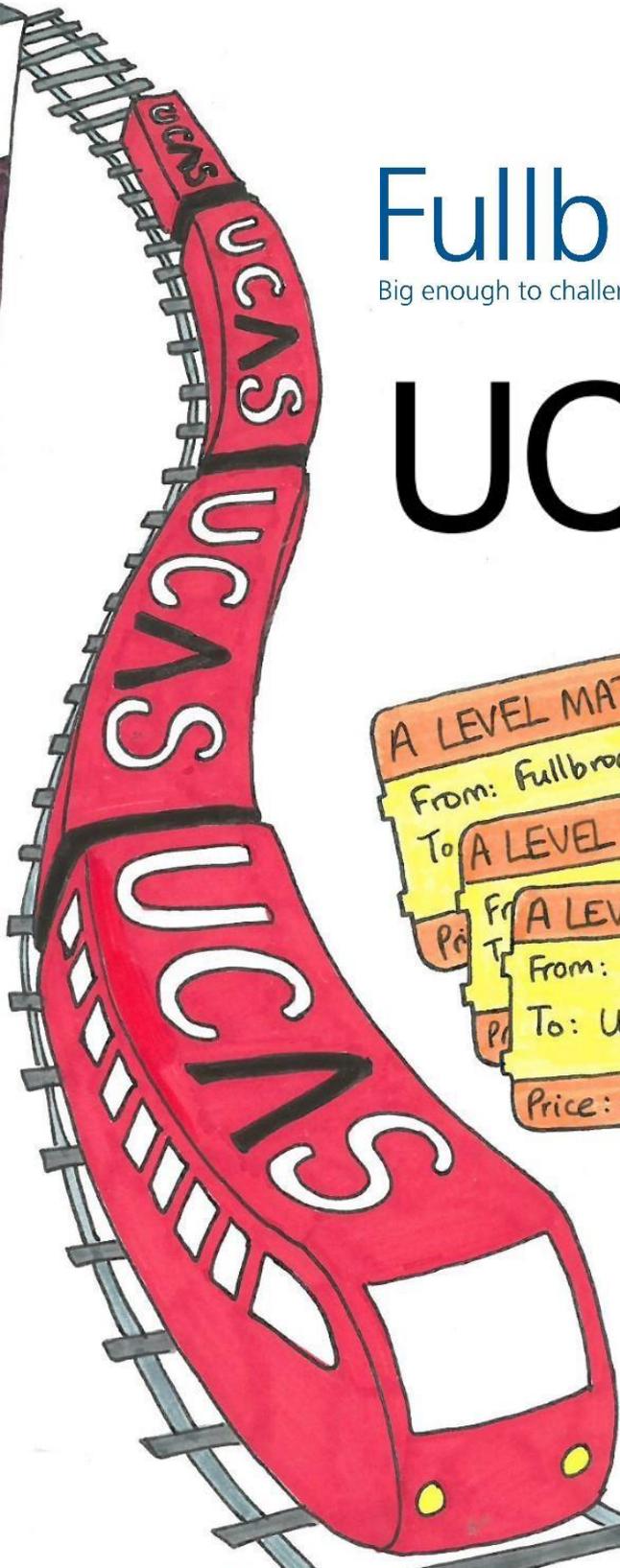



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Big enough to challenge, small enough to care

UCAS



A LEVEL MATHS
From: Fullbrook6
To: A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY
Price: 48 tariff points

A LEVEL HISTORY
From: Fullbrook 6
To: University
Price: 48 tariff points

Name:

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Welcome to
University

UCAS 2023/24 Entry Timeline

24 May 2023	RESEARCH	UCAS Registration, Personal Statement guidance
15 June 2023		Submit 1st draft of Personal Statement to tutors
6 July 2023		1 st draft returned by tutors
1 August 2023		Registration opens for LNAT
1 September 2023		Testing cycle for LNAT begins
6 September 2023		Submit 2nd draft of Personal Statement
5 September 2023	APPLY	UCAS 2024 applications open for submission
15 September 2023		Fullbrook internal deadline for most admissions tests registration
16 October 2023		Closing date for Oxbridge/Dentistry/Veterinary courses
Oct/Nov 2023 tbc		Exams for BMAT/HAT/PAT/TSA/ELAT
9 December 2023		Recommended internal deadline for UCAS applications
31 January 2024		UCAS DEADLINE FOR 2024 ENTRY. All Applications received by 31 January will be considered by universities
January 2024		Student Finance England accepts applications
February 2024	OPTIONS	UCAS EXTRA opens (if you got zero offers, you can add another choice)
May 2024		Student Finance application deadline
May 2024		University offers due on every application received by 25 January
June 2024		Deadline for acceptance of Firm and Insurance offers
June 2024		Deadline for late applications. After now, they will be put in Clearing.
July 2024		UCAS EXTRA closes
July 2024		CLEARING Opens
August 2024 tbc		GCE Results Day: Accept, Adjustment, Clearing
August 2024 tbc		Deadline to accept, end of period of Adjustment

LNAT = Law National Admissions Test UKCAT = UK Clinical Aptitude Test HAT = History Admissions Test (Oxford) TSA = Thinking Skills Assessment (Oxford) BMAT = Biomedical Admissions Test

ELAT = English Literature Admissions Test (Cambridge) PAT = Physics Admissions Test (Oxford and Cambridge) MAT = Mathematics Admissions Test (Oxford and Cambridge)

UCAS Tariff Points

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

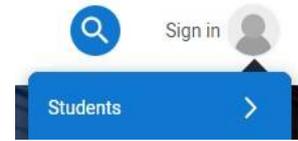
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Go to www.ucas.com

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Select “Sign in” and “Students”



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Scroll to 2024 entry, click “create account”



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Enter name, your personal email address and choose a password (write this down **AND** share it with your F6 tutor!)

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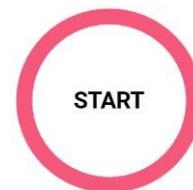
Verify your account by entering the code they email to you

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Answer the questions on the screen to finish creating your account

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Click Start, Undergraduate, and enter the buzzword



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Note down your Personal ID Number (top right of the screen)

Email address:
(This is your UCAS ID)

Password:

Buzzword: **Progressday24**

Personal ID Number:

Personal details >

Name, age, title and gender

Start this section

Answer all the questions

Don't forget to tick

Mark this section as complete *

and

Save this section

Contact and residency details >

Address, email, telephone and where you live

Start this section

You do NOT need Nominated Access. ONLY choose this if you are happy for a parent to be able to make choices and decisions for you. Your F6 tutor can already view your application as long as you used the buzzword; they do not need Nominated Access.

If you've got a UK passport and have lived here for three years, pick "UK Citizen".

If you haven't got a UK passport but have lived here for three years and have no time limit on your stay in the UK, pick "Settled in the UK".

If you haven't got a UK passport and lived in the UK for three years, BUT you're from the EU and have lived THERE for three years, pick "EU National"

If you're from outside the EU, don't have a UK passport, and have been here less than three years, select "other".

Education

Qualifications and period
study

Start this section

Only add Secondary School, not Primary

Put your start date as Sept (the year you started Fullbrook)

Put your end date as June (the year you will finish YEAR 13,
not the year you finished Year 11)

Your ULN is on your GCSE Statement of Results.
Your tutor can see it on SIMS as well.

Before starting your course, you will have “below honours
degree level qualifications”.

All qualifications must be entered, even if you received an
unsuccessful grade, if you are still waiting to take the final
exams or if you are waiting for the results.

Click

Add Qualification

Enter all your GCSEs and A levels (GCEs)

Education

Qualifications and period
study

Start this section

Put all the dates down as June if they were in the summer
exam period.

Put the A level results as “pending”.

Be very careful entering BTECs and NVQs, there are lots
of different levels and you must get it right.

It’s optional if you want to enter specific modules, this is
probably only useful if you chose optional modules.

If you did Additional Maths, it’s an “FSMQ” at the
Advanced Level. The exam board is OCR.

If you’re resitting a GCSE, enter the grade you got then
enter it again as “pending” with a different date.

Employment >

Employment, paid, unpaid, or
volunteer work

Start this section

Enter your job history here.

You can enter unpaid volunteer work, but only if it's a regular commitment (not just a day), and at a named organisation (not just helping out your dad).

**Nationality
details** >

Birthplace and nationalities

Start this section

If you were born outside the UK, use the nationality on your passport.

You can enter a second nationality if you have dual nationality.

**Supporting
information** >

So that providers know how to
support you during your studies

Start this section

If you have no disability, just select "no disability".

If you do have one of the conditions on the list, you can type as much detail as you want about it, so universities know how to support you.

If your disability doesn't fit into the categories, pick "not listed here" and type in the box what it is.

English language skills >

Is English your first language?

Start this section

If you have any certificates for English as a Foreign Language, you'll need your certificate number here.

Finance and funding >

Tell us how you'll fund your study

Start this section

Unless there are special circumstances and your degree is being funded by a different organisation, you should pick "UK, CHI, IoM or EU Student Finance Services"

This allows you to apply for a student loan.

It doesn't mean you **HAVE** to get a student loan. If you later inherit or win some money that means you don't need a loan, that's fine!

Diversity and inclusion >

Only shared with a provider once you have a place or your application is archived

Start this section

This section is for Universities' research and statistics purposes. Anything you put here **CANNOT** be used to help or hinder your application, since the University would only find out **AFTER** you have a place.

However, in the section about preparation activities for uni, write about these things in your personal statement!

If neither of your parents went to university, tell your tutor as they could mention this in your reference.

Personal statement >

Why do you want to study this subject?

Start this section

This is the **MOST IMPORTANT BIT**.

Many pages in this booklet are dedicated to helping you complete this part! Draft it in Word first.

Only when you're happy with it, copy and paste it in here. It must be max 4000 characters and 47 lines. You don't get to choose the font or line spacing.

Reference

Provide details of your reference

[Start this section](#)

Select your F6 tutor from the list.

Put their email address, and the school details:

Fullbrook School
Selsdon Road
New Haw
Addlestone
Surrey
KT15 3HW

01932 349301

Everything except the personal statement and the choices should be filled out BEFORE the summer holidays!

Your tutor can see when a section has been started, and when it is marked “complete”.

In the Autumn, when you have selected all five choices and finished your personal statement, you will pay £27.00 and submit. It does NOT submit directly to UCAS. Only Head of Sixth Form can do this.

How to choose a university Questions to ask:

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)?

Useful websites for research:

www.ucas.com

www.university.which.co.uk – advice on what A Levels you need for the which degree

www.whatuni.com

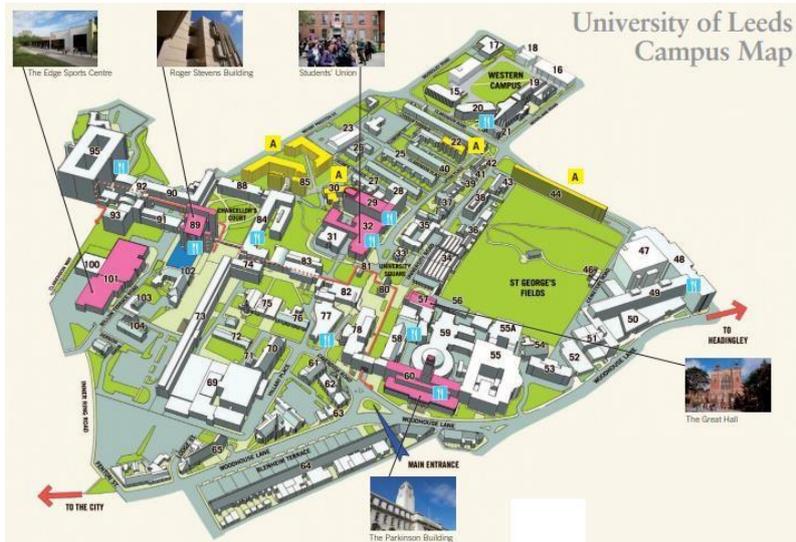
www.unistats.direct.gov.uk - Comparison of key data for different courses

www.studential.com – personal statement and admission tests advice

www.thestudentsurvey.com - National Student surveys on UK institutions

www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk – student finance advice

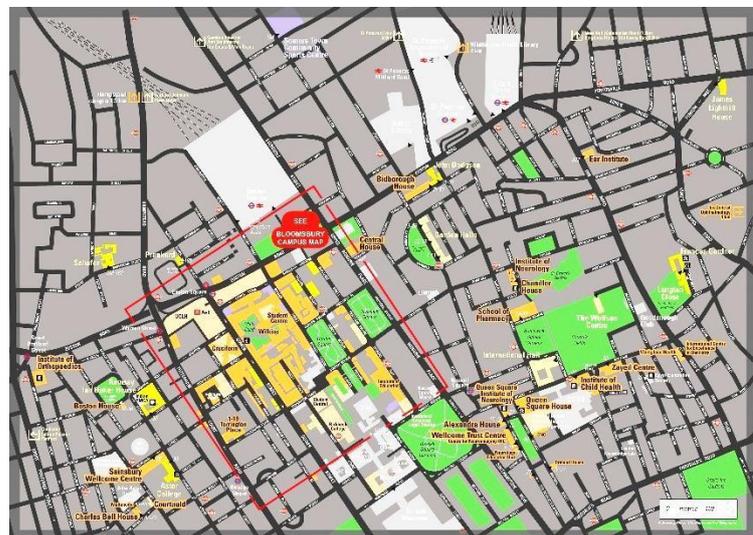
Campus vs. City



A campus is like a university village. Like a school, it has subject buildings, a library, hall, sports centre, carpark and canteen.

Unlike school, it may also have a mini supermarket, book shop, coffee shops, pub, club, cash machine, and halls of residence.

City universities have many buildings, but they aren't all grouped onto a campus. They are spread across an area of a city (often London) and there are other organisations, businesses and shops in between.



There is often a good community feel on a campus and it's convenient, but if the campus is far away from the city centre, you can be a bit limited in what facilities you can easily get to.

Campuses which are near to city centres have the best of both!

Personal Statement

What they are looking for:

- Real enthusiasm for the subject (don't just tell them, SHOW them!)
- Evidence of research into the subject, outside of just attending lessons
- Any work experience, plus volunteering and wider community work
- Motivation and commitment
- Evidence of successful use of soft skills (e.g. communication, leadership, teamwork)
 - Well written, natural sounding paragraphs that are punctuated

80%

Why do you like the subject?

Why do you want to study the course?

What specific topics/current events/research interests you the most?

Do you have future aspirations in this field?

Have you done any super-curricular activities to demonstrate your interest?

20%

What are like as a person?

Have you held any positions, responsibilities, or organised an event?

Are you part of any teams?

Do you have extra-curricular interests?

Getting Started

What is the subject?

What sparked your passion or piqued your interest?

What specific area of this subject interests you the most and why?

What have you learnt in your 3 A levels that will make you a good candidate?

Is there any past/present event or current research that interests you?

Do you have any future aspirations to work in this field?

Better Vocabulary

DOING STUFF

Achieve
Accomplish
Advocate Apply
Complete
Coordinate
Participate
Undertake
Volunteer

SHOWING STUFF

Demonstrate
Portray
Deliver
Represent
Convey
Express
Appear
Communicate
Signify

RESEARCHING STUFF

Conduct
Hypothesise
Gather
Observe
Measure
Calculate
Compare
Conclude
Evaluate

STARTING STUFF

Begin
Lead to
Develop
Ignite
Spark
Pique
Influence
Launch
Transform

IMPROVING STUFF

Develop
Strengthen
Advance
Consolidate
Critique
Heighten
Hone
Modify
Overcome

MAKING STUFF

Design
Create
Devise
Assemble
Compose
Construct
Engineer
Envision
Generate

Personal Achievements

- Have you been a mentor?
- Have you been a member of the School Council?
- Have you participated in Duke of Edinburgh Award?
- Have you helped organise any events, e.g. fundraising events?
- Have you taken part in assemblies or helped with Open Evenings?
- Have you done any public speaking or debating?
- Have you had to overcome any problems or difficulties and how did you resolve them or cope with this?

Super and Extra-Curricular Activities

- Do you play a musical instrument or belong to a choir?
- Are you a member of a specialist organisation?
- Do you play any sports?
- Have you represented sixth form/school or other organisation in sport?
- Have you represented the school in another way?
- Have you been involved with any dramatic productions or concerts?
- Are you involved in any charity or volunteer work?
- Have you ever conducted a research project?
- Do you have any other hobbies?
- Have you read any relevant books/articles or listened to podcasts?

Do's and Don'ts!



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** (**A**ction, **B**enefit, **C**ourse; 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



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.

Example Structure

Paragraph 1

Why you like the subject, what got you interested in it

Paragraph 2

How your academic studies relate to this course and what skills you have gained

Paragraph 3

Your work experience, wider reading, or super-curricular activities

Paragraph 4

Your personal interests, jobs, extra-curricular activities and soft skills

Concluding Sentence

Wrap it up and say why you want to study the course

Self-Check

- ✓ Read it through
- ✓ Read it out loud
- ✓ Punctuate it
- ✓ Is it clear what you want to do?
- ✓ Are you happy to be asked about any of this at an interview?
- ✓ Are you proud of it?

Send it to your tutor

Interview Advice

Before:

- ✓ Look up the travel arrangements you need
- ✓ Research the course
- ✓ Prepare answers to probable questions
- ✓ Prepare some questions to ask them
- ✓ Practice with a teacher
- ✓ Save the contact number in your phone in case you get delayed

On the day:

- ✓ Get a good night's sleep
- ✓ Eat breakfast
- ✓ Dress well
- ✓ Arrive early
- ✓ Smile when you are introduced
- ✓ Good body language (posture!)
- ✓ Ask them to repeat a question or clarify if you don't understand

Afterwards:

- ✓ Write down things they asked you in case another interviewer asks similar questions in the future
- ✓ Reflect on it, but don't panic. Just wait and see.

FAQs

➤ **Can I apply to the same university twice?**

Yes. You get to choose five different courses, not five different universities

➤ **Do I have to use all five options?**

No. But you might as well.

➤ **Can I apply to Oxford and Cambridge?**

No. One or the other.

➤ **Do I have to pay?**

Yes, it costs £27.00 You must have every section ticked as complete.

➤ **When I pay, does it send my application off?**

No. Only the head of centre can send the application. Tell them when you are ready.

➤ **Will they let me know when they've received my application?**

Yes. You should get an email.

➤ **What's an unconditional offer?**

You have the place, even if you don't get good grades.

➤ **What's a firm and insurance choice?**

Firm is the top choice, if you get the grades, you get a place here. Accept or decline it.

Insurance choice should have lower grades, if you miss the firm you may still get into your insurance choice.

➤ **What if I don't get the grades for either?**

You go through clearing and see what places are left for the course you want to do.

➤ **What if I do better than expected?**

You apply for UCAS adjustment, where you can "trade up" to a better uni, but your firm choice offer still holds until you accept something else.