



CAREERS @ NEWSTEAD



What is UCAS?

Message from Mrs Brown

UCAS is often seen as a platform to use when you are ready to apply to University, but it is so much more than that. Right from lower school you can use UCAS to research and explore careers that might suit you.

As a result, this issue is focused on helping you to discover the wealth of knowledge you can gain from UCAS. One of my personal favourites is the degree apprentices tool which helps to support your research in understanding whether a degree apprenticeship is right for you as well as the range of apprenticeships available.

Another great tool is the 'browse career section' which enables you to research a career and see how future proof it is, whether jobs are growing or declining over the coming years.

Whether in sixth form or lower school, I hope this issue supports you with preparing for your next steps.

UCAS supports young people to make choices by providing information, advice and help

- helps students explore options
- advice on applying for a range of courses
- confirms deadlines for applications
- advice on supporting yourself financially at university
- links you to current students
- explores different regions of the UK to help choose your university
- explains everything you need to know about apprenticeships
- lists open days at universities
- if you want to enter the world of work, look at the list of employers
- offers a selection of careers, helping students decide on their future
- advice on going on a gap year





Finding your passion.

What is your passion? can you merge your passion and your future plans – take this quiz
Finding your passion : Finding your passion (ucas.com)

Do you feel that you would prefer to earn while you learn? Then an apprenticeship is for you – look at the link to find out about all the different options: Apprenticeships | Learn About Apprenticeships And Find The Right One For You (ucas.com)

I think that I would like to go straight into work

There is a whole section introducing various employers and what their company offers :
Explore | UCAS

I'm not sure what my future plans are and I want a break from studying. You may want to travel to gain new skills and experiences :
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What if I would like to defer my university or college application? 1. When making your application, select "deferred" start date for your chosen course but it's important to contact the uni or college to check they are happy with this
2. After you've applied, contact your chosen uni or college and ask if they'd be happy to change your course start date to the following year

You have decided to study at university but what to study?

There is a huge range of subjects to study from food science, to anthropology to molecular biophysics :Explore | UCAS

....and where to go? Unis in a busy city like Manchester or a more rural location like Aberystwyth? Far away or close to home? :
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What UCAS deadlines do I need to be aware of for 2024 entry courses?

2 May 2023 : entry courses will be shown in the UCAS search tool

16 May 2023 : you can start your undergraduate application but cannot submit it to UCAS until 5 September 2023

16 October 2023 (18h00): For Oxbridge and for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science & dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later but you can only have 5 choices in total

31 January 2024 (18H00): deadline for the majority of courses

Applying for medical / dentistry school? The **UCAT** is the University Clinical Aptitude Test, a two-hour, computer-based test to help unis gauge whether a candidate has the attitude, mental ability & professionalism needed to thrive. It is a key entry requirement for some medicine and dentistry courses. When you apply, your UCAT score will be assessed alongside your grades, work experience and personal statement by UCAT unis.
Booking opens : 20th June 2023
Testing from : 10th July 2023
Booking deadline : 21st Sept 2023
Last test day : 28 Sept 2023
The exams take place in Pearson Vue test centres and cost £70
Your Guide To The UCAT Test For 2023 – The Medic Portal

BMAT is the BioMedical Admissions Test, a 2-hour medical admissions assessment used by certain universities, designed to test your thinking skills, ability to apply scientific knowledge & communication skills. It is used to help select candidates for medical and health-related degree programmes.
Registration opens : 1 September 2023
Test date : 18 October 2023
Results released : 24 November 2023
Cost : £78
Your Extensive Guide To BMAT – The Medic Portal

Connecting curriculum to careers

Reasons for working with Animals

- They'll teach you to be more patient
- Animals can make you happier and healthier—it's a scientific fact
- You'll discover the importance of living in the moment
- You'll see the value of giving without expecting anything in return
- You'll get to make a real difference

ZOOLOGY

This is the scientific study of the behaviour, structure, physiology, classification, and distribution of animals. For this degree course, biology is the most important subject to study, also chemistry and another subject such as maths. If you would like to specialize in the behavioural side of zoology, psychology is also important. Entry requirements range from CCD-AAB

VETERINARY SCIENCE

This degree will take 5-6 years to complete. For this course biology and chemistry is important, along with another subject but it depends on the university.

HADLOW COLLEGE is Kent's only rural and land based college (it also has a campus in Greenwich). It offers a range of courses such as animal management and equine management and accepts students from post GCSEs.

Hadlow College | Land-Based College in Kent and South-East London



APPRENTICESHIPS

Animal welfare apprenticeships offer specialist pathways to choose from, including:

- animal care and welfare
- zoos and wildlife establishments
- dog grooming
- pet care and retail
- animal training

Veterinary nursing apprenticeships enable you to train for job roles such as:

- veterinary nurse – small animal
- veterinary nurse – equine
- head veterinary nurse
- head equine veterinary nurse

Why not consider an apprenticeship with the RSPCA. Alternatively look at this general link Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Apprenticeships | RSPCA

WORK EXPERIENCE, If you are in the lower year groups but know that you would like to study in this field, use your weekends or holidays obtaining work experience such as working in a pet shop, a donkey sanctuary, a dog or cat's home, with a dog groomer etc. All great additions to your future CV or applications.

What's coming up at Newstead?

1-2-1 career appointments for Y12 students to discuss next steps in May/June

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Careers Week 10th-14th July

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Speed Networking for Year 10

Virtual work experience for Year 10 students

Work Experience placements for Year 12 students