

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*
- How New College supports students applying for HE  
*Dan Wood, Assistant Principal*
- Student Finance  
*Mandeep Kaur, University of Hull*

## Next Steps Fair – 6.45 to 7.45 pm

## Apprenticeships / Employment Information Talk – 7.15 pm

# Why University?

**Why study a degree and exploring your options**

# Find your passion

- Study the subject you love
- Discover something totally new
- Combine subjects for broader knowledge





# Your career

- Starting salaries are usually higher for graduates
- Graduates typically earn more during their lifetime than people without a degree
- Some employers limit promotion for workers without degrees
- Certain jobs require a degree i.e. doctor or architect



# Your skills

You'll gain skills like ...

- Transferable skills: team work; adaptability; prioritisation; delivering presentations; meeting deadlines
- Subject-specific skills: lab work; classroom teaching; editing films; coding software
- 'Life' skills: independence; budgeting; travelling; meeting new and varied people; trying new activities





# Areas of study

## Popular courses

Medicine  
Policing  
Nursing  
Midwifery  
Computer Science  
Teaching  
Engineering





## Areas of study

Or how about  
something more  
unusual?

American Studies  
Creative Writing  
Games Design  
Robotics  
Forensic Science  
Paramedic Science



**According to  
UCAS, there are  
395 higher  
education  
providers to  
choose from in  
2022\*.**

\* UCAS, 2022





# A place for everyone



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**Campus  
university ...**





**... or city  
university?**





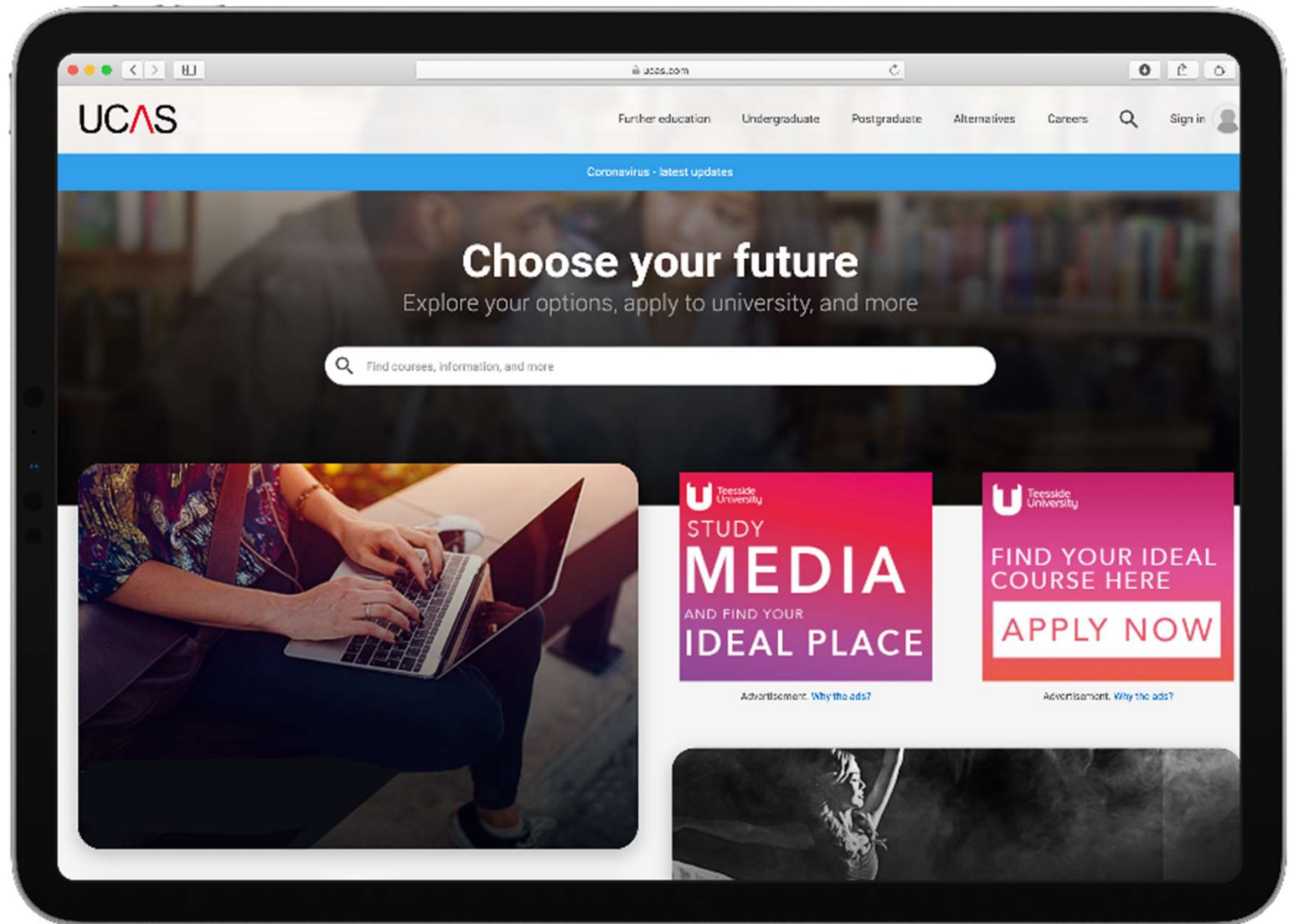
# Accommodation

Think about what's important to you...

- Live at home or move away
- Ensuite or shared bathroom
- Catered or self-catered
- On or off campus
- Budget



**UCAS online**





# Visit an open day

- Get a real feel for the university and subjects
- Meet lecturers and current students
- Visit the facilities, accommodation & local area
- Universities will also have online virtual tours
- Don't forget to ask questions!





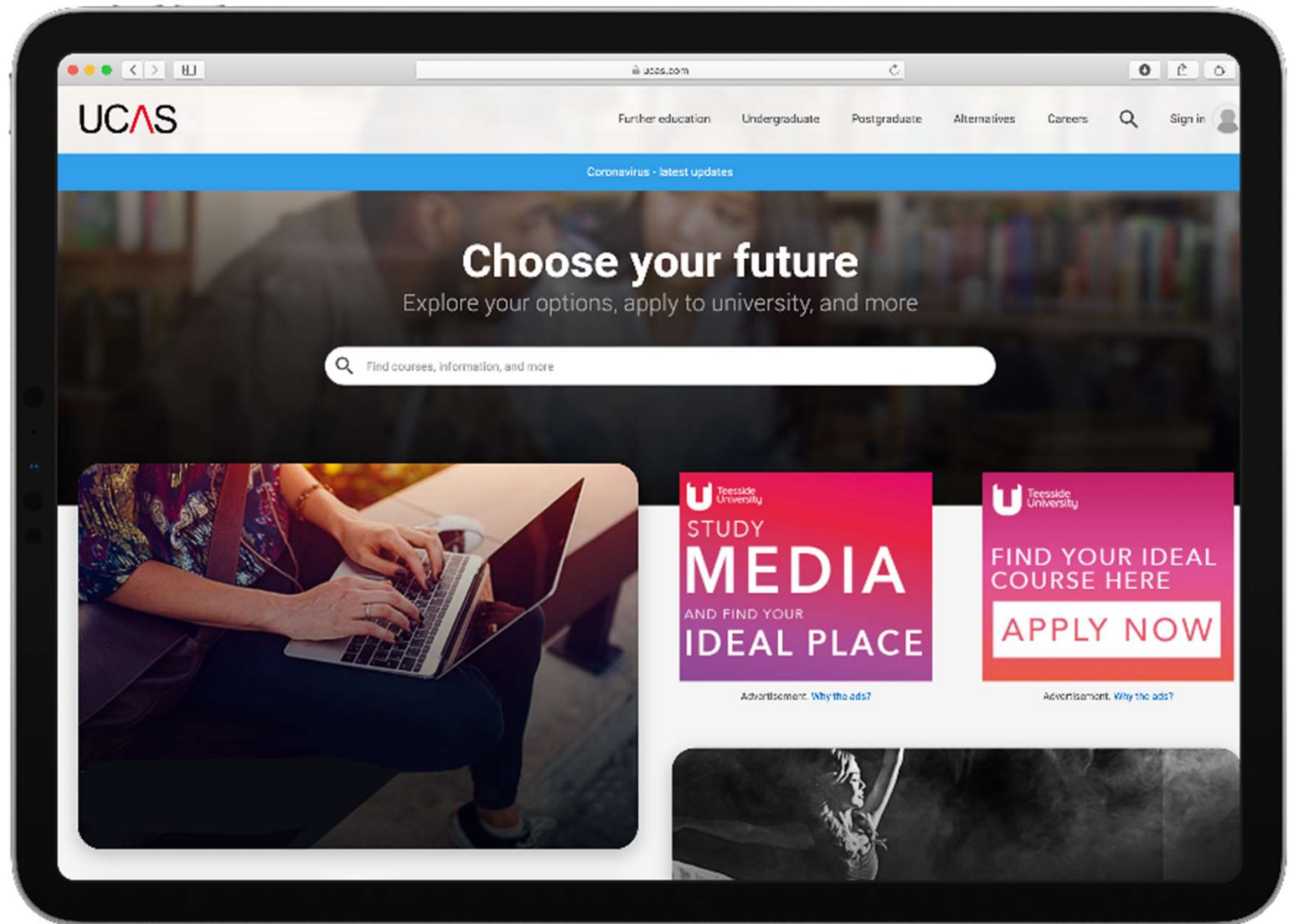
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START SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

# Come to an **Open Day**

Saturday 10 June 2023

Saturday 8 July 2023

Saturday 7 & 28 October 2023

Saturday 25 November 2023

Take our virtual tour  
[virtualtour.hull.ac.uk](https://virtualtour.hull.ac.uk)



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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**

- Trips and visits
- Visiting speakers (virtual and face-to-face) in lessons

## **Spring Talks**

- From a range of universities about a range of subjects

## **Individual Guidance**

- Progress Tutor
- 1-to-1 Careers Appointments



# Next steps...

## **Tutorial programme**

- The application process and the UCAS Hub

## **Careers and HE Day – Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June**

- 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
- 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**

university and college open days

UCAS

 **newcollege**  
Doncaster



# Shortlisting courses

Student can apply for up to 5 courses – the cost is £27.50

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



# Contextual Offers

These are typically one or two grades lower than the stated requirements and are offered to students who meet particular criteria.

Details of the contextual offers that universities may give can be found on the in the entry requirements section of the course page on their website.

- Many universities are able to use information that students give on their UCAS form to determine who is eligible for a contextual offer.
- Some universities run 'access schemes' that students need to complete before being eligible for the contextual offer.
- Some universities require students to complete an additional application form to be considered for the contextual offer.

These can change year-on-year, so you should check the detail.

***Don't be put off by the headline entry requirements in the first instance.***



# 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 UCAT)
- Dentistry (BMAT or UCAT)
- Veterinary Science (UCAT)
- A few Biomedical Science courses (BMAT or UCAT)
- Most Law courses at Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Glasgow, King's College London, LSE, Oxford, SOAS and UCL (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 UCAT, LNAT and any at-interview assessments, can be sat in college and will take place on **18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

# Admissions Tests

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

- **UCAT** Register by 21<sup>st</sup> Sept and take test by 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Can register from 16<sup>th</sup> May, book from 20<sup>th</sup> June and take test from 10 July.  
[www.ucat.ac.uk](http://www.ucat.ac.uk)
- **LNAT** Oxbridge: Register by 15<sup>th</sup> Sept and take test by 16<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
LSE: Register and take test by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.  
Others: Register by 20<sup>th</sup> Jan and take test by 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
Can register from 1<sup>st</sup> August and take test from 1<sup>st</sup> September.  
[www.lnat.ac.uk](http://www.lnat.ac.uk)



# 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	Official UCAS deadline for students applying to Conservatoires
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Official UCAS Deadline for students applying for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science or courses at Oxbridge
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Internal deadline for submission of UCAS application to Progress Tutor
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	Official UCAS Deadline
March 2024	Student Finance Applications open
June 2024	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.



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# Student Finance



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**What is student  
finance?**



# **What is student finance?**

## **The student loans and grants you can apply for**

**Most people use Government loans to cover....**

- Tuition fees
- Maintenance (living costs)





# Tuition Fee Loans

**Universities charge up to £9,250\* per year**

Contribution towards your teaching and facilities

## **Tuition Fee Loans:**

- Fully cover this cost
- Are paid directly to your university
- Are accessed by almost all students



\*UK students and EU students with settled or pre-settled status

# Maintenance Loans

## Common living costs:

- Accommodation
- Travel
- Food
- Books
- Entertainment
- Clothing



# Maintenance Loans

## Maintenance Loans

- Help you with your living costs
- Available to **ALL** eligible students\*

### However

The sum you receive will depend on:

- Your family's income
- Where you will be living



\*Generally those from the UK or with EU Settled Status, who have lived in the UK for three years and are living in England at the start of their course.



# Maintenance Loan

## How much Maintenance Loan will I get?

You can check your entitlement here:

[www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)

These rates apply to full-time students aged under 60.

London students receive a higher rate of loan.

Household income	Maintenance Loan	
	Living away from home	Living at home
< £25,000	£9,978	£8,400
£30,000	£9,265	£7,694
£35,000	£8,552	£6,988
£40,000	£7,839	£6,282
£45,000	£7,125	£5,576
£50,000	£6,412	£4,869
£55,000	£5,699	£4,163
£60,000	£4,986	£3,698
> £62,343	£4,651	£3,698

2023/24 figures

## Extra funding sources for healthcare

- NHS Learning Support Fund - £5,000 per year for many health and social care courses\*
- Medicine/dentistry - bursary available from fifth year onwards
- Social Work – selective bursary available in second and third years



\*nursing, midwifery, dental therapy/dental hygiene, dietetics, occupational therapy, operating department practitioner, orthoptics, orthotics and prosthetics, paramedics, physiotherapy, podiatry/chiropractic, radiography, speech and language therapy

## What if I need more?

**Some students do need more to live on and have to 'top up' their maintenance loan**

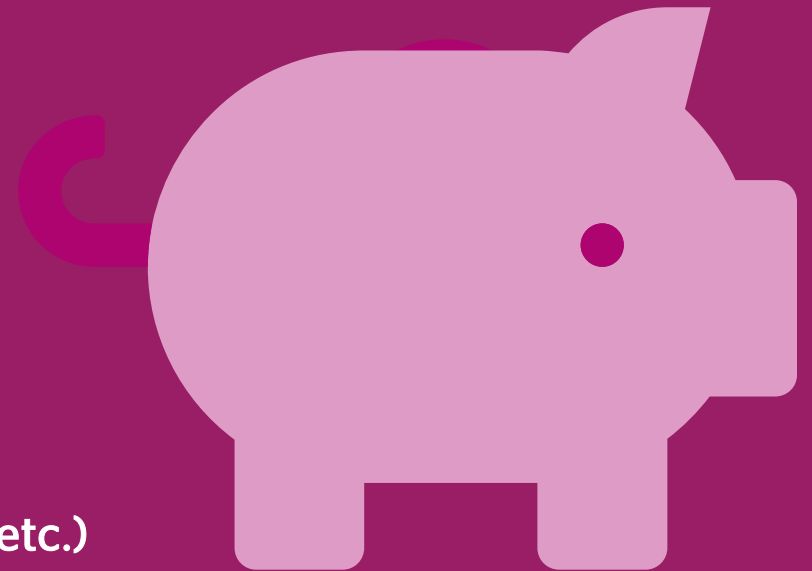
- Families might be able to contribute
- You could have a part-time job
- Scholarships, bursaries, grants, and other University funding





# Bursaries and Scholarships

- Household income
- Academic achievement
- Sporting ability
- Playing an instrument
- Where you're from
- Course
- Personal circumstances (being a care leaver, carer, etc.)



Worth very different amounts, paid in different ways, and for some you need to apply in advance.

**How much does  
living at [REDACTED]  
university cost?**



# Average Costs

## Student Living Index 2022

### Averages (per month)

- Supermarket food shopping, toiletries, etc. - £76
- Going out (gigs, theatre, cinema, etc.) - £45
- Eating out - £39
- Takeaways - £31
- Clothes, shoes and accessories - £48
- Alcohol - £43 (this average excludes students who don't drink alcohol at all)
- Books, course materials, printing - £36



# Budgeting

## You can start preparing now

- Find out what's available to you – Maintenance Loan, extra funding
- Think about your costs – accommodation, travel, course costs
- Track your spending

## ...and use that information to create a budget

- [www.moneyreadyforuni.com](http://www.moneyreadyforuni.com)
- [www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-budgeting-planner](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-budgeting-planner)

**How do I apply  
for student  
finance?**



## **Applying...**

**Student creates  
account at  
[www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance)**



**Apply online  
and submit  
any evidence  
requested**



**Email invites  
parents to  
support the  
application  
online**

**Apply by 19 May 2023 for September 2023 entry**

**If your course attracts the NHS Learning Support Fund you will apply for that separately here: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund-lsf](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund-lsf)**



# Repaying your student loan



## Will I be able to afford it?

**Student Loan repayments are calculated based on what you can afford – *not what you owe***

You pay back tuition fee loans and maintenance loans, but not until you're earning above the repayment threshold.

- The repayment threshold is £25,000
- Repayments are 9% of your salary **OVER** the repayment threshold
- Repayments are taken directly from your wages if working in the UK



YES

This applies to students starting their degree in 2023

## How do I repay?

If your earnings drop below the threshold, your payments will pause

The loan is written off after 40 years, regardless of how much you've repaid

Interest is the Retail Price Index (a measure of inflation)

Annual income	Monthly repayment
< £25,000	£0
£30,000	£38
£40,000	£113
£50,000	£188

This applies to students starting their degree in 2023.



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# Thank you

**Contact us on:**

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** [hullunimoneymentors](https://www.instagram.com/hullunimoneymentors)**



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# Thank you

We'll share these slides on our website in the coming days

## **Next Steps Fair – 6.45 to 7.45 pm**

- *Students Union and Canteen*

## **Apprenticeships / Employment Information Talk – 7.15 pm**

- *Sports Hall*

## **Half-termly careers newsletter**

- *View our latest careers newsletter (March 2023) at...*
- *The next edition will be released later this half-term*

