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Who am I?

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- Higher Education Champion
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- Take Your Place
- My aims

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Bingo!

Any questions....

Question BINGO!

Please write any questions you may have in the boxes below, then cross them off if I answer them during my presentation. Feel free to ask any remaining questions at the end.

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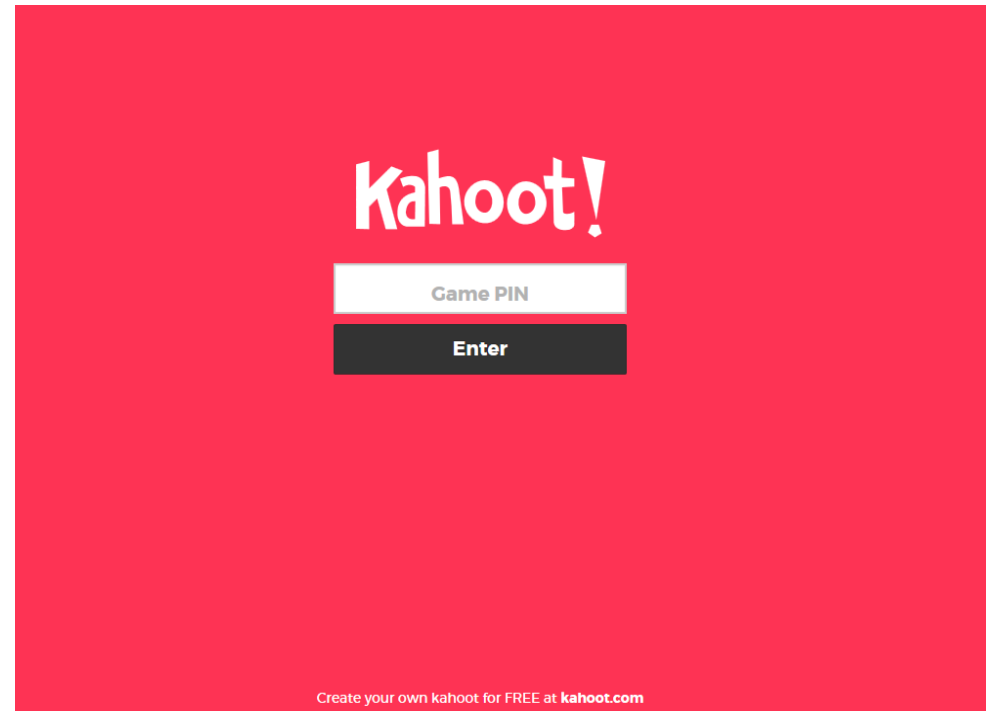
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A little warm up.....

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What do we know about University?

<https://kahoot.it/>



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Tonight's hot topics

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Key words

You will discover that there is a whole new language involved in the UCAS process.

Turn to P.26 of 'The Low Down: A guide to study after school for parents & carers'.

Here you will find words and phrases that you will soon become familiar with.



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The Process

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Internal UCAS deadline- December



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The Application Process

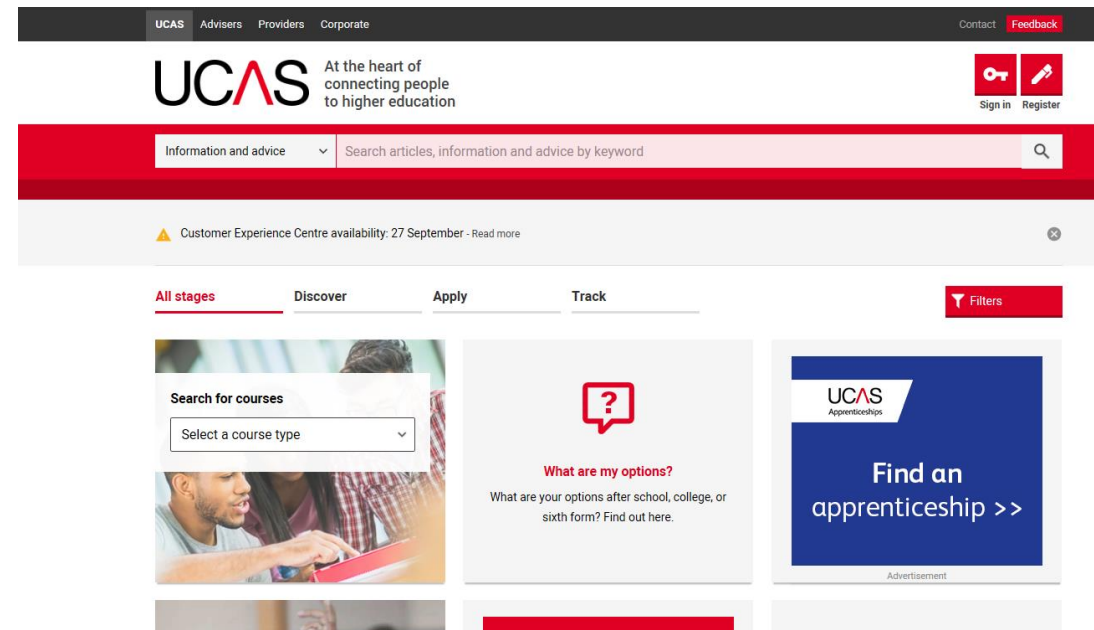
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-Apply online

-Students create an account

-Can search for courses online
Too

- UCAS timeline- pg. 16



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Offer Types and Replies

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: choices

- Applicants get 5 choices
- 3 decisions:
 - Conditional Offer.
 - Unconditional Offer.
 - Unsuccessful.
- 3 responses:
 - Firm Acceptance.
 - Insurance Acceptance.
 - Decline.

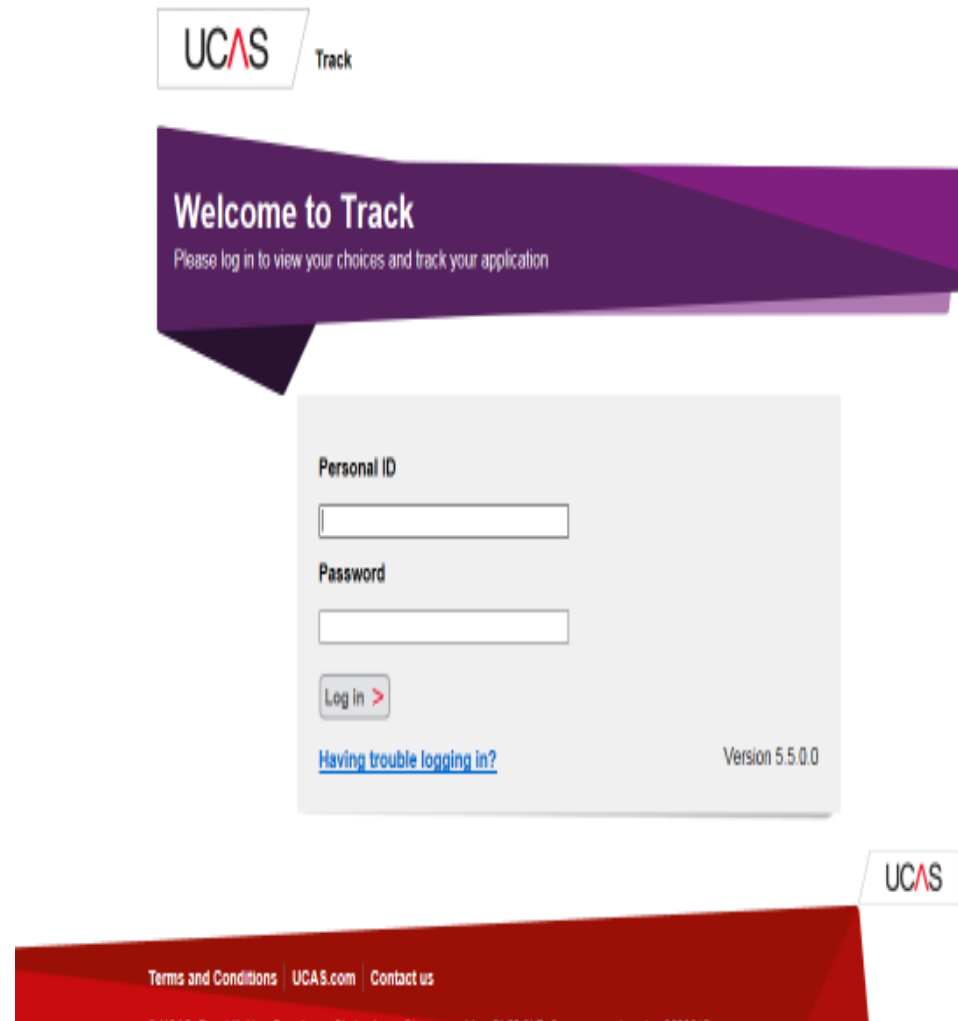
university / college	course	starting	decision	your reply	updated
University of Bristol campus: entry point: 1	M100	Oct 2011	Unsuccessful		02-Mar-2011
The University of Reading campus: entry point: 1	M100	Oct 2011	Unconditional	Insurance	15-Aug-2011
The University of Warwick campus: entry point: 1	M100	Oct 2011	Unconditional	Firm	15-Aug-2011
Oxford University campus: X entry point: 1	M100	Oct 2011	Unsuccessful		16-Dec-2010
The University of Nottingham campus: entry point: 1	M100	Sep 2011	Conditional	Declined	08-Mar-2011

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How Offers Work – UCAS Track

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- Log on to UCAS regularly to track offers.
- Some universities will offer interviews via UCAS Track, others will email directly, so check both!



The screenshot shows the UCAS Track login interface. At the top left is the UCAS Track logo. Below it is a purple banner with the text "Welcome to Track" and "Please log in to view your choices and track your application". The main login area is a light grey box containing fields for "Personal ID" and "Password", a "Log in" button with a red arrow, and a link for "Having trouble logging in?". The version number "Version 5.5.0.0" is displayed in the bottom right of the login box. At the bottom of the page is a red footer bar with links for "Terms and Conditions", "UCAS.com", and "Contact us". The UCAS logo is also present in the bottom right corner of the page.

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UCAS Extra

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- If all 5 offers have been received and are either unsuccessful or declined, an extra choice may be added.
- Open from 25th February.

The screenshot shows the UCAS Extra website. At the top, the UCAS logo is followed by the tagline 'At the heart of connecting people to higher education'. To the right are 'Sign in' and 'Register' buttons. Below this is a red navigation bar with a dropdown menu for 'Information and advice' and a search bar. A banner below the navigation bar states 'Customer Experience Centre availability: 27 September - Read more'. The main content area is titled 'Extra choices' and explains that if all five choices on an application have been used, users can still find a place using Extra for free. Below this, a 'Relevant to' filter is set to 'Undergraduate'. A 'Using Extra' section shows a preview of the UCAS Extra search interface. On the right, a 'You may also like to read' section lists links: 'Track your UCAS Undergraduate application', 'Replying to your UCAS Undergraduate offers', 'Search for courses', 'Choosing what to study', and 'What are my options?'. Below that, a 'Related topics' section lists 'After applying' and 'The application process'.

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Clearing

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“You can use Clearing to find a place at university if you didn't receive any offers, declined any offers you did receive, didn't meet the conditions of your offers, or applied after 30 June.” (ucas.com)

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Personal Statements

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What is a Personal Statement?

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- Written Application all about the students - in their own words!
- The opportunity to sell themselves, stand out and shine!
- University admissions tutors and employers will review the personal statement if they apply for a course or an apprenticeship with them.
- The best chance to let the university know why they are the best candidate for the course



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What makes a good Personal Statement?

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- Structure
- Academic related skills (Super vs Extra curricular)
- Passion for the subject- Further reading e.g. journals
- Support from Higher Education Champions

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What can be done NOW to bolster the personal statement ?

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- START PLANNING AHEAD...
- START THINKING...
- ...NOW

Some Examples:

- Attend university programmes
- Find subject relevant work experience
- Volunteer
- Extra reading



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Student Finance

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How to apply?

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Apply online- Student Finance England.

When your course starts

Between 1 August and 31 December

Between 1 January and 31 March

Between 1 April and 30 June

Between 1 July and 31 July

Apply by

31 May

30 September

31 December

31 March

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Tuition Fee Loan

- No upfront fee
- Covers full cost of your course
- Paid directly to your university
- Student Finance England

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Maintenance Loan

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- Minimum of £3,124 (living with parents)
- Part income assessed part not
- Living and study costs
- Paid in three instalments
- Student Finance England



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Maintenance Loan

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Term time location	Minimum loan	Maximum loan
Living at home	£3,124	£7,324
Living away from home	£3,928	£8,700
Living in London	£5,479	£11,354

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Repayments

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- Student Loan Company
- You only pay back once you're earning over £25K
- 9% of your earnings over £25k
- What you pay depends on how much you earn not how much you owe
- The loan is cleared after 30 years
- Won't affect your credit rating

Interest

- While you're studying: RPI + 3%
- Graduates earning <£25K: RPI
- Graduates earning >£25K: RPI + up to 3%



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What repayments look like...

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INCOME	AMOUNT OF INCOME DEDUCTED 9%	MONTHLY REPAYMENTS
Up to £25,000	£0	£0
£30,000	£5,000	£37.50
£35,000	£10,000	£75.00
£45,000	£20,000	£150.00
£55,000	£30,000	£225.00

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A little extra help....

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Martin Lewis- Money saving expert

<http://www.itv.com/thismorning/hot-topics/money-martin-lewis-university-finance-tips>

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