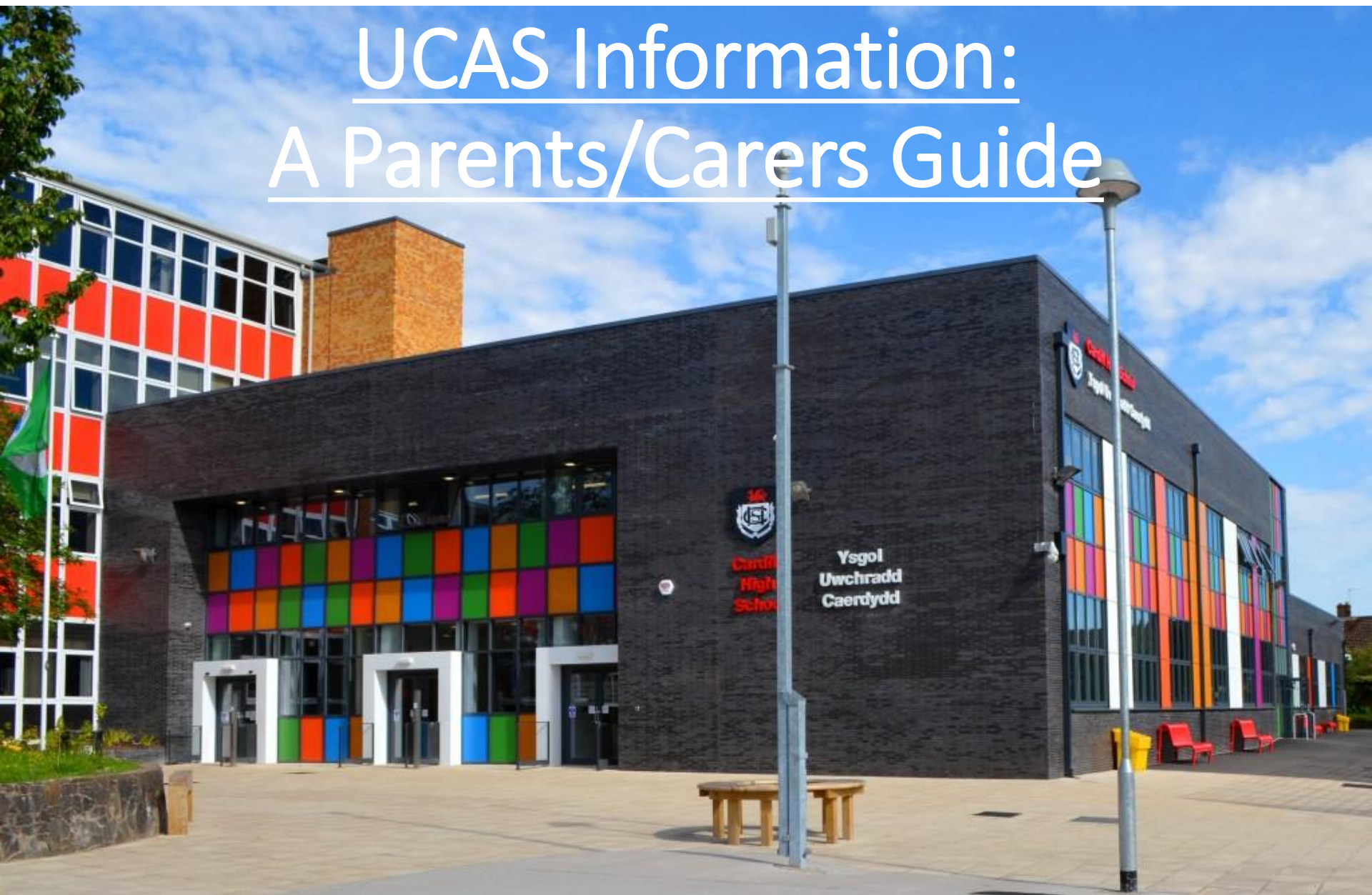


# UCAS Information: A Parents/Carers Guide



## CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE

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🔍 Search for courses, uni & colleges and information



Students will choose up to 5 universities that they wish to study at. It is important to select from a range of grades – aspirational, safe, secure.

# CONTEXTUALISED OFFERS

Information and data used by Universities and Colleges to assess students prior attainment and potential in the context of their individual circumstances.

The data includes geodemographic, educational and socio-economic background.

Contextual information relates to **individual applicants circumstances**, such as if they have ever been in the care system, first generation applicants to uni, etc.

We encourage students to complete all the relevant application fields in full and ask that you also check that they have divulged all information that applies to them.

Please could we ask that this information is also shared with their UCAS referee so that it can be included in their UCAS reference.

# PROCESS TO FAR

- September 2024 – Unifrog was introduced to the students
- Opportunities on GC / taster days/ subject talks
- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – **Session on how to register for UCAS followed by time to fill in the form was allocated during the morning. Also posted on the UCAS Resources Google Classroom.**
- Summer Holidays – Preparation
  - Draft personal statement
  - Attend Open Days
  - Extra Research
  - Careers Advice / Career Finders
  - Work experience



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# UCAS

UCAS/Personal Statement  
Information Booklet  
2026 Entry

Name:

Form:



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APPLYING TO OXBRIDGE  
Information Booklet  
2026 Entry

Name:

Form:



# CURRENTLY

Students will all be assigned a UCAS referee – these are staff members who have been trained in the UCAS process

They will:

- mentor the students
- meet with them on a one-to-one basis to help craft their personal statements
- talk to them about their course choices
- discuss with them their predicted grades

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- The personal statement
  - Proofread
  - Structure the info to reflect the skills and qualities the universities and colleges value most
  - Why they want to study the course
  - Extra Curricular v Super Curricular
  
- Check over their UCAS form – *grammatical errors*
  
- Open days
  
- Selecting the right course for them
  - Unifrog

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# WHAT UNIFROG HAS TO OFFER

UK universities

You have 2 shortlists  
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Start >

US universities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

European  
universities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Oxbridge

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Apprenticeships

Make your first shortlist

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Searching for  
opportunities

## Careers library

✕ Careers favoured

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## Subjects library

✕ Subjects favoured

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## Know-how library

✕ Guides favoured

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## MOOC

Make your first shortlist

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## Exploring Pathways

### Activities

- ✕ Started
- ✕ Recorded at least 10

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### Competencies

- ✕ Started
- ✕ Completed all 12

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Recording what  
you've done

## UK Personal Statement

- ✘ Subject added
- ✘ Started
- ✘ Character count
- ✘ Marked as finished

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## Subject teachers

- ✘ Business  
Predicted grade: A\*
- ✘ Overall Reference

[Edit >](#)

## CV / Resumé

- ✘ Write CVs perfectly tailored for the roles you want

[Start >](#)

## Common App Essay

- ✘ Prompt chosen
- ✘ Started
- ✘ Character count
- ✘ Marked as finished

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## US recommenders

- ✘ 0 Teacher / Additional recommender selected

[Go to tool >](#)

Drafting  
application  
materials

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Anything that goes beyond the classroom!

- Clubs or societies – perhaps sporting, creative or musical.
- Employment or volunteering – such as [vInspired Awards](#), [Step Together](#) or [Project Trust](#))
- Skills developed with [ASDAN](#), [Duke of Edinburgh](#), [National Citizen Service](#) or [young enterprise](#).
- Science, technology, engineering or maths skills gained with the [Crest Awards](#).
- A higher education taster course at a summer school like [Villiers Park](#)
- Study free online courses like [FutureLearn](#) or the [Digital Business Academy](#).

# KEY DATES

Key Date	Action
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>UCAS 2026 'opens'</b> – submissions can now be made
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Conservatoires (Music)</b> – Deadline
15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Early Entry</b> – Oxbridge, Medics, Vets and Dentistry
1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Internal deadline for remaining applicants</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>UCAS closes @ 6pm</b>

**Waiting game begins!**

# UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS

## ▪ UCAT

- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept midday: Deadline to register for UCAT
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Last day for taking UCAT

## ▪ LNAT Exam

- Registration opens 1st August 2025 → Testing begins 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Oxbridge Applicants: Sit the LNAT before, or at the latest on, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- LSE/KCL/UCL Applicants: Sit the LNAT before or on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
- 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Sit the LNAT before or on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

# UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS

## Oxford Exams

Registration – **between 15<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Venue – Pearson Vue test centres

Cost – free

This year's tests will take place as follows:

**AHCAAT** - Friday 24 October

**BMSAT** - Tuesday 21 October, Wednesday 22 October, Thursday 23 October, Friday 24 October and Monday 27 October

**CAT** - Wednesday 22 October, Thursday 23 October and Friday 24 October

**MAT** - Wednesday 22 October and Thursday 23 October

**MLAT** – Friday 24 October

**PAT** - Wednesday 22 October and Thursday 23 October

**PhilAT** - Friday 24 October

**TSA** - Tuesday 21 October, Wednesday 22 October, Thursday 23 October, Friday 24 October and Monday 27 October

**HAT** - In 2025, candidates applying for any course with History do **not** need to take a History admissions test.

## Cambridge Exams

Registration – **between 31<sup>st</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Venue – Pearson Vue test centres

Cost – £75 for the ESAT + TMUA

### **9 October 2025**

- Take the **ESAT admission test** on 9 or 10 October if you want to study Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, Engineering, Natural Sciences or Veterinary Medicine. Applicants from China, Hong Kong and Macau must take the test on 10 October.

### **13 October 2025**

- Take the **TMUA admission test** on 13 or 14 October if you want to study Computer Science or Economics. Applicants from China, Hong Kong and Macau must take the test on 14 October.

# WHEN THE OFFERS ARRIVE

They will select two of their offers:

- **Conditional firm**

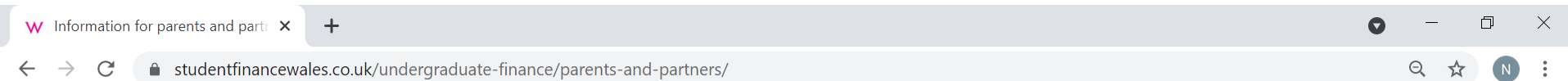
- This is their 1<sup>st</sup> choice course
- If they get the required grade e.g. ABB then this is where they will go

- **Conditional insurance**

- This is their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice course
- If they miss out on the ABB but achieve this course requirements of BBB then this is where they will go

- These need to be picked by 6<sup>th</sup> May / 3<sup>rd</sup> June

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SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR STUDENT FINANCE  
Undergraduate finance

## Information for parents and partners

You might be asked to provide information about your income if your child or partner has applied for student finance. We'll use this information to work out how much student finance they can get.

### Giving us your income details

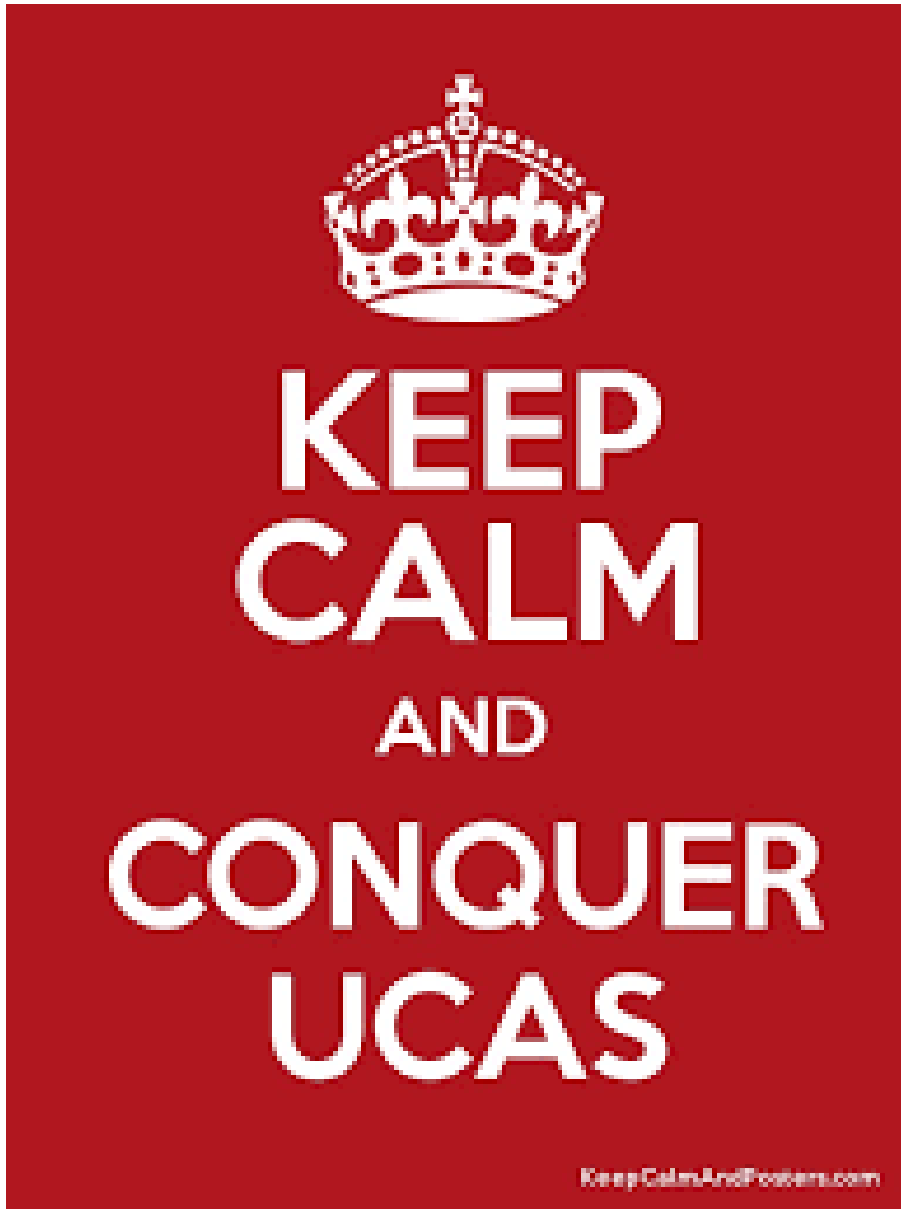
Once your child or partner has applied for student finance, you'll get an email with a link to provide your details. You can [contact us](#) if you'd prefer to give your details using a paper form.

You'll need to give your household income details from a previous tax year. This will be the:

- 2019 to 2020 tax year if your child or partner is applying for the 2021 to 2022 academic year
- 2018 to 2019 tax year if your child or partner is applying for the 2020 to 2021 academic year

### If you're supporting your child's application

Your household income is the total of:



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