

Parents evening presentation for College and Apprenticeships

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What is UCAS?

UCAS is an **independent charity** providing information, advice and admissions services. We're there to help people **discover** what their next step might be.

UCAS **does**:

- provide information, advice, and support
- process applications
- complete fraud and verification checks
- take part in education sector engagement

UCAS **doesn't**:

- make decisions or offers
- set entry requirements
- advise on finance
- advise on immigration or visas

What Next?

Discovery with UCAS

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Discover options



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



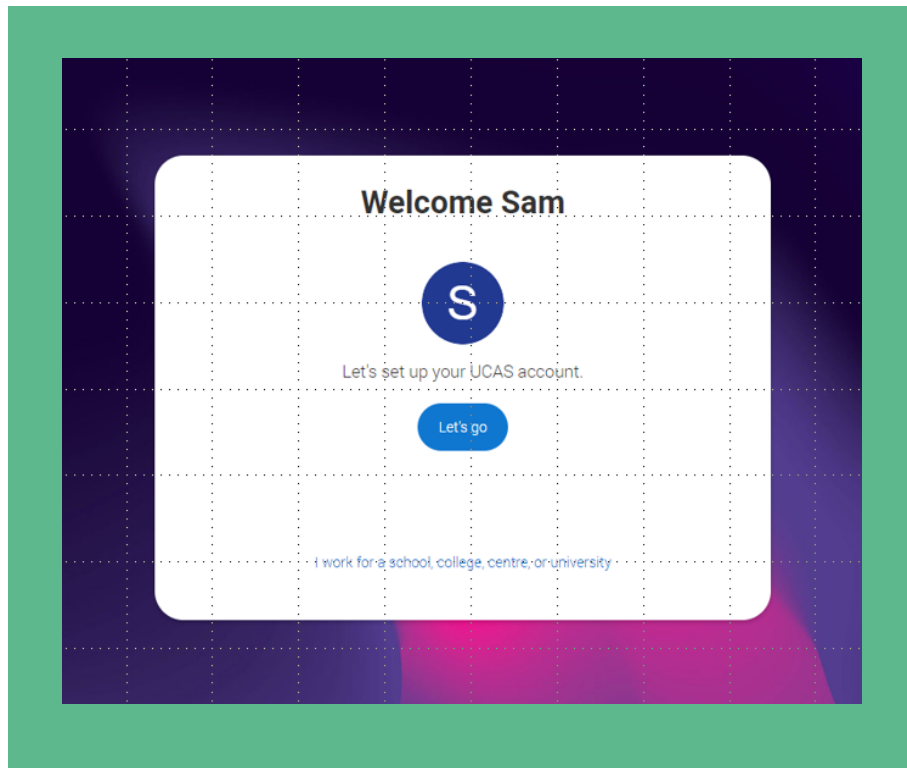
GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand all your options and make the right choices for you: ucas.com/hub

Discover options

Register with the UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, places, and apprenticeships in one place
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for open days, events and virtual tours
- turn predicted grades into UCAS Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)
- try before you apply with [Subject Spotlights](#) from Springpod.
- take the [UCAS Quiz](#) to find career matches
- start your application



DISCOVER WHAT TO DO

Browse subjects and careers with related courses and apprenticeships.

[Discover more](#)



FAQS

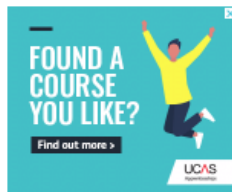
What subject should I take?

Read our subject guides to see what might be right for you.

HOW TO

How to apply

All you need to know about applying to university, college or an apprenticeship.



DISCOVER CAREERS

Try our quiz and get recommended careers that match your skills and personality traits.

[Take the quiz](#)



FAQS

Key application dates

Find out what you need to do and when.

HOW TO

How to nail that personal statement

Writing a personal statement can be daunting. Follow our tips and advice to help make it easier.

DISCOVER WHERE TO GO

Browse universities, colleges and employers and learn more about cities and regions in the UK.

[Find out more](#)



What's happening

Replying to your offers - your questions answered

Getting ready to reply to your offers? We've got all your questions answered

[More info](#)



Chat to students

Chat with UK and international students who are already studying the courses you've applied for at universities and colleges across the UK, on UniBuddy

[More info](#)



University course tasters

Experience what a university course would be like with Springpod's Subject Spotlights. These interactive, virtual university course tasters feature real-life lectures, seminars, and academics.

[More info](#)



Live now: Studying in the UK

There's a lot to consider when moving to a new country. We explore accommodation, visas, scholarships and everything in between.

[More info](#)



Discover pathways

- **Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) and Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE):** first and second year of a degree course.
- **Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND):** HNC is a one-year industry specific course, and the HND is a two-year industry specific course.
- **Higher apprenticeships:** provide an opportunity to gain Level 4 qualifications or above, e.g. HND, or foundation degree while you work. Can take from one to five years to complete, depending on the course level.
- **Foundation degree:** flexible vocational qualification, combining both academic study and workplace learning. It usually takes two years to complete.
- **Bachelor's or undergraduate degree:** a three to four-year course which can also be available as a part-time option, allowing you to study and work.
- **Degree apprenticeships:** enable you to gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course.

Discover pathways Side by side

You can see apprenticeship opportunities alongside undergraduate courses.

The UCAS Hub enables you to explore all your options and build your profile in one place.



Dental Nurse Apprentice

MR DEVANAND ISUKAPATLA

📍 South Shields

Apprenticeship level

England - Advanced

Apprenticeship - Level 3

Industry

Medicine, dentistry and

nursing

Start date

30/10/2023

Duration

18 Months

Date posted

06/03/2023

Closing date

29/10/2023

Salary

£10,982.40



AAT Apprenticeship - Audit, Accounts and Tax (March 2024)

MOORE KINGSTON SMITH GROUP SERVICES LIMITED

📍 LONDON

Apprenticeship level

England - Higher

Apprenticeship - Level 4

Industry

Accounting and Finance

Start date

04/03/2024

Duration

2 Years

Date posted

05/07/2023

Closing date

30/10/2023

Salary

£25,000.00

Is it **right** for you?

There's things to consider with your next step

- something you enjoy – you're investing time and effort
- whether it's right for your career path – check with employers and professional organisations
- location – city or rural, transport links
- a study and assessment style that suits you
- environment including extracurricular, clubs, and societies
- finances

Build your profile. Favourite as you go.

Browse by

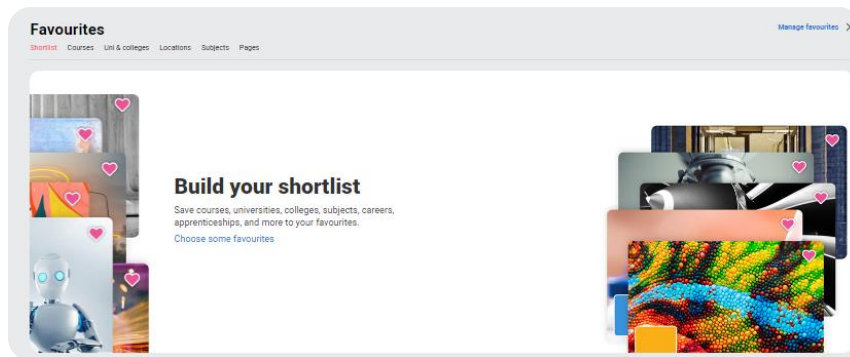


Explore your future

What to do? Where to go? **Discover** all the options with our subject, industry, and career guides. **Explore** city, employer and accommodation information. **Compare** apprenticeships and course opportunities for you.

Build your shortlist

Save for courses, universities, colleges, subjects, apprenticeships and more! Use to shortlist your top 5 choices, manage, keep those favourite information pages to hand.



Subject Spotlights

Learn from some of the UK's finest academics as they give you a genuine, insightful, and engaging experience of studying their courses at their universities.

- On-demand interactive video **experiences**
- Have a go at **interactive quizzes** and **activities**
- Get **feedback** on how you've done.
- **Try** university degrees before you apply.
- **Certificate** of completion

Explore more Springpod [Subject Spotlights](#).

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Chat to students



A peer-to-peer chat facility hosted on ucas.com powered by Unibuddy.



An opportunity to connect with current students, ask questions and learn about their experiences



Over 4,900 active ambassadors, with unlimited chats available

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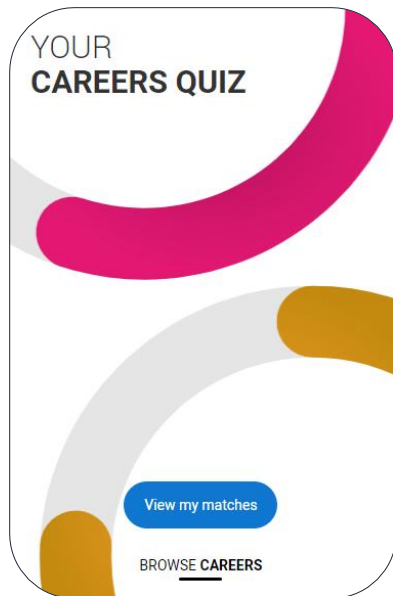


Personalised tools to help

UCAS Quiz

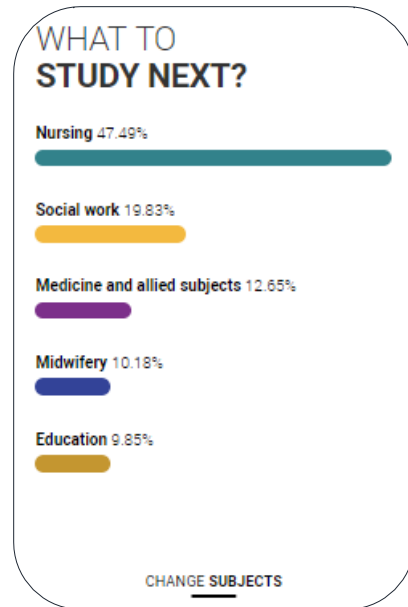
Find job and career ideas matched to your personality.

Plus a list of courses previous students studied in order to get there.



What to study next?

Broaden your horizons by exploring another subject area, that student's who did your qualification went on to study.

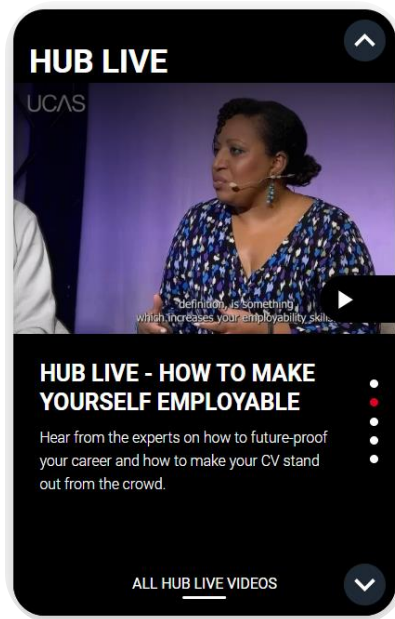


Advice and events

Hub lives

Watch expert interviews on demand.

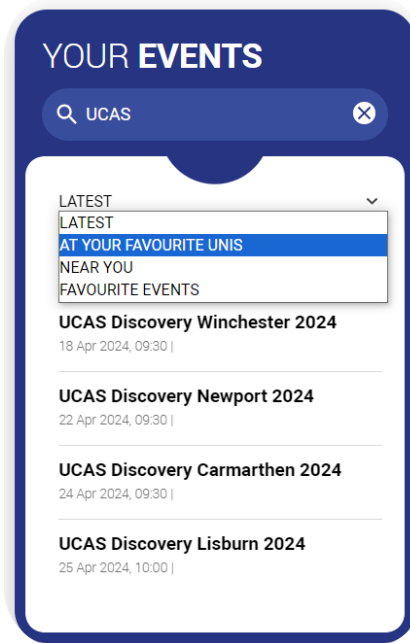
Make an informed decision about the right path for you. University, apprenticeships or the world of work.



Your events

Filter to explore events, open days and tours to suit your needs.

Register straight from the Hub for our UCAS Discovery events, with exciting new zones covering all pathways.



Apprenticeships

What are
apprenticeships?

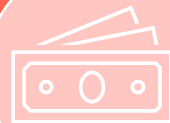
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The A – Z of apprenticeships

There are **over 600** possible apprenticeship 'standards' (training programmes) which exist. It's probably easier to name an industry that doesn't have an apprenticeship than to list all that do. Here are just a few ...

- Accounting and Taxation
- Architect
- Boat Builder
- Building Surveyors
- Civil Engineer
- Cyber Security Technician
- Data Analyst
- Doctor (from 2023)
- Early Years
- Ecologist
- Farrier
- Food Technologist
- Game Programmer
- Geospatial mapping
- Harbour Master
- Historic Environment Adviser
- Internal audit professional
- Intelligence analyst
- Journalist
- Junior 2D artist (visual effects)
- Knitted product manufacturing
- Laboratory scientist
- Licensed conveyor
- Midwife
- Marketing Manager
- Nuclear Scientist and Engineer
- Nursing
- Operational firefighter
- Orthodontic therapist
- Paralegal
- Physiotherapist
- Quality practitioner
- Rail engineer
- Research scientist
- Social worker
- Software Developer
- Teacher
- Town planning assistant
- Utilities engineering
- Veterinary nurse
- Vehicle damage assessor
- Water process technician
- Workplace pensions consultant
- Youth worker

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#

The highest demand in May was for occupations such as:

- Sales Related Occupations;
- Cleaners and Domestics;
- Care Workers and Home Carers;
- Kitchen and Catering Assistants; and
- Customer Service Occupations.

The occupations in highest demand remain similar to last month.

The following occupations had the largest change in job postings in May compared with April:

Increase:

- Programmers and Software Development Professionals (+300);
- Secondary Education Teaching Professionals (+200); and
- Large Goods Vehicle Drivers (+200).

Decrease:

- Care Workers and Home Carers (-300).

The skills in highest demand in May were:

Common skills

- Communication;
- Management; and
- Customer Service.

Specialised skills

- Project Management;
- Finance; and
- Auditing.

What am I doing now?

Apprenticeships work in levels in Scotland too

For example, in Scotland:



Scottish National Level 5 is a
SCQF Level 5 qualification



Scottish Higher is a
SCQF Level 6 qualification

SCQF Level 4-6

Foundation
Apprenticeship

SCQF Levels 5+

Modern
Apprenticeship

SCQF Level 8-11

Graduate
Apprenticeship

How can I apply?

- Applications are made directly through the company or the education provider.
- There is no limit on the number of applications you can make.
- The application process might vary across vacancies, you could be asked for:
 - CV and Covering Letter
 - Application Form
 - In App/Site application
- You can apply for universities and apprenticeships at the same time!





- **How does a Foundation Apprenticeship work?**
- As a Foundation Apprentice, you'll:
 - learn a skill and get work experience – **while you're at school**
 - study and work for 1 to 2 years
 - choose from up to 15 apprenticeships
 - get an equal qualification to a National 4, National 5 or Higher
 - do a real job with professionals




- **How does a Modern Apprenticeship work?**
- As a Modern Apprentice, you'll:
 - work, earn and learn – you'll be employed by a company
 - get a qualification that's recognised by industry employers
 - have a job and learn for between 1 and 4 years
 - choose from over 100 different Modern Apprenticeships



- **How does a Graduate Apprenticeship work?**
- As a Graduate Apprentice, you'll:
 - work, earn and learn – you'll be employed by a company
 - study for part of your week at university
 - get an Ordinary or Master's degree
 - combine work and study for 2 to 5 years
 - choose from 13 different apprenticeships

Your pathways Side by side

When you register on ucas.com, you can sign up to be linked to relevant apprenticeship opportunities that match your profile.



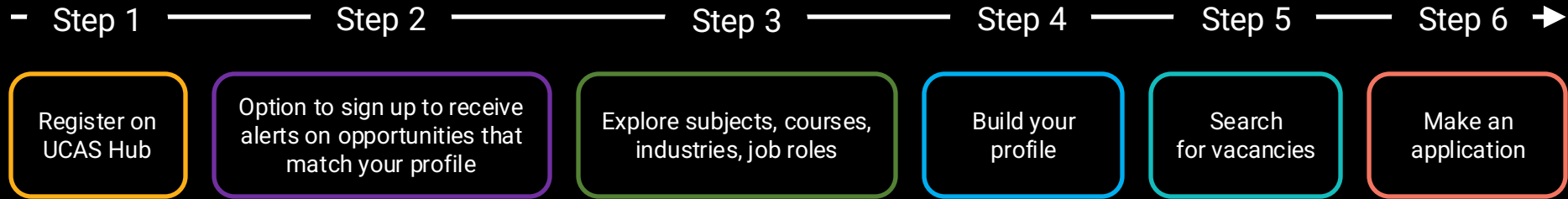
Looking for Apprenticeships?

We can match you to potential employers! Sign up for Smart Alerts to receive apprenticeship opportunities directly in your inbox.

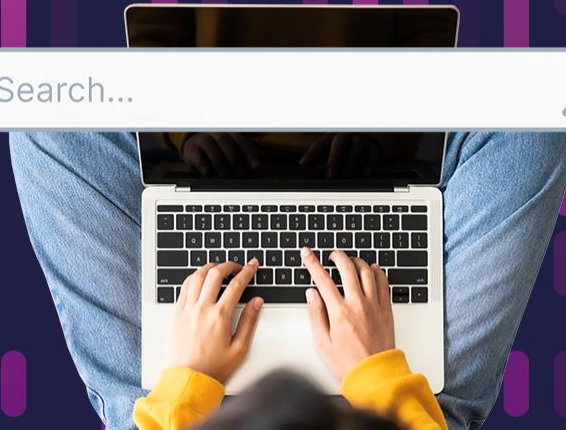
[Go to Smart Alerts](#)

6 steps to follow

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Search...



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Reminder

Find your strengths and apply them.
Hone in on your soft skills, everything
else can be learned along the way.

Okay, got it!

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- Where else can you apply
- <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/>
- <https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/our-modern-apprenticeships>
- <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/4381/Modern-Apprenticeships>
- It is worth going onto all local councils to see if they have any vacancies

- <https://www.planitplus.net/Apprenticeships/>



- <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>



HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

- When should I apply for a full time course?
- What if I'm Applying for More Than One Course?
- What Happens When I Apply?
- What if I Can't Apply Online?
- What Happens Next?
- So What Should I Do After Receiving My Offer?
- How Will I Know if I'm Not Successful?
- What if All My Course Choices Are Full?
- Who Should I Speak to if I'm Not Sure About Anything?
- Find Out More
- Funding



Next steps

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What can students be doing?

- research, research, research
- attend open days and events
- extracurricular and super curricular activities
- work experience
- volunteering
- independent learning outside the curriculum
- focus on this year's studies



Keeping you informed



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parents and carers


Supports available to students

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- Discuss plans with their pupil support teacher
- See Mrs McNaughton nlmcnaughtonc@northlan.org.uk or Mr Adler nladlerp@northlan.org.uk for additional support
- See Morven morven.jarvis@sds.co.uk or Gail gail.mcneil@sds.co.uk the school careers officers
- Speak to the colleges directly
- Watch out for the weekly DYW bulletins Mr Adler emails out to all parents and pupils.

Pupil Support – S5/6 Team

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NLC GHS S5/6 Year group 2024-25

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Glasgow Caledonian University Undergraduate Virtual Information Session on Tuesday 5th December 6pm

[NLC GHS S5/6 Year group 2023-24](#) - This Tuesday (5th December at 6pm) Glasgow Caledonian University are holding a Virtual Information Session.

During the event, you can expect to hear from the Student Recruitment team who will provide information about the range of our academic programmes, our vibrant student community, as well as our supportive learning environment. You will also get the chance to meet some of our incredible Student Ambassadors who will take you on a virtual tour of the GCU campus. You will then get the opportunity to ask the recruitment team and our current students questions in our Live Q&A question, which will be an excellent opportunity to ask any and all questions you may have regarding GCU itself, our campus culture, our programmes, student life and any other aspect of University life. No question is too big or too small and we would love to hear from you!
[see more](#)

 Reply

Mr Adler

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Clearing and UCAS support

[NLC GHS S5/6 Year group 2023-24](#)

Please see below help if you need it for clearing to help you get into university

3 resources you can use with your students

[NLC GHS S5/6 Year group 2024-25 | General | Microsoft Teams](#)

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North Lanarkshire DYW Information sites

- Career Inspiration/Employer Engagement Events

<https://padlet.com/aitchisons1/nl-school-career-inspiration-events-51qknq42psyfpof0>

- NL Resources and Information

<https://padlet.com/rachaeldonnely1/resources-and-information-for-north-lanarkshire-young-people-usskvxdpv72419pv>



Thank you

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