



You are receiving this as your son/ daughter is applying (or had indicated intent to apply) to university.

We have a dedicated page regarding applying for university on the school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/rosshall/ucas/>

- Pupils applying for early application courses (Vet Med, Dentistry, Medicine) sent their applications to UCAS before the Oct break- well done folks!
- Pupils should have now selected their chosen courses at university and completed at least a draft version of their personal statements - they can choose to have these read by Mr Clelland or their UCAS class teacher) before they send it to Pastoral Care or they can send direct (via email) to Pastoral Care- the deadline for completed Personal Statements is **Fri Nov 17th**
- Pupils should have asked 3 class teachers for short references that can assist Pastoral Care in doing their longer Teacher Statements.
- The UCAS support sessions in school that have been running since August each Thu Pupils have had input from universities about the application process as well as from teachers about applying. These sessions are a dedicated time for pupils to research courses, decide and beginning applying. They can ask questions of experienced staff about any matters arising to do with their applications.
- Pupils are expected to link with Pastoral Care teachers after this to ensure Personal Statements/ Teacher Statements are completed and that the application is sent to UCAS as early as possible.
- **Top Up:** Glasgow University-run Top Up Programme is open to all eligible pupils and starts in **Jan 2023**. Pupils have been emailed about this- you can find more information here:
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/wp/supportingaccesstogeneralsubjects/top-up/>
 - Top Up will be undertaken remotely this year- pupils will access the live sessions every Thu online via Teams using iPads. They can choose to do this where they like (inc home) and if needed a room can be arranged for those who would prefer to be in school (pupils will need headphones for this).
- **Finally, pupils should aim to complete their UCAS applications as soon as possible. Pastoral Care are already working hard on finalising applications for those pupils who have supplied them with personal statements but please note, this can take time. Some Pastoral Care Teachers have more than 20 applicants to process/ write a reference for.**
- **The school deadline is for all applications to be completed by the Christmas break- however we are very keen applications are sent well before this.**

If you have any questions about the UCAS process please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below

Thank you,

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