



Welcome



How does New College support applicants for **higher education**?

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 Workshops - July

- Writing a personal statement
- Shortlisting courses

Towards the end of this year and over summer, we'll be asking students to:

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

UCAS

Shortlisting courses

Student can apply for up to 5 courses – the cost is £28.50

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)
- Most Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine (UCAT)
- A few Biomedical Science courses (UCAT)
- Most Law courses at Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Glasgow, King's College London, LSE, Oxford, SOAS and UCL (LNAT)
- Engineering or Science courses at Cambridge or Imperial College London (ESAT)
- Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge (ESAT)
- Most courses at the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge (college admissions assessments)

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

Admissions Tests

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

- **UCAT** Book by 19 September and take test by 26 September
Can register from 14 May, book from 16 May and take test from 8 July.
£70 fee. Bursary vouchers available for eligible students
www.ucat.ac.uk
- **LNAT** Can register from 1 August and take test from 1 September.
Oxbridge: Register by 15 Sept and take test by 15 Oct
KCL, LSE and UCL: Register and take test by 31 Dec
Bristol and Durham: Register by 20 Jan and take test by 31 Jan
Others: Register by 20 Jan and take test by 25 Jan
£75 fee. Bursary available for eligible students
www.lnat.ac.uk

Admissions Tests

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

- **ESAT** Register between 1 August and 16 September.
Test will be available to take on either 15 or 16 October.
£75 fee. Bursary available for eligible students.
<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/how/science-engineering-admission-test>
or <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/undergraduate/process/admissions-tests/esat/>
The information on these links is also relevant for students who need TMUA for other universities
- **TMUA** Register between 1 August and 16 September.
Test will be available to take on either 15 or 16 October.
£75 fee. Bursary available for eligible students.
<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/how/maths-admission-test>
or <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/undergraduate/process/admissions-tests/tmua/>
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Admissions Tests

STEP

STEP papers can be sat in college in June of Year 13

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/students/step-mathematics/>

At-interview assessments

At-interview assessments are facilitated by the relevant university if students are selected for interview.

We'll send regular reminders on MS Teams 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
- Healthcare courses e.g. Nursing, Paramedic Science
- 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 nd October 2024	Official UCAS deadline for students applying to Conservatoires
15 th October 2024	Official UCAS Deadline for students applying for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science or courses at Oxbridge
22 nd November 2024	Internal deadline for submission of UCAS application to Progress Tutor
29 th January 2025	Official UCAS Deadline
March 2025	Student Finance Applications open
June 2025	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.

New College Doncaster x Zero Gravity

Unleashing NCD's student potential through
Zero Gravity's free membership

1-2-1 mentor, studying their
desired subject at their desired
uni

Access to a busy schedule of live
masterclasses, led by experts in
their field

Membership in their 20,000+
strong Community, where like-
minded students support each
other to defy the odds



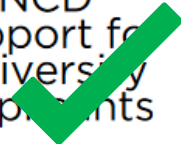
Zero Gravity Mentoring - Y12 -
Next Steps Evening



Thank you

The slides from this talk will be posted on our college website – we'll text out a link when they're available to view

Other talks available this evening

Time	G.03	DANCE STUDIO	STUDENTS UNION	G.20	G.15
1730 1800 1830 1900	Why Choose HE?	Student Finance	NCD Support for University Applicants 	Types of Apprenticeship	NCD Support for Apprenticeship/ Employability Applicants

Don't forget to visit our university and employer fair in the Sports Hall

Our visitors are available until 7.45 pm