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# UCAS Virtual Information Evening 2020

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## UCAS Homepage

The screenshot shows the UCAS Undergraduate homepage in a web browser. The address bar displays "https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate". The main heading reads "Studying a degree at university, college, or a conservatoire". Below this, there are several promotional tiles:

- A large tile on the left with an illustration of people on a tablet screen, titled "Unsure about a course, university or student life?". The text below says: "Talk to students who are already studying... they know the provider, the courses, the accommodation, and what the city or town has to offer."
- A central tile for "Open Day 24 October 2020" featuring a silhouette of a person and the University of Exeter logo. It includes a "Learn more >" button.
- A tile on the right titled "GET UPDATES FROM UCAS" with a "Learn more >" button.
- A bottom section titled "Applying to university" with the subtext "When and how to apply for an undergraduate course at university or college." featuring a photo of a student in a library.

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 23/09/2020 and the time as 20:26.

## Parent Top Tips





## Contextualised Offers

Information and data used by Universities and Colleges to assess student's prior attainment and potential in the context of their individualised circumstances

The data includes geodemographic, educational and socio-economic background

Contextual information relates to **individual applicants' circumstances**, such as if they have ever been in the care system, first generation applicants to university etc.

We encourage students to complete all relevant application fields in full and ask that you also check that they have divulged all information that applies to them

Please could we ask that this information is also shared with their UCAS referee (Form Tutor) so that it can be included in their UCAS reference.



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# The Launch – July 2020

**July 2020** – Information on how to register for UCAS was sent to students via their school email accounts and posted on Show My Homework. A large number of students have registered and created a UCAS account

Summer Holiday Work

- Jargon buster
- Personal statement research
- Draft personal statement
- Attend virtual open days



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So far.....

- The students form tutor and skills for life teacher will act as a UCAS mentor to provide support for the students at every step of the application process.
- They will:
  - Meet with students on a one to one basis to advise on personal statements
  - Talk to them about course choices
  - Discuss their UCAS predicted grades



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# How can parents and guardians help?

- The personal statement
  - Proofread
  - Structure the information to reflect the skills and qualities the university and colleges value most
  - Why do they want to study the course
  - Remember to add additional qualifications and success beyond academic results.
- Sign up and attend virtual open days.



## UCAS Timeline

- **July – September:** Choose courses and universities
- **September – October:** Complete application form online
- **October:** Complete personal statement as a word document – get it checked!!
- **October:** Pass personal statement to sixth form tutor to help them complete their reference
- **October – November:** Personal statement and reference then go to Head of Sixth form
- **November – December:** Book in a time to send your application



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## UCAS Support

- Year 13 skills for life lessons
- One to one meetings with sixth form tutor
- Personal statement writing advice via SMHW
- One to one personal statement advice from experienced members of staff





## Key Dates

Date	Details
24 <sup>th</sup> September	UCAS Information Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Oxbridge Applications Closing Date
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Virtual tutor day – UCAS advice
Prior to Christmas	Year 13 mock interviews
Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> November	One to one checking of personal statements
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Final Internal UCAS Application Deadline
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	UCAS Application deadline



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# Questions?

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