

# Parents' evening presentation

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1. Apprenticeships

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3. Why choose University?

4. Finance

5. Which University? Which Course?

6. How to find out more

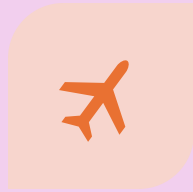
# Choices available



**Higher  
education**



**Apprenticeship  
s/traineeships**



**Studying  
abroad**



**Gap year**



**Getting a job**

**Understand the options available: [ucas.com](https://ucas.com)**



These combine practical training in a job, with study.

You get to:

- Gain job specific skills
- Earn a wage (AND get holiday pay!) - Minimum wage for an apprentice is £6.40 for the first year, and national minimum wage after.
- The average salary for Apprentice is £19,810 per year in the United Kingdom
- Have time given for study related to your role (usually 1 day a week)
- They last between 1 – 5 years depending on the level you choose





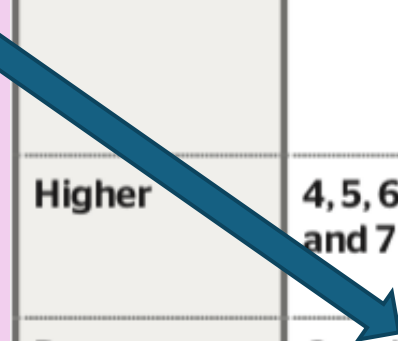
# Apprenticeships

Choose the level of apprenticeship which is right for you.

Level 6 and 7 apprenticeships are equivalent to a university degree.

They take 3 – 6 years to complete.

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes (grade A*-C or 9-4)
Advanced	3	2 A-level passes/ Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation, Bachelor's or Master's degree
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree



# Degree Apprenticeships

Typically these involve:

- Working for an employer 4 days a week
- Spending one day a week at college/university to study for your degree.
- The company would pay you a salary AND pay all your tuition fees
- You study part time for a degree from an affiliated university
- And gain valuable industry experience



These are just a few of the big companies offering exciting apprenticeships

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# Headlines facts on Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

## **2018:**

59,080 new starts

## **2020/21:**

98,000 new starts

## **2021/22:**

106,360 new starts

## **2022/23:**

112,930 new starts



# Where to research them:

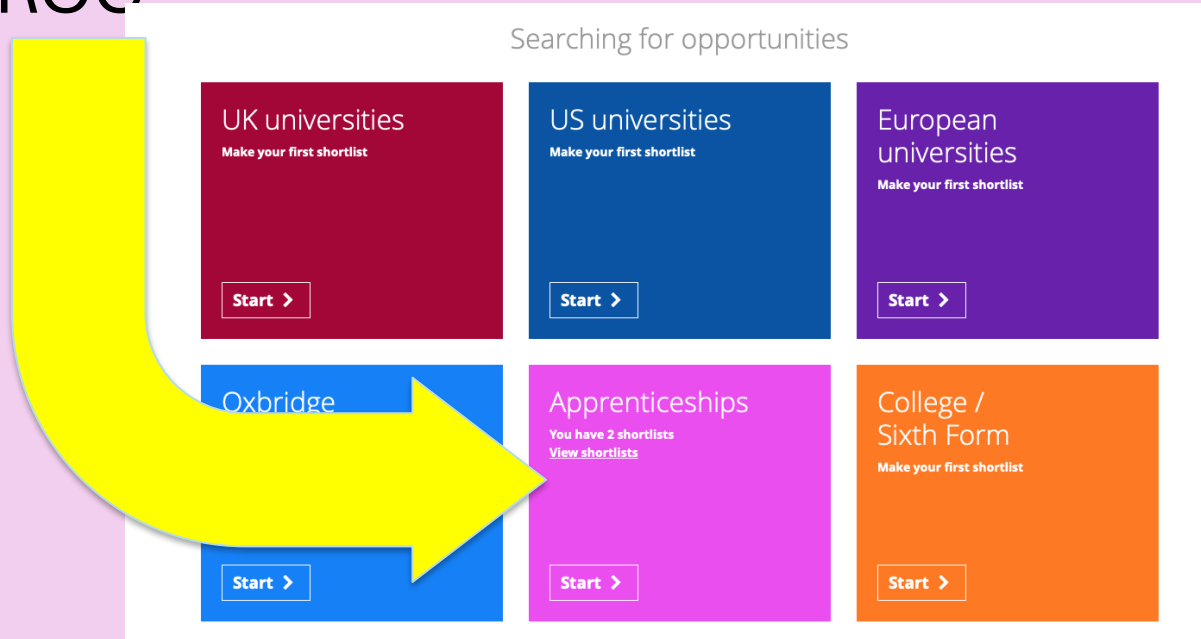
1. Gov.uk/apply – apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide>

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# Where to research them:

## 2. UNIFROG!!



Searching for opportunities

<p>UK universities</p> <p>Make your first shortlist</p> <p>Start &gt;</p>	<p>US universities</p> <p>Make your first shortlist</p> <p>Start &gt;</p>	<p>European universities</p> <p>Make your first shortlist</p> <p>Start &gt;</p>
<p>Oxbridge</p> <p>Start &gt;</p>	<p>Apprenticeships</p> <p>You have 2 shortlists</p> <p>View shortlists</p> <p>Start &gt;</p>	<p>College / Sixth Form</p> <p>Make your first shortlist</p> <p>Start &gt;</p>

A large yellow arrow points from the 'UK universities' card to the 'Oxbridge' card.

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<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk. The header features the logo '★ RATEMY APPRENTICESHIP' on the left and navigation links 'Find Jobs', 'Reviews', 'Employers', 'Career Options', 'Advice Hub', 'Industry Guides', a notification bell, and 'LOG IN' and 'SIGN UP' buttons on the right. The main banner is orange with the text 'Apprenticeships, Jobs, Reviews & Careers Advice For School & College Leavers'. Below this, a sub-header states 'RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk is the UK's leading job resource for young people seeking apprenticeships.' Three statistics are displayed in white rounded rectangles: '343 Live jobs available', 'Top Employers Based on reviews from students', and '38,685 Reviews to help you decide'. A featured job listing for BAE SYSTEMS is shown, featuring a woman in a blue uniform working on a red aircraft component. The listing text says 'Grow your career with confidence with BAE Systems. Our range of apprenticeship schemes are now open and include engineering, project management, logistics and many more.' Below this is a red button that says 'Switch on your career.' and an orange button that says 'APPLY NOW'. On the right side, there is a 'Career Advice' section with a list of links: 'Find Jobs', 'Browse Reviews', 'Search Employers', 'Top Employers', 'Career Options', and 'Industry Guides'. At the bottom of this section is a green button that says 'Advertise with us' with a right-pointing arrow and the text 'Find out how we can help you' below it.

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## 4. Apprenticeship advice from UCAS

UCAS has [apprenticeship advice](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process

Go to [ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships](https://ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships).

**25%**

of applicants declining all offers in 2018 told UCAS they had chosen an **apprenticeship** instead.

## 4. UCAS – an independent charity

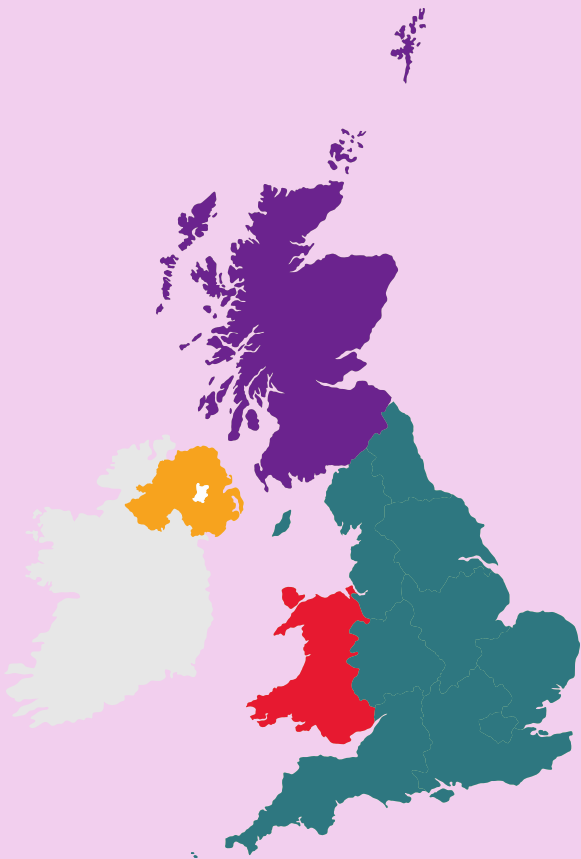
### UCAS does:

- ✓ process applications
- ✓ provide information, advice, and training
- ✓ have a Fraud and Verification Team
- ✓ take part in education sector engagement

### UCAS doesn't:

- ✗ suggest courses or universities
- ✗ make decisions or offers
- ✗ advise on finance, immigration, or visas for individuals

# Course providers



Circa. **344** universities and colleges (variable)

- **five** in **Northern Ireland**
- **19** in **Wales**
- **22** in **Scotland**
- **297** in **England**
- **one** in mainland **Europe**

at the time of checking

- **35,000+** courses available

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# Why higher education?

## Opportunities while studying:

- ✓ Chance to study a subject they are passionate about.
- ✓ Achieve a qualification that could lead to their chosen career.
- ✓ Grow in confidence, make lifelong friends, and gain independence and important life skills that will widen their prospects.

## With a degree, they'll have:

- ✓ the opportunity to follow their career path
- ✓ better job prospects, as many employers target graduates
- ✓ higher earning potential

# What will it cost?

## **Tuition fee (£9,250 per year):**

- Covers all essential course costs

## **Maintenance costs:**

- Accommodation
- Study materials
- Food and drink
- Social activities



# Support from the government - Student Finance

# Tuition fee loans

- You won't pay anything upfront
- Not based on your household income

The government will always cover the full cost of your tuition fee each year.

So if the fee rises once you have started your course, the loan will rise to match this.

# Maintenance loans

To cover maintenance costs:

- Accommodation
- Utility bills
- Food

- Based on your **household income**.
- Different based on **location** (London)
- Different based on whether you live at home (with parents/guardians), or elsewhere (at university)

# Student loan repayments

Tuition fee loan

+

Maintenance loan

= **Student loan**

## Repayments start:

- the April after you leave university
- when you are earning **over** £25,000 a year
- Interest will be generated on a student loan when the first instalment is paid.

Anything unpaid after 40 years is written off.\*

# Interest

- While you're studying, up until the April after your course, interest is **around 7%**.
- The amount of interest is based on the RPI rate, although due to high inflation and interest rate, it was capped at 7.8% in April this year.

# Repayments

Yearly income before tax	Monthly repayment
£25,000	£0
£30,000	£38
£40,000	£113
£50,000	£188
£60,000	£263

Repayments are calculated as **9%** of anything earned **above £25,000**.

Repayments are always based on **what you earn** – not what you owe.

Most people will **never pay it all back**.

## Type of University:

- Campus or City University?
- Red Brick University?
- Collegiate University?
  
- Russell group?
- Oxbridge?
- New University?
  
- Selective?
- Recruiting?



# Choosing the right university for you

- **Style** – from traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are based in large cities, others in smaller towns. This can have a major influence on the environment and lifestyle on offer.
- **Size** – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics. It can be interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships/bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.



# Choosing the right course for you

- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different – make sure to look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- How is the course taught – structured teaching, or more independent research? How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?
- How is the course assessed? Some may be majority essays, some are all exams
- Is the course well regarded? - some universities are very strong in some subjects

# Overall rankings

2024 ✓	2023 ✓	Institution ✓	Guardian score/100 ✓
1	1	St Andrews	100
2	2	Oxford	96.5
3	3	Cambridge	94.8
4	4	London School of Economics	89.7
5	5	Imperial College	82.2
6	7	Bath	81.4
7	6	Durham	81.2
8	9	UCL	77.4
9	8	Warwick	76.7
10	10	Loughborough	75.6

Overall Score

# But some universities have strengths in different subjects

Pick a subject area

Children's nursing



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Classics and ancient history



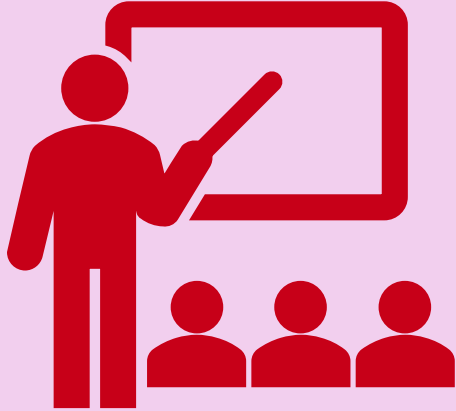
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1	Oxford Brookes	100
2	Cardiff	90.2
3	Northumbria	86.5
4	Staffordshire	80.5
5	York	78.3
6	Kingston	77.4
7	Bradford	76.6
8	Hertfordshire	75.3
9	Manchester	74.8
10	Southampton	74.2

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9	Warwick	73.3
10	King's College London	66.1

# Research resources

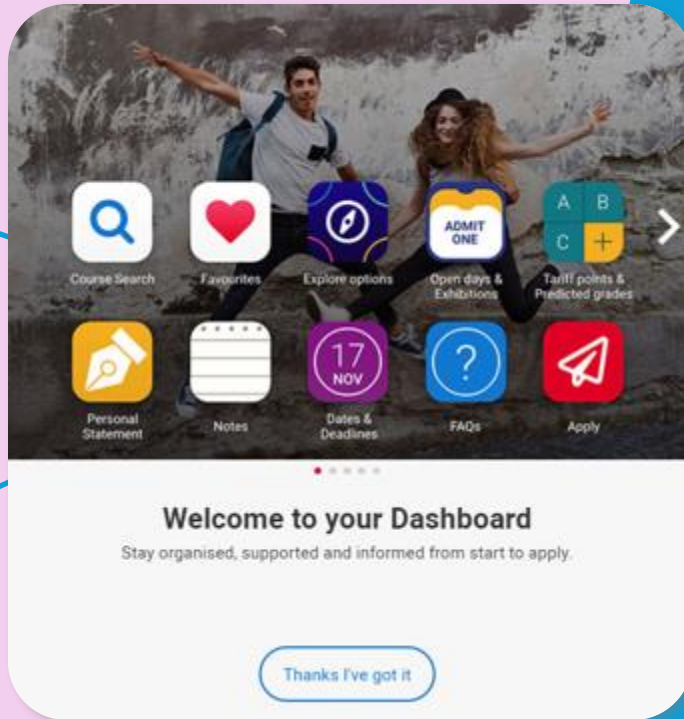
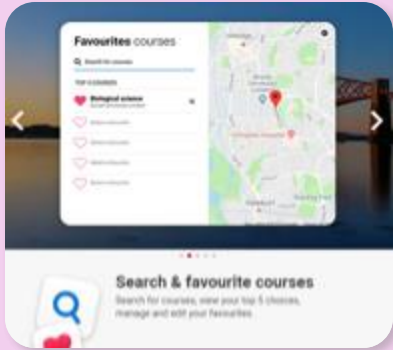


# Research – it's free!



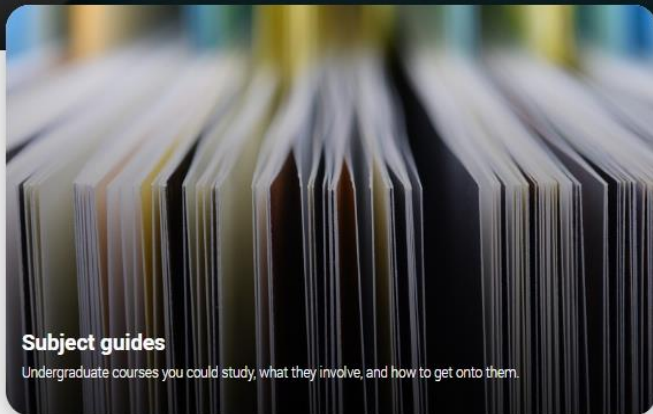
- [Register in the UCAS Hub to explore options](#) – find and favourite courses and search for virtual events - all in one handy place!
- Learning from others – [student videos](#) and [blogs](#).
- [Career options](#) – use the [job profiles](#) to explore different career roles and pathways, or take the [Buzz quiz](#) to find out more about individual strengths, and what roles may suit.
- The [Career Finder tool](#) is ideal for considering options after education, including searching for [apprenticeships](#).

# The UCAS Hub



# What and where to study

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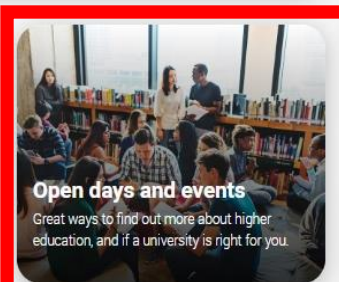
## Subject guides

Undergraduate courses you could study, what they involve, and how to get onto them.



## Choosing a course

Tips and advice to help you decide what subject, course type, and provider is right for you.



## Open days and events

Great ways to find out more about higher education, and if a university is right for you.



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## Entry requirements

Unis have different requirements for their courses - usually a mix of qualifications, subjects, or exam grades.



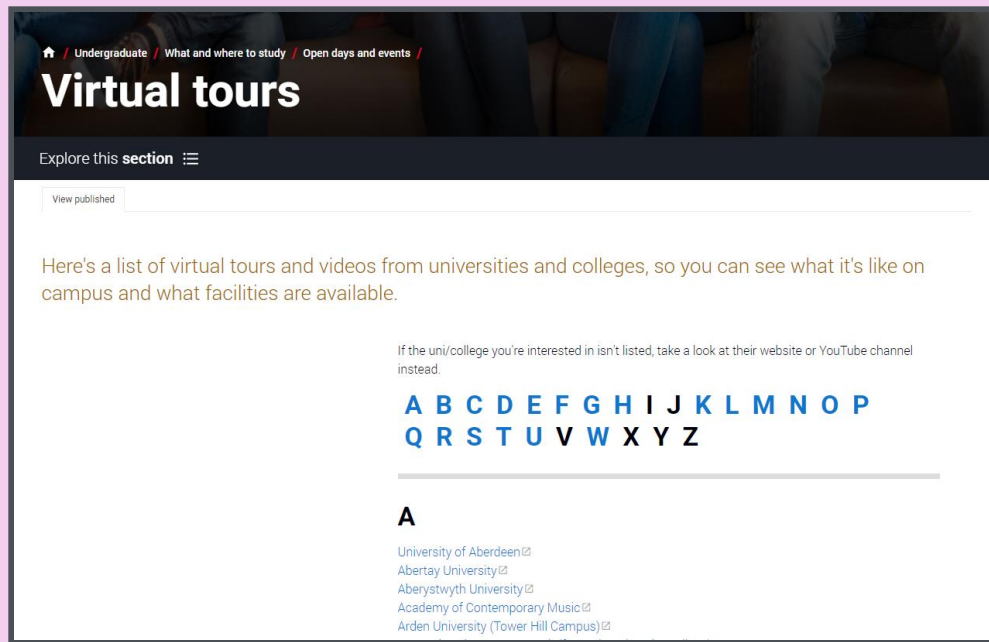
## Apprenticeships

Everything you need to know about UK apprenticeships.



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# Virtual tour search



The screenshot shows a website page for virtual tours. At the top, there is a navigation breadcrumb: [Home](#) / [Undergraduate](#) / [What and where to study](#) / [Open days and events](#). Below this is the main heading "Virtual tours" in a large, bold, white font. Underneath the heading is a sub-header "Explore this section" with a hamburger menu icon. A "View published" button is visible. The main content area contains a paragraph: "Here's a list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available." Below this is a note: "If the uni/college you're interested in isn't listed, take a look at their website or YouTube channel instead." A large, blue, spaced-out alphabet is displayed, with the letter 'A' highlighted. Below the alphabet, a horizontal line is shown, and the letter 'A' is repeated in a larger font. Underneath the 'A' is a list of university names, each followed by an external link icon: University of Aberdeen, Abertay University, Aberystwyth University, Academy of Contemporary Music, and Arden University (Tower Hill Campus).

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# UCAS application key facts...



It's an online application.



Simple application cost:

- one choice – £22
- two to five choices – £26.50



Maximum of five choices.



Equal consideration.



Choice restrictions:

- medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry (maximum of four)
- Oxford **or** Cambridge



'Invisibility' – universities can't see who else you are applying to.

# When to apply for 2023 entry

<b>14 May</b>	UCAS Undergraduate Apply opens for 2023 entry.
<b>7 September</b>	First day for receipt of completed applications.
<b>15 October*</b> medicine/science,	Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge.
<b>29 January*</b>	Equal consideration application deadline.
<b>25 February</b>	UCAS Extra opens.

**\* All 18:00 (UK time)**

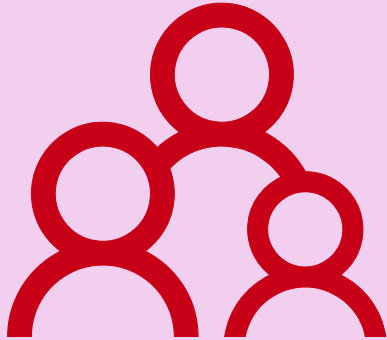
## School Deadlines

- Deadline for completion and submission of UCAS forms **END OF OCTOBER**
- N.B. School deadline for Oxbridge, veterinary science, Dentistry and Medicine is **END OF SEPTEMBER** prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> October UCAS deadline)

Then I will:

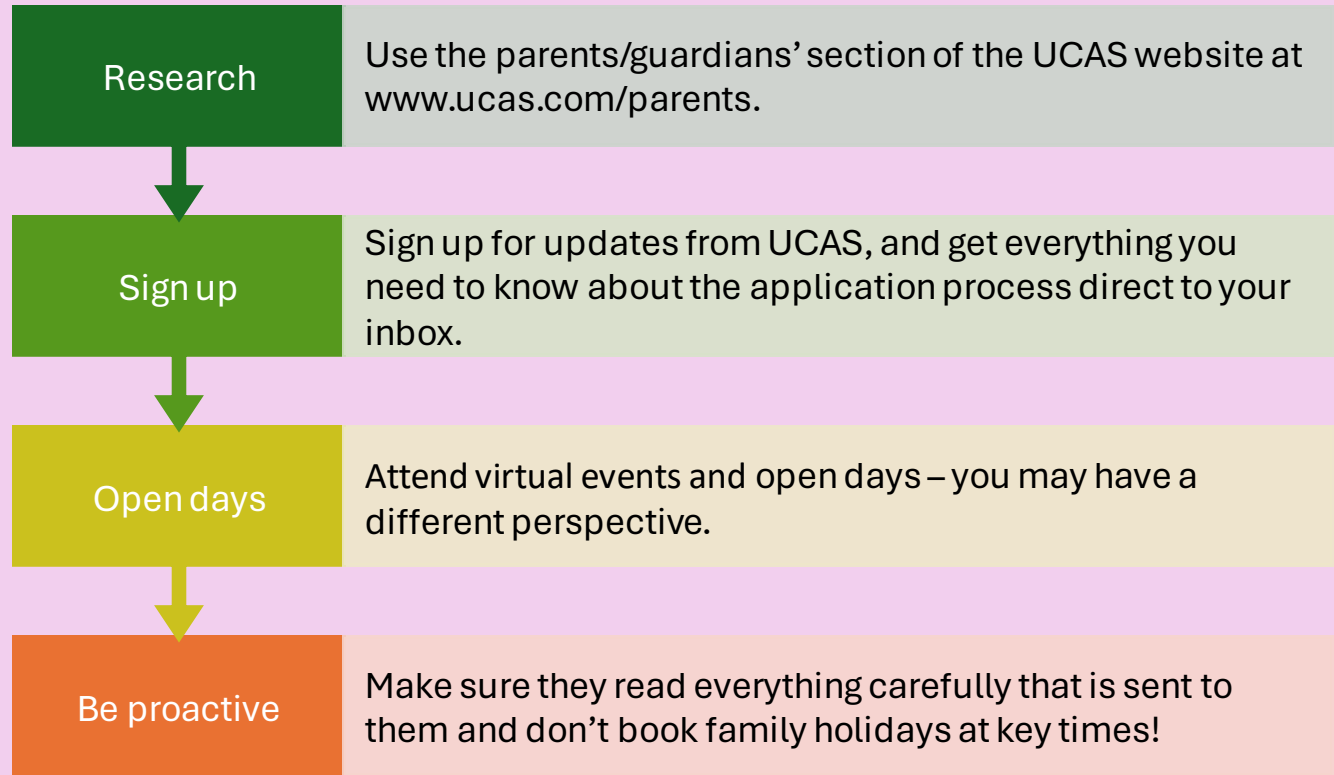
- Check your application,
- Put together a reference
- Input your predicted grades
- Send it to UCAS before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

# What should your child be doing now?



- research
- extracurricular activities
- work experience
- go beyond the syllabus
- focus on this year's studies

# How can you support them?



Thank you

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