



# Year 12 Future Choices Information Evening



# Downloadable Parent Guide

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/ucas-undergraduate-parents-and-guardians>



# The role of UCAS

UCAS processes applications for full-time courses at higher education providers in the UK.



Guide students through the whole process, providing valuable information and supporting services for applicants and their parents.

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# Researching courses



Students can use the UCAS search tool  
[search.ucas.com](https://search.ucas.com)



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Introducing the new UCAS open days search tool – get some dates in your students diaries:  
[www.ucas.com/open-days](http://www.ucas.com/open-days)

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# Key features of the UCAS Undergraduate scheme



One application per admissions cycle.

Application fee £25 / £20.

Maximum five choices (some restrictions).

# When to apply

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Mid September	Applications can be submitted to UCAS
15 October	Medicine, veterinary, and dentistry Oxford <u>or</u> Cambridge
15 January	Advisory application deadline
30 June	Applications held for Clearing



# Completing the application

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Maximum of five choices

Some choice restrictions:

- Medicine, veterinary, dentistry – max. four
- Oxford **or** Cambridge

Simple application cost:

- One choice – £20
- Two-five choices – £25

Application is entirely online

Simultaneous consideration



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# Completing the application

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Starting the application form during registration from 8<sup>th</sup> July

By Friday 15th July most of the application should be completed  
The only areas that will not be fully completed are:

Choices

Personal Statement

Reference



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# Tracking applications



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Track will allow students to:

- follow the progress of their application online
- see their choices and personal information
- see their offers
- reply to offers online



# Decisions and replies

## Provider decisions:

- Unsuccessful
- Unconditional offer
- Conditional offer – qualifications and achievements and/or UCAS Tariff points

Once all decisions are received, they can hold up to two offers:

- One as their **firm** choice
- One as their **insurance** choice (if they want to)
- All other offers are declined

Track will show their **reply date**.

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# Other options

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**Extra** 24 Feb – 4 July

If all five choices have been used and they have no offers/rejected all offers.

**Clearing** from early-July

If there are no offers, or have applied after 30 June deadline.



**Adjustment**

(from A level results day)

If they've gained better results than the conditional offer they hold, they could apply for a different course or university.

# What you should be doing now?

- Research
- Extra curricular
- Work experience
- Go beyond the syllabus
- Focus on this year's studies



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# How can parents/carers support the application process?

- Use the parents/carers section of the UCAS website/Parent Guide publication – [www.ucas.com/parents](http://www.ucas.com/parents) and sign up for the newsletter.
- Offer to attend open days, you may have a different perspective.
- Don't book family holidays at key times.
- Make sure they read everything carefully that is sent to them.
- Support your students' management of their application.

# New videos for parents

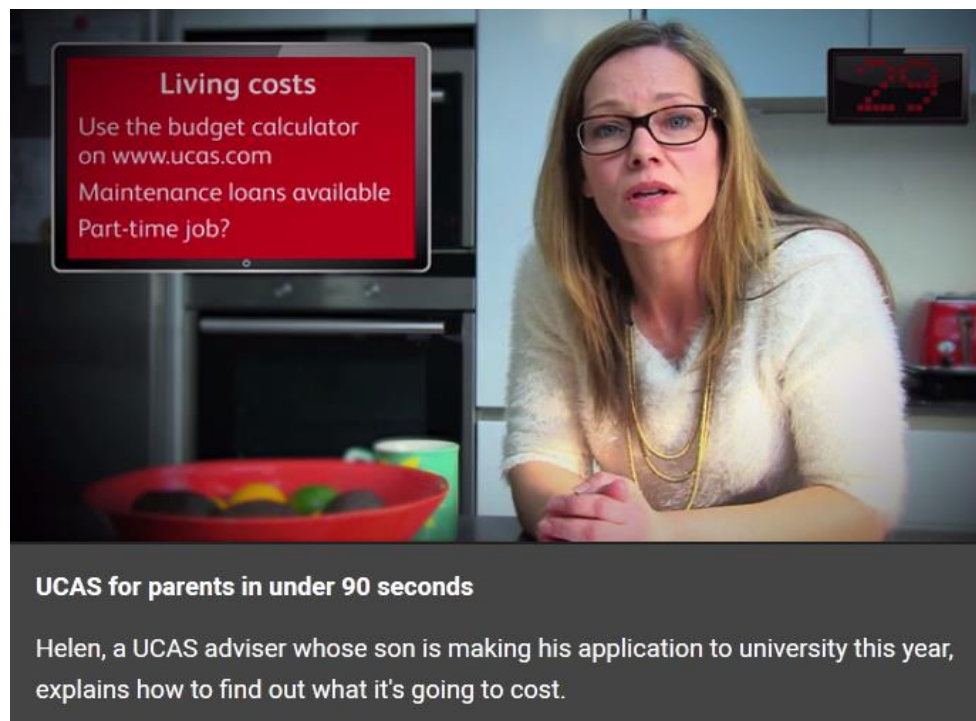
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UCAS has developed four videos on key topics:

- The UCAS process
- Open days
- Student finance
- Clearing

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UCAS for parents in under 90 seconds

Helen, a UCAS adviser whose son is making his application to university this year, explains how to find out what it's going to cost.

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