

UCAS

Parents Information Evening



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- Feb 2024 UCAS Extra opens
- Early 2024 Student Finance Opens
- May 2024 Student Finance Closes
- May 2024 Universities should have provided you with all their offers
- June 2024 Deadline for accepting firm and insurance choices
- August 2024 Results Day



Get researching

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/subject-guides>



Food science



Materials science and engineering



Criminology



Anthropology



Optometry



Geology



Radiography and medical technology



Molecular biology, biophysics, and biochemistry



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UCAS Tariff Points

A Level	Points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16



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Common errors

Education:

Add secondary schools only, list Fullbrook as one continuous school from 2017-2024.

Add all their GCSEs and A levels, A level grades “pending”.

Double Science Award is listed as a separate qualification

Fee Code: “UK, ChI, IoM or EU Student Finance Services”

It costs £27.00



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By early September they should have completed:

Personal details > Name, age, title and gender Start this section	Contact and residency details > Address, email, telephone and where you live Start this section	Education > Qualifications and periods of study Start this section
Employment > Employment, paid, unpaid, or volunteer work Start this section	Nationality details > Birthplace and nationalities Start this section	Supporting information > So that providers know how to support you during your studies Start this section
English language skills > Is English your first language? Start this section	Finance and funding > Tell us how you'll fund your study Start this section	

They will not have completed:

Personal statement > Why do you want to study this subject? Start this section	Choices > Start this section
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Teachers complete:

Reference > Provide details of your referees Start this section
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How far away from home do you want to live?

Do you want a campus uni or a city uni?

How big is the town or city?

Do they have a good reputation in your subject area?

Do they have specialist facilities that YOU would benefit from?

Do you like the course content for your subject?

How would you travel there and how long does it take?

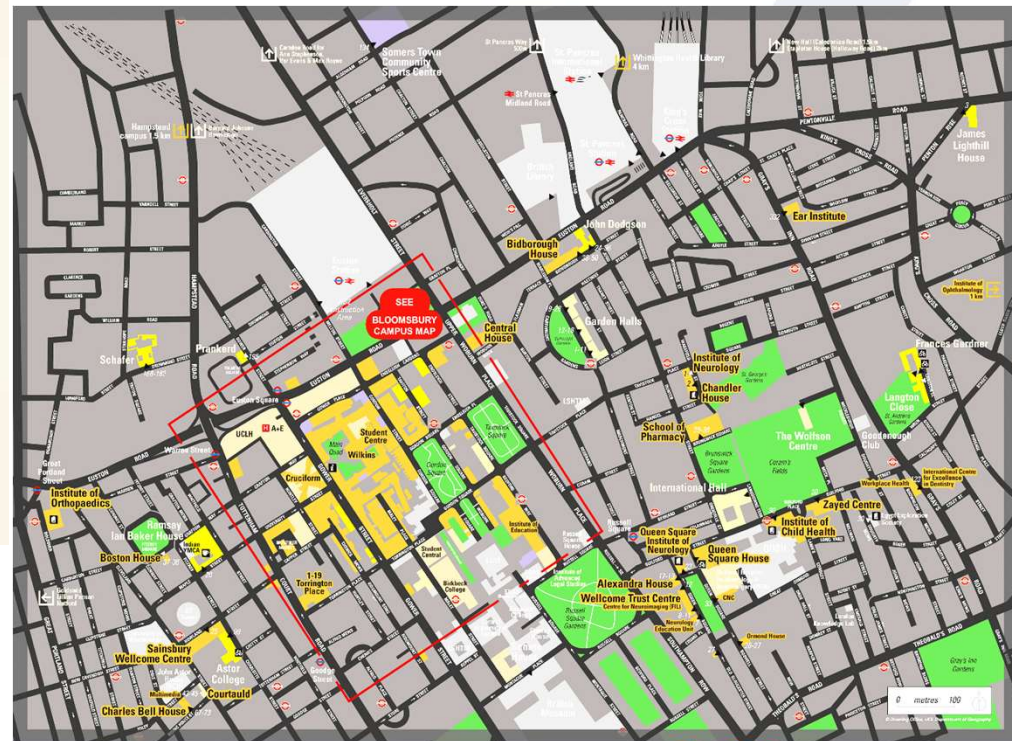
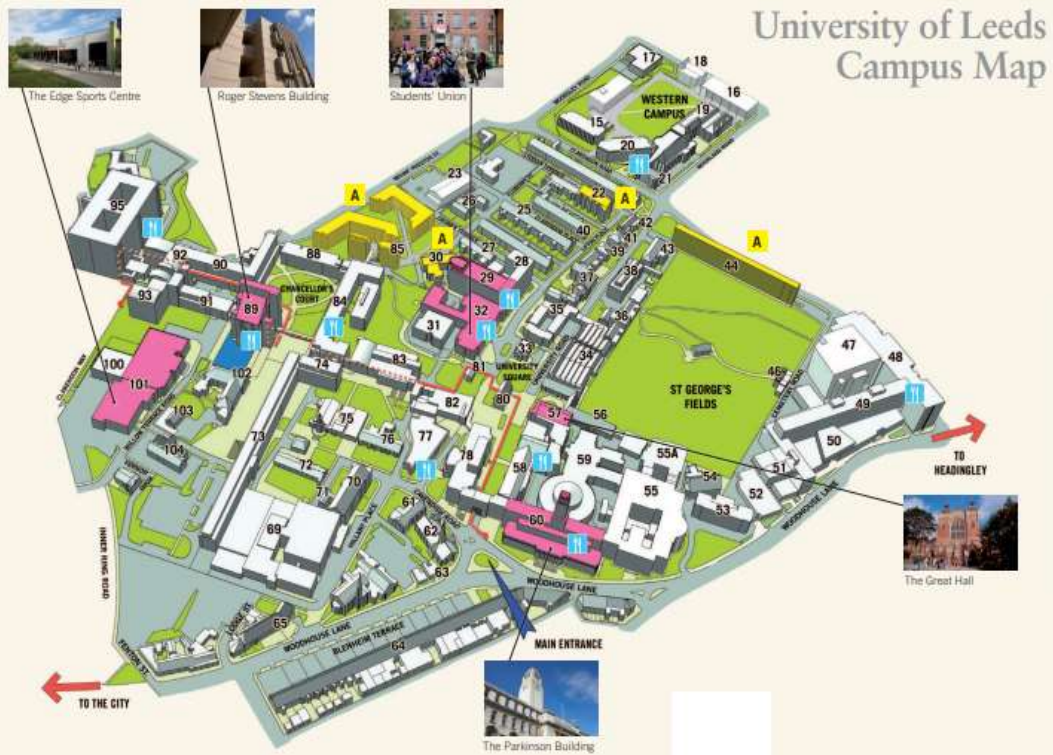
Do they offer any bursaries or scholarships you would be eligible for?

Do they have a choice of affordable accommodation (and how far from the town centre is it)?



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University Open Days will be underway soon

www.opendays.com/calendar

These are a great experience to help prepare students



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Try and sound POSITIVE! Emphasise your strengths

Talk about YOUR own experiences, and keep them relevant

Aim for around 500 words, one sheet of A4

Give concrete examples of what you've done

Think about the ABC Rule (Action, Benefit, Course; what did you do, what skill did you gain, how does it link to the course?)

Proof read it BEFORE handing it in, especially if you've moved things around

Write things the way YOU would say them, but the best way you know how



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Don't use long quotes – it takes up space and they're not your words

Don't waste a whole sentence just saying what your A levels are, they know that

Don't repeat yourself, if a sentence isn't adding anything new, cut it out

Don't use sentences that are so long they cover 4-5 lines of text

Don't try to be too funny – they might not see the humour...

Don't use a word if you don't know what it means or how to use it in a sentence

Don't say you have read a book if you haven't – they might ask you at interview

Don't write a dating profile

ABSOLUTELY DO NOT PLAGIARISE IT. THEY CHECK EVERY ONE.



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1. Review your offers

Go to an open day



Look over course descriptions

You should have already researched the courses, but now is the time to really make sure you know what to expect.

Go there and visit! Walk around the city and imagine yourself living there. Do you feel excited? Can you picture the “future you” in this town?

Some universities invite you to “Offer Holder Open Days”. Go to them!



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2. Firm choice = First choice



Is the offer achievable?



Is the offer flexible?



FIRM

You can't switch between firm and insurance choices

3/10 applicants wrongly believe you can

INSURANCE

Most offers are conditional and most are not flexible.

Your firm choice should be the one you most want to go to.

If you meet the offer, this is where you'll go



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3. Make your insurance choice matter



Insurance choice isn't mandatory

1/10

applicants don't have one



It should act as a back up option

4/10

applicants with an insurance choice say it requires them to get their predicted grades or higher

If you don't get the grades for the firm choice, but you DO get the grades for the insurance choice, then you'll go there. Therefore, it makes sense for your insurance choice to have a LOWER offer than your firm. If all your choices gave you the same offer, this won't be possible. If your firm choice is an unconditional offer, you cannot have an insurance choice.



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4. Reply to offers before the deadline



Check UCAS Track to see your personal deadline

If you get all your offer decisions by May 19th, your deadline is June 9th.

Staff spent a lot of time chasing Year 13s for weeks before the Jan 26th deadline, despite our internal deadline of Dec 11th.

This time, it's completely up to you! 😊

You must reply to all the offers at the same time. Choosing your firm and insurance means declining the other three. So take the decision seriously. This means doing research, not avoiding it because it's too scary.



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5. There's always Extra, Adjustment or Clearing



Before results day...

No offers or want to decline?
Try again with **Extra**

Come results day...

Don't make you an offer?
Try **Clearing**

Do better than expected?
Consider **Adjustment**

UCAS Extra is only for people who do not receive any offers. It allows you to put in a sixth and final choice.

Clearing is for people who don't get into their firm or insurance choice. You can't use it until Results Day.

Adjustment is for people who do better than their firm offer, and want to try upgrading to a better university.

Results Day is August 15th 2024 (tbc)




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CLEARING CHOICES

CLEARING 2024

Discover your options.

 Search for Clearing courses



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Household income	Maintenance Loan – living away from home and studying outside London	Maintenance Loan – living away from home and studying in London	Maintenance Loan – living with parents
£25,000	£9,488	£12,382	£7,987
£30,000	£8,809	£11,692	£7,315
£35,000	£8,130	£11,001	£6,642
£40,000	£7,450	£10,311	£5,969
£42,875	£7,060	£9,914	£5,582
£45,000	£6,771	£9,620	£5,296



This changes most years but is a rough guide



Reminder of key dates up to application submission

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Any questions?



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