Progression – UCAS information

2026 entry

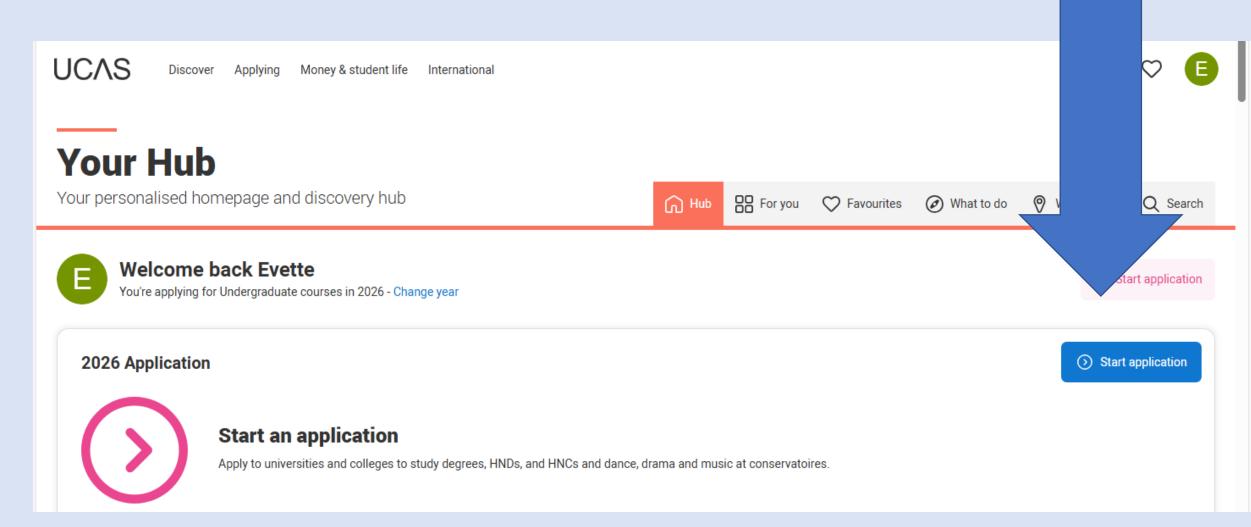
UCAS

• Everything you need to know about the application process and to find information can be found on the UCAS website. <u>UCAS</u> is the central place in the UK to apply to university – you can only make 1 application which will be sent to 5 options (universities) via your UCAS HUB.

UCAS HUB

- To sign up to the HUB our centre is The Sixth Form College, Colchester.
- The buzzword to link your application to college, so we can check the form and write a reference is Colchester 2026
- Students must meet the internal college deadlines we send over 100 applications each year and Personal Tutors need at least 3 weeks to check the application and add a reference this is then passed to the Senior Tutor before it is sent.

Start an Application



UCAS Applications

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YOUR APPLICATIONS

Start an application

You can only apply once in a cycle - Do not apply more than once in a cycle, or submit a new application if you are holding a deferred place, as your new application will be cancelled and you won't receive a refund.

In which year do you want to start your studies?

Select the main level of study you are interested in

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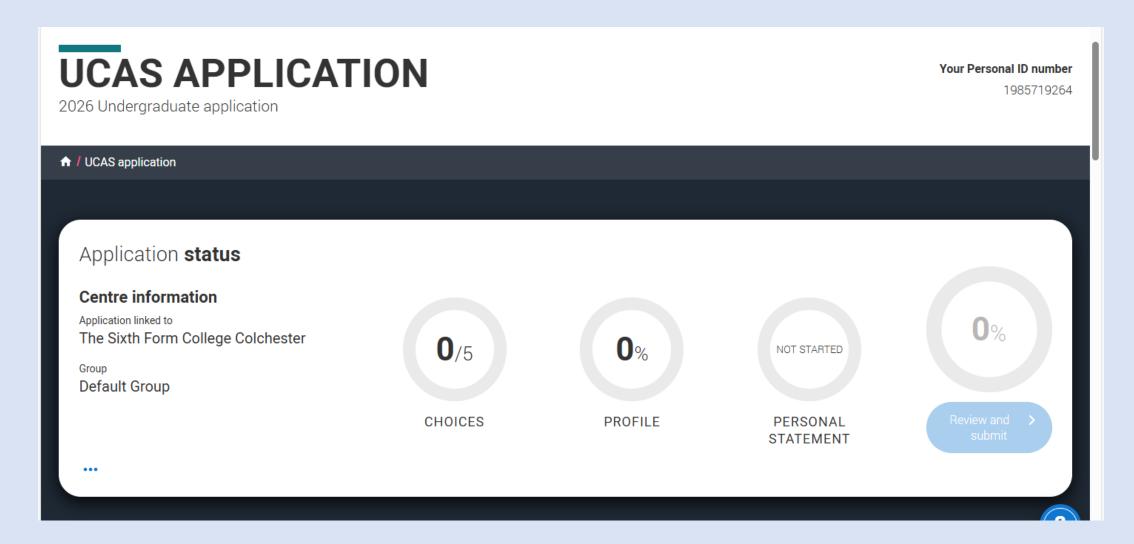
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Can't find the application that you are looking for?

Find out more

The Application



Profile

Profile

Personal details

Name, age, title and gender

Start this section

Contact details

Address, email and telephone

Supporting information

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So that providers know how to support you during your studies

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Birthplace and nationalities

Start this section Start this section

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Tell us about your address history

Start this section

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Tell us how you'll fund your study

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Experience

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Qualifications and periods of study

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Personal statement

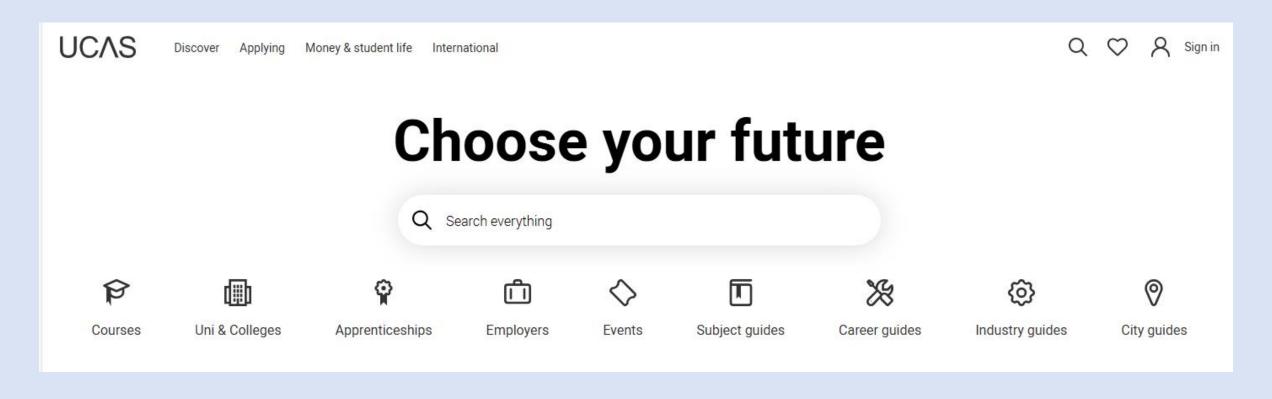
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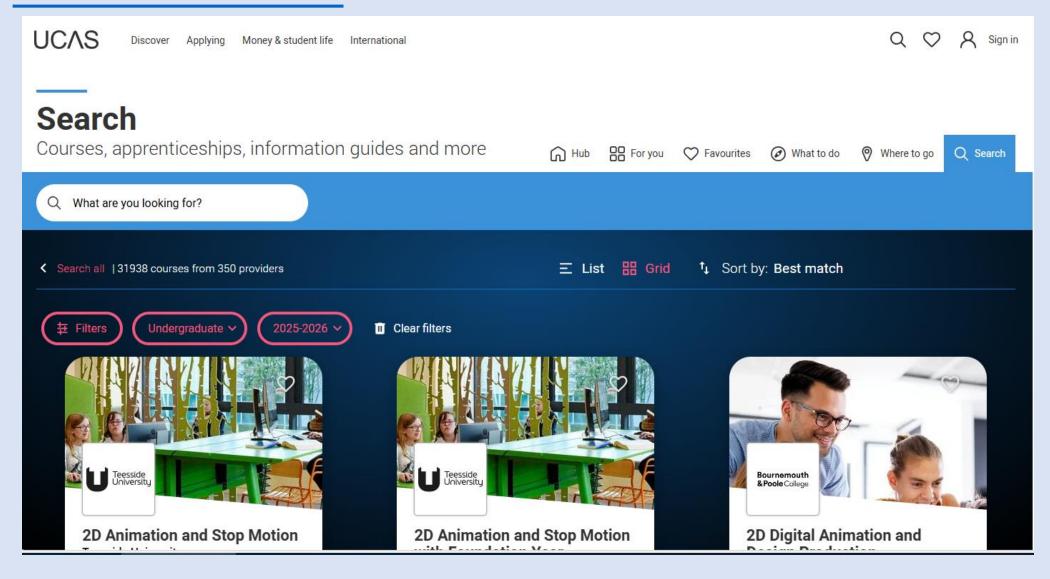
Are you supporting someone who's exploring their higher education options?

Whether they're set on going to uni, or still looking into their options – including apprenticeships, gap years, or conservatoire courses – we can help! Simply fill in the form below, and we'll send you everything you need to help them make an informed decision and our Clearing Guide for Parents.

Email address

Course search

Over 31,000 courses – all different



UCAS points/Entry criteria

A Level grade	UCAS POINTS
A*	56
A	48
В	40
С	32
D	24
E	16

Please check if the course requires a particular subject or grade in a particular subject.

Also some require particular grades in certain GCSE's

GRADE	EXTENDED CERTIFICATE /DIPLOMA EQUIVALENT TO 1 A LEVEL	CERTIFICATE EQUIVALENT TO 1/2 A LEVEL
DISTINCTION * (A*)	56	28
DISTICTION (A)	48	24
MERIT (C)	32	16
PASS (E)	16	8

Where to look for information

- UCAS
- University websites
- Our local Universities are: <u>The University of Essex</u>, <u>University of Suffolk</u> (Ipswich), <u>ARU</u> -Anglian Ruskin University (Chelmsford and Cambridge), <u>UEA</u> University of East Anglia (Norwich), <u>Writtle</u>
 <u>College</u>, <u>UCC</u> University Centre Colchester (Colchester Institute)

• In tutorials and via emails from the careersoffice we will provide you with further information about the UCAS application process.

Higher Education – concerns

"It's expensive/ what about the money involved/ I cannot afford a loan" -

- If you are a UK national and have been living in the UK for the last 3 years you will qualify for the government student Finance (see here for other qualifying criteria). This means the UK government will provide the finance for the university fees as a loan to the student. They will also provide a minimum in student finance to cover some of your living costs this can then increase depending on your household income (based on the income of any parent/guardian that you live with not including your part time work). There is an online calculator from Student Finance England that can give you a rough idea of how much you will get a year.
- It is a loan BUT not a normal loan you only start to repay after you have finished your university course and then you are only liable to pay 9% anything you earn above £25000 each year. It will be a bit like a phone bill each month and if you do not earn above £25000 in any month you don't repay the loan that month. Martin Lewis can explain this really well watch the short video. Updated information for student loans from 2023.

Can I get money from other sources?

• All Universities will have bursaries/Scholarships that they might give you — some you will need to apply for so check out the university website. This is money that will not have to be repaid.

• There is <u>bursary and scholarship</u> information on the UCAS website – some charities, local people, organisations will give money to students who meet certain criteria.

I'm not sure about the grades I will get?

 Every university will have different criteria for their degree courses – so check on the UCAS website, you should find that there are a range of entry criteria for courses (normally grades or <u>UCAS points</u>) Use the filters on the course search

Contextual offers – some universities will offer slightly lower grades than their normal entry criteria if you meet certain criteria – unhelpfully it does depend on the university and course – and not all universities/courses offer them.
 One of the common criteria is your school/college - The Sixth Form College is on the list of qualifying centres -you normally have to meet 2 of their criteria – certain postcodes, first to go to university in household, in care etc. Some contextual offers are based on additional subjects you take like EPQ. Most universities will check for you and offer you the lower grades, some you need to apply and complete an application form. The only way to find out is by looking at the university website.

I have no idea what to study

- Is there a subject you love studying or part of that subject? Is there a new course you would like to study this would be a good starting point. All degrees are different they all have different modules so no two courses are the same use the UCAS search tool to help you find courses in the subject/topic you would like
- Is there a future career/job role you would like use the search tool for that role or use National careers service explore careers to help you
- Use the information on **Morrisby My Choices** a list of careers that might suit you based on your answers in the questionnaire if you want to retake the questionnaire go to the about me section
- Have a careers interview at college to talk to someone who might be able to help you make a decision.

What is studying at a University like?

- All university websites have virtual tours and most have recordings of subject talks. All will have a link so you can talk to students who currently study at that university. The best way is to attend an Open Day at the university to see for yourself what the university is like these start in June and run until November but they are not open all the time so see the open day website and them sign up to attend on the individual university website. Another excellent way is to apply to attend a summer school or taster days at a university we advertise these in the Careers Bulletin or look on university websites.
- Pleas

I want to go to the "Best" university – how do I find it?

- There is really no best university it has to be what is best for you and your learning environment that you prefer. Try to always visit the university to get a feel for the place and if its an open day you can talk to lecturers and students.
- There are Universities that are banded as "Russell Group" universities

 these are selecting universities. (However non Russell group
 universities are still excellent and might be better for more practical
 courses)
- There good university guides <u>The complete university guide</u>, <u>The Times university guide</u> (<u>world university ranking</u>) and <u>The Guardian University guide</u> which also allows you to search by subject.

Open Days

Please encourage students to attend open days

• Opendays.com - university and college open days - home page

I have no idea what I want to do

- Don't panic
- Don't not do anything

Don't know what career path to take?

You can undertake some online activities which help match your skills/likes/dislikes to particular job profiles. They are computer programmes and will only react to the information you put in – remember they are NOT personality tests it is OK to say you don't want to work with babies or children it does not make you a bad person.

- Morrisby Use the information on Morrisby My Choices a list of careers that might suit
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 to the about me section
- UCAS https://www.ucas.com/careers/buzz-quiz.
- National Careers Service https://beta.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
- Or you can decide what type of industry/employer you want and start looking there – all industries have websites and Professional Bodies. (do a google search)

My Choices - careers

Feeling a bit lost?

Log onto your Morrisby
Account and look under
My Choices — there will
be careers/ Job roles
that suit you based on
the answers to the
questionnaire you took
at the start of Year 12.
You can re-do the
questionnaire if you
think your answers may
be different now.

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How does college help?

- Personal Tutors will help you apply to courses and will check your Personal Statements and write references for you
- **Subject Tutors** will help you write a Personal statement see the Progression event information and will invite in speakers for the progression event and other times of the year and might organise trips. They will provide opportunities in the subject to develop skills.
- In **Tutorial** and via **emails from careersoffice** you will receive information to help you make decisions you have already been emailed about signing up for the UCAS HUB to get information.
- University and Employment fair for you to speak to universities and employers
- Information via the careers office **Progression emails**, **Careers Bulletin** (covers university and employers updated weekly), **Moodle** (information and websites), individual **careers appointments** (to talk to an adviser)

Progression Event at college Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July

- Add in session times
- Organised for you to help you make informed decisions about your future.
- There are no taught lessons it is a special timetable it is not repeated and the session will NOT be recorded
- You can sign up for 8 sessions every subject at college will be putting on talks for you to attend – these will be from Universities, Employers/Apprenticeships or college staff. You can attend talks in any subject. There will be some extra talks that do not fit into a subject – the programme will be on Moodle once it is ready – you will receive emails about it.