

**Welcome to the Year 12  
Higher Education Launch  
29th January 2026**

**Mr W Jones  
Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)**



HE Part 1  
(Jan 2026)

- Higher Education Opportunities
- Research and Preparation

HE Part 2  
(Jun 2026)

- The Application Process
- The Gordon's Timeline

HE Part 3  
(Jan 2027)

- Responding to Offers
- Student Finance / Clearing



# As of now in Year 13

- ✓ 181 UCAS applications\*
- ✓ 3 confirmed Degree Apprenticeships
- ✓ 2 confirmed US scholarships

## **Some students working towards**

- Apprenticeships
- Study abroad
- Sport abroad
- Gap year / paid work



# This evening



## Meet the Team



**Mrs Fiona Hugill**

**Sixth Form Administrator**

**Mr Thomas Deane**

**Deputy Head of Sixth Form**

**Mr Will Jones**

**Assistant Head  
(Head of Sixth Form)**

**Mrs Susannah Hughes**

**Deputy Head of Sixth Form**

**Mrs Grethel Hall**

**Sixth Form Student  
Services Manager**





**Oxbridge Co-ordinator: Mrs Wright**

**Medical/Dentistry/Veterinary careers co-ordinator: Meducators UK**



**Head of Careers: Mrs Augusta Kennedy**





Higher and  
Degree  
Apprenticeships



An introduction  
to UCAS



Oxbridge &  
Med/Vet



University of  
Exeter



In school  
support and  
preparation

# Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Mrs Kennedy  
Head of Careers



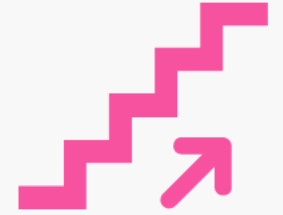
# What are apprenticeships?



Employed



Off the job



Intermediate – degree  
level



Paid a salary



Typically 1-6 years



Real responsibilities



Contract

**600+**

600+  
standards



Not the easy option



# The levels of apprenticeships



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

## Higher & Degree apprenticeships



### Work full-time and study part-time



**Learning**



**Salary**



**No debt**



**NUS**



**Experience**



**4-6 Years**



**University fees paid by employer and/or  
Government**

**Wide range of employers work with 100+  
universities to offer degree apprenticeships**

# Degree Apprenticeships at Russell Group Universities



## University of Exeter

- Civil Engineering
- Finance Services (J.P. Morgan)
- Digital and Technology Solutions (IBM)

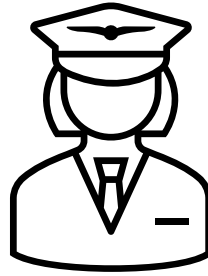
## University of Birmingham

- Chartered Surveyor

## University of Warwick

- BEng Applied Professional Engineering
- MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Critical Care) (NHS)
- MSc Digital Technology Solutions

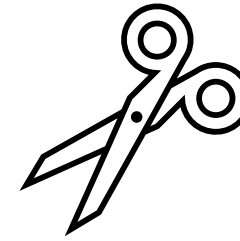
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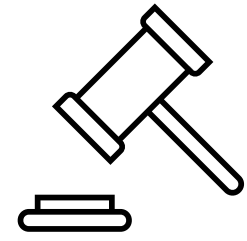
First Officer  
Pilot



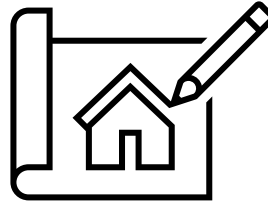
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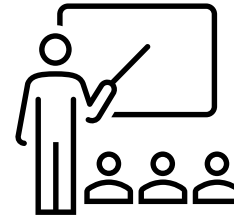
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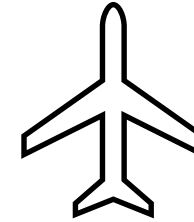
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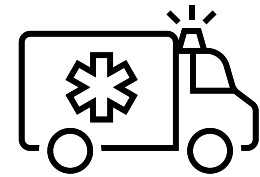
Quantity  
Surveyor



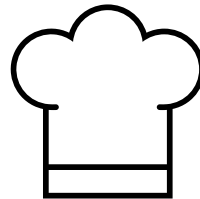
Early Years  
Practitioner



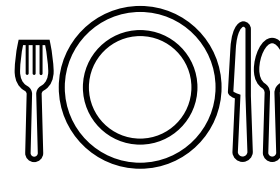
Aerospace  
Engineer



Paramedic



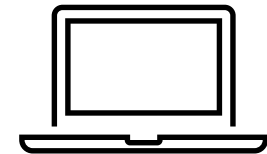
Chef



Dietician



Beauty  
Therapist



Business  
Admin



Which employers  
offer  
apprenticeships?



AIRBUS

BBC

pwc

British Gas

★ PRET ★

BAE SYSTEMS

JAGUAR

pets  
at home

MINI

sky

FUJITSU

Specsavers

ROLLS  
RR  
ROYCE

gsk

itv

NetworkRail

BMW

LAND  
-ROVER

BRITISH AIRWAYS

Starbucks

ROYAL  
AIR FORCE

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GREENE KING  
BURY ST EDMUNDS

asos  
discover fashion online

IBM

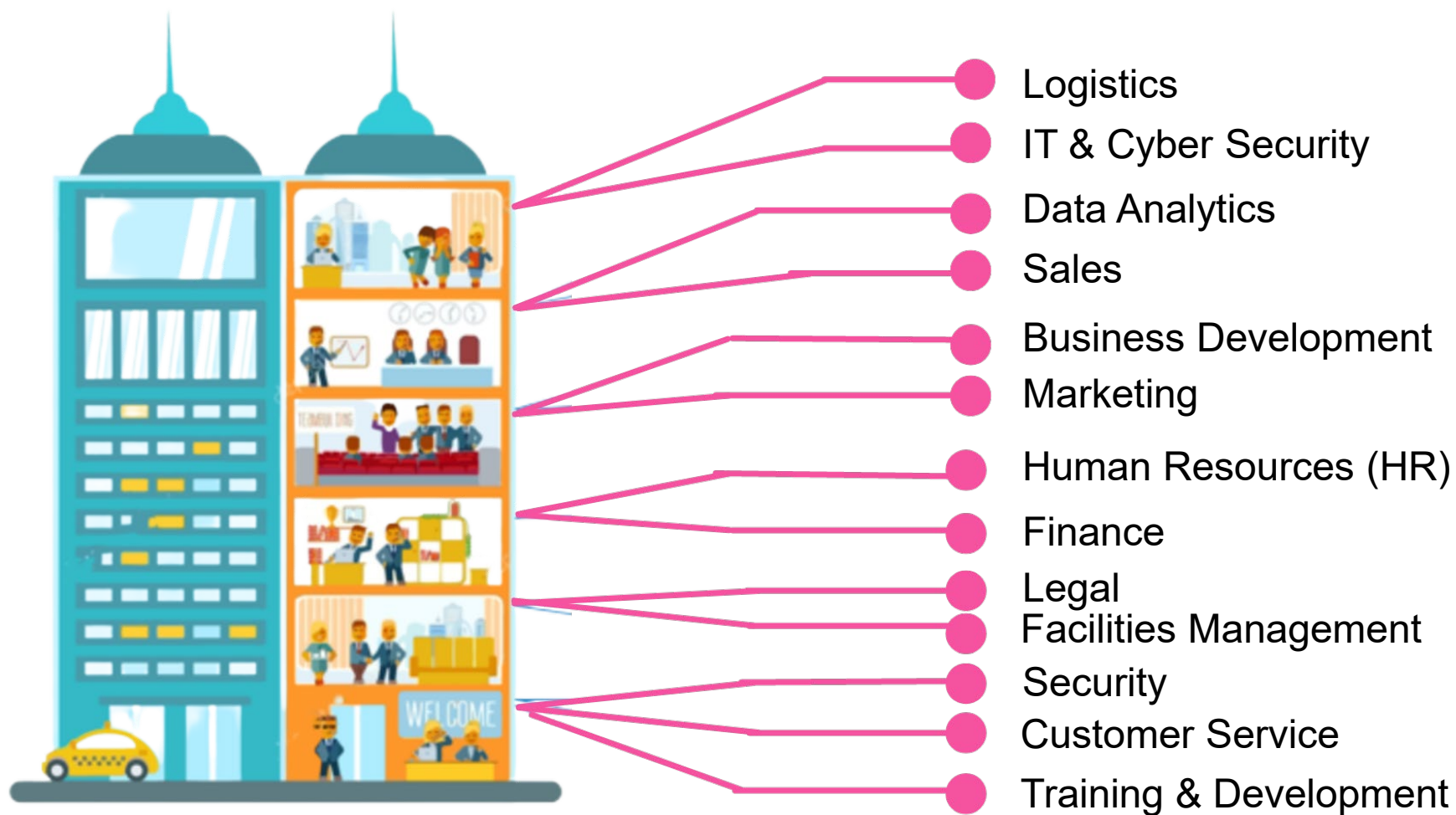
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# Look inside the company





# How do you find apprenticeships



Register on Find  
An Apprenticeship



Contact companies



Do your research



Search and apply

Search school website  
for resources and  
information: [Gordon's  
School - Careers  
Education  
\(gordons.school\)](https://www.gordons.school/education/careers)

To find an  
apprenticeship  
visit GOV.UK



# Be Apprenticeship Ready



A collection of logos for various organizations participating in the Higher & Degree Apprenticeships Vacancy Listing for January 2026. The logos are arranged in a grid around a central purple box.

**HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS VACANCY LISTING**  
JANUARY 2026

Logos include: AG, A&O SHEARMAN, AstraZeneca, Barratt Redrow, CMS, Dunelm, ASHE, AtkinsRéalis, Bellway, BMW GROUP, CAPULA, cisco, experian, EDF, ARMY, TROUP BYWATERS + ANDERS, Babcock, Bishop Fleming, Government Social Research, Higgins, FARRER & Co, WARWICKSHIRE POLICE, wsp, Valuation Office Agency, WHITECODE CONSULTING, Transport for London, FRESHFIELDS, GXO, LEYLAND TRUCKS, Greencore, Ibstock, IBM, united infrastructure, Surrey & Sussex, TaylorWessing, Kennedys, JF, JLR, HBG, HOLLYWOOD BOWL GROUP, JAMES COWPER, KRESTON, th, trowers & hamlins, METIS, Nestlé, LAING O'Rourke, IM, irwinmitchell, mace, KIER, michelmores, MZA CONSULTING ENGINEERS, TLT, MARS, LEONARDO, Mondelēz, KPMG, SEVERN TRENT, Network Rail, RHOTIC, SIEMENS, Lloret.

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Higher-and-Degree-Listing-January-2026.pdf>

# FIND OUT MORE:



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK  
2026: 9TH – 13TH FEBRUARY



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PREPARATION WORKSHOPS IN  
SUMMER TERM + APPRENTICESHIP  
CLINIC



# An Introduction to UCAS

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Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)

# UCAS Vocabulary (FAQs)

## **UCAS**

University and Colleges Admissions Services

## **UCAS Points**

A tariff used to convert A Level/BTEC grades into a point score

## **Russell Group**

24 of the UK's most esteemed Universities

## **Oxbridge**

Oxford and Cambridge University

## **Personal Statement\***

An important part of the application process. It's an opportunity to talk about yourself and your passions, outside of your grades.

## **Unifrog**

The program students use in Year 12 to research different universities and courses



# Entry Requirements

Universities make offers based on:

- A Level grades A\* - E
- BTEC grades D\* - P
- UCAS points

A Level Grade	UCAS Points		BTEC Grade	UCAS Points		EPQ	UCAS Points
A*	56		Distinction*	56		A*	28
A	48		Distinction	48		A	24
B	40		Merit	32		B	20
C	32		Pass	16		C	16
D	24					D	12
E	16					E	8

Therefore, a university course might have the entry requirements of AAB, or 136 UCAS points. Mock examinations in April are a good indicator of realistic university destinations.





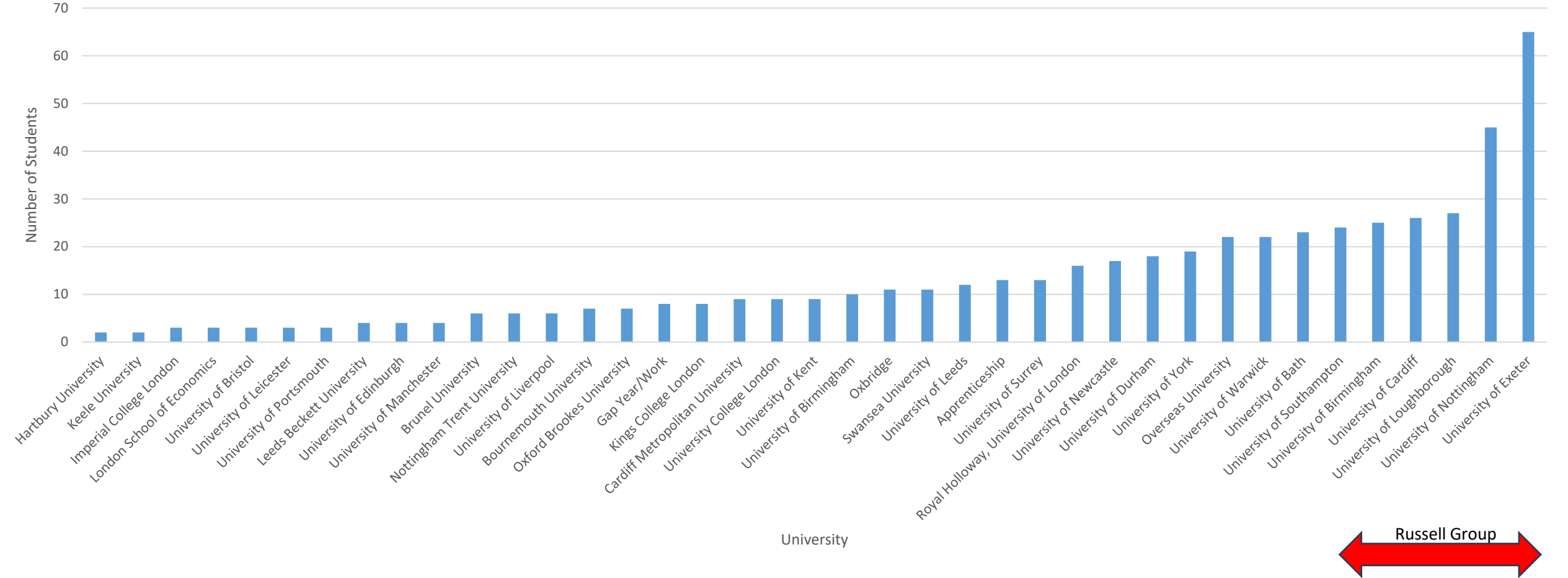
# The Russell Group Universities

'Typical' offer A\*AA or AAA at A Level

Could be AAB with an EPQ (Grade A\*- A)



2019-2025  
Most Popular Destinations





BA (Hons)

# BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

UCAS CODE: NP29

[Overview](#)

[About this course](#)

[Entry Requirements](#)

[Modules](#)

[Course costs](#)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2023 Entry: **104-120** UCAS tariff points

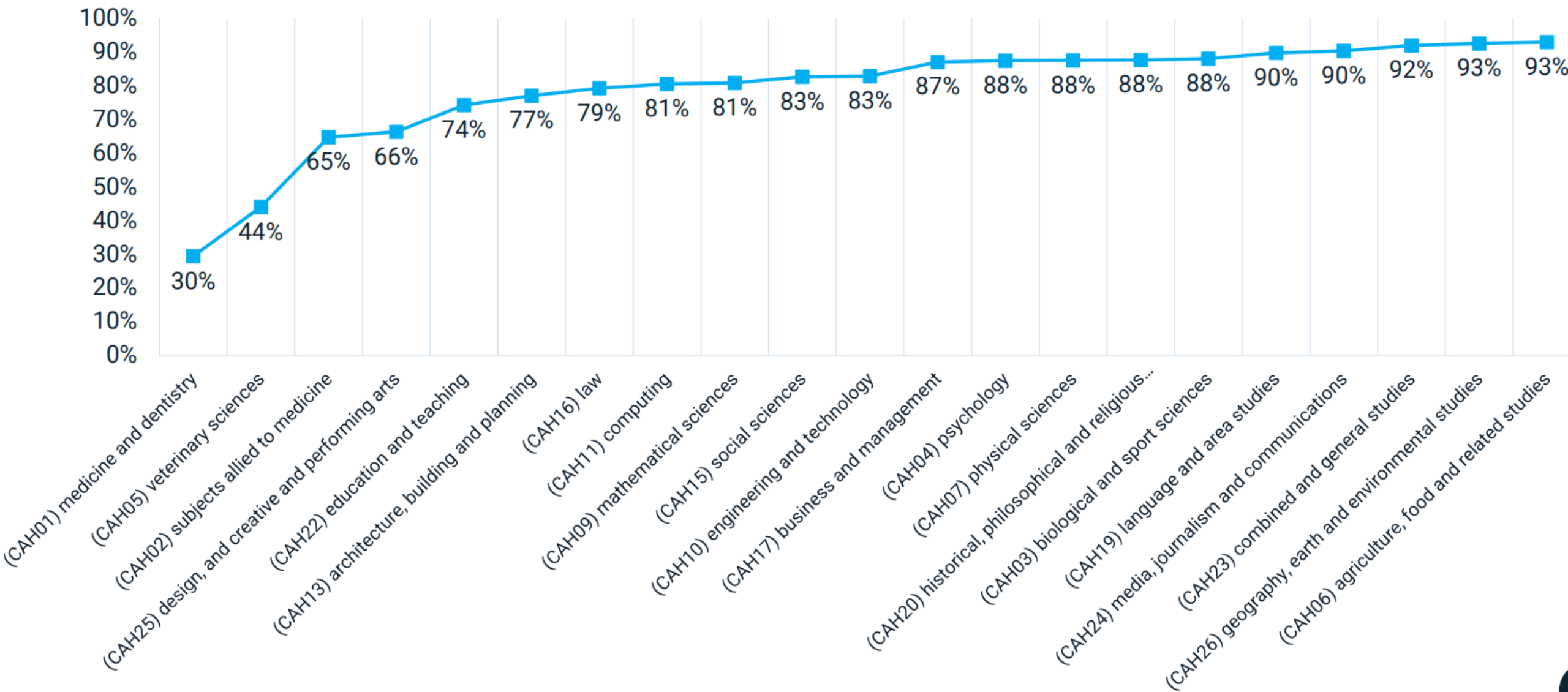
Our offers are typically made using UCAS tariff points to allow you to include a range of level 3 qualifications and as a guide, the requirements for this course are equivalent to:

- **A-Levels:** BCC-BBB from 3 A Levels or equivalent grade combinations (e.g. BBB is comparable to ABC in terms of tariff points)
- **BTEC/CTEC:** DMM from BTEC or Cambridge Technical (CTEC) qualifications
- **International Baccalaureate:** To include a minimum of 2 Higher Level certificates at grade H4
- **T Level:** Merit in a T Level



# HOW DO OFFER RATES VARY BY COURSE?

UK 18 year old offer rates by subject group (CAH1), 2024



# Mock examinations

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Mock grades ***inform*** UCAS Predicted grades (school report WB 18<sup>th</sup> May)

- Evidence based – Key Assessments and mocks
- Holistic
- Aspirational\*

UCAS Predicted Grades are re-issued in September 2026 (Year 13)

- Study hard
- Key Assessment performance
- Honest post mock reflections



# UCAS Predicated Grades

- Evidence based – Key Assessments and mocks
- Holistic
- Aspirational\*

UCAS Predicted Grades are re-issued in September

- Study hard
- Key Assessment performance
- Honest post mock reflections
- School report WB 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

<https://www.ucas.com/advisers/help-and-training/guides-resources-and-training/application-overview/predicted-grades-what-you-need-know-entry-year#risks>





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# Oxbridge

Mrs Wright  
Oxbridge Co-Ordinator



# Oxbridge Process

- Early internal deadline for UCAS: **Friday 11th September**
- **UCAS deadline: 15th October**
- Admissions tests: October/early November
- Interviews: early December
- Offers: January
- All further details including guidance on test dates, registration and booking, and preparation for 2027-entry tests will be available from April 2026 via the [UAT-UK website](#).

Please note: It is the responsibility of each applicant to check which test is required and to register as required online and to ensure the date is in the diary as **it may fall in October half term**.



# Admissions Tests

## CAMBRIDGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

Medicine - UCAT

Law – LNAT

ESAT (Engineering and Science Admissions Test)

TMUA (Test of Mathematics for University Admission)

College Admission Assessments

## OXFORD ADMISSIONS TESTS

Medicine - UCAT

Law - LNAT

Biomedical Sciences - ESAT

Computer Science - TMUA

Computer Science and Philosophy - TMUA

Economics and Management – TARA (Test of Academic Reasoning for Admissions)

Engineering Science - ESAT

History and Economics - TARA

History and Politics - TARA (still tbc)

Human Sciences - TARA

Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics - TMUA

Mathematics and Computer Science - TMUA

Mathematics and Philosophy - TMUA

Physics - ESAT

Physics and Philosophy - ESAT

Politics, Philosophy and Economics - TARA

Psychology (Experimental) - TARA

Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics - TARA



# Is it right for me?

- Excellent academic credentials: A/A\*PGS across the board
- Wide range of further reading
- Passion, interest and love of subject
- Extensive work experience with evidence of reflection (medicine related courses)



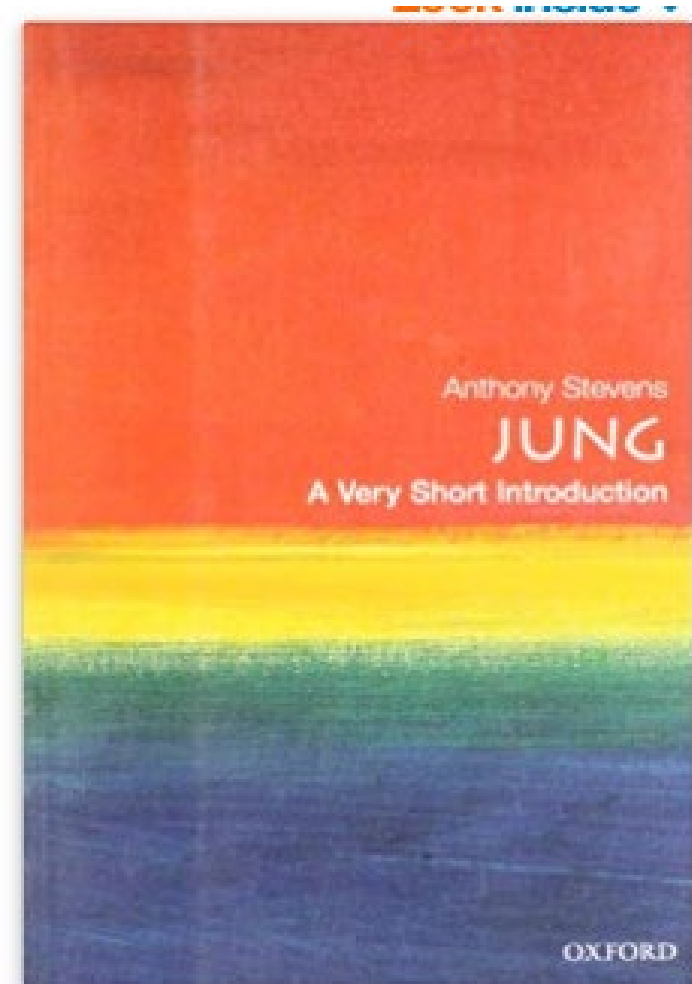
# The support we offer

- Talks with Oxbridge undergraduates in Autumn term
- Weekly email updates on Oxbridge opportunities: study days, online talks, summer courses, competitions
- HE day: guidance on personal statement; how to prepare for interview with wider reading
- September: 1:1 session on statement & support with UCAS form
- Reference using guidance from Oxbridge tutors
- Support within departments on further reading and admissions test preparation
- November/December: interview practice



# What are they looking for?

- Independence
- Intellectual curiosity
- Studiousness
- Love of subject
- Determination and willingness to work hard & under pressure
- A demonstrable scholarly instinct
- Flexibility of thought





# Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry

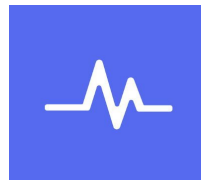
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**Miss Weeks**

Head of Academic Enrichment at Gordon's School

**Meducators UK**



# Support on offer

- P7 session dedicated to all aspects of application throughout year 12 and 13
- UCAT preparation starting in Spring of year 12
- Interview technique practice (multiple sessions)
- Personal statement sessions
- Personalised references
- Talks and MOOCs
- Support from Meducators UK as a South-East hub
- Teaching and led research into ethics and GMC pillars



# The application timeline – Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary

## Year 12

- Work experience
- UCAT preparation
- Year 12 mock grades at A or B grade minimum
- Begin writing personal statement

## Year 13

- Complete UCAT in summer holidays
- Finalise personal statement
- Applications sent
- Interviews

A strong application will have:

- Top grades
- Wider-reading
- Work experience (in both a **medical** and **care** setting)
- Impressive UCAT score
- Online courses
- Talks or lectures



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# University of Exeter

**Dr Karl Devincenzi**

**&**

**Ashley Dozwa.**





# The University Application Process

Ashley –  
School and College Engagement  
Officer

Karl – Schools Relationship &  
Recruitment Manager



University  
of Exeter



# In this presentation we will look at:

- Choosing a course
- The UCAS Process
- Application timeline
- Key considerations
- Next Steps





Teaching  
Excellence  
Framework

Outstanding  
Teaching.<sup>1</sup>

4<sup>OF THE</sup>  
TOP 5  
UK'S

Home to **four** of the  
**UK's top five**  
most influential  
climate scientists.<sup>2</sup>



Globally a Top 200  
university in all  
major world league  
tables\*.<sup>3</sup>



More than 400  
courses in 40  
subject areas.



Four times Queen's Anniversary Prize  
winners, most recently in 2020 for  
exposing the devastating effect of  
plastic pollution on human and  
wildlife health.

TOP 10<sup>OF THE</sup>

Top 10 for most  
targeted by  
leading UK  
employers.<sup>4</sup>



Devon and Cornwall are  
amongst the safest  
places in England and  
Wales.<sup>5</sup>



Sustainability  
University of  
the Year.



Consistently Top 5 in  
British Universities and  
Colleges Sport rankings  
out of 150+ institutions.



Leading UK  
university.<sup>6</sup>

**RUSSELL  
GROUP**

A world-class,  
research-intensive  
university.



#### Award Winning Careers Support:

- Training
- Development
- Networking
- Support
- Opportunities.

**SUCCESS  
FOR ALL**

- ✓ University of  
Sanctuary
- ✓ Stand Alone  
Pledge

- ✓ Care Leavers Covenant
- ✓ Stonewall Diversity  
Champion
- ✓ Athena Swann  
Gender Charter

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<sup>1</sup> Rated 'triple' Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

<sup>2</sup> The Reuters Hot List.

<sup>3</sup> 122<sup>nd</sup> in the U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities 2024-2025; 169<sup>th</sup> in the QS World University Rankings 2025; 177<sup>th</sup> in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024; 151-200 in the 2024 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) released by ShanghaiRankings.

<sup>4</sup> The Graduate Market in 2024 report by High Fliers Research.

<sup>5</sup> Office for National Statistics (24/07/24).

<sup>6</sup> Top 15 in UK university rankings\*\* 14<sup>th</sup> in The Complete University Guide 2025 and 13<sup>th</sup> in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025.



# University of Exeter campuses

Travel times from Exeter

Location	Train travel time
Reading	1.5 h
Bagshot	3 h



# University of Exeter campuses

From **Gordon's School**

Location	Driving Travel time
Exeter	3 h
Penryn	4.5 h





# STREATHAM CAMPUS





# PENRYN CAMPUS







# Research & Course choice



# Course research

## Academic examples:

- English
- History
- Biology
- Classics
- Modern Languages
- Mathematics

## Vocational examples:

- Engineering
- Business
- Medicine
- Veterinary Science
- Games Design
- Event Management

Can't choose? Combined/joint courses may suit them.

Consider Multi-disciplinary courses: Liberal Arts, Natural Sciences



# Courses we offer

## Faculty of Environment, Science and Economy

Computer Science

Earth and Environmental Science

Ecology and Conservation

Engineering

Geography

Mathematics and Statistics

Physics and Astronomy

Economics

Finance and Accounting

Management

Natural Sciences

## Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

Biosciences

Health and Care Professions

Psychology

Clinical and Biomedical Sciences

Health and Community Sciences

Public Health and Sport Sciences

## Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Arab and Islamic Studies

Archaeology and History

Classics, Ancient History, Religion and Theology

Communications, Drama and Film

English and Creative Writing

Humanities and Social Sciences

Languages, Cultures and Visual Studies

Law School

School of Education (Postgraduate)

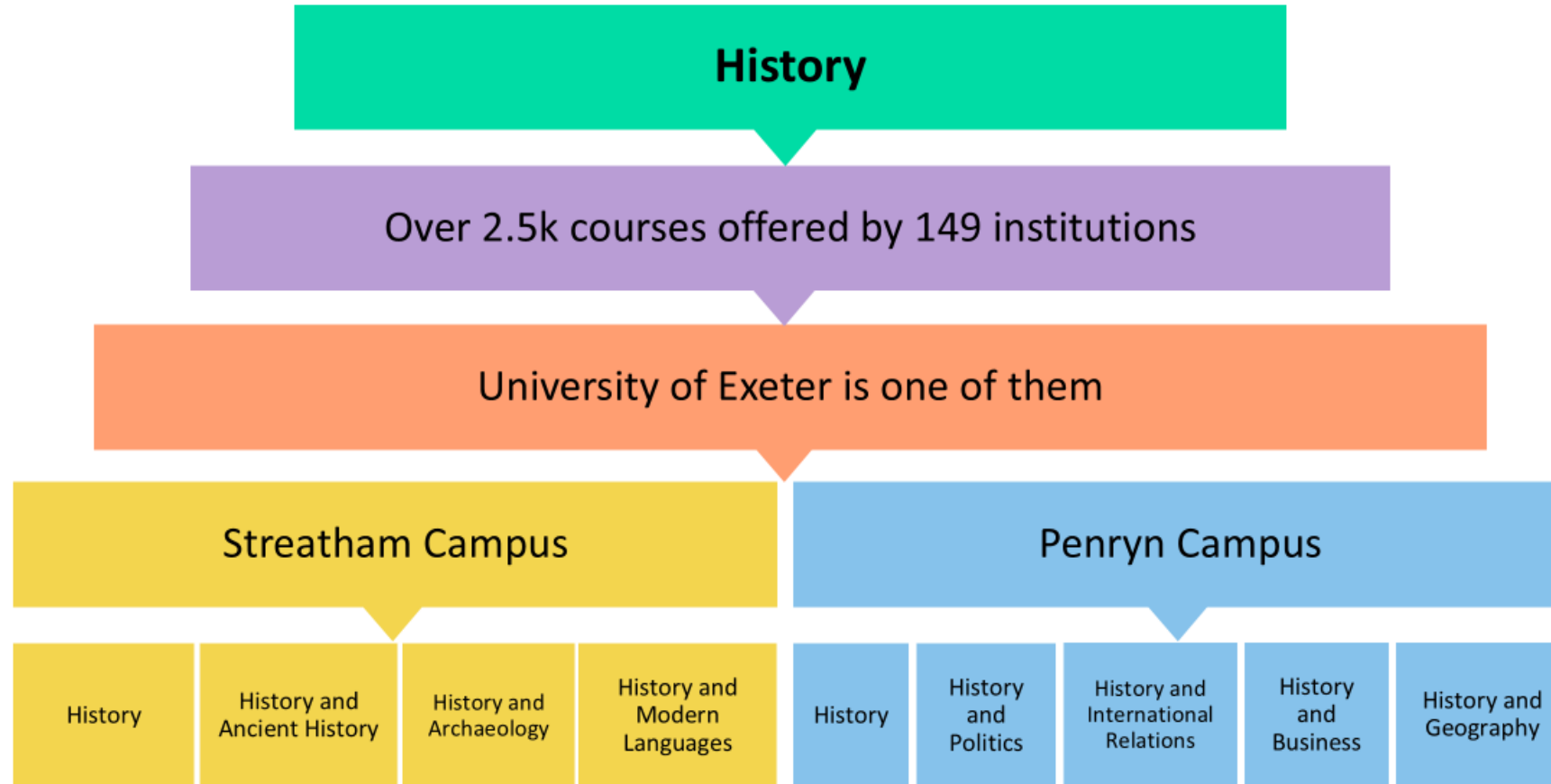
Social and Political Sciences, Philosophy and  
Anthropology

Flexible Combined Honours

Liberal Arts



# Comparing courses







What are universities looking for?

# Our offers

- Time scales
- Personalised
- No unconditional offers before results
- Core Maths and EPQ
- Contextual offers





# UCAS application form

- Registering (buzzword to automatically link them to their school or college)
- Personal information (including diversity and inclusion)
- Education, employment and extra activities
- Course choices
- Personal statement



# Key things to consider

- Entry requirements and UCAS tariff
  - Achieved and predicted grades
  - Subject-specific requirements
  - Reduced offers, e.g. contextual, EPQ/Core Maths
- Course code and location
- Personal statement







Other possible requirements

# Key considerations

- Can apply and change their mind.
- Nominated Access
- Pay and Send
- Excellent in school support
- Reference and predicted grades completed by school







What is the personal statement?



# Statement sections



Why do you want to study this course or subject?

Show your passion and knowledge for your chosen subject. It lets universities and colleges know why you're a good fit.



How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare?

Talk about the skills you've developed in your education, and how they'll help you succeed.



What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

Reflect on any other activities or personal experiences outside the classroom that make you suited to the course.

# After applying

- University decisions:
  - Unconditional offer
  - Conditional offer
  - Unsuccessful or withdrawn
- Applicant replies:
  - Firm acceptance
  - Insurance acceptance
  - Decline
  - UCAS Extra



# Results day

- Exam results
- Confirmation
- Clearing
- Clearing Plus







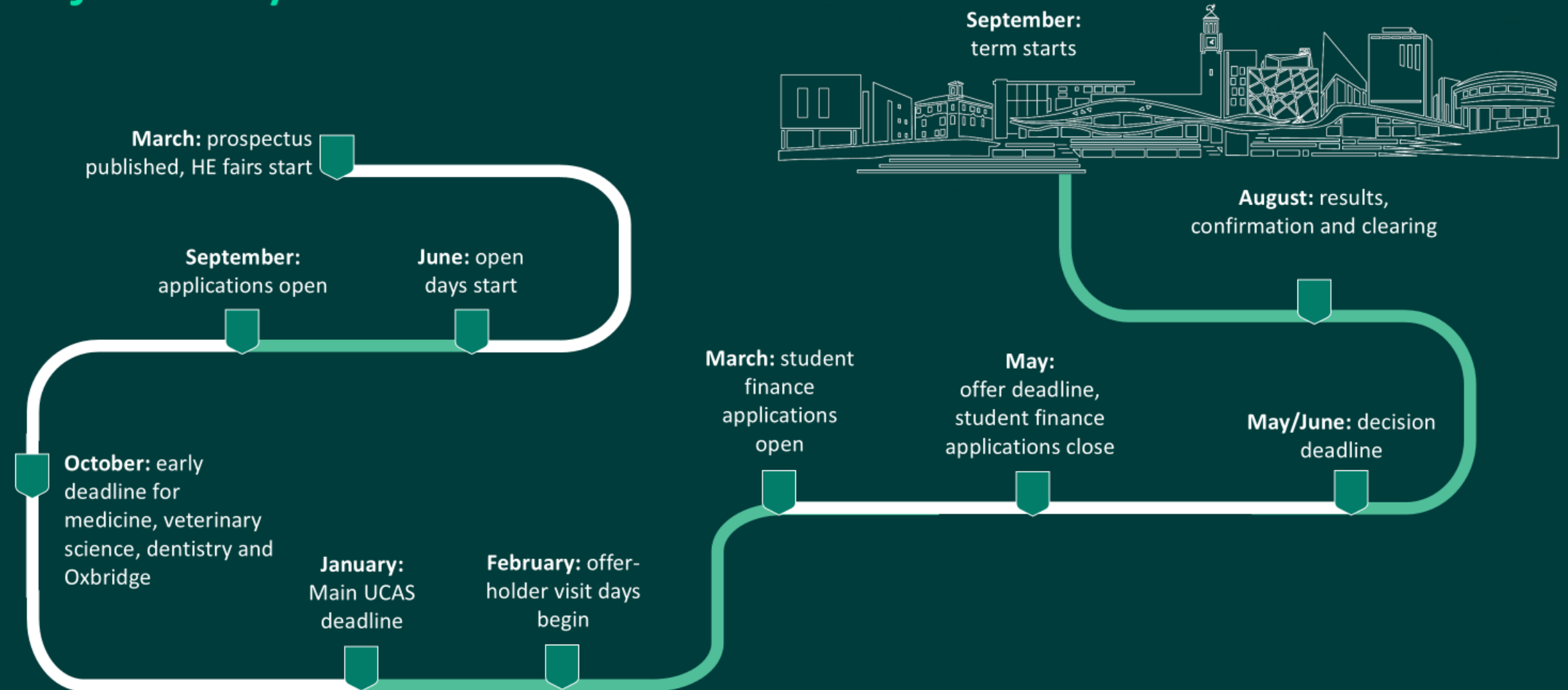
Deferring a year

# Other options

- Gap year
- Re-applying
- Degree apprenticeship
- Work with training
- Self-employment



# Your journey







Helping prepare your young person

# Shortlisting universities

- Course/subject
- Entry requirements
- Location / Distance from home
- League rankings / Reputation
- Social scene
- What matters to them?





# Support them

- Applying to university is exciting but also overwhelming at times
- Internal deadlines & achieved certificates
- Big decisions are tough as emotions are involved – hope, fear, anxiety
- Encourage them and follow through by making it possible!
- Soft check-ins, your voice matters!
- Life skills prep- budgeting and cooking



# Student voices

- ‘The first 6 weeks of term are fine. The last month or so is incredibly stressful once you get snowed down with work, ill etc.’
- ‘The style of learning is different; at school you can get away with buying a revision guide and cramming, but at university there is no revision guide, you have to learn things for yourself in your own way.’
- ‘It was quite daunting. It felt a bit of an anti-climax because I had built it up so much and I felt homesick but things quickly changed as I made friends.’
- ‘I enjoyed the atmosphere of halls and joined as many societies as I could; it's a great way to meet people and I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to try out new things – like the Curry Appreciation Club.’



# For Parents and Supporters

We offer a programme of online webinars designed especially for parents, guardians, carers, relatives and supporters.

- 18 March 2026 – Degree Apprenticeships
- 20 May 2026 – Making the most of an Open Day
- 17 June 2026 – Understanding Contextual & Alternative Offers

More information for supporters and all sessions can be found at [exeter.ac.uk/supporters](https://exeter.ac.uk/supporters)





# Open Days

Our next undergraduate Open Days are open for bookings and will take place on the following dates:

**Wednesday 27 May 2026 – Penryn Campus, Cornwall**

**Friday 29 May 2026 - Exeter Campuses, Devon**

**Saturday 30 May 2026 – Exeter Campuses, Devon**

To book your place, please use our Open Day booking form.





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UCAS and Unifrog: how students  
should prepare



# The Unifrog tools

## Exploring pathways

Careers library

Subjects library

Know-how library

MOOC

**Done:**  
Quizzes  
completed and  
explored the  
pathways

## 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

**Doing:**  
Shortlisting 5 options  
using subjects and grades  
Logging all achievements  
& activities

## Drafting application materials

Personal Statement

CV / Resumé

Teacher References

Common App Essay

## Making applications

Post 16/18 Intentions

Locker

Applications list

**To do:**  
Begin personal  
statement (Summer  
term)



# Cover all bases

## Select courses below

Pick the best courses for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.  
Stuck on a strange term? Check out the [glossary](#) ✓




Rank ▼




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Keyword search




### Aspirational (71)

Top of your range

 Arts and Sciences - 3FT BASc (Hon)   
 UCL (University College London)  
RG A Level: A\*,A,A



 Arts and Sciences with Study Abroad - 4FT + Abroad BASc (Hon)   
 UCL (University College London)  
RG A Level: A\*,A,A



 Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons)   
 Durham University  
RG A Level: A\*,A,A



 Natural Sciences MSci - 4FT Msci   
 University of Bath  
TT A Level: A\*,A,A

### Solid (108)

In the middle

 Fine Art: Photography - 3FT BA (Hons)  
 University of the Arts London  
Requirement: Not given. Check their site (Avg UCAS points 129)



 Fine Art - 3FT BA (Hons)  
 Solent University (Southampton)  
UCAS Points: 112-128



 Fine Art Technology - 3FT BA (Hons)  
 University of East London  
A Level: B,B,C



 Creative Expressive Arts and Health Practice - 4FT MArt  
 University of Derby  
A Level: B,B,C-B,B,B

### Safe (165)

At the bottom

 Liberal Arts with Foundation - 4FT BA (Hons)  
 Durham University  
RG Foundation year

 Fine Art [with Foundation Year] - 4FT BA (Hons)  
 Anglia Ruskin University  
Foundation year

 3D Design - 1FT DipHE  
 University of East London  
Requirement: Not given. Check their site (Avg UCAS points 107)

 Art and Design (Art Practice) - 3FT HND  
 Chichester College Group





# Is the institution right for you

## Getting in

2023 A Level entry requirements

A\*,A,A

Full-time 3 Years: Major pathway requirements: Cultures: at least one essay-based arts/humanities subject.

Societies: at least one social sciences subject.

Sciences and Engineering: Mathematics and one other science.

Health and Environment: Chemistry or Biology, and one other science or social science. For more information about A level subject classification, see the BAsC website at:

[www.ucl.ac.uk/basc/prospective/application/alevels](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/basc/prospective/application/alevels)

Contextual Offers: please visit the course webpage for further details about our Access UCL scheme.

Last year's successful applicants

The average UCAS tariff for last year's successful applicants was 179, and you fall in the 90-100th percentile. This means that 90-100% of the students who were on this course last year achieved lower grades at school than the ones you entered.

Overall application success rate for General, other combined & unknown

1.4%

UK application success rate for General, other combined & unknown

1.0%

## University facts

Guardian overall rank  
9th

THE Impact rank  
101-200

Guardian subject rank  
Philosophy: 12th

Full-time undergrads  
21,700

Ethnic minority 1st years  
52.1%

Difficulty  
Aspirational - Out of your predicted range

University description

Founded in 1826 in the heart of London, UCL is London's leading multidisciplinary university, with more than 13,000 staff and 120,000 students from 150 different countries. UCL is a diverse community of world-class academics, students, in

QS world rank  
8th

People and Planet rank  
7th

Student welfare rank  
102nd

International undergrads  
54%

Disabled 1st years  
13.2%



# Students are supported

## January 2026 offers for cohort so far for Year 13:

■	At least one offer	156   88%
■	At least two offers	134   76%
■	At least three offers	104   59%

### Most offers

Provider | Offers | % of total

University of Exeter	46	9%
University of Nottingham	33	7%
Cardiff University	26	5%



**'Students in the sixth form excel. Throughout the sixth form, students explore future career options and qualifications. This is reflected in the clarity with which students in Year 13 talk about their post-18 choices.'**

**Ofsted 2024**

- 1 to 1 support from form tutors is integral**



# Top tips from this year's cohort

Start early  
(apprenticeships  
and UCAS  
research)

Keep open minded

Use Unifrog

Attend open days

Ask for help

Consider your  
strengths before  
applying

Make mocks count

Importance of  
work experience





# Summary of Next Steps

Mr Jones

Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)





<b>29th January 2026</b>	<b>HE Launch: Spring = research using Unifrog</b>
<b>3rd March 2026</b>	<b>University of Surrey UK University &amp; Apprenticeship Search</b>
<b>11 June 2026</b>	<b>HE evening (part 2)</b>
<b>18th June 2026</b>	<b>Personal statement writing/CV workshop (Unifrog &amp; UCAS)</b>
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	<b>Y12 Work Experience</b>
<b>15th October 2026</b>	<b>Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry submission deadline</b>
<b>October 2026</b>	<b>All other students complete UCAS application</b>
<b>Oct/Nov 2026 onwards</b>	<b>Applications sent off</b>

**Early applications = early offers**



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# Any questions?



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