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Destinations 2023

What next after Sixth Form?



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- University?
- Apprenticeship?
- College course?
- Employment?
- Forces?
- Gap year?



This evening

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University and Student Finance

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Apprenticeship routes

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Directions



Before applying

- Register in the UCAS Hub to explore your options, such as:
 - find and favourite over 35,000 courses
 - search for virtual tours and online events
 - turn predicted grades into Tariff points
- Go to: ucas.com/hub

The Unifrog tools

Exploring pathways

Careers library

Subjects library

Know-how library

MOOC

Searching for opportunities

UK universities

US universities

European universities

Oxbridge

Apprenticeships

College/ Sixth Form

Canadian universities

Asian universities

Special Opportunities

Recording what you've done

Activities

Competencies

Interactions

Drafting application materials

Personal Statement

CV / Resumé

Teacher References

Common App Essay

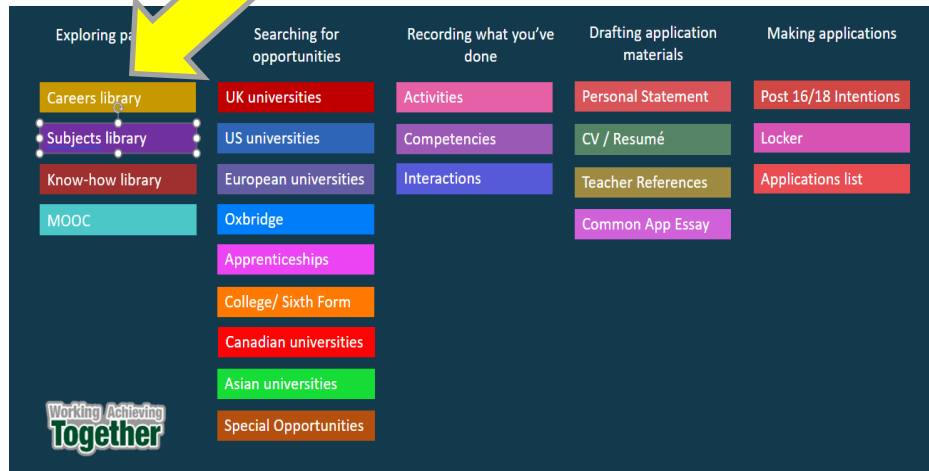
Making applications

Post 16/18 Intentions

Locker

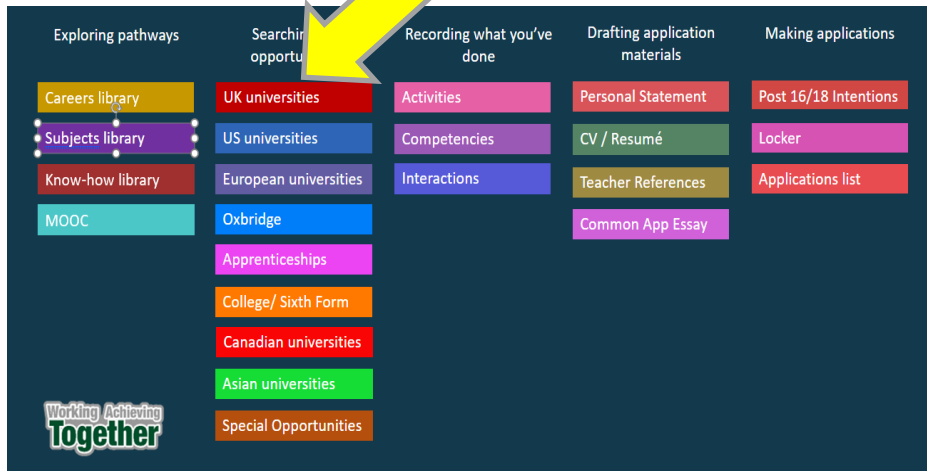
Applications list

Careers Library



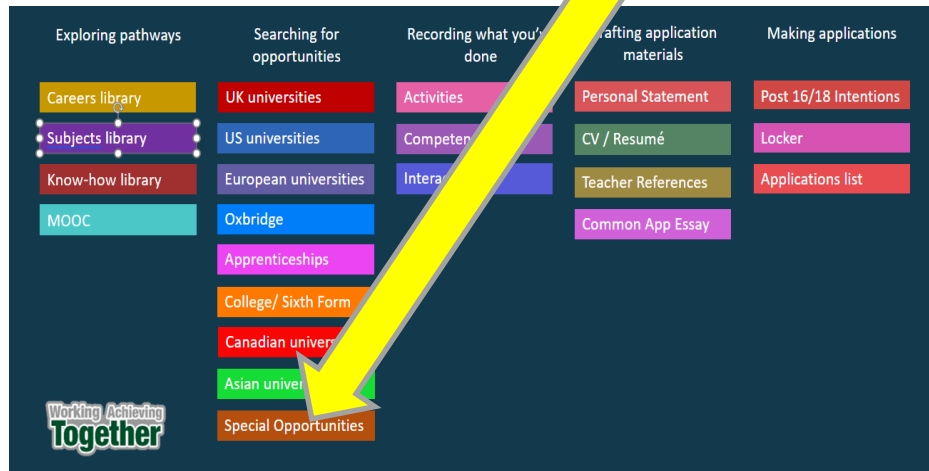
- Over 1000 career profiles
- Presents information from a range of sources
- Includes qualifications and skills needed, interviews with industry professionals and labour market information
- Explores progression opportunities and what a working week really looks like

UK Universities



- Students can enter subject of interest and projected grades to see all relevant university courses available in the UK
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like hours of lectures, price of accommodation and graduate job rates
- Get direct links to university information pages, with impartial information on courses and institutions
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

Special Opportunities



- Includes £5 million-worth of grants, bursaries, scholarships, contextual offers and extracurricular activities
- These can be filtered by circumstances or characteristics, depending on the access requirements of the opportunity
- Includes direct links for applying
- Unlimited shortlists can be created and referred back to



Choosing the right degree

- **Style** – from the 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** – can vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.



Making Your 5 Choices

- Know where they are
- Go to Open days
- Read online student forums
- Ask experts
- Variety of entry requirements
- Realistic expectations
- There will be fewer offers at the top end

Key application facts



It's an online application.



Maximum of five choices.



Choice restrictions:

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



Simple application cost:

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



Equal consideration.



'Invisibility'.



Key dates for university applicants

3 October BSF deadline for early entry personal statements

15 October* Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge.

31 October Personal statement draft in to tutor; all research to be completed

18 November Final copy of Personal Statement due in; application form to be completed.

25 November BSF target to send off all applications

25 January* Equal consideration application deadline.

End of February Student Finance opens (additional information will be provided nearer the time for students, parents and carers)

*** 18.00 (UK Time)**



Personal Statement

- Only chance to market themselves individually
- The same for all 5 choices
- A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines
- A minimum of 1,000 characters
- There isn't a spelling or grammar check
- No formatting is allowed
- UCAS' similarity detection service: every personal statement is run through software to check for plagiarism.



Personal statement

- **Start Early!**
- Include:
 - academic achievements, past and present
 - why you're interested in the subject area
 - your knowledge of the subject area
 - your enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus (work experience; summer placements; wider reading etc)
 - what you enjoy about studying
 - details of your independent study skills



Tips for parents

- Make them do it but don't do it for them!
- Encourage them to show their interest by:
 - reading around the subject (books, articles, journals)
 - watching relevant documentaries etc
 - contacting experts
- Remind them about key experiences and achievements (but not too historic)
- Focus on skills learnt
- Show don't tell



Apprenticeships

- January onwards
- Still need personal statement
- CV should be up to date



Apprenticeship support



UCAS provides [apprenticeship advice](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities. There is also a [degree and professional apprenticeships section](#)

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process
- on ucas.com, which profiles current programmes in more detail.



Apprenticeship support



- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies on Unifrog
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
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BSF Apprenticeship Support



Department
for Work &
Pensions

- Introduction to Apprenticeships talks
- Finding an Apprenticeship Workshop
- Application Form and CV Writing Workshop
- Mock assessment Centre workshop



Any Questions?

