

Y12 Partnership Evening

Applying to University

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Ucas boss: Spike in demand for university places expected by 2025

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Record number of UK school leavers gain university places through clearing

Ucas says 10,400 had been admitted through clearing by Friday, amid concern over lower grades awarded in England



5. Success for university applicants

It is a good year to be applying to university, with 82% of applicants getting into their first choice.

Figures from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service suggest that 376,470 applicants - of all ages, from everywhere - were accepted into their "firm" choice - a 4% rise on last year.

University Places 2024

61 students

- ▶ Firm choice = 58 students
- ▶ Insurance choice = 2 students
- ▶ Clearing = 1 students

University Places 2023

58 students

- ▶ Firm choice = 54 students
- ▶ Insurance choice = 2 students
- ▶ Clearing = 2 students

➤ Applying to University

- ▶ Ensure a proactive approach to future destinations by researching now;
- ▶ Important to set realistic yet ambitious targets;
- ▶ 18 months until final exams; any preparation now is beneficial.

➤ Where to start?

- ▶ Maintain those high aspirations;
- ▶ Do your research:
 - Oxbridge
 - Open days
 - Scholarships and bursaries
 - Summer schools and work experience;

Does the course require external assessments?

Which university admissions tests do you need to take?

- Applying to a law course
- Applying to a mathematics course
- Applying to a medical course
- Applying to Oxford
- Applying to Cambridge

➤ Career Paths and Courses

- ▶ Start to narrow down options. Even if no specific career path, which subjects do you want to pursue?
- ▶ Consider grades: what is realistic, yet still ambitious?
- ▶ What can you start doing to make yourself stand out in a competitive field?
- ▶ Does your child want to stay local or look further afield?



➤ Open Days

- ▶ Many of these will take place pre-October 2025;
- ▶ Information about scholarships and summer schools are available;
- ▶ The *best* way to make final choices.



Scholarships/Access Schemes and Bursaries

- ▶ Students need to be proactive about finding these now;
- ▶ There are scholarships available for a broad range of subjects, often for academic excellence;
- ▶ These can be found via universities or colleges directly;
- ▶ The UCAS website provides a range of information on these two support mechanisms.



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You have been in receipt of Free School Meals in the last 6 years

You attend or attended a school or college that performs below the national average

You currently live in a low-progression area

You are the first generation of your immediate family to attend higher education

Your household income is below £42,875

You have a disability and are in receipt of a Personal Independence Payment

You are estranged from both your parents or guardians

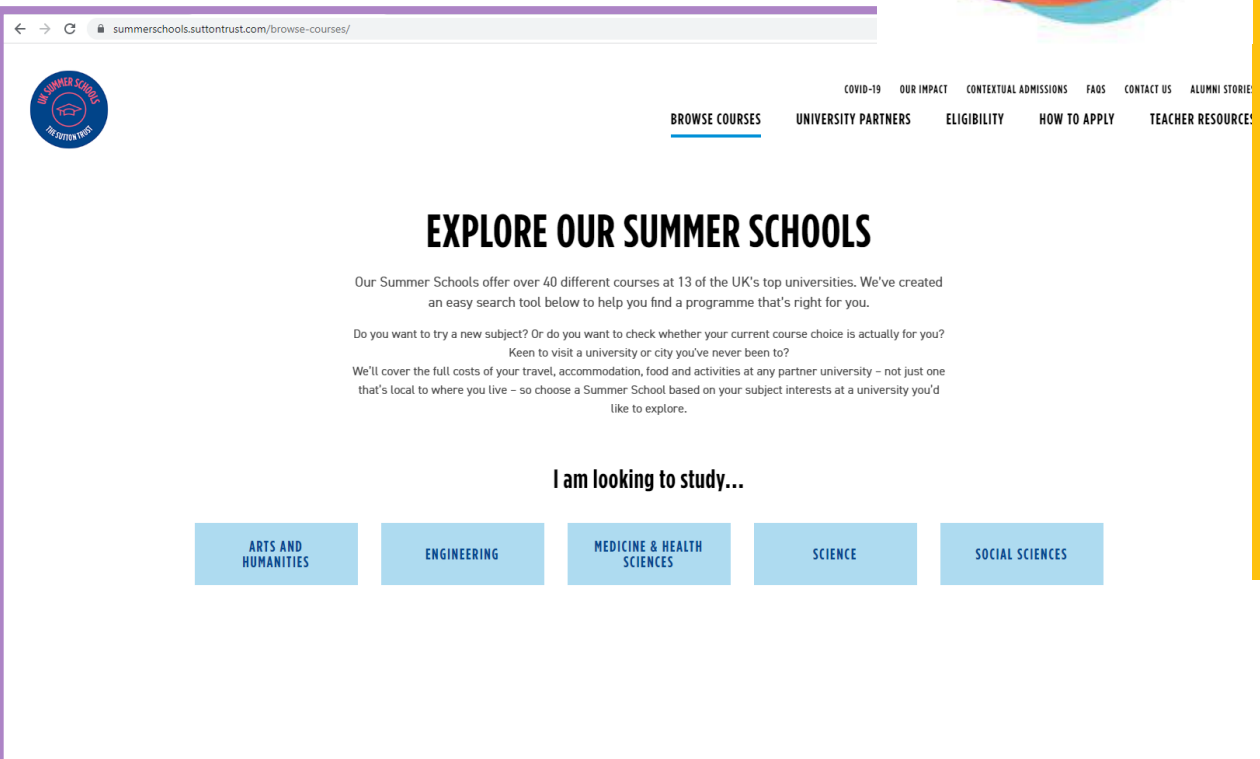
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Summer Schools



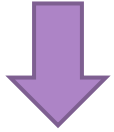
Maths at Lancaster
Mechanical Engineering at UCL
Life Sciences at Warwick
Materials Science at Oxford
Robotics at Liverpool
Broad-based Engineering at Sheffield
Materials Science at Cambridge
Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool

Find out more and apply on our website [here](#).



The UCAS Process

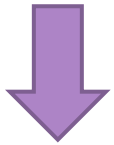
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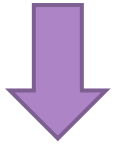
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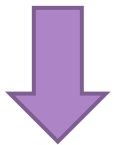
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