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An illustration of a hand with a teal sleeve pointing towards the text 'TAKE YOUR PLACE'. The hand is rendered in a stylized, dotted or stippled texture.

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Parents Information evening

The UCAS Process

Personal statements

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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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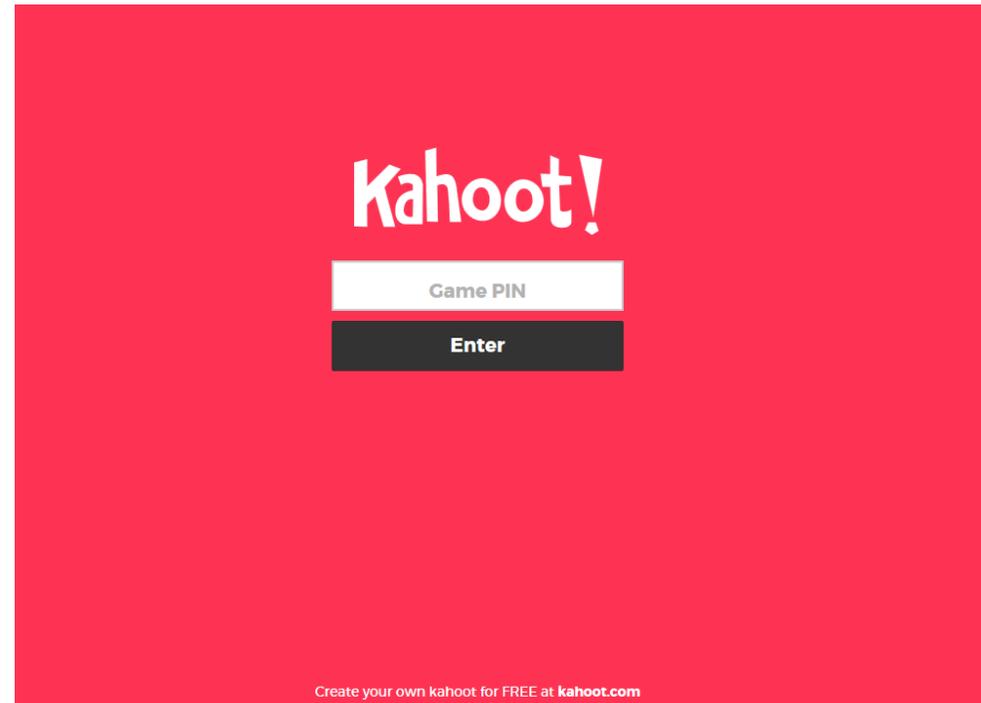
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A little warm up.....

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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

The screenshot displays the UCAS website interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with links for 'UCAS', 'Advisers', 'Providers', 'Corporate', 'Contact', and 'Feedback'. Below this is the UCAS logo and tagline 'At the heart of connecting people to higher education', along with 'Sign in' and 'Register' buttons. A red search bar contains the text 'Information and advice' and a search prompt 'Search articles, information and advice by keyword'. A notification banner indicates 'Customer Experience Centre availability: 27 September - Read more'. The main content area features four tabs: 'All stages' (selected), 'Discover', 'Apply', and 'Track', with a 'Filters' button on the right. Below the tabs are three panels: a 'Search for courses' panel with a 'Select a course type' dropdown, a 'What are my options?' panel with a question mark icon and text 'What are your options after school, college, or sixth form? Find out here.', and a 'Find an apprenticeship >>' panel with the UCAS Apprenticeships logo. A small 'Advertisement' label is visible at the bottom of the third panel.

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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!

UCAS Track

Welcome to Track
Please log in to view your choices and track your application

Personal ID

Password

Log in >

[Having trouble logging in?](#) Version 5.5.0.0

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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.

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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](https://www.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

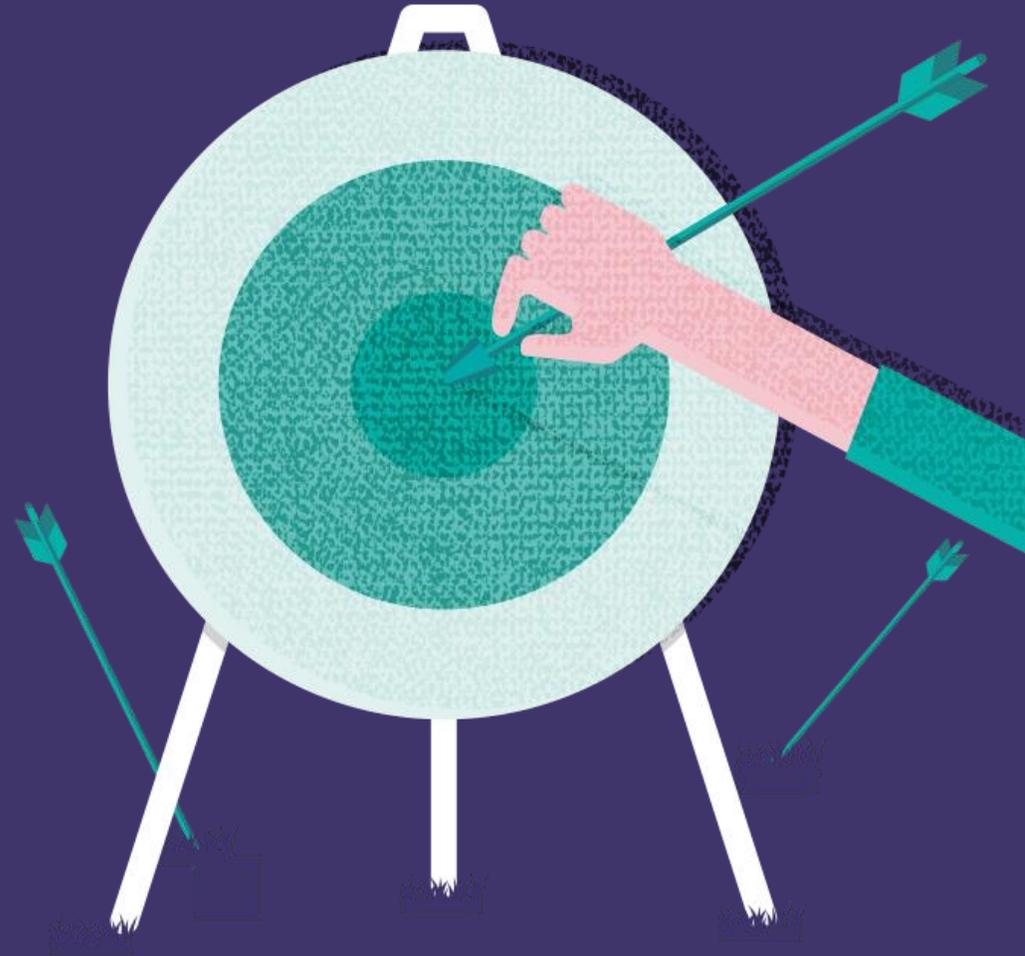


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Student Finance

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How to apply?

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Apply online- Student Finance England.

When your course starts

Apply by

Between 1 August and 31 December

31 May

Between 1 January and 31 March

30 September

Between 1 April and 30 June

31 December

Between 1 July and 31 July

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

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