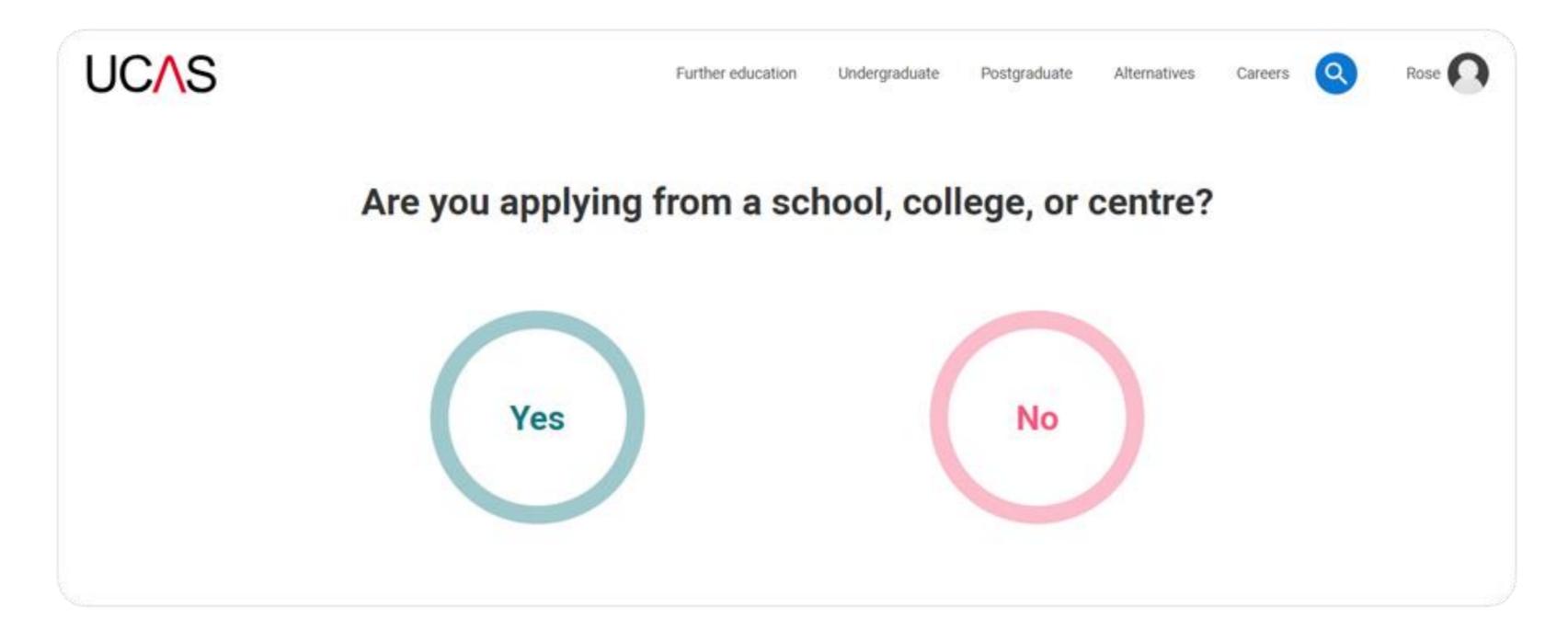
Universities and colleges make their decisions on the application.

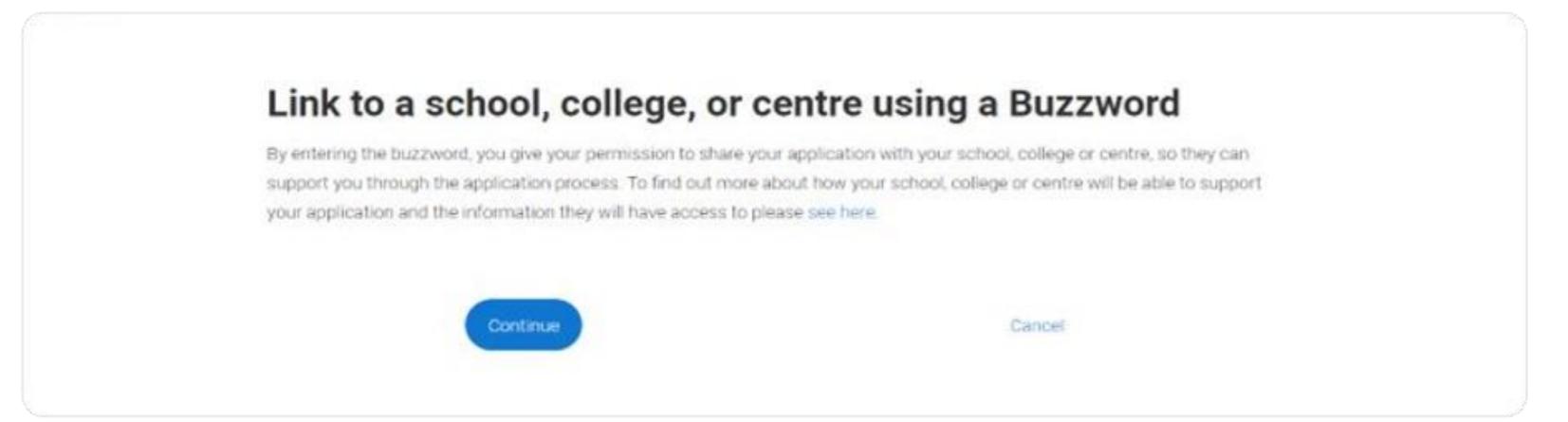


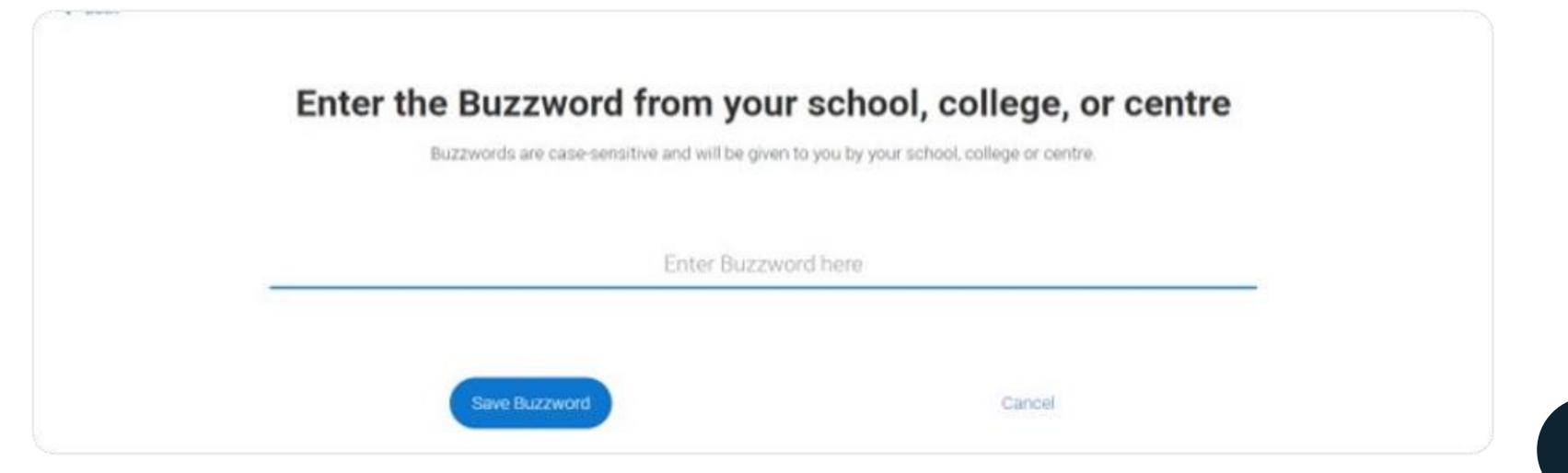


LINKING TO OUR CENTRE

- Enter the 'buzzword' to link your application.
- The buzzword is a unique code.
- By linking your application you're giving us permission to view and track your application.
- We send your application to UCAS on your behalf.



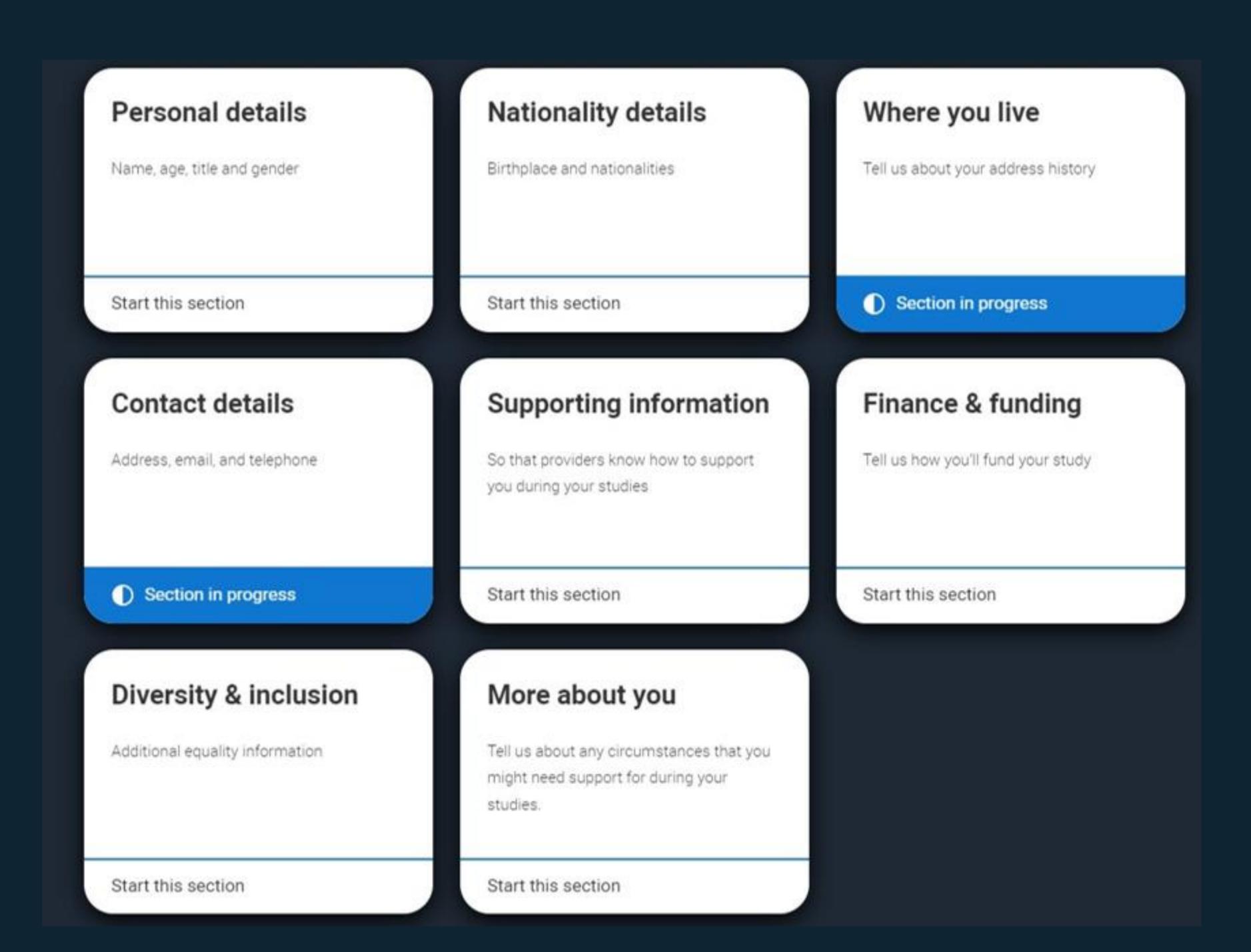






APPLICATION PROFILE

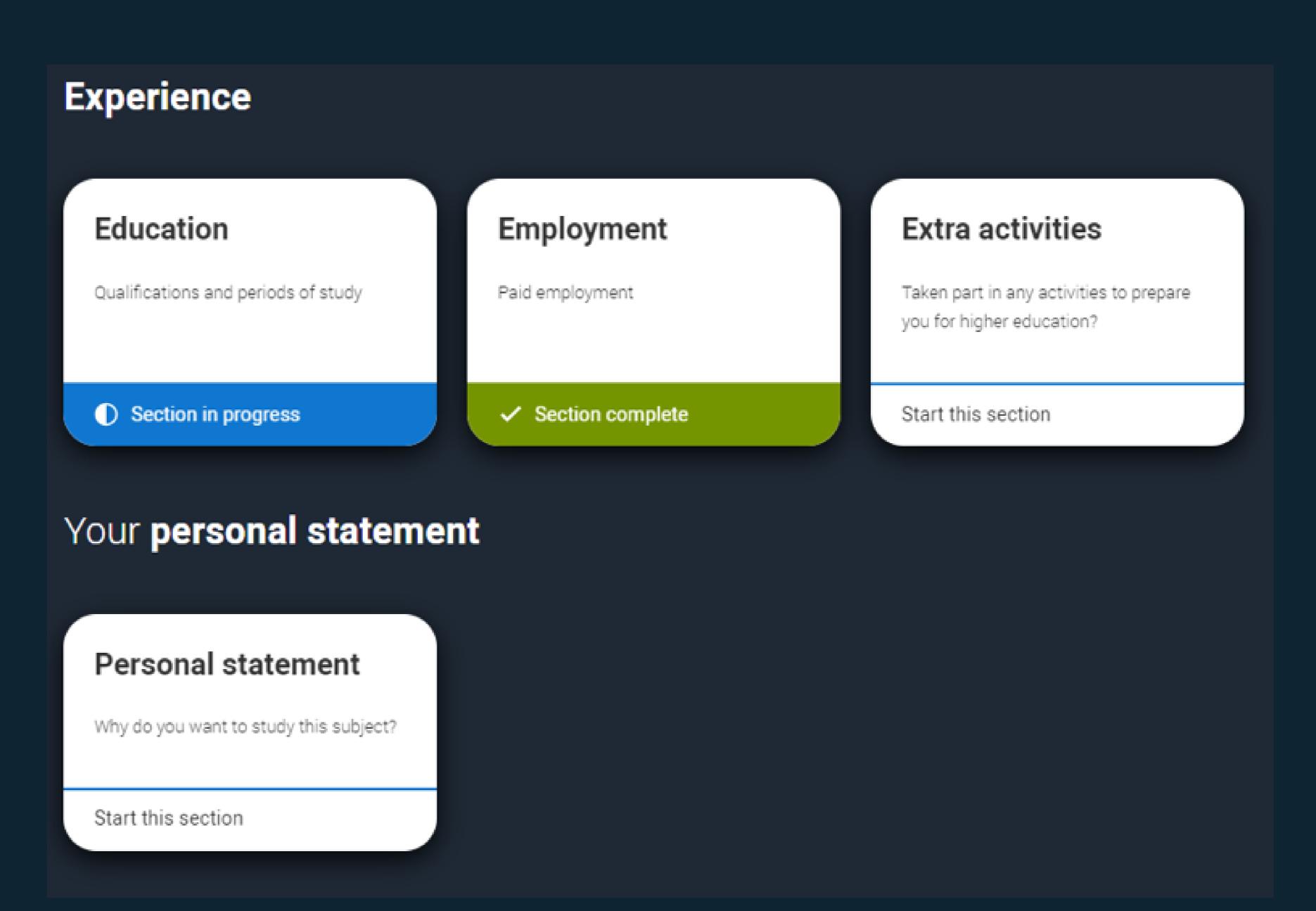
- Personal details
- Nationality details
- Where you live
- Contact details
- Supporting information
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion*
- More about you
- * (for students with a UK home address)





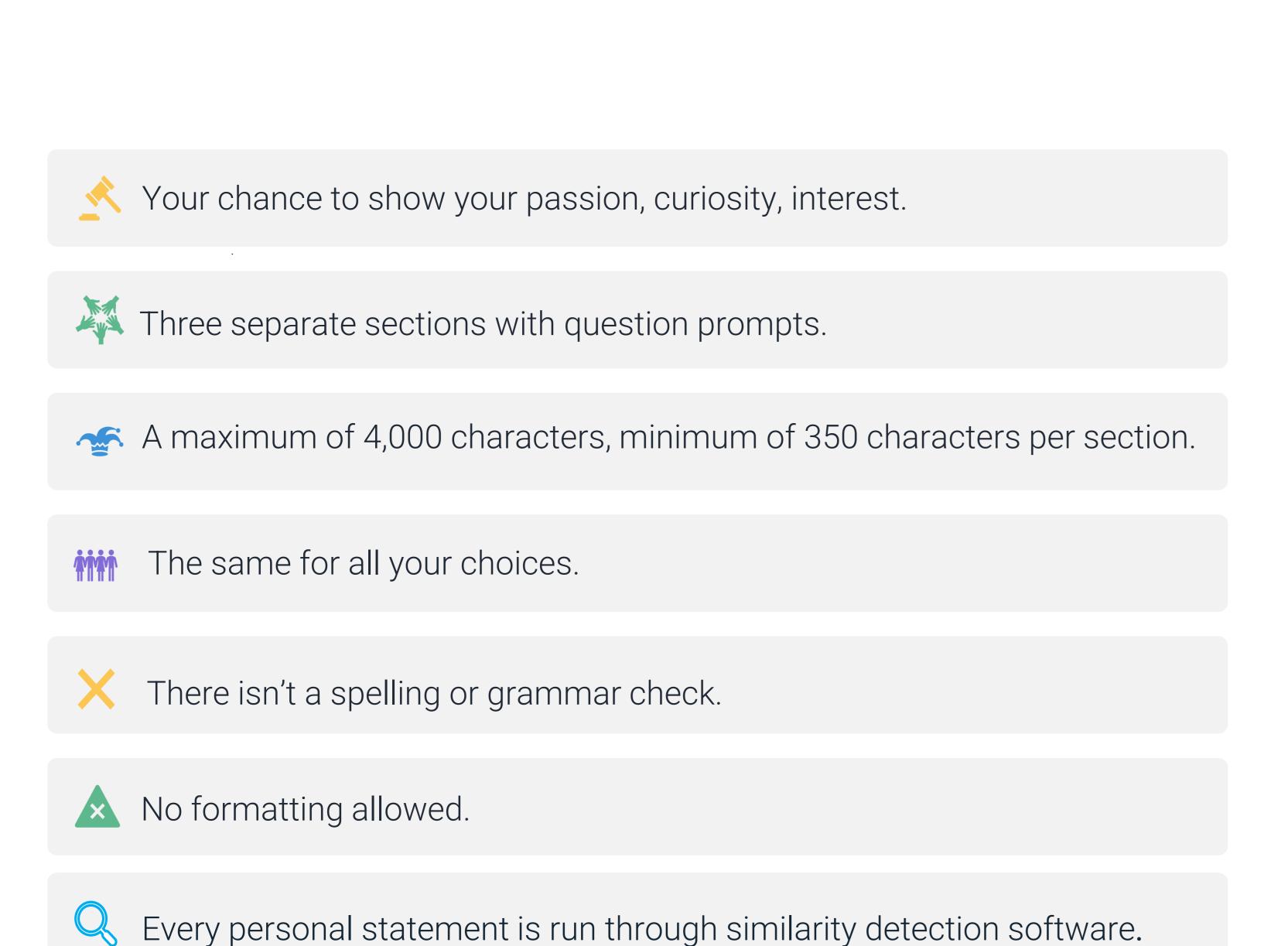
APPLICATION EXPERIENCES

- Education
- Employment
- Extra activities*
- Personal statement
- Reference**
- *(for students with a UK home address)
- **(not visible if linked to your school/college)





THE PERSONAL STATEMENT



hy do you want to study this course or subject? *
his is your opportunity to showcase your passion and knowledge of your chosen subject area and to demonstrate to
niversities and colleges why they are a good fit for you and your future ambitions.
ease use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)
ow have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject? *
his is your chance to shout about the relevant or transferable skills you've gained from your education and highlight
our understanding of how they will help you succeed in this subject area.
ease use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)
hat else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful? *
his is your chance to reflect on any other activities you have undertaken outside of your education, or personal
xperiences which further demonstrate your suitability for the course. This section is likely to be deeply personal to
ou, so anything you include should be meaningful and relevant to you.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)



WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS?



Why do you want to study this course or subject?



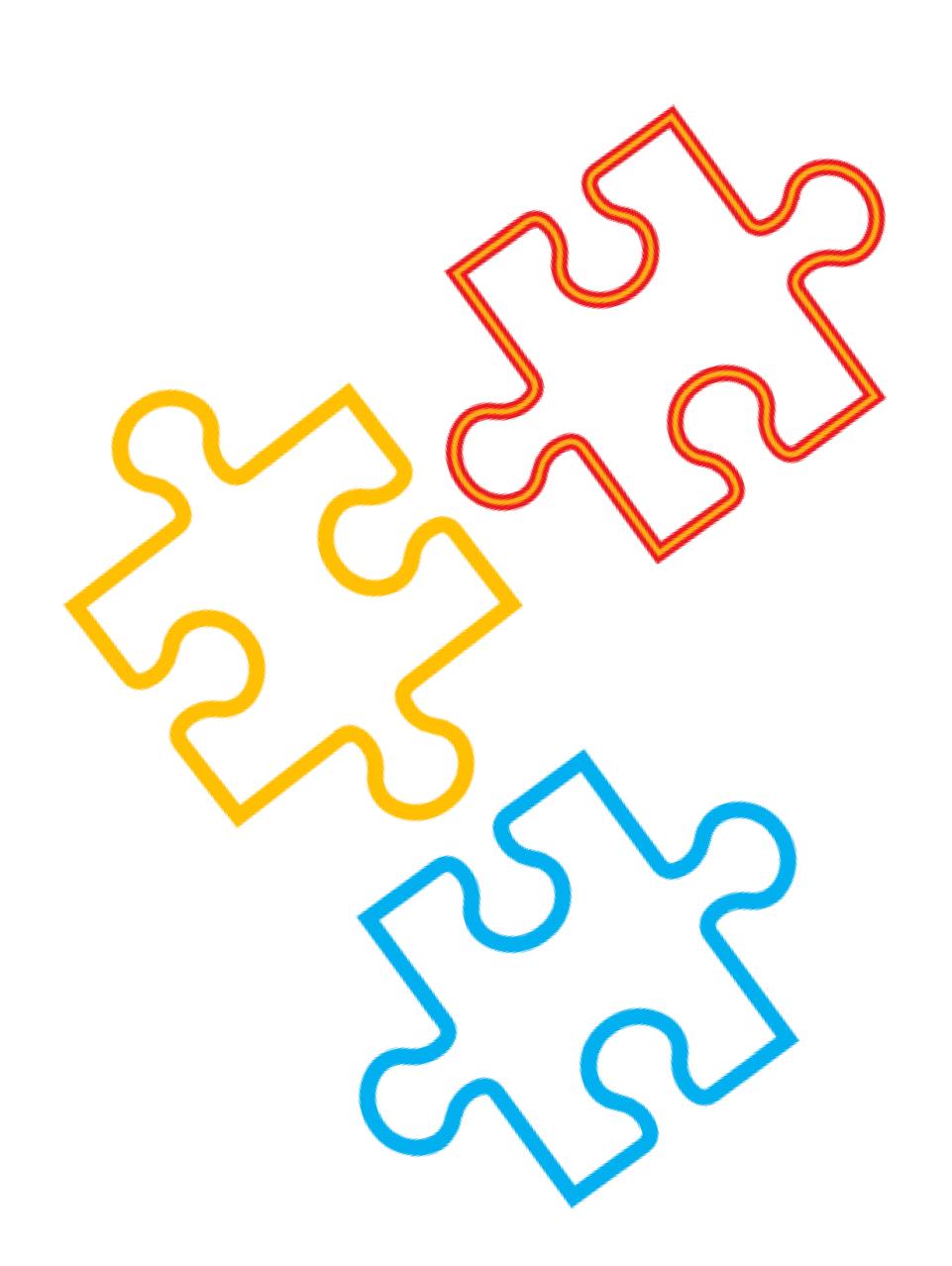
How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?



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



BUILD A PERSONAL STATEMENT

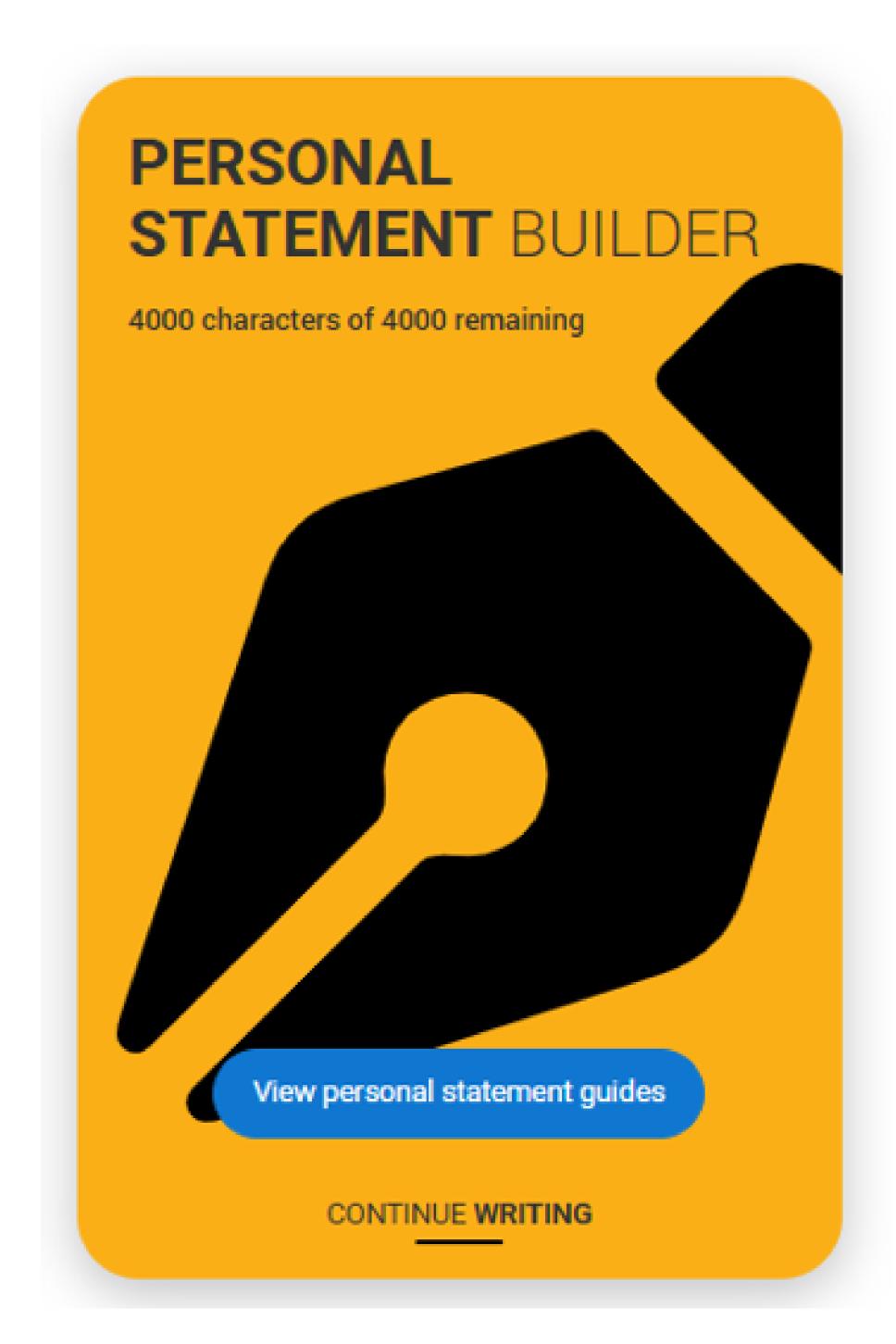


Ultimately, think of it like a jigsaw.

Each piece is reflective evidence.



PERSONAL STATEMENT SUPPORT





What to include in your achitecture, planning or building personal statement



What to include in your animal science personal statement



What to include in your art and design personal statement



What to include in your biology personal



What to include in your business management personal statement



What to include in your chemistry personal statement



What to include in your computer science personal statement



What to include in your dance personal statement



What to include in your dentistry personal statement



What to include in your drama personal statement



What to include in your economics personal statement



What to include in your engineering personal statement



OFFERS AND DECISIONS





DECISIONS

Universities and colleges will review the whole application including:



Qualifications



Personal statement



Reference

They may also require:



Admissions test



Interview



Portfolio / audition

TRACKING YOUR APPLICATION

Follow your application to:

- check progress
- see your choices
- update contact information
- view and reply to your offers

One of three decisions:

- unconditional offer
- conditional offer
- unsuccessful



Submitted to your school or college

Your application has been sent to your school or college and is being checked by your adviser. Once they have approved it your application will be sent to UCAS.



Your application has been returned by your adviser

Your adviser has returned your application, go to your application to see what amendments they are recommending for you.



Waiting for decisions

Universities or colleges are considering your application.

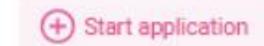
Providers have until dd-mm-yyyy to respond to your choices.



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



Go to application

2026 Undergraduate Application

Personal ID: 1280033960



All decisions received

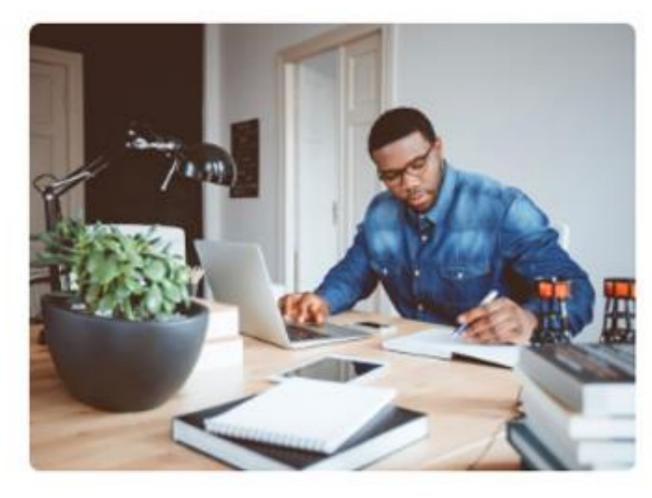
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RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS MEET UNIS AND COLLEGES EMPLOYERS AND MORE AT A UCAS EVENT



Your feed

Your personal content feed



Replying to your offers

Find out when you need to reply and about the different replies you can make.

Find out more



UCAS terms explained

We break down what all the terms and phrases mean that we use, from DipHE to deferral.



Invited for interview?

Here's all you need to know about the interview process at university.



Get prepared for your results

Make sure you know what to expect when it comes to your results.

Read more

REPLIES TO OFFERS

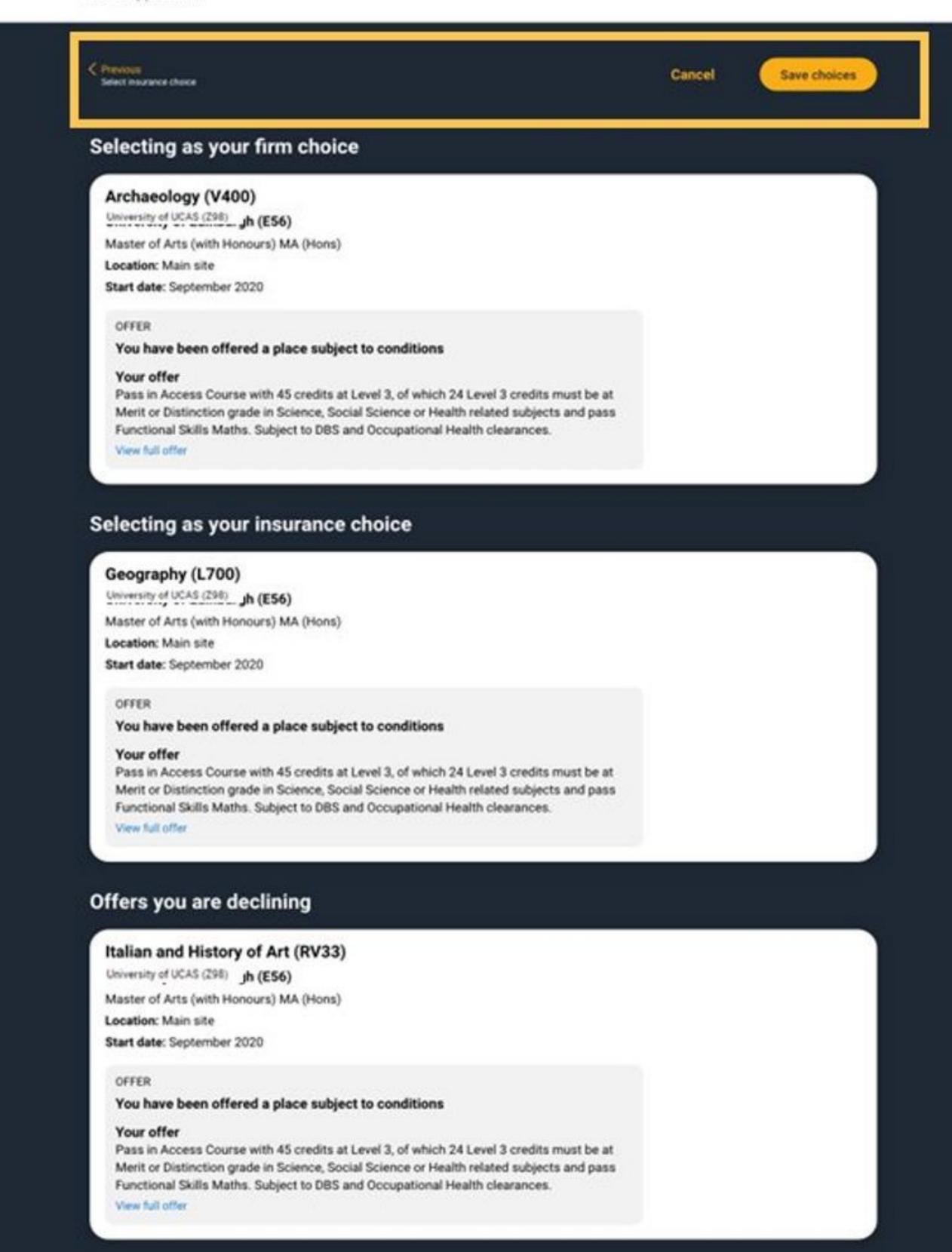
- Once you've made your decisions, choose a 'firm' and 'insurance' choice.
- Decline any remaining offers.
- If you're not holding an offer, use Extra or Clearing to find available places.



CONFIRM YOUR CHOICES

UCAS Application

Your Personal ID number 116-000-7564



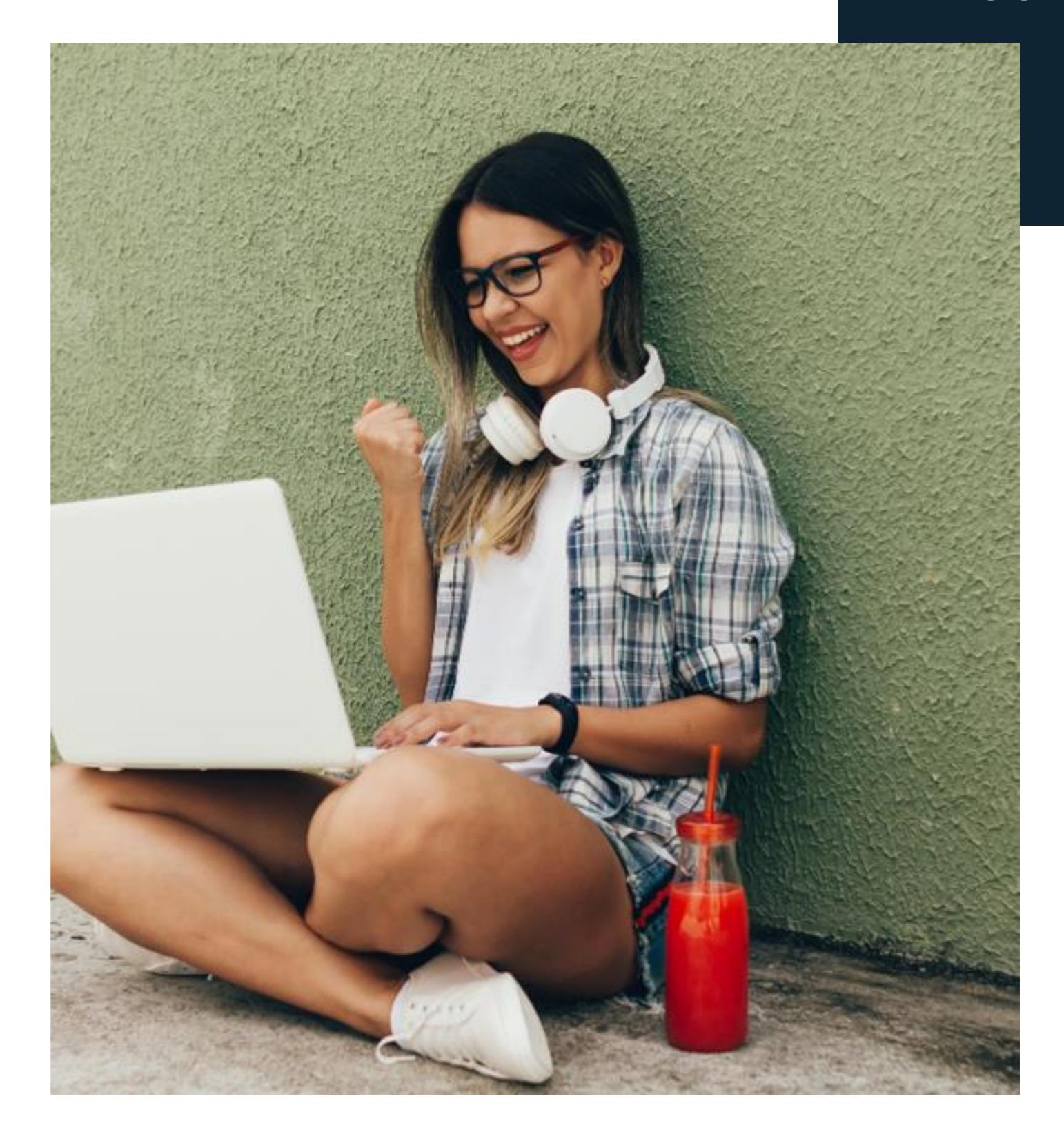
OTHER OPTIONS

Extra (26 Feb – 4 Jul)

- •Used all five choices and had no offers.
- You can still find a place using Extra.

Clearing (5 Jul – Oct)

- Clearing is for students in various situations.
- Whether you've exceeded expectations, changed your mind, or don't have a place.
- Understanding the process helps you take control of your options.





APPRENTICESHIPS

What you need to know www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- It's a real job where you learn, gain experience, study for a qualification and get paid.
- An apprentice is an employee, with a contract of employment and holiday leave.
- Over 600 different apprenticeships available, from Nuclear Engineer to Architect to Digital Marketer.



* Foundation apprenticeships in Scotland are unpaid



WHO ARE THEY FOR?

- 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
- Apprenticeships in Northern Ireland require you to:
 - be employed or be about to take up paid employment in Northern Ireland
 - be working a minimum of 21 hours per week on a permanent contract



^{*} a foundation apprenticeship in Scotland is typically taken alongside Scottish Higher and National 5s

THE A-Z OF APPRENTICESHIPS

There are **over 600** possible apprenticeship 'standards' (training programmes) which exist. It's probably easier to name an industry that doesn't have an apprenticeship then to list all that do. 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

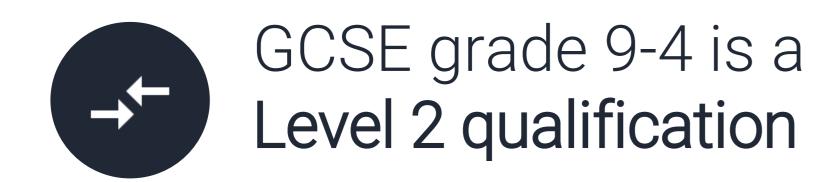
- Physiotherapist
- Quality practitioner
- Rail engineer
- Research scientist
- Social worker
- Software Developer
- Teacher
- Town planning assistant
- Utilities engineering
- Veterinary nurse
- Vehicle damage assessor
- Water process technician
- Workplace pensions consultant
- Youth worker

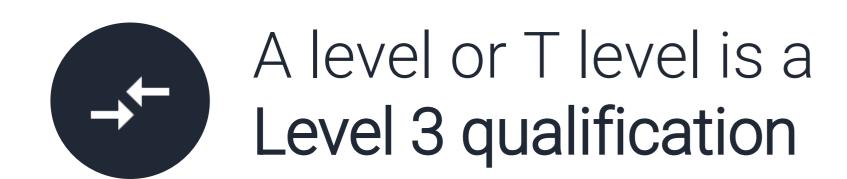
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WHAT AM I DOING NOW?

For example, in England, Northern Ireland and Wales:





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 Levels 4-7 Advanced Apprenticeship In Wales: Higher Apprenticeship







WHAT AM I DOING NOW?

For example, in Scotland:





Apprenticeships work in levels in Scotland too

Foundation
Apprenticeship

SCQF Levels 5+

Modern Apprenticeship

SCQF Level 8-11

Graduate Apprenticeship

WHEN CAN APPLY?

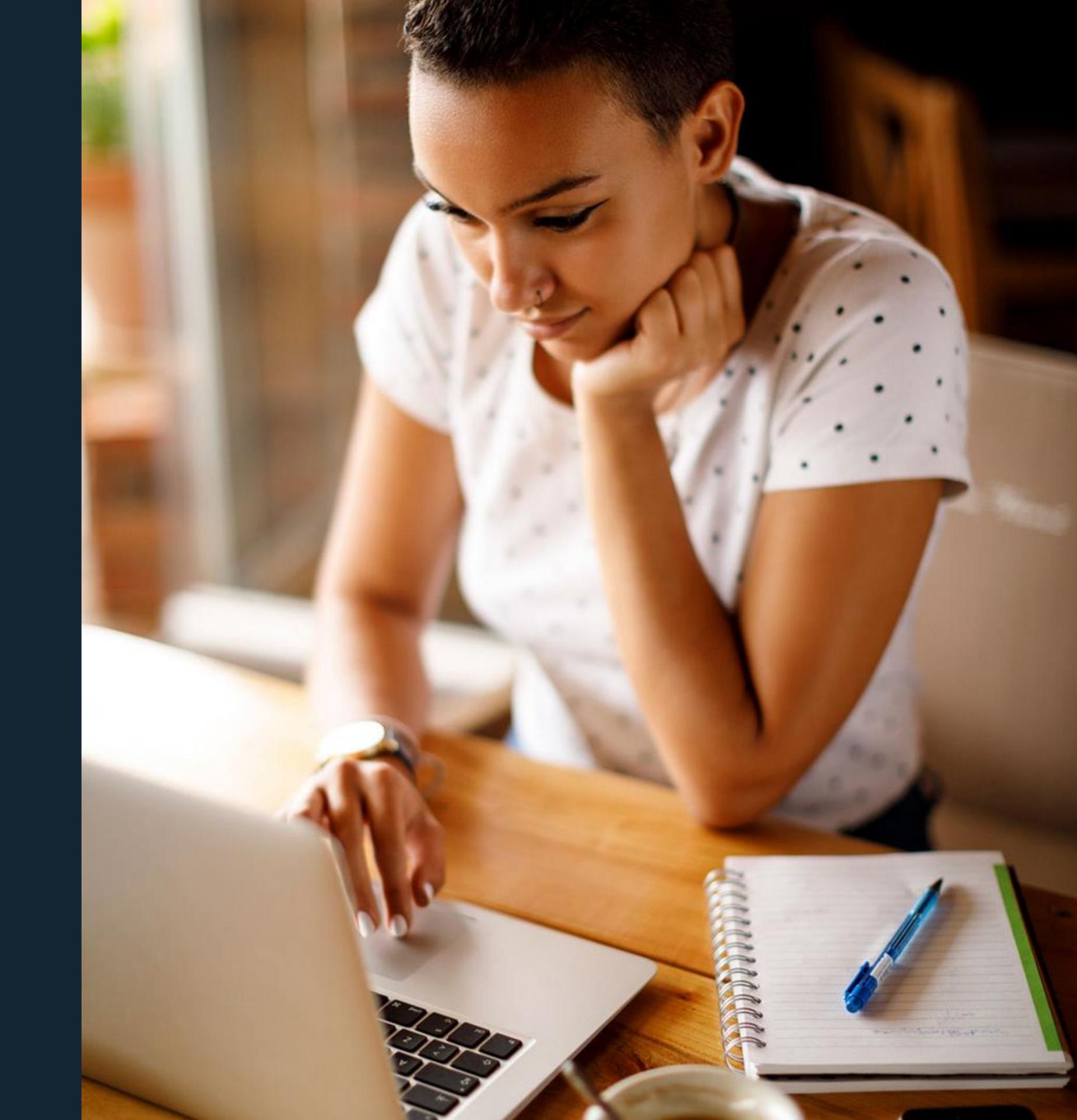
- Advertised throughout the year; with no single application deadline.
- Larger organisations with multiple application processes may recruit earlier than smaller local organisations.
- Higher apprenticeships with a Sep/Oct start tend to recruit in the previous academic year.

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HOW DO I APPLY?

- Applications are made directly through the company or training 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!



HOW CAN UCAS HELP?

Apprenticeship Application Guides

Get to grips with what to expect when applying for specific industries.

Live studio apprenticeship podcast

 Radio 1's Katie Thistleton chats to apprentices and experts about what you need to know.

UCAS CV builder

Create a professional CV in minutes.

Find it all and more ucas.com/apprenticeships





NEXT STEPS

UCAS Support

WHAT TO BE DOING

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





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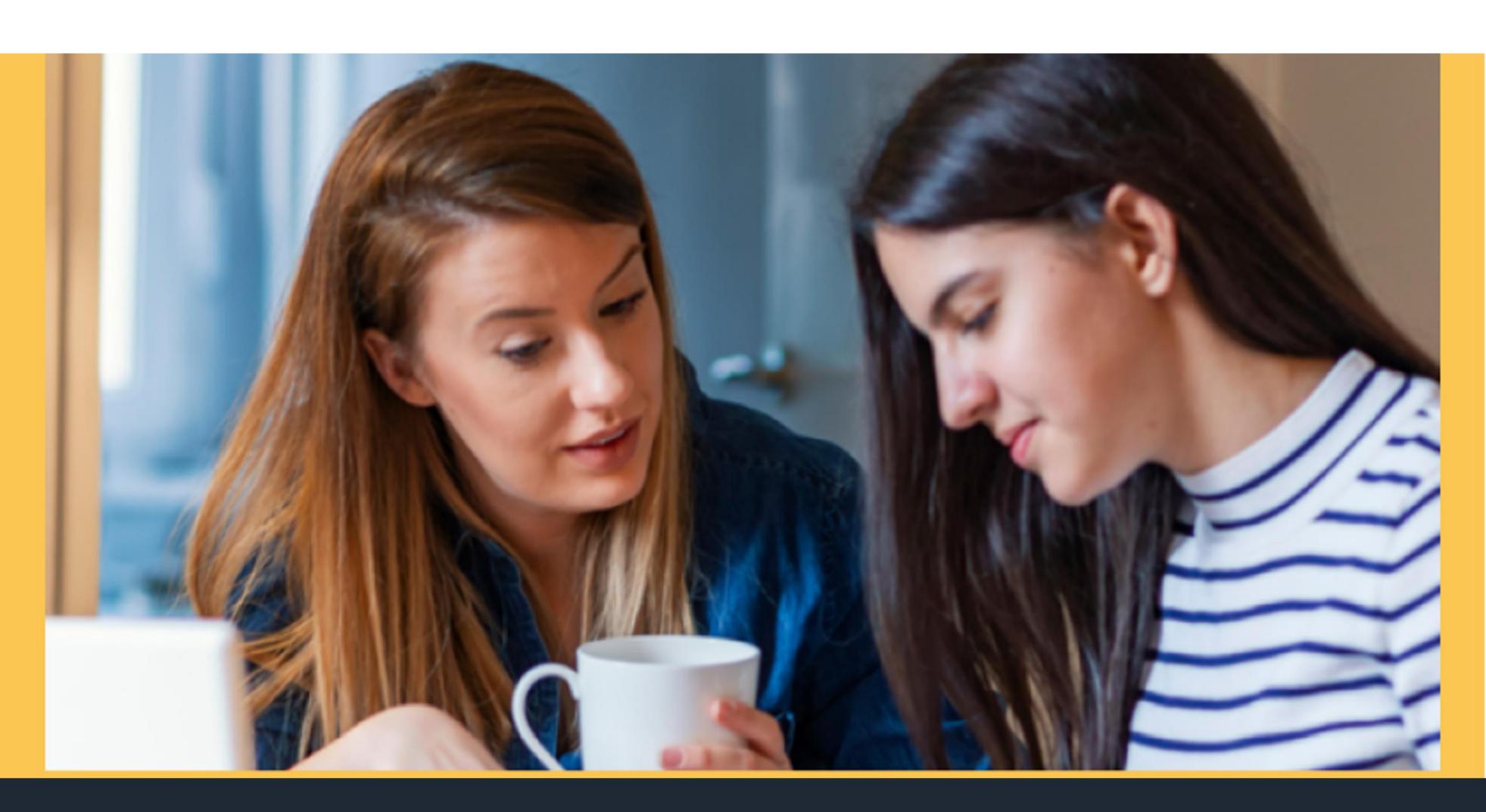
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THANK YOU

