Progression

USING UCAS AND MORRISBY TO SUPPORT YOUR NEXT STEPS

Notice: Progression Event this week!

 Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July 2025

 An opportunity to find out lots of information about various career options – jobs, apprenticeships, gap year, travel, volunteering, university courses, and more!



Thursday 3rd July

9:00 – 9:30 = registration in tutor groups. You will use this time to build your timetable for the rest of the two days.

9:30 – 12:00 = visit a range of talks of your choosing to gather information about possible progression pathways

12:00 – 13:00 = lunch

13:00 - 15:30 = visit a range of talks of your choosing
to gather information about possible progression pathways

Friday 4th July

9:00 - 9:30 = registration in tutor groups. You will use this time to reflect on the information you gathered on the Thursday and check your schedule for the Friday.
9:30 - 11:10 = visit a range of talks of your choosing to gather information about possible progression pathways
Afternoon = employment and university fair

Two-day-programme

	FRIDAY								
Session 1	BREAK	Session 2	Session 3	LUNCH	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session	Session 8
9.30-10.15		10.35-11.10	11.20-12.00		1.00-1.40	1.50-2.35	2.45 - 3.30	9.30-10.15	10.35-11.10

Students will have 8 sessions to choose from over the two days.

- There are no other lessons happening so you can attend ones that will interest you or that will help you plan your next step.
- Sessions are categorised by subject you can attend a talk even if you do not study that subject.
- Sessions are mainly talks with questions and answer sessions at the end.
- The talks are provided by external employers, representatives or lecturers from universities or from our subject staff – talks will not be recorded.

Employment & University Fair – Friday 4th July

- •After session 8 we have organised an <u>Employment and University</u> fair for you to attend so that you can talk to employers and universities and ask your questions.
- We have over 80 universities and 25 employers visiting
- Local providers are placed together and include University Centre Colchester, Anglia Ruskin and Essex University and Suffolk university.

The Careers Fair



Planning your programme

You have received an email from Careers Office with the programme for this year

You will need to take the time to look at it and choose your programme of 8 sessions

 On the Thursday morning you will need to complete a paper schedule for the 2 days and hand this in to your personal tutor

You are expected to fill all 8 sessions and attend the fair on Friday afternoon. You will be registered in each session.

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			621								Networking & Personal Branding - Understand how to build meaningful connections, leverage LinkedIn and create a strong professional presence.
					621						Navigating job offers & negotiation - Get the confidence to evaluate job offers, negotiate salary and understand benefits like a pr
						621					Succeeding in your first job - Learn workplace etiquette, communication tips and how to make a great first impression in your new role
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			119		119						A former student, now at the University of East Anglia, will talk about applying to university, life as a student and what to expect from university.
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									21	19	Essex Pathways Sessions -a talk about the transition to university and what to expect. How it differs from school and college.
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				Springpod will have a stand on the Concourse 12.00-							Springpod: gain experience with top employers and universities. Io Bishop from Springpod provides an overview of Springpod Experiences (Work and university subject spotlights). Find out what you can gain from the experiences, how to evidence experiences in future applications and how to get started.

	118								BA (Hons) in Education with Sustainability - providing an interactive stop motion session for students, explaining the broader sustainability issues. Delivered by ARU
		118							BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies -developmental stages of learning and childhood. Delivered by ARU
							610	WILL BE AT THE CAREERS FAIR	Nursing - tbc Routes into Teaching - delivered by a representative from Bishop Grosseteste University.
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 	614								Army - find out about joining the army, requirements, and the roles available.
						612		WILL BE AT THE CAREERS FAIR	As part of the UK Defence the RAF we have protected the skies over the UK for over 100 years and that of our Allies. Provided will be a presentation on professions available, with qualificatio requirements and key information.

CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING/COMMUNICATIONS

					WILL BE AT THE CAREERS FAIR	
				623		Octavius Infrastructure - Find out about careers in Construction and Engineering.
						A talk from an employee at Virgin Media O2 - find out more about a career in Telecommunications including working for a Mobile Phone company. This talk will tell you about some of the opportunities the telecommunications sector can offer.
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Today's tutorial:

The **purpose** of today is...

 To learn about the UCAS website including how to make an application and how else the website can help you

To update your Morrisby profile so that you have a record of all of the brilliant extra-curricular activities you have engaged with

Not planning on going to university? It's worth finding out this info anyway, just in case you change your mind! UCAS also has useful information on apprenticeships and employment too.



Pause to Chat

- Have you done any university, apprenticeship or employment research yet?
- Do you think you will make a UCAS application?



Need to know about UCAS...

- •When you're looking at courses you are interested in, you'll want to read all about the course content on the course pages
- A Sociology degree at Durham will have different modules and therefore different content to a Sociology degree at Sheffield, so you should explore the different course options at different universities
- •Also, each course will have different entry requirements. An English degree at Essex will have different requirements to an English degree in Leeds, for example. Therefore, you should look around to find university course choices that are close to your predicted grades.
- You should have some aspirational and some "back-up" options!

Entry requirements

 Here is an example of the entry requirements information displayed on a course page

This one is for medicine, so of course the grades are very high!

There are courses available with a very wide range of entry criteria

 There are also foundation courses to consider

A level - A*AA

The requirement is a minimum of A*AA including chemistry, biology (including passing the practical elements if available) and any third subject, excluding general studies and critical thinking. The A* must be in Biology or Chemistry. Applicants who meet specified widening participation criteria, may be eligible for our contextual offer of AAB (with AA in Chemistry and Biology). More details available at www.aston.ac.uk/MBChB.

- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016) - DDD
- Access to HE Diploma Not accepted
- Scottish Higher Not accepted
- Scottish Advanced Higher AAA
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme 37 points

GCSE/National 4/National 5

All applicants must have a minimum of 6 GCSEs/IGCSEs at Grade B/6 which must include Maths, English Language, Chemistry, Biology or double science (or overseas qualifications). Although our minimum requirement for GCSEs/IGCSEs is six subjects at Grade B/6, a large number of applicants

Contextual offers

- Each university will also have their own "contextual offers" policy.
- Contextual offers are slightly lower offers for students based on a range of criteria like where you live, which school/college you attended and a whole range of other factors.
- Of course, this means you could apply for more aspirational choices as you might then receive a slightly lower offer.
- Click here for more info Contextual admissions | UCAS



UCAS points

 Some entry requirements are displayed in grades and some are in UCAS points

Each A level grade is worth a certain amount of UCAS points

 See this page for more info:
 UCAS Tariff Points - what are they and how do they work?



UCAS points - 2

UCAS tariff points

Grade	Tariff points		
		Grade	UCAS points
A*	56	Distinction *	56
A	48	Distinction	48
В	40	Merit	32
С	32	Pass	16
D	24		
E	16		

Your application

You can only apply for a maximum of 5 choices. Make sure that you actually want to go to these universities to do the course you have chosen as it is difficult to change it. You can leave a choice blank to add to later.

We advise you to apply to universities that are a good match your predicted grades. It is okay to have one or two slightly aspirational options, but also ensure that you have one that is slightly below as an insurance.

•Make sure you know where the university is and about the course they offer as every course will be different i.e. a History degree at UEA is not the same as a History degree at Liverpool.

You do not have to use all 5 choices. You can leave blank choices, but we recommend that you try to fill them before the 14th January deadline to keep your options open.

Your application – page 2

Don't be persuaded to do a course or go to a university because your friends are going – they might not end up there!

•You can start your application now, but cannot send it until 9th September

Although the UCAS deadline is 14th January, please bear in mind that college will need to process your application and that this takes at least 2 weeks.

Try to get your application in as early as you can. If you all hand them in at the end, your personal tutor will not have as much time to spend on each one!

There are certain things that all students get wrong on their application that slow things down. Take note of the following top tips to get your UCAS moving quickly...

Your reference

- Your teachers will be starting to write testimonials now these are minireferences which your personal tutor will then use to write your full reference next year.
- Your personal tutor's role in the UCAS application process is really significant. The more you communicate with them, the better.
- Advice start talking to your teachers and personal tutors about what they can put in your testimonials/references to make your application really stand out!
- What kinds of things? Wider reading/watching/listening, work experience, relevant hobbies and activities, trips, clubs, anything that shows that you have a real interest in the course you're applying for!

Top tips to get things moving quickly...

- 1. Make sure all **details are absolutely correct** i.e. name including any middle names, address, courses etc.
- 2. Make sure to use **capital letters** where needed i.e. on your name and address
- 3. Choose the **correct A level courses** refer to the courses guide sent to you via email which has information on all course delivered here at college including exam boards
- Add your ULN number when asked this cannot be ignored! You can find it on Cedar under "Exams" then "Exam results"
- 5. Make sure you have **discussed your course choices** with your personal tutor beforehand, and make sure that they are in line with your predicted grades
- 6. Get your **personal statement checked over** before submitting your application so that it is perfect and ready to do
- If you're unsure of anything, seek advice before submitting! Ask your personal tutor or email <u>Stsupport@colchsfc.ac.uk</u> – they are very happy to help.

Your UCAS application

Use this guide to help you to complete the application form

https://www.ucas.com/undergrad uate/applying-university/fillingyour-ucas-undergraduateapplication



The UCAS Website

UCAS.COM

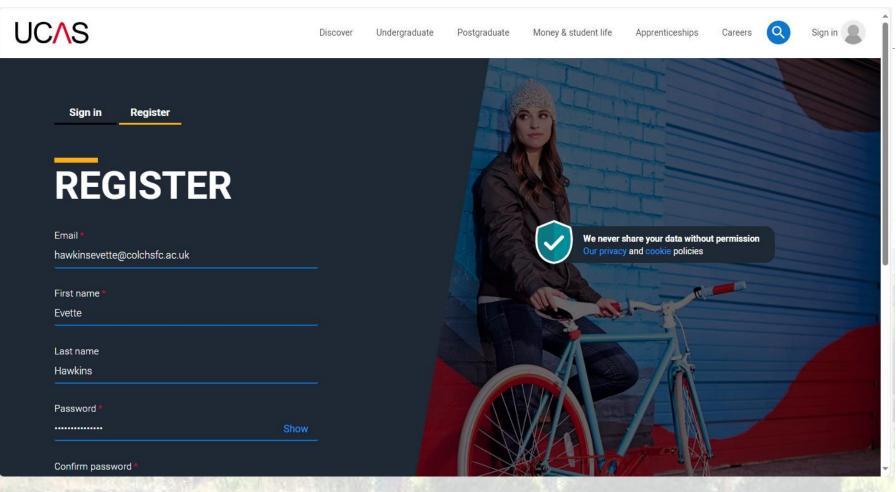
 Take a moment now to visit the website and familiarise yourself with the front page

The next few slides will take you through some information, tasks and activities to get you started on this journey

Note: UCAS is not just for universities, there is also helpful info on jobs and apprenticeships!



The UCAS Hub



 Use the "sign in" tab to register (top right corner)

Use your <u>home</u>
 <u>email</u> not your
 college email

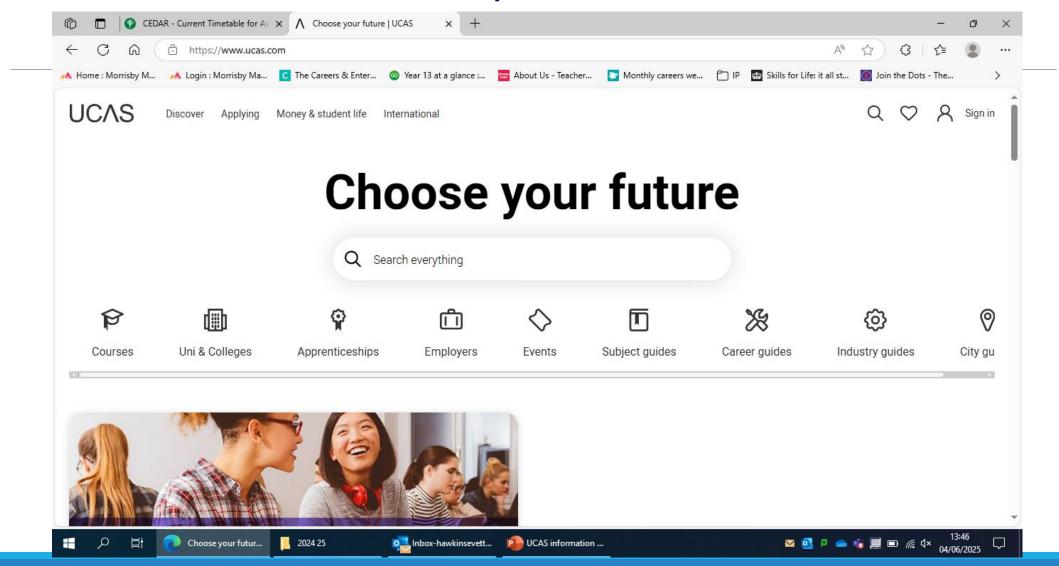
 To link to college: we are The Sixth
 Form College,
 Colchester

 Buzzword is colchester2026

Reflections and next steps

- This tutorial will give you lots to think about, and there is lots of information to digest!
- Take some time over the next few days and weeks to explore the UCAS website thoroughly, and use Morrisby for more information. The following slides show you what you can do on UCAS – if there is time in this tutorial, work through them and see what you can do on this helpful website.
- If you want to refer back to these slides, they'll be on the Year 1 Tutorial Padlet. Ask your personal tutor if you have any questions about next steps.
- If you need more in-depth advice, make an appointment with the careers team via <u>CareersOffice@colchsfc.ac.uk</u>
- Talk to people at home, talk to friends and wider family, talk to your teachers
- Your teachers will be starting to write testimonials now these are mini-references which your form tutor will then use to write your full reference next year. Start talking to them about what they can put in your testimonials/references to make your application really stand out!

Choose your future



If you click "Discover"...

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Applying Money & student life International

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Where to start

UCAS Hub Virtual Work Experiences Chat to students

UCAS events

What to do

Courses

Apprenticeships Subject guides Subject tasters

Industry guides

Discover – guides to courses; what is it like? What does it cover?

Where to go

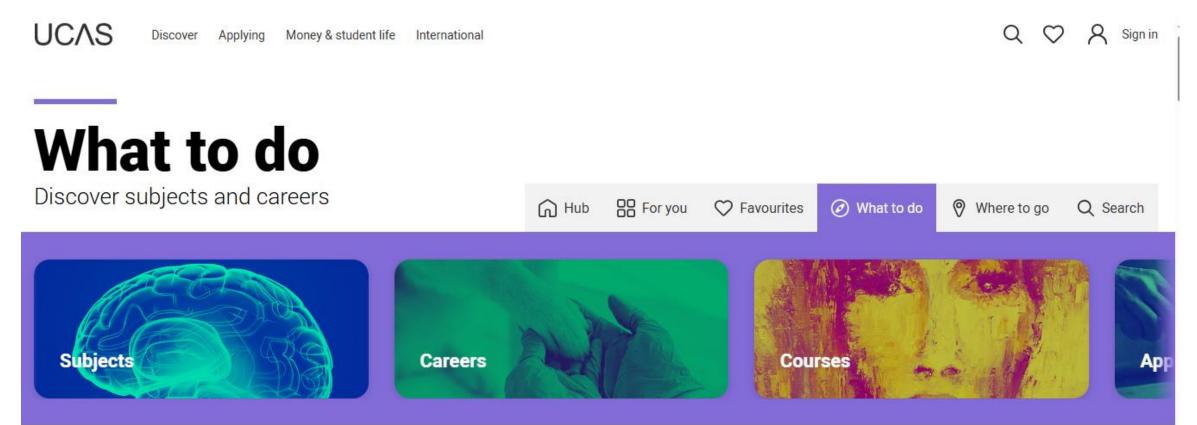
Employers Universities and colleges Regions City guides Gap years

> Where to go – guide to universities and cities/locations

Careers

- Types of employment Write a CV
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- Write a cover letter
- Starting work
- Career quiz
- Interviews

Not sure? Click "What to do" to see a range of options



Discover subjects

If you click "Applying"...

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Before you apply

Campus open days What and where to study Distance learning Apprenticeships Industry guides Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) Studying at a college Pros and cons of university Choosing a course

Discover

Parents, guardians and carers

Key dates How to fill in the UCAS application UCAS terms explained Clearing toolkit for parents Sign up for our parent newsletter

Applying to university

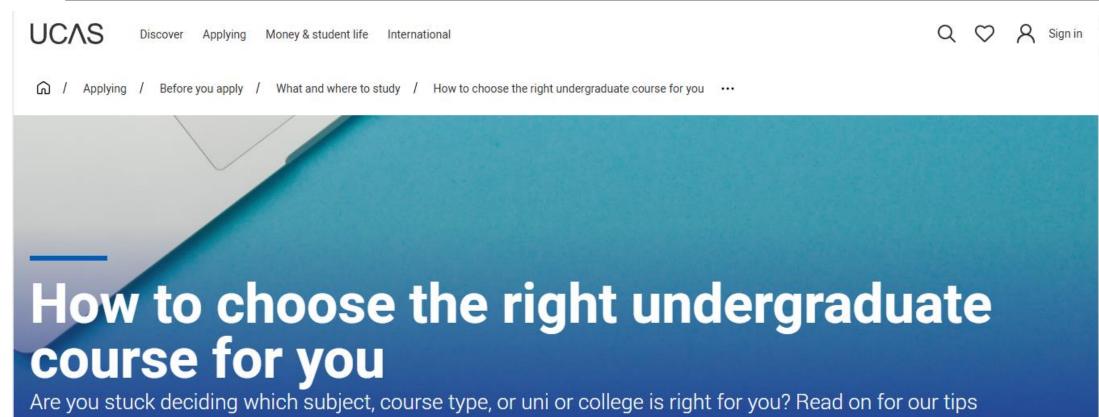
Dates and deadlines Personal statement UCAS Tariff points Individual needs Subject guides Fees, loans, and funding After applying Interviews Track your application Decisions and offers Results day Clearing and results day

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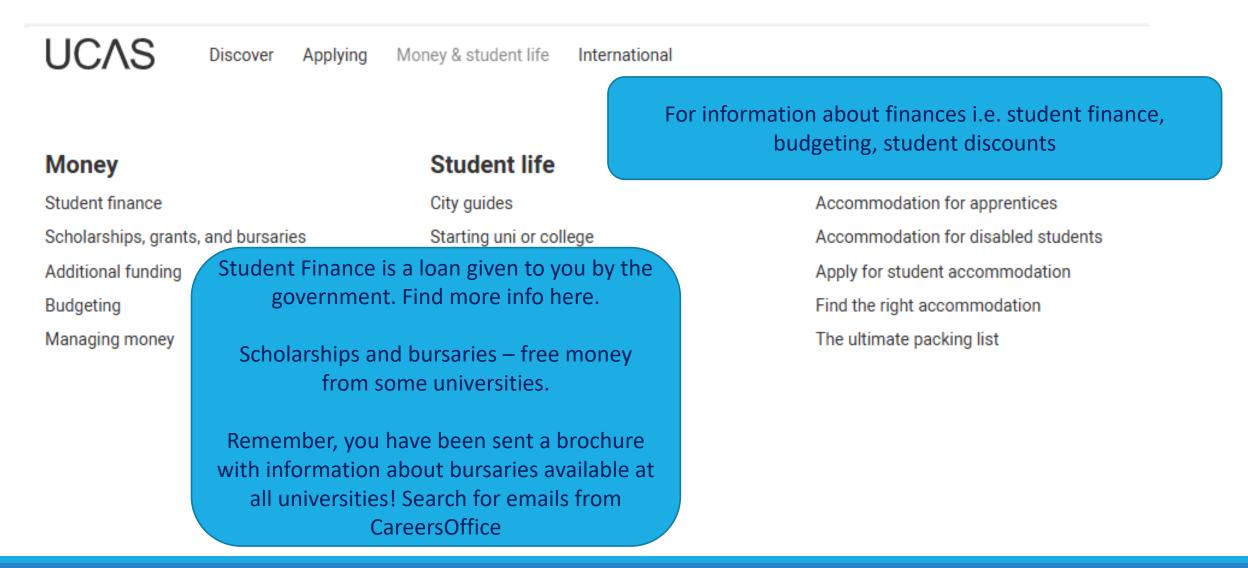
"Undergraduate"

If you go to university, while studying you will be considered an "undergraduate" until you graduate. If you do a Masters or PhD, this is know as "postgraduate" study. Therefore, you will apply for "undergraduate" courses.



and advice on tackling this big decision.

"Money and Student life"



More on budgeting and finances at university...

Affordability and value for money are key concerns for many students considering university. However, misconceptions about the actual costs of tuition, accommodation, and living expenses can create unnecessary uncertainty.

In a recent cost of learning survey from IDP "62% of students reported that financial stress negatively affects their studies and mental health."

To support students and their families to understand the true cost of university life WhatUni have launched the student cost of living calculator, a practical tool designed to:

✓ Provide clear, personalised cost estimates tuition, accommodation, and living expenses.

✓ Support informed decision-making by helping students budget effectively.

Enhance financial literacy and reduce uncertainty around university affordability.

Find the cost-of-living calculator here - <u>https://www.whatuni.com/money/ug-</u> <u>student-budget-calculator/</u>



"Discover" Apprenticeships

DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS - FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

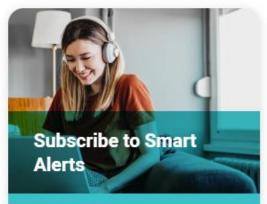


Find an apprenticeship

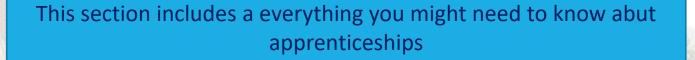
Search for an apprenticeship using our apprenticeship search.



Get the facts on apprenticeships and how they work.

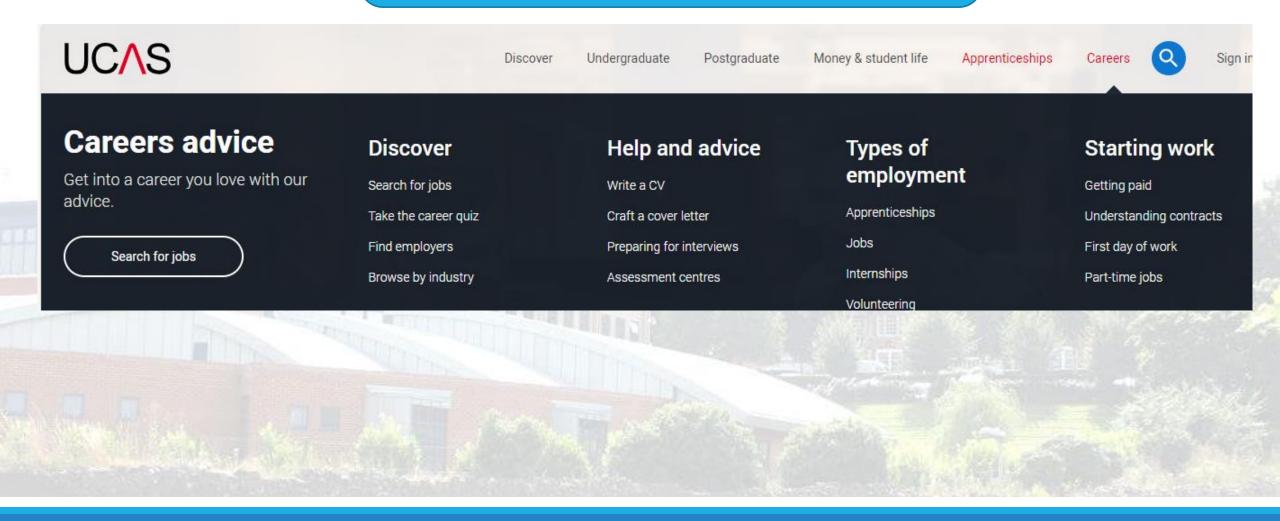


Get live apprenticeship vacancies straight to your inbox based on your interests, location, and travel preferences.



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CV advice, job search, interview preparation guidance, assessment centres



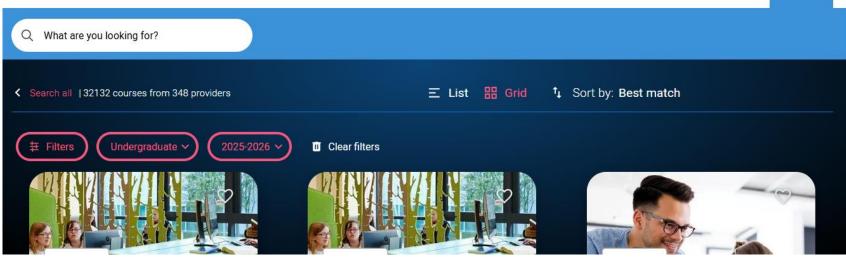
Course search

Type in any subject or topic you would like to study. There are 32000 courses available to browse!

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Search

Courses, apprenticeships, information guides and more 🕞 Hub 🖽 For you 🗢 Favourites 🧭 What to do 🛛 😵 Where to go 🔍 Search

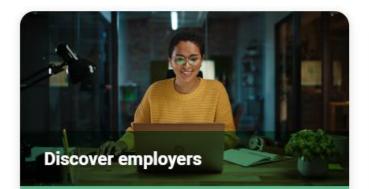


Careers advice? Find out everything you need to know.

Applying for jobs? Not sure where to start? Discover what you need to know from finding and applying, to understanding



Take our career quiz to find your ideal job matched to your personality type.



Get to know leading brands and the range of jobs and apprenticeships they offer.



Search and apply for jobs and apprenticeships using our apprenticeship and graduate job search.







"Subject Tasters" – click "Undergraduate" and then "subject tasters"

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SUBJECT TASTERS

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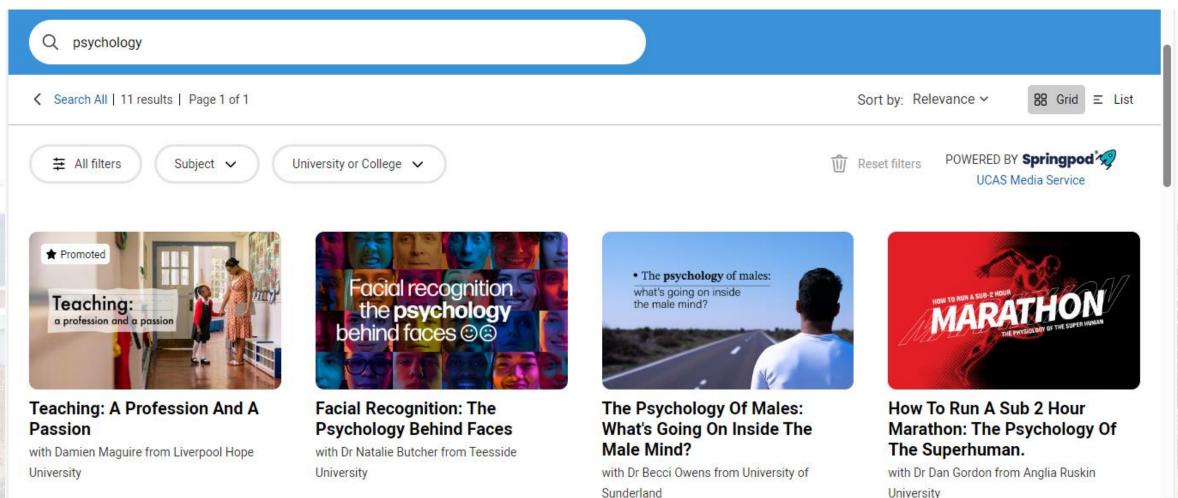
Try university degrees before you apply. Subject Spotlights from Springpod give you a taste of what is like to study real subjects delivered by university lecturers and developed in partnership with the universities



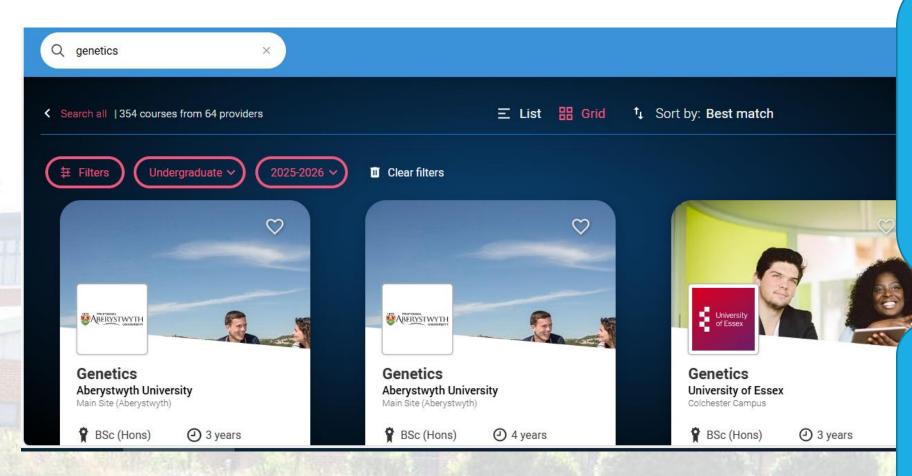
Subject Spotlights give you the chance to try a university course before you apply. Delivered by the lecturers themselves you will gain insight into what it's like to study the course and give your personal

"Subject Tasters"

Choose a subject you're interested in to look at some resources which will give you a taster of the kinds of things you might learn!

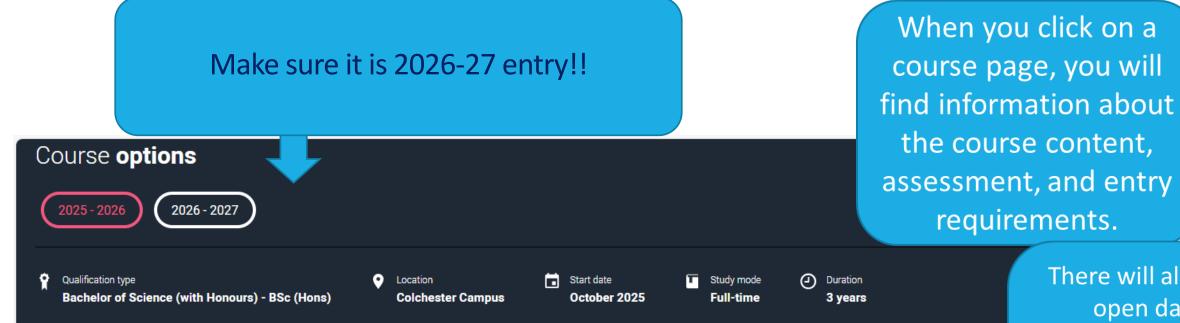


If you searched for "genetics"...



Courses automatically appear in alphabetical order by University. You can use the filters to narrow the results e.g. by distance or by entry requirements.

There are over 354 courses for "genetics" alone!



Course summary

How to apply

Entry requirements

Fees and funding

Provider information

Course summary

Genetics is at the forefront of modern biology, driving progress in medicine and synthetic biology. Thanks to recent developments in genetic analysis and manipulation, we are now able to explore the interaction between genes and the environment at an unprecedented level: from developmental processes to the epigenetic effects of the environment in our genome.

Teaching on our BSc Genetics course focuses on real-world applications, including medicine, biotechnology and genomics. The study of genetics includes University of Essex has particip in the Teaching Excellence Framework. These ratings were awarded in 2023, for four years

the course content,

requirements.



See why these ratings we awardad

There will also be open day information. If you can, visiting universities is really important as you will live there for 3 years! You can talk to existing students and get a feel for the campus and city.

Morrisby

You should all have registered for Morrisby at the beginning of the year

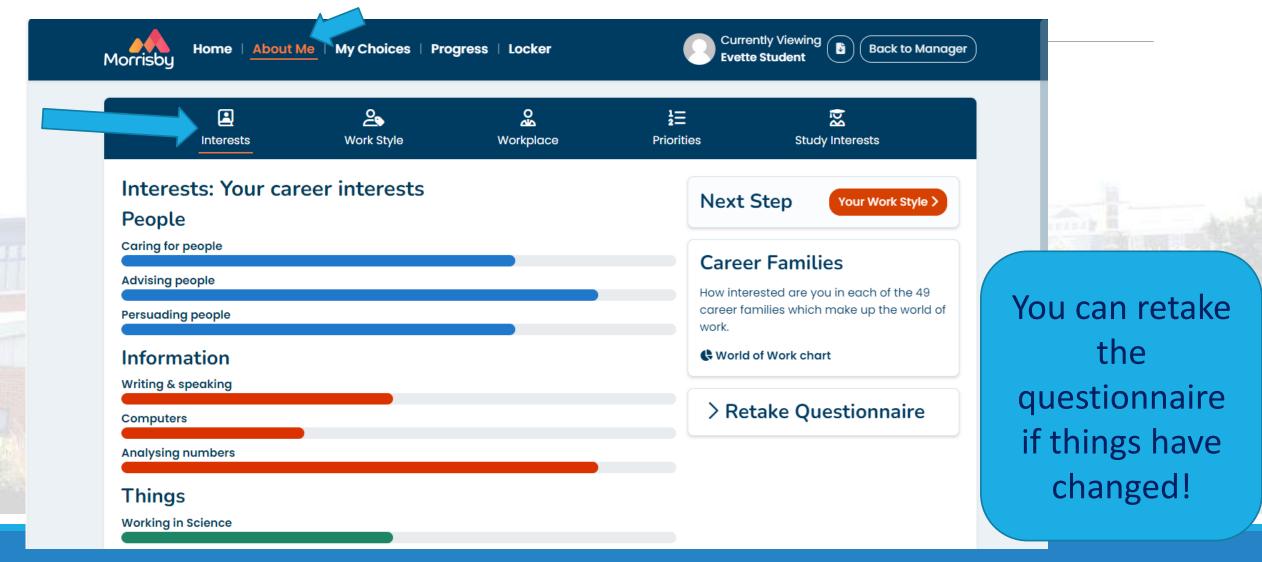
 You completed a questionnaire which allowed Morrisby to give you suggestions and information tailored to your needs and interests

Throughout the year, you should have been noting any extra-curricular activities you took part in

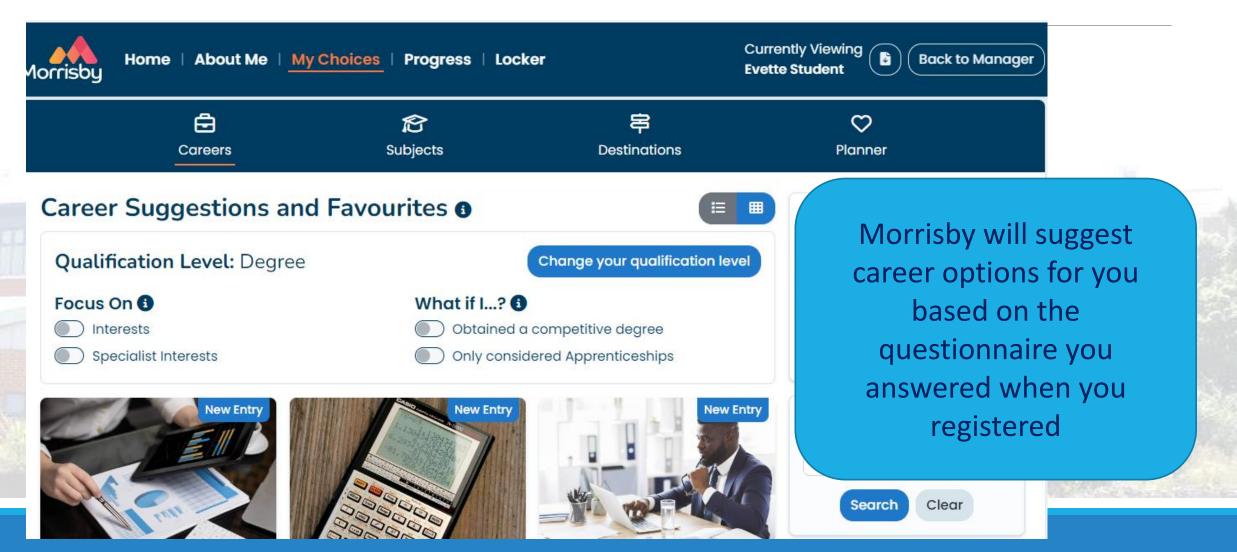
Using Morrisby to help with progression

- Morrisby holds lots of information about different career paths including university, apprenticeships and employment.
- It will offer you tailored careers advice based on your interests as expressed in the initial questionnaire
- It is also a place to log activities you have engaged with and the skills you developed through those activities
- •You should spend some time exploring the website. The next slides show some of the useful functions.

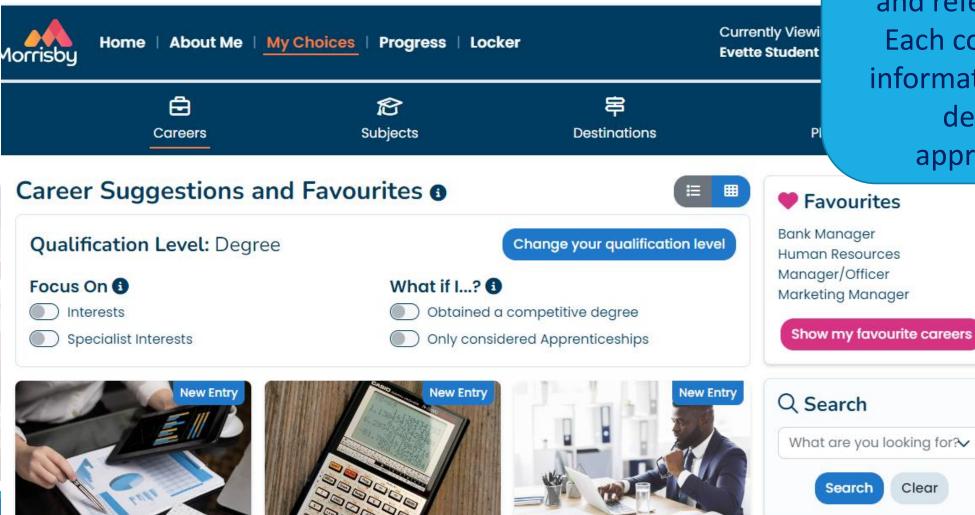
About Me – Interests – all from the questionnaire completed



My Choices – Careers



My Choices – Careers cont.



You can "like" particular career options to store them in your "favourites" and refer back to later. Each course page has information about jobs, degrees and apprenticeships.

Clear

My Choices – Destinations



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What should I study?

Review your subject matches in Options at 18 and create a favourites list. You can also search for courses related to those subjects.



Oxbridge Research

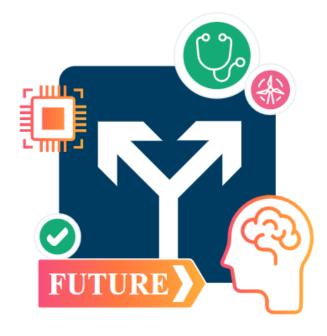
Explore and compare colleges at Oxford and Cambridge.

Find my University Course

Use the Course Search to research higher education courses, discover their entry requirements and favourite your preferences. Find out about the providers too, with our comprehensive guides.

Find my Apprenticeship

Use the Apprenticeship search to find live apprenticeships in your area, linking directly through to the application pages.



Employment

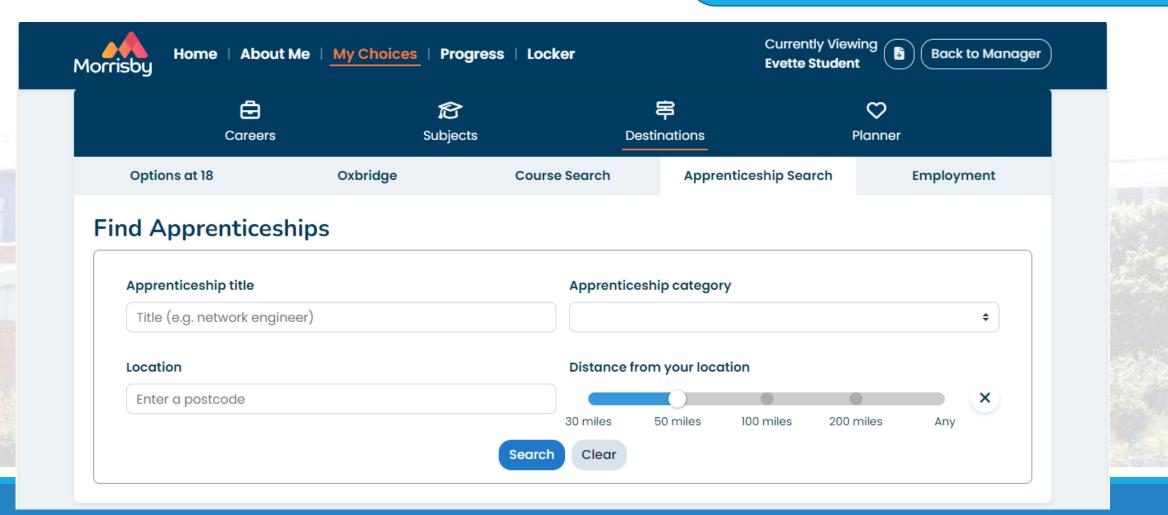
My Choices – Destinations – Options at 18

Note: this is showing higher education because we told Morrisby this is what we were interested in. It will show other things if you answered the questionnaire differently.

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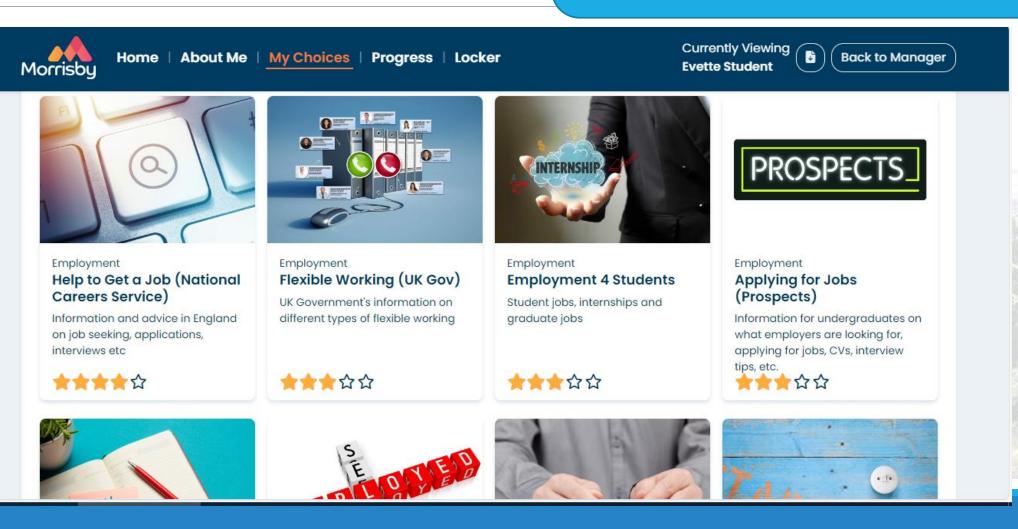
My Choices – Destinations – Apprenticeships Search

For more information relating to apprenticeships specifically!

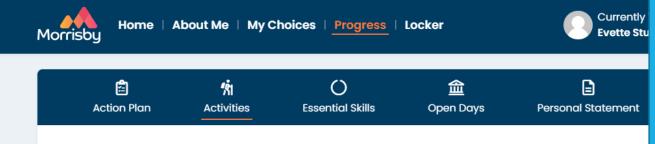


My Choices – Destinations – Employment

For more information relating to employment specifically, including setting up your own business!



Progress



\checkmark Completed (1)

🗊 1 activity requires feedback or an action plan



Apprenticeships

Feedback is required



This is where you can log any activities you have engaged with, essential skills you have developed or open days you have attended. When you add an activity, Morrisby gives you the option to add the skills you developed by engaging with that activity and a picture builds of all of the skills you are developing.

Have you logged all of the talks you attended as part of the 2-dayprogramme?



Progress cont.

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There is also information here relating to CVs, applying for employment and apprenticeships, and information about university and personal statements.

🗊 1 activity requires feedback or an action plan



Feedback is required

> Planned (5)

This is a good place to log any activities you have engaged with that you want to be included in the UCAS reference!