

Year 13 Parents' Higher Education & Post-18 Information Refresher Evening 2022



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Higher Education and Post-16

The UCAS logo is displayed on a black rectangular background. The letters 'UCAS' are in white, with a red triangle integrated into the letter 'A'.

Degree Courses: The Basics

Key Dates

Application Process

Key responsibilities and support

FAQs: Finance, Accommodation, Student support and welfare



Apprenticeships: The Basics

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Common alternative post-18 routes – Art Foundation & Gap Year opportunities

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UCAS



We encourage all students to prepare a UCAS application, and guide this through the Futures programme and tutor support in the summer term of Y12 and autumn term of Y13.

This comprises of:

- **The UCAS Discovery convention (NEC Birmingham, June 2022)**
- **An annual Careers Fair (September) featuring Universities and Apprenticeship providers**
- **Guidance on how to register and apply through the UCAS Hub**
- **Overseeing the application (linked to our Advisor portal with the 'buzzword' Futures2023)**
- **Providing advice, guidance and feedback on finding appropriate universities and courses using Unifrog**
- **Providing advice, guidance and feedback on Personal Statements**
- **Facilitating up to two Open Day visits as approved absences in the summer term of Y12, and further two in the autumn term of Y13**
- **Providing interview advice and facilitating Zoom / Teams interviews in school as required**
- **Offering support for re-applications and providing updated references for students who re-apply through UCAS post-Balcarras**
- **Facilitating preparation for University Admissions Tests**
- **Advice and guidance regarding undergraduate student welfare, finance and accommodation options**



Key Application Dates



2022 entry UCAS Conservatoire deadline for music applications:

1st October 2022



Balcarras deadline :

**23rd September
2022**

2022 entry deadline for the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine / science and dentistry:

15th October 2022



Balcarras deadline :

**5th October
2022**

2022 entry for all UCAS Undergraduate courses except those with a 15th October deadline:

26th January 2023



Balcarras deadline :

**5th December
2022**



Key Responsibilities



Students

- **Register with UCAS and complete application**
- **Link application to Balcarras using buzzword: Futures2023**
- **Research and shortlist courses using Unifrog**
- **Draft Personal Statement**
- **Agree UCAS Predicted Grades with subject teachers**
- **Complete Pink Form check-list and then PAY and SEND (payment direct to UCAS - £26.50).**

Tutors & Y13 Futures teachers

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process**
- **Advise on and proof-read Personal Statements**
- **Compile Academic Reference from completed subject references**
- **Direct non-UCAS applicants to VB and JL in Careers**



Key Responsibilities



Sixth Form leadership team: DL, MBC, EXD

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process**
- **Advise on and proof-read Personal Statements**
- **Proof-read Academic References – triple-check and save in U/Sixth Form Admin/Admissions/2021/UCAS References**
- **DL to update and distribute Track information to Y13 tutors and Y13 Futures teachers**

Sixth Form Administrator & UCAS Advisor - CC

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process, informed by regular Track Reports**
- **Using Adviser Portal, check all paid and sent applications (correct personal details, course and institution codes, academic qualifications).**
- **Using Adviser Portal, attach school-provided Academic Reference and agreed UCAS Predicted Grades.**
- **Check Academic Reference with student prior to final submission.**



Tracking & Destinations



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	Surname	Name	Sixth Form TG	March Pred Grades	Course						Start	Notes
1												
2			A	EMM	No UCAS							Now UCAS - offered place
3			A	A#AB	No UCAS						2023*	Art Foundation - Bristol
4			D	CCDi*	English Language	Cardiff - Bdi	Lancaster - Bdi	Southampton - ABB	Sussex - Bdi (F)	Swansea - 112 (I)	2022	
5			E	CCD	No UCAS							Post-18 plans?
6			A	BBC	Business	Cardiff Met - 112 (I)	Exeter - ABB	Leeds - AAB (F)	Nottingham - ABB	Oxford Brooks - 112	2022	
7			A	A#AB	Accounting & Finance	Durham - AAB	King's College	LSE - AAA (F)	Queen Mary - AAA	Warwick - A*AA	2022	
8			J	A*BD	Mathematical Physics	Aberystwyth - 112	Edinburgh - Withdrawn	Liverpool - AAB (I)	Nottingham - A*AA (F)	Southampton - AAA	2022	
9			B	now Y12	No UCAS							Repeating Y13 2022-23
10			A	A#AA	Biochemistry	Cardiff - ABB (I)	Imperial	Manchester - AAA	Nottingham - ABB (F)	UCL - AAA	2022	
11			L	BBB	Business & Management	Birmingham - AAB	Cardiff - AAB (F)	Exeter - REJ	Oxford Brookes - 112 (I)	Portsmouth - 128	2022	
12			D	BBD	Cyber Security	Birmingham City - BCC	Coventry - 104 (F)	Gloucestershire - 112 (I)			2022	
13			A	AAA	Medicine / Biomedical Sci	Birmingham - AAB (F)	Birmingham - REJ	Cardiff - AAB	Nottingham - AAB	Lymouth - Unconditional (I)	2022	
14			E	ABB	Aerospace Engineering	Bristol - REJ	Cardiff - AAB (F)	Nottingham - AAB (I)	Queen Mary - AAB	Southampton - A*AA	2023	Gap Year?
15			B	A*A*A	Maths	Bath - A*AA	Bristol - A*AA (F)	Cardiff - AAB (I)	Imperial - Withdrawn	Oxford - REJ	2022	
16			K	BBC	No UCAS							Post-18 plans?
17			E	CCC	No UCAS							Apprenticeship?
18			A	AAB	Chemistry	Edinburgh - REJ	Imperial - A*A*A	Manchester - A*AA	Nottingham - AAB (I)	UCL - AAA (F)	2022	
19			B	A*AB	Business & Management	Bristol - AAA	Leeds	Manchester - AAA (F)	Nottingham - AAB (I)	UCL - AAA	2022	
20			B	BCC	No UCAS							
21			D	BBC	Speech & Language Thera	Birmingham City - BBC (I)	De Montfort - 128 (F)	Essex - BBB	Leeds Beckett - REJ	Manchester Met - ABB	2022	
22			M	DDD	No UCAS							Post-18 plans?

From January DL will update Y13 Tutors, Study Supervisors and Y13 Futures teachers with Track information. Monitoring Conditional Offers and cross-referencing with Progress data a powerful intervention tool – subject staff to be updated as required / relevant.



Welfare, Finance & Accommodation



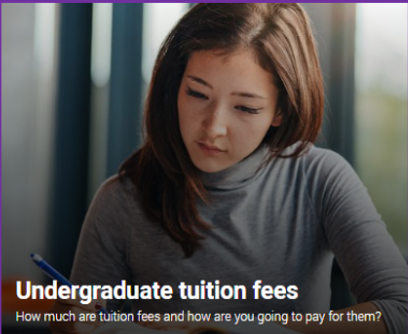
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All will be covered in Futures and with tutors.

Tuition Fees



Undergraduate tuition fees
How much are tuition fees and how are you going to pay for them?

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FINANCE

APPLYING FOR STUDENT FINANCE



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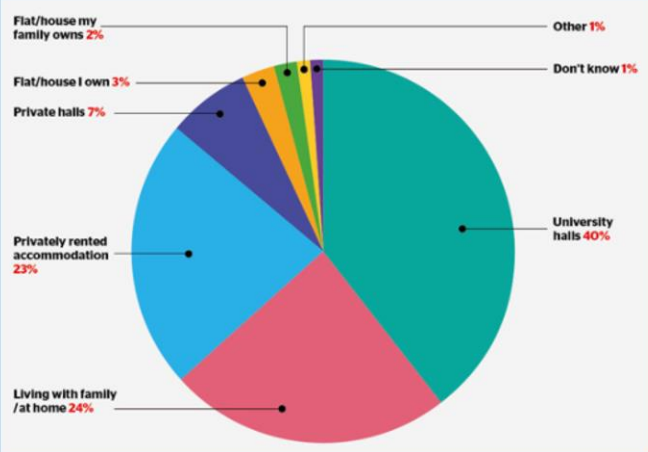
DEADLINE:
20TH MAY 2022

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Where university students live



Accommodation Type	Percentage
University halls	40%
Living with family / at home	24%
Privately rented accommodation	23%
Private halls	7%
Flat/house I own	3%
Flat/house my family owns	2%
Other	1%
Don't know	1%

Higher Education and Post-16



Apprenticeships

The Basics



There are a number of different types of Apprenticeship courses you will be eligible to apply for:

		LEVEL							
UNIVERSITY	8	Doctorate PhD							
	7	Master's Degree MA, MSc,MPhil							
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc				Higher Apprenticeships			
	5							Degree Apprenticeships	
	4								
COLLEGE	3	A level	A2 AS	BTEC Nationals		Advanced Apprenticeships			
	2	GCSE Grades 9–4		BTEC Firsts		Intermediate Apprenticeships			
SCHOOL	1	GCSE Grades 3–1							

The majority of Balcarras graduates who move on to Apprenticeships will move to either **Higher Apprenticeships** or **Degree Apprenticeships**.

The Basics



There are a number of different sectors in which Apprenticeship courses are available:

Advanced Apprenticeships

- Accounting & Finance
- Agriculture & Environment
- Architecture & Planning
- Art & Design
- Building & Construction
- Business Management
- ICT
- Law & Legal Studies
- Marketing & Sales
- Media & Information Service
- Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing
- Public Health & Social Care
- Transport
- Travel, Leisure & Hospitality

The main differences between the two levels are the duration of the apprenticeship, and the 'level of the qualification:

Advanced (L4-5):

This is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate Degree course

Degree (L6-7):

This is equivalent to an undergraduate Degree or a Masters Degree course

Degree Apprenticeships

- Accounting & Finance
- Agriculture & Environment
- Architecture & Planning
- Art & Design
- Building & Construction
- Business Management
- ICT
- Law & Legal Studies
- Marketing & Sales
- Media & Information Service
- Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing
- Public Health & Social Care
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Key Application Dates



Applying for an apprenticeship is just like applying for a normal job. There is no specific calendar cycle like UCAS – so the onus is on the student to regularly check for the availability of apprenticeship opportunities:

- **apprenticeships don't follow the same deadlines as applying to university, the deadline is down to the employer;**
- **you apply directly through the employer;**
- **you're not restricted to one apprenticeship application; you can do as many as you like;**
- **There's nothing stopping you applying to university through UCAS, while also applying for apprenticeship vacancies**



Key Responsibilities



Students

- **Search for apprenticeships with Unifrog / UCAS / Careers and complete application**

Tutors & Y13 Futures teachers

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process**
- **Advise on and proof-read application**
- **Compile Reference from completed subject references**

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sgs South Gloucestershire
and Stroud College

The Basics



Art foundation courses – Level 3 Diplomas in Art and Design – are popular routes for many students, offering a gateway to undergraduate Degree courses (both in Art and other fields). Unlike undergraduate Degree courses, these one-year courses are not required to pay fees. The most local college offering this course is SGC in Stroud. The course comprises of:

- **Fine art: 2D painting and 3D sculpture**
- **Fashion design**
- **Textiles and surface design**
- **Graphic design illustration**
- **4D design: product design, ceramics, applied crafts**
- **Photography**
- **Print making**
- **Contextual studies**
- **Drawing and sketchbooks**
- **Creativity and critical analysis**



Key Application Dates



Applications for Art Foundation courses are generally open all year round, though we encourage applicants to look to confirm placement in the autumn and spring terms of Y₁₃.

Applicants are required to have 1 A-level (preferably in an Art or Design based subject – Art, Photography, Textiles, DT) along with 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, a portfolio.



Balcarras works closely with SGC to ensure that our UCAS references for alumni are shared, as the vast majority of alumni who go on to complete their Art foundation then go on to undergraduate Degree courses (in fine Art, Illustration, Photography, Architecture, and many other non-art-related subject areas).

Key Responsibilities



Students

- **Complete application and portfolio (the volume and quality produced in Art, Photography, Textiles and DT is almost always sufficient). Inform DDH, tutor, EXD and DL.**

Tutors & Y13 Futures teachers

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process**
- **Advise on potential post-Foundation applications**
- **Compile Reference from completed subject references for HE future applications.**

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- **Advise on and proof-read application / organise practice interview support**
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Headlines 2022

A-Level

A* - A	45%
A* - B	72%
A* - C	89%
A* - E	99%

UCAS & Post-18 Destinations

Cohort	-	190
Applied to UCAS	-	150 (79%)
Placed	-	130 (87%)
Placed FIRM	-	118 (79%)
Placed INS.	-	12 (8%)
Oxbridge	-	2 (of 2 offers)
MDV courses	-	4 (of 4 offers)
Russell Group	-	64 (49% of placed)

Any Questions?

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