

# Post 18 Applications Getting Started



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# Post 18 Applications: Getting Started

## Deadlines

All student reference requests must go out  
before the end of the Autumn term

**University** — your form must be  
submitted to school by Dec 4th

Medicine and Oxbridge by Oct 2nd

College                  Apprenticeships

Employment                  Gap Year

# Post 18 Applications: Getting Started

## September

Send out references to relevant staff

Bring a personal statement draft to your target setting appointment the first day back

Continue completing your form

## October

Redraft your personal statement

Complete your form

## November

Finalise your personal statement

Send off your form

## January

For all on time applications, school with guarantee your application reaches UCAS on time

## December

Final date to send applications to school is December 4th



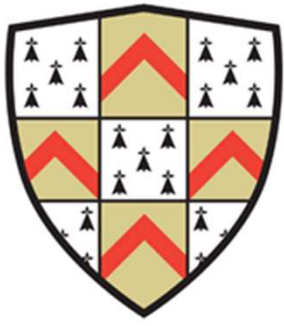
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## Questions everyone always asks!

You can choose up to 5 courses.  
These are arranged in alphabetical order, NOT your order of preference

You can only write ONE personal statement so it needs to be appropriate for all of your courses

You can apply for more than one course at the same university, e.g. the foundation course AND the main course



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## Questions everyone always asks!

When you 'pay and send' your applications arrives at school for us to check it and to add your reference. You pay and send as soon as you can!

The fee for your application DOES NOT come to school, it is an administration fee from UCAS

We cannot guarantee when you will receive offers but many students do receive them in the Autumn term each year



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# The Personal Statement

Students had a session in July 2023 on writing their personal statement

Students should have brought a draft to their tutor meeting at the start of term to receive feedback on

- 4000 characters including spaces

Why you have chosen the subject (75%)

Personal information (25%)

Your tutor will read drafts for you and help you with your personal statement

You can also ask subject teachers for their advice



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# The Personal Statement

What can you do to help students?

- TED talks
- Periodicals from the LRC
- Unifrog
- University websites
- Reputable news websites



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# The School Reference

## Changes in 2024 cycle

### Who do I ask for a reference?

This list is not extensive but should provide guidance:

Subject applied for	References requested from (if studying the subject)
Art	Art, Photography
Accounting/Finance	Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths
Business/ Management	Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths
Economics	Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths
Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Radiography	Biology, Chemistry
Physiotherapy	Biology, Chemistry, PE, BTEC Sport
Nursing, Paramedic Science, Midwifery	Biology, Psychology, Health and Social Care
Social work	Psychology, Sociology, Health and Social Care
Education	Health and Social Care, Psychology, Sociology
Sports Science	BTEC Sport, PE, Biology
Marine Biology, Zoology	Biology, Geography
Biology	Biology, Chemistry





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# The School Reference

## Changes in 2024 cycle

Extenuating circumstances		
	Tick	Details
Receiving the bursary		
First generation to go to university		
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Exam arrangements		
Medical condition		



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# The School Reference

## Changes in 2024 cycle

Extracurricular activities		
	Tick	Details
Duke of Edinburgh Award		
Sport		
Debating		
Young Enterprise		
Volunteering		
Part time job		
Relevant work experience (not Year 10)		



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# The School Reference

written by the tutor

includes comments from relevant subject staff and predicted grades- changes this year

will highlight positive traits and achievements and aim to validate and support the personal statement (communication with the tutor is key)

Predicted grades

Please discuss with teaching staff at Parents' Evening

Realistic but aspirational



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# Receiving Offers

- offers are either **CONDITIONAL** or **UNCONDITIONAL**.
- if in initial applications you do not gain places, you can enter **EXTRA**
- if you do not get the grades in August/ you do better than you expect, you can enter **CLEARING**
- There are a small number of unconditional offers each year, it is more likely a university may lower grades e.g. if a student puts it as their firm choice. This may also help them receive funding/ first choice accommodation



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# Completing the form

Students attended a session on registering and starting to complete their forms in July

The best resource for completing the UCAS form is using our padlet

The screenshot shows the website header with the school crest and name. A navigation menu includes 'About Us', 'Information', 'School Life', 'Extra Curricular', 'Curriculum', 'Sixth Form', and 'News'. The 'Sixth Form' menu is open, listing: 'Sixth Form Prospectus', 'Sixth Form Admissions', 'Year 11 to 12 Bridging Work', 'Careers', 'Options', 'Senior Five', 'UCAS', 'Young Enterprise', '16-19 Bursary Fund', and '16-19 Tuition Fund'. A banner for 'Exams Information' is visible, with the text 'Internal and external exams information' and 'L, 12 and 13'. A search bar and a 'Go' button are also present.

School Prospectus



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# Resources for parents

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- Browser tabs: "Advice For Parents And" and "New tab".
- Address bar: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>
- UCAS logo and navigation menu: Further education, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Alternatives, Careers, Sign in.
- Breadcrumbs: Home > Undergraduate > Applying to university
- Main heading: **UCAS Undergraduate: advice for parents and guardians**
- Section header: Explore this section
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Any questions?