

UCAS Information Evening



Welcome

- **Mr. P. A. Ramsey. Deputy Head Teacher.**
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Career Types

- **Scientific**
- **Technical**
- **Artistic**
- **Outdoor**
- **Administration**
- **Communication**
- **Social**
- **Business**



Degree Choice

A steady statistic is that between

35- 40%

of all graduate jobs do not require a specific
degree



Choices

University:

- **Collegiate**
- **Redbrick**
- **New Universities**
- **Agricultural College**
- **Specialist College**



Location

- **Campus**
- **Urban**



Major Factors in Choice

- **Is this where I want to live for three/ four years?**
- **Is this the subject I want to study for three/ four years?**
- **Have I found out all I need to know about the course and the place?**
- **Can I get in? Am I being realistic?**

Sources of Information

Principal

- **Internet**
- **ucas.com**
- **Prospectuses**

Secondary

- **Big UCAS guide**
- **The Times Good University Guide**
- **Which University**

Don't forget Tutors, Heads of Subjects, Family, Friends etc.



Pressures

- **Parental**
- **Social**
- **Peer**
- **Financial**



First Degrees

- BA
- BSc
- BEng
- BEcon
- MB
- Single Honours
- Joint Honours
- Combined Honours
- Sandwich Course
- Modular Degrees

Masters Degrees

- MA
- MSc
- MChem
- MPhys
- MEng

All take four years unless you take a year out. Except at Oxbridge

- Two ways to do this *either:*
- As part of a four year course *or:*
- By taking a research programme after a Bachelors degree and submitting a thesis

Other Qualifications

- HND- two years, can be usually converted to a degree if you do well
- Professional qualifications: CEng, CChem, ARICS, etc.
- GRSM, etc. – specialist qualifications
- These are needed for practising a profession.

Key facts about UCAS

- Up to 5 choices (previously 6)
- Two conditional offers can be held
 - one firm
 - one insurance offer
- If no offers, UCAS extra applies - (2 extra choices)
- These enter the student into a contract with the university
- August- final confirmation of places/ clearing



UCAS APPLY

- **Forms submitted electronically via internet**
- **Automatically eliminates simple errors**
- **Allows easy alterations prior to submission**
- **Speeds up process**



Personal Statement

- The most important section of the form
- Main emphasis should be academic
- Applicants should demonstrate enthusiasm, aptitude and suitability for chosen course
- Relevant work experience should be included
- This is an opportunity for applicants to 'sell themselves'
- Staff will give guidance



Important Dates

- **Oxbridge, Medical, Dentistry and Veterinary Science – Verulam deadline Friday, 5th October**
- **Verulam deadline for all other UCAS students – Thursday, 18th October**
- **Student Support – Higher Education Information Evening at Beaumont School - date tba.**
- **Verulam deadline for Route B (Art & Design) – February.**



After Application

- **Students receive acknowledgement via email and letter**
- **A unique password is sent with the application letter**
- **Applicants can then track their application on line via UCAS Apply**



Offers

- Higher Education Institutions send offers through UCAS
- Some institutions interview - most will decide, then call for student to attend an Open Day
- Offers will be in the form of grades or tariff points

Point Scores

Full A Level	Grade A	120 points
	Grade B	100 points
	Grade C	80 points
	Grade D	60 points
	Grade E	40 points
AS Level	Grade A	60 points
	Grade B	50 points
	Grade C	40 points
	Grade D	30 points
	Grade E	20 points



Popular subjects

Most

- Medicine
- Law
- Psychology
- English
- History
- Business courses
- Veterinary science
- Physiotherapy
- Design Studies
- Computing based courses
- Media

Least

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Building
- Agriculture
- Materials science
- Slavonic languages
- Librarianship

Popular Universities

Old:

- Nottingham
- Warwick
- Bristol
- Durham
- Sheffield
- LSE
- York
- Birmingham
- Manchester
- Exeter
- Newcastle

New:

- Kingston
- Nottingham Trent
- U.W.E
- Westminster
- Oxford Brookes
- Liverpool John Moores
- Plymouth
- Bournemouth
- Sheffield Hallam

Silly Application!

- Dundee k420 BSc/TRP
- Keele f167 BA/GeolPsy
- Leicester y400 BA/CombA
- Nottingham 1300 BA/Soc
- Reading n800 BSc/LanMan
- UCL f600 BSc/Geol

How do you write a Personal Statement?



QUOTES THAT WORRY US!

- **My Uncle says that nobody from a New University gets a good job, so I won't apply to any of them.**
- **I must have had a terrible reference if Nottingham rejected me.**
- **Oh well, it's only a school deadline...**



Role of Parents

Please:

- **Encourage**
- **Be patient**
- **Act as a sounding board**
- **Discuss prospective visits, finances, etc**
- **Contact us if you have any concerns**
- **Reinforce deadlines**



Common Errors

- **Fee Code – LEA 02**
- **All grades must be declared unless they have been declined**
- **Music and other Certificates must be given in if mentioned on application**
- **Payment is by Debit/Credit Card**
- **Send to Referee !**



Reasons for Rejection after Interview

- **Highly competitive**
- **Poor general knowledge**
- **Poor communication skills**
- **Limited experience outside A levels**
- **Lack of preparation**