



Welcome



Next steps event for parents
and carers of Year 12 students

Event Format

Higher Education Information Talk – 6.00 pm

- Housekeeping
- Why Higher Education?
Mandeep Kaur, University of Hull
- Student Finance
Nicola Beech, University of Hull
- How New College supports students applying for HE
Dan Wood, Assistant Principal

Next Steps Fair – 6.45 to 7.45 pm

Apprenticeships / Employment Information Talk – 7.10 pm



How does New College support students applying for HE?



Support so far...

Tutorial programme

- Advantages and disadvantages of university study
- Types of universities and types of courses
- Searching for universities and for courses

Subject-specific encounters

- Lessons with a careers and progression focus
- Virtual visiting speakers
- Visiting speakers

Individual Guidance

- Progress Tutor
- 1-to-1 Careers Appointments

Next steps...

Tutorial programme

- The application process
- Writing a personal statement
- Shortlisting courses

We'll be asking students to do the following between now and September:

- Write the first draft of Personal Statement
- Attend university open days (virtual / in person)
- Narrow down their course choices
- Where relevant, prepare for and practise admissions tests

Personal Statement

- 4000 characters
- 47 lines
(about 500 words)



Open Days

[opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com)
university and college open days

UCAS

Shortlisting courses

Student can apply for up to 5 courses – the cost is £26

We recommend that students consider the grades they realistically expect to achieve at the end of Year 13 and narrow down their courses to include:

- **1 or 2 aspirational choices**
 - entry requirements are slightly higher than expected performance
- **2 or 3 solid choices**
 - entry requirements are roughly in line with expected performance
- **1 or 2 safe choices**
 - entry requirements below expected performance

Entry Requirements

Some courses require specific grades in specific subjects
eg. BBC with a B in Sociology or BTEC DDM in a Health-related subject

Some courses require a specific number of UCAS points
eg. 112 UCAS points

Some courses state their requirements in terms of both
eg. 112 UCAS points including a C in Chemistry

The number of UCAS points available for each grade is known as the
UCAS Tariff

Teachers will provide students with **UCAS Predicted Grades** in September

Admissions Tests

The following courses usually involve Admission Tests:

- Maths at Cardiff, Durham, Lancaster, LSE, Nottingham, Sheffield, Southampton or Warwick (TMUA and/or STEP)
- Medicine (BMAT or UKCAT)
- Dentistry (BMAT or UKCAT)
- Veterinary Science (UKCAT)
- A few Biomedical Science courses (BMAT or UKCAT)
- Law courses at competitive universities (LNAT)
- Most courses at the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge

The entry requirements on the course page of the university website will confirm which admissions tests need to be taken, if any.

All admissions tests, except for the UKCAT and LNAT, can be sat in college and will take place during the **Oct/Nov half-term break**.

Admissions Tests

The UKCAT and LNAT need to be taken at an external test centre:

- **UCAT** Register by 22nd Sept and take test by 29th Sept.
Can register from 24th May, book from 20th June and take test from 11 July.
www.ucat.ac.uk
- **LNAT** Oxbridge: Register by 15th Sept and take test by 15th Oct
Others: Register by 15th Jan and take test by 20th Jan.
Can register from 1st August and take test from 1st September.
www.lnat.ac.uk

Progress Tutors will send regular reminders to students regarding deadlines for registering for admissions tests and will provide information on how best to prepare

Application Support in Year 13

Focused support for university applicants

Autumn Term tutorials support students with:

- Further shortlisting and narrowing down options
- Amending and finalising personal statements
- Checking and submitting the UCAS form

There will also be a tutorials in the Spring Term for students to support their applications for Student Finance

Application Support in Year 13

Students applying for the following courses will also benefit from interview practice and support:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Science
- Nursing
- Primary Education
- Courses at the University of Oxford and Cambridge

Key Dates

September return	Students submit first draft of Personal Statement to their Progress Tutor
3 rd October 2022	Official UCAS deadline for students applying to Conservatoires
15 th October 2022	Official UCAS Deadline for students applying for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science or courses at Oxbridge
26 th November 2021	Internal deadline for submission of UCAS application to Progress Tutor
25 th January 2023	Official UCAS Deadline
February 2023	Student Finance Applications open
May 2023	Deadline for students to reply to offers on UCAS

After the Application

Universities respond to applications as follows:

Conditional Offer

- student would need to achieve particular grades

Unconditional Offer

- student does not need to achieve particular grades

'Conditional Unconditional' Offer

- student does not need to get particular grades if chosen as firm choice

Rejection

- no offer made

Invite to Interview

- will become one of the above following the interview

After the Application

When students have heard back from all of their choices, they are then asked to make a **firm** and **insurance** choice

Firm choice

Students will study this course if they meet the conditions of this offer

Insurance choice

Students will study this course if they do not meet the conditions of their firm choice, but do meet the conditions of their insurance choice.

Students will receive **more detailed guidance** about confirming these choices following the submission of their UCAS form.



Q&A

