





# University- UCAS Support in Shawlands Academy



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# Applying to University

- UCAS and Personal Statements

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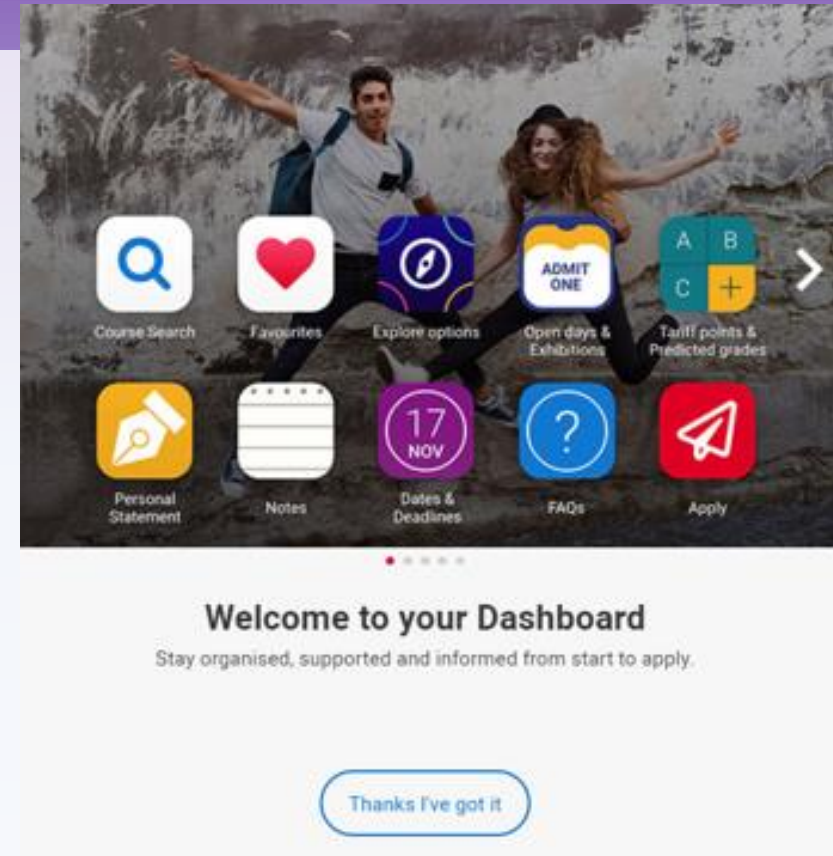


## How to Apply

- **UCAS** – online application
- Completely independent of all universities
- Cost to apply - £22.50 for 1 choice, or £27 for 5 choices
- Up to 5 choice - think these through based on entry requirements & competitiveness
- Fill in application via school (or independently if left school) – stick to school deadlines
- Guidance and help available via school and UCAS Hub



- **UCAS Hub**
- Organise everything in one place:
- Tools to search, favourites, shortlist and build up application
- Edit your dashboard to suit you and your needs
- UCAS Hub lives – expert panel to give you more information
- Discovery Days – explore subject talks, admissions experts, advise on personal statements





## UCAS Hub

- Log-in & track your application
- Universities will update decisions via UCAS Hub – and offer detail can be viewed too
- You reply to your offers
- Edit details, including contact details, which is important so universities can contact you – even after you leave school
- Add new choices (UCAS extra/clearing)





# Making an application

- Sections to be completed:
- Personal details
- Work experience
- Education
- Nationality details
- Supporting information
- Personal statement
- Choices – make up to five
- References (not visible for students linked to centres)

The screenshot shows the UCAS application dashboard for a 2020 Undergraduate application. The user's personal ID is 1391001863. The progress bar indicates 33% completion. The dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Profile overview:** Includes instructions for starting the application and a link to centre information.
- Personal details:** Section complete.
- Contact and residency details:** Section complete.
- Work experience:** Section in progress.
- Education:** Start this section.
- Nationality details:** Start this section.
- Supporting information:** Start this section.
- English language skills:** Start this section.
- Finance and funding:** Section complete.
- Diversity and inclusion:** Start this section.
- Application questions:** Includes Personal statement (Section in progress), Choices (Section complete), and Reference (Start this section).





## Things to consider

- Have you chosen the right subject for the right reasons?
- Have you done your research into the courses?
- Have you researched the universities?
- Can you survive in an intense and pressured atmosphere?
- Do you have a range of interests and aptitudes?
- Do you have a depth of interest in the subject?
- Do you appear motivated and committed?







- **Application decisions**

- 3 possible outcomes:
  - > Conditional Offer
  - > Unconditional Offer
  - > Rejection





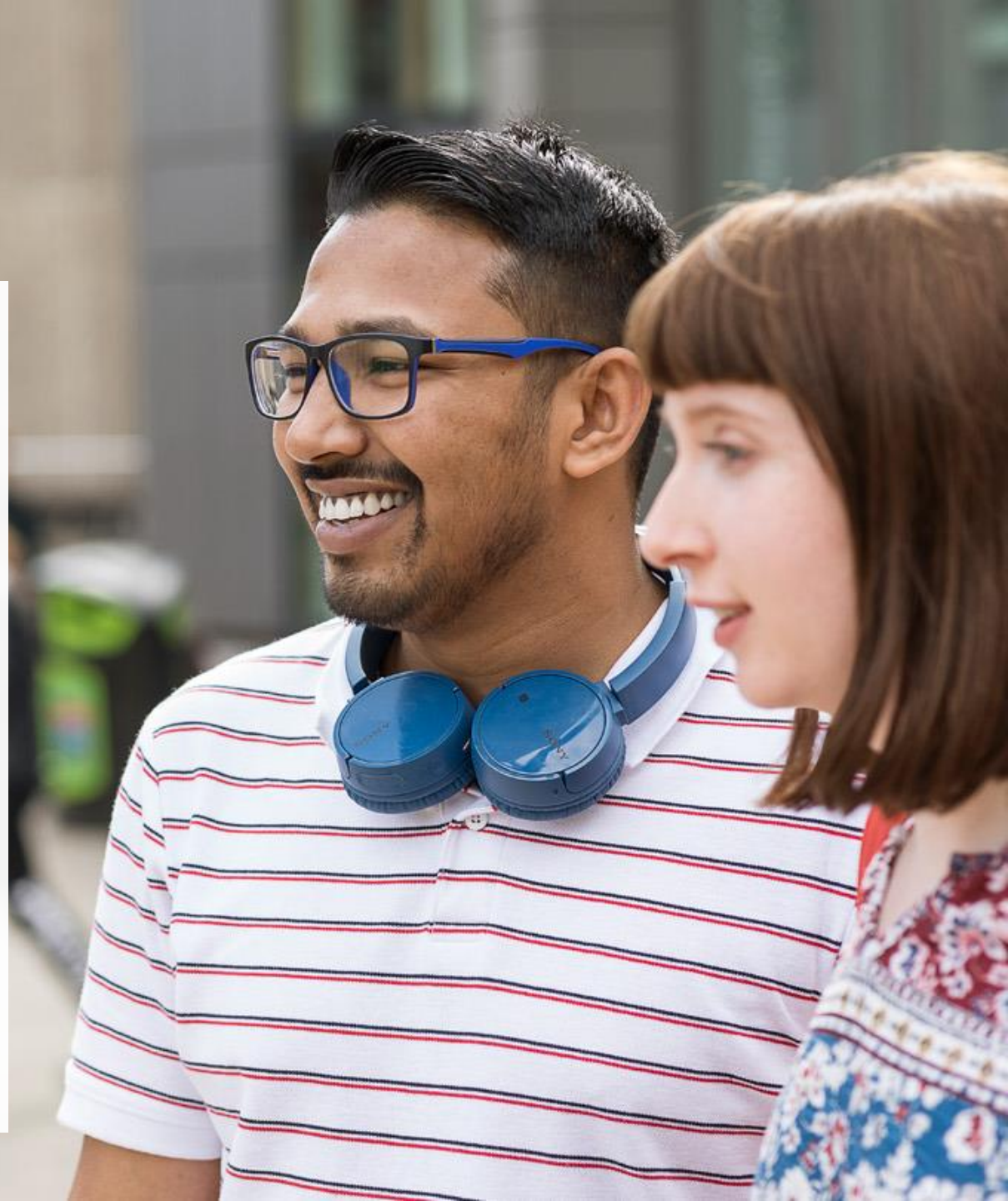
## You reply to offers

- **FIRM** - First choice - where you intend to go
- **INSURANCE** = Second choice or 'back up choice' (normally lower entry requirements)
- These are binding, and not designed for you to switch between
- Your insurance choice will only 'kick in' if you miss the conditions of your firm choice, and that university therefore declines your offer on results day
- You must have all your decisions back from all your choices before you can decide
- If you do not reply UCAS may automatically decline all your offers!



## Personal Statement

- Chance to market yourself as an individual
- Same for all your choices
- Maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines
- Minimum of 1,000 characters
- No spelling or grammar check
- Plagiarism detection software





## Personal Statement

- Start early and don't leave it till last minute
- Include:
  - academic achievements, past and present
  - why you're interested in the subject area
  - your knowledge of the subject area
  - your enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus
  - what you enjoy about studying
  - details of your independent study skills
  - what makes you stand out?





## Personal Statement

- Lots help & advice from school and UCAS – utilise this
- Each university will use personal statements differently this may also differ between courses
- One personal statement for all 5 choices, but don't worry we understand this
- Don't be scared of it! This is the context to your application and your chance to stand out.
- **Professional degree programmes** have very specific personal statement requirements. Where you are applying to a professional course write your personal statement for that. You may be able to submit a secondary personal statement to your 'back-up' choice if needed – speak to the university



## Top tips

- To start just get words on the page – lists, mind maps
- Use positive language
- Ask friends and family for advice
- Don't be arrogant
- Use plain English – no clichés, no flowery language
- Make sure it is your own work – it will be checked
- Lots of drafts – rewrite and condense







## The Top-Up Programme

- The Programme will run in two cohort – online via MS Teams
- Cohort 1 – w/c 7<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022
  - Live sessions will commence in week 2, with asynchronous learning in week 1
- Cohort 2 – w/13<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023
  - Live sessions will commence in week 2 with asynchronous learning in week 1
- Campus visits will be held w/c 27<sup>th</sup> March 202



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Thank you!  
Any questions?

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Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care (Linn House)

Mr S. Alexander

Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care (Cathkin House)

**Ms S.Hamid**

**Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care (Maxwell House)**





# THE STORY SO FAR...

August/September  
2022

University applicants  
identified and UCAS Team  
created

PSE - Researching courses and  
sign up to UCAS hub

UCAS registration sessions led by  
Miss Rodger in the assembly hall

UCAS and Applying to  
University presentation  
delivered in PSE





# THE STORY SO FAR...

August/September 2022

Personal statement guide issued via UCAS team

Registration for the Top Up, REACH, Access to a career programmes

Important University events shared on UCAS team and assembly e.g. [UCAS Discovery Day](#)

[University open day calendar](#) shared on UCAS team

PSE – Ongoing personal statement support





# DEADLINES

The deadline for the first draft of personal statements is 22/09/22

If there is any reason that pupils are unable to meet deadlines, they should communicate with their Pastoral Care teacher.





# WHAT NEXT?

October  
2022

Feedback on first drafts of personal statements provided

Early applications submitted by 15/10/22

Subsequent drafts of personal statement submitted. Dates negotiated between pupil and PTPC





## What next?

Subsequent drafts of Personal Statement to be submitted to PTPC teacher

Early applicant **final deadline** is 15/10/22

UCAS **final deadline** is 25/01/23

However, **school deadline** for completion is 09/12/22

Top Up programme begins October 2022

College applications open in January 2023

SAAS applications open April 2023







# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Applications open in Early January (approx. 10-13<sup>th</sup>)
- Colleges work on a first come first served basis
- Students are advised to have their personal statements ready- approx. 2000 characters.
- Students who already attend college as part of their senior phase may have opportunity to have integral progression.
- College applications should be completed by all UCAS applicants as a back up.
- College can be a preferred option and an alternative first step as part of the pathway to University





# Clearing

- What happens if I don't get the grades required for my offer?
- You can apply for a course through Clearing if you don't hold an offer from a university, and the course still has places available.
- Colleges also use clearing and will publish a list of courses with spaces on their websites





# SAAS-Student Awards Agency Scotland

- <https://www.saas.gov.uk/>

**SAAS** Student Awards Agency Scotland  
Funding your future

Funding available ▾

What you need to know ▾

Funding calculator ↗

Make a payment ↗

Application forms 🔍

Login | Create account

## Parents and carers

How to help students with their funding application. Including support with what documents to send with an application and what to do if your household income changes.

You can also visit our [Parent/Carer Guide](#) ↗ for more information on what funding is available, key facts and student loan repayments.

### Want to talk to us about a students funding account?

If you have questions about an application, the student needs to complete a [third party consent](#) ↗ form.

SAAS Funding explained to  
parents





# Employability- Apprenticeships

[Apprenticeships.scot](http://Apprenticeships.scot)

- Foundation Apprenticeships- in School - Qualification is equivalent to a Higher/real life training
- Modern Apprenticeships-learn on the job – gaining skills, experience and qualifications that'll kick-start your career.
- Graduate Apprenticeships-gain full-time industry experience and a wage – while you get a degree





# Apprenticeships

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**Specialist Tyre Fitter  
Modern Apprenticeship**  
Halfords

1 position available

**halfords**  
for life's journeys

Apply now

£ £14,206 per year

🕒 Full-time (40 Hours)

📍 Glasgow

📅 24/09/2022

MA

**Accounting Trainee  
Modern Apprenticeship**

1 position available

Apply now

£ £9,379 per year

🕒 Full-time (37.5 Hours)

📍 STRATHAVEN

📅 10/10/2022





# Glasgow Guarantee

The Glasgow Guarantee is a highly regarded employment programme which supports Glasgow residents into work and helps local businesses to grow and prosper.

<https://www.glasgowguarantee.org/>

**As a candidate looking for work get instant access to a large number of permanent Glasgow vacancies and Modern Apprenticeship opportunities** when you sign up whilst still at school/college or registered with an employability provider.

Vacancies are posted on year group teams throughout the session





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## New vacancies

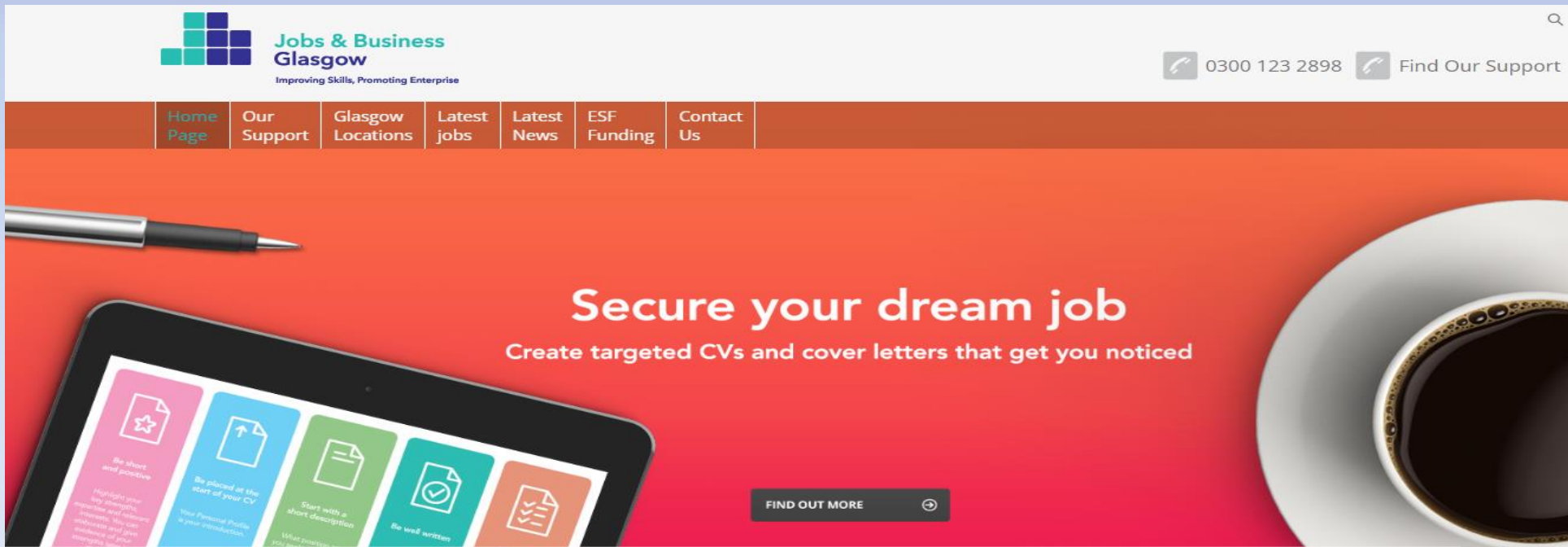
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Job title	Job type	Salary	Area	Closing date	
1st Line Support & Service Engineer	Vacancy	£19.3k to £23K DOE	Glasgow City Centre	25 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
Apprentice Hairdresser	Modern Apprenticeship	£9,900.80	Glasgow South	18 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
Cafe Assistant	Vacancy	£18,018	Glasgow North West	18 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
Cook	Vacancy	18018	Glasgow North East	18 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
Counter Assistant	Vacancy	18018	Glasgow North East	18 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
MA Administrative Assistant	Modern Apprenticeship	11,000	Glasgow City Centre	18 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
MA Coach Core - Sports Coaching	Modern Apprenticeship	£8,486.40	Glasgow Wide	25 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
MA Customer Service Advisor	Modern Apprenticeship	£11,315.20	Glasgow Wide	25 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
MA Mechanic	Modern Apprenticeship	£10,865.40	Glasgow South	25 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
Maintenance Apprentice	Modern Apprenticeship	£18,018	Glasgow City Centre	18 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>
Production Assistant:	Vacancy	£18,200	Glasgow City Centre	18 September 2022	<a href="#">More details</a>



# Jobs and Business Glasgow

- <https://www.jbg.org.uk/>
- To apply for any of the vacancies you must be a Glasgow City Council resident.
- The majority of jobs are sourced for our existing customers and are not made public on our website. To find out how we can source a job for you, please call our customer service team on freephone 0300 123 2898



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Jobs & Business Glasgow website. The header features the logo (a grid of colored squares) and the text "Jobs & Business Glasgow" with the tagline "Improving Skills, Promoting Enterprise". A search icon is in the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home Page, Our Support, Glasgow Locations, Latest jobs, Latest News, ESF Funding, and Contact Us. The main content area has a red background with a pen, a tablet, and a cup of coffee. The central text reads "Secure your dream job" and "Create targeted CVs and cover letters that get you noticed". A "FIND OUT MORE" button is at the bottom right.

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# School Leavers Toolkit



My career options ▾

Learn and train ▾

Getting a job ▾



Sign in

Register

Home

## School Leavers Toolkit

Leaving school? There's lots of support out there, but we know it can be tricky to find information you need, at the right time.

You might find some of this useful now, and some later. Bookmark the page and explore in your own time.



Looking for a specific topic? Select from this list:

What next?

How's it going?

Money matters

Work and pay

Moving out

Get involved

Know your rights

Targeted support

Other helpful support





# New courses in Senior Phase

Higher/Level 6: Communications, Applications of Maths

Level 5 / N5 Health Sector, Laboratory Science, Energy, Care ,  
Business & IT, PC Passport, Personal Development

Level 4 Bakery, Barista Skills, Employability Skills





# Key to Positive Pathways

- Students should aim to maximise attainment. (Attendance is key)
- Study courses at appropriate levels
- Do your research regarding courses, make sure you have or will have the minimum entry requirements. Choose a realistic pathway.
- Colleges will accept Higher Communications instead of Higher English







