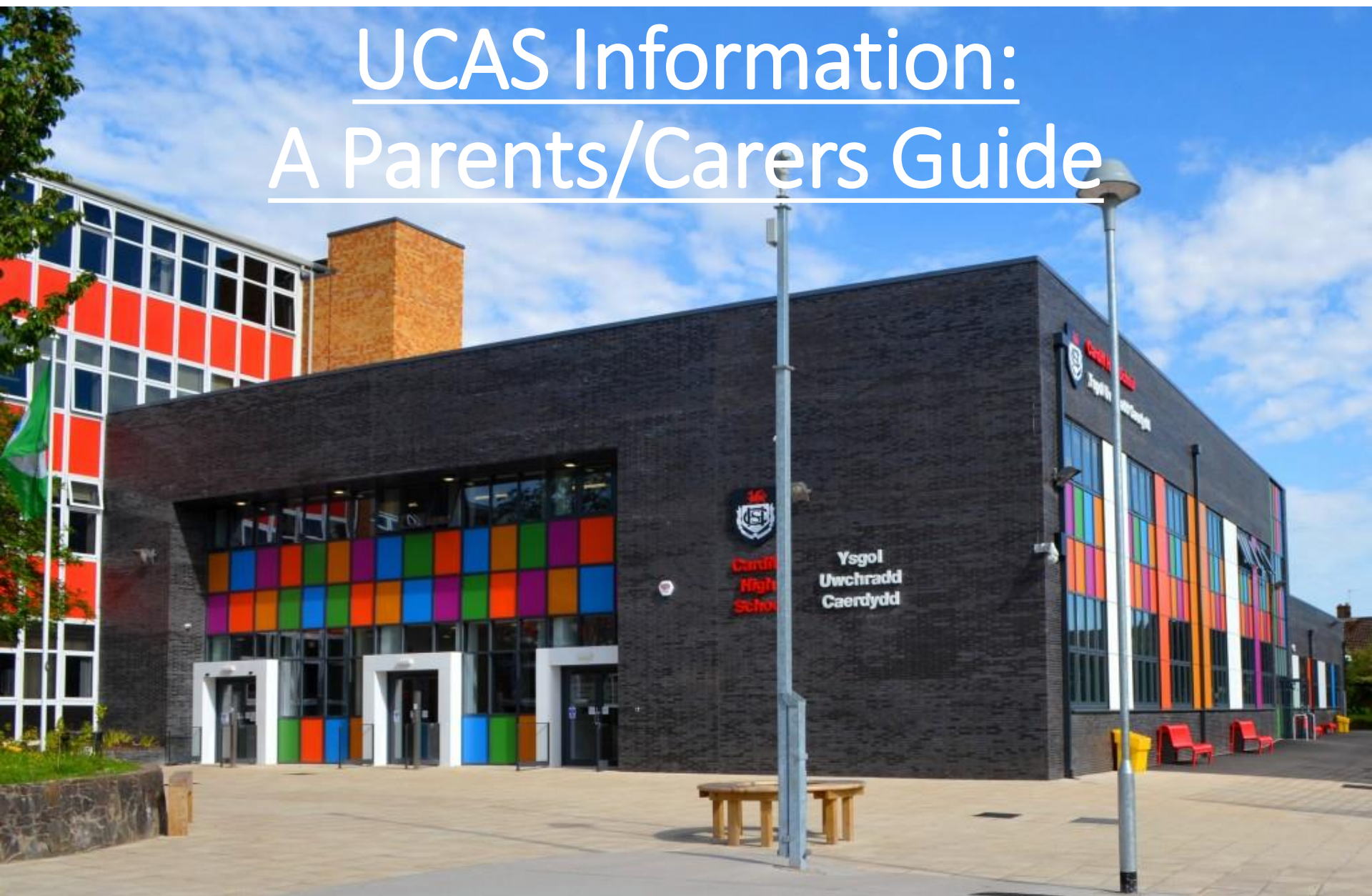


# UCAS Information: A Parents/Carers Guide



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# 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 2022 – Unifrog was introduced to the students
- June – USW Taster Days
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – 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/Personal Statement  
Information Booklet  
2024 Entry



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APPLYING TO OXBRIDGE  
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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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## US universities

Make your first shortlist

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## European universities

Make your first shortlist

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## Oxbridge

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## Apprenticeships

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Searching for  
opportunities



## Careers library

✕ Careers favourited

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✕ Subjects favourited

Go to tool >

## Know-how library

✕ Guides favourited

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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
5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>UCAS 2023 'opens'</b> – submissions can now be made
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Conservatoires (Music)</b> – Deadline
16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Early Entry</b> – Oxbridge, Medics, Vets and Dentistry
20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Internal deadline for remaining applicants</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>UCAS closes</b>

**Waiting game begins!**

# UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS

## ▪ UCAT

- 21<sup>st</sup> Sept midday: Deadline to register for UCAT
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept: Last day for taking UCAT

## ▪ BMAT

- 29<sup>th</sup> September: Deadline to register for BMAT (Standard Entry Fee)
- 18<sup>th</sup> October: BMAT Test Date

## ▪ Oxbridge Exams

- 29<sup>th</sup> September: Deadline to register for the exams (Except LNAT – 15<sup>th</sup> September  
<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests>)
- The test dates for 2023 are:
  - 18<sup>th</sup> October                      TSA, BMAT, NSAA, TMUA, ENGAA
  - 19<sup>th</sup> October                      CAT, Oxford ELAT, GAT and MAT
  - 20<sup>th</sup> October                      HAT, MLAT, PAT and Philosophy test

## ▪ LNAT Exam

- Oxbridge Applicants: Sit the LNAT before, or at the latest on, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- LSE Applicants: Sit the LNAT before or on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Sit the LNAT before or on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> June (approx.)



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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**

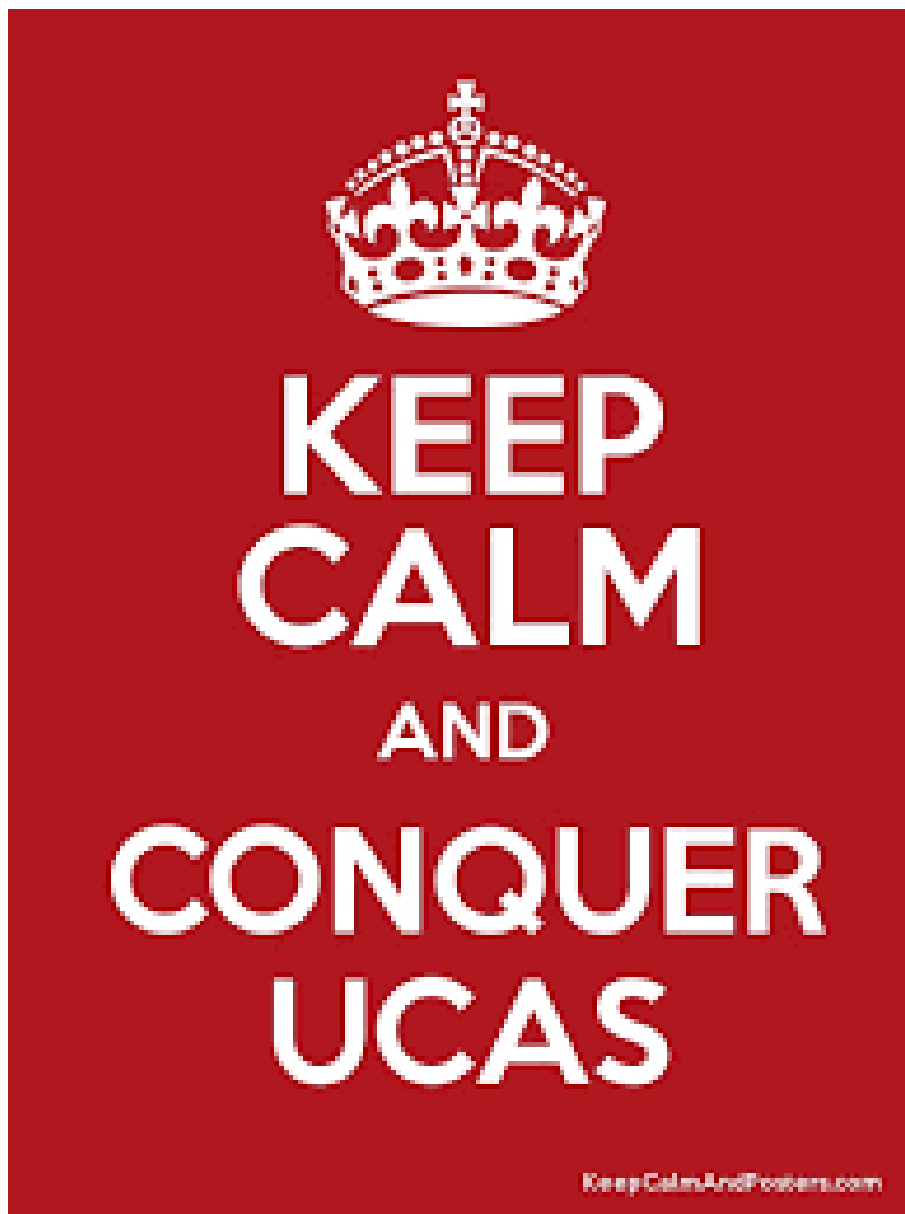
Once your child or partner has applied for student finance, you'll get an email with a link to provide your details. You can [contact us](#) if you'd prefer to give your details using a paper form.

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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# OTHER ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

<https://vimeo.com/careerswales/alternatives-to-he-cardiff-high?share=copy>