



UCAS Applications 2024-2025





Join the UCAS Team

- There is a Teams page for all those who are applying to university this year
- All students who have not yet done this should do so now.
- Please join the **UCAS 2024 - 25** team. You can join using the code below:

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UCAS Team

- Completion of a university application is **THE YOUNG PERSON'S** responsibility.
- They must complete this in their own time.
- It is crucial that they check the UCAS 2025 Team to access resources which will help them, including this PowerPoint.
- There may be some PSE inserts where they will receive support but largely they must work independently using the resources on the Team and those contained on the UCAS website.



Buzzword

- A buzzword links the students application to the school that they attend so including this is essential to ensure teachers can monitor the progress of applications and add their references at the end of the process
- This can be found in the 'Information' document on the UCAS 2025 Team

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Completion of the Application

- The target is to send all applications to UCAS by the end of November
- It is essential that all deadlines are adhered to
- Any time wasted gives pastoral care staff less time to complete their reference
- There is a Word document on the Team called "UCAS Apply 2025 Student Booklet"
- This is a step-by-step guide to the application process



Choices

- Students should by now have in mind which courses they wish to apply for
- **Students can apply for up to five courses**
- Universities have PROSPECTUSES online which list all of the courses they offer and what their entrance requirements are
- Students should be **REALISTIC** with their choices. Check entry requirements and do not apply for courses if you are unlikely to come close to entry requirements
- This includes making sure students are studying the subjects they need for the course they are applying for!
- **Have a back up option in case you don't get a place – college (applications open in January)**



University Open Days

- See your pastoral care teacher to ask for permission to attend any university open days if they take place during the school day
- Search online for dates, most of which are at weekends



Send

- Pressing 'Send' on their application sends it to the school, not directly to UCAS.
- Once they've completed their application, there's still a lot for the school to do. That's why most schools will set an internal deadline, which is earlier than the UCAS application deadline.
- This gives us time to check the students' applications to make sure all sections have been filled in correctly, support those struggling with their application, and write and add references for all the students.



Timeline

- **5th September:** Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS

Early Deadlines

- **2nd October:** (18:00 UK time) Application deadline for conservatoire music applications

Applications for dance, drama, and musical theatre courses may have a different deadline – check conservatoires' websites for information.

- ~~16th October~~ (**09th October as 16th is during the Oct holiday**) : (18:00 UK time) Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine / science

All students in the above categories should alert their Pastoral Care teacher to this immediately and stay in contact with them throughout the application process.



Final Deadline

- The final deadline for all other students to complete all parts of their application and pay and send it to the school is...

Friday, 22nd November 2024



Leadership Opportunities

- The most important part of your application is your personal statement
- This is where you try to convince universities why they should give you a place over other candidates
- Take advantage of leadership opportunities this year to enhance your personal statement
- Put yourself forward for any opportunities that arise...



Top Up

This is an essential part of university preparation for many St Thomas Aquinas pupils

If you are eligible you must participate

Completion of Top Up will mean that you are eligible for an adjusted offer for entry to Glasgow University and other universities

I will post a form on the Team for you to sign up in due course





Reach and Access to a Career

These programmes are run by Glasgow University and are for students applying for:

Medicine

Veterinary Medicine

Dentistry

Law

Engineering

Education (Teaching)





Questions...

If you have any questions you can ask now

**Or students can email or see me or their
pastoral care teacher at any time throughout
the process**