

# How to choose and apply to the right University and course

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# Terminology

- UCAS
- Undergraduate/  
Foundation
- Integrated Masters
- Sandwich
- ERASMUS
- Russell Group
- Research intensive
- Post – 92/ New
- Newer
- FE Colleges
- Private

# The UCAS form

- Conservatoires – 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary – 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Majority of undergraduate courses – 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Some Art and Design- 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Results Day – 15<sup>th</sup> August

# The UCAS form

- Personal details
- Choices
- Qualifications
- Personal Statement
- Reference

# Choices

- 5 options
- Course
  - BA/BSc/Bmus/Beng/Msc/MEng
  - Accreditation
- Location/ Size/ Cohort

# Grades/Tariff Points

A level	BTEC	POINTS
A*	D*	56
A	D	48
B		40
C	M	32
D		24
E	P	16

# Choosing courses and HEIs

- Deferred entry
- Modern culture
- Media Studies
- Comfortable subjects
- Uncertainty of choices

# Vocational courses

- **Computer Forensics and Security**
- Broadcast Engineering
- Business Management and Enterprise
- Events Management
- Interior Design
- International Tourism Management
- **Public Relations**
- Social Work
- Speech and Language Therapy
- **Retail Management**
- Sports Coaching
- Film-making



# Personal Statement

- Why do you want to do this course?
- How have you selected these courses?
- What do you hope to gain from this course?
- Do you have career aspirations?
- Do you have the relevant experience?
- What are your interests?
- What makes you interesting?

# The university response

- Unconditional
- Conditional
  - Invitation for Interview/ Audition
- Unsuccessful

# The applicant response

- Firm
- Insurance
- Decline

# The Mantelpiece Factor

- X factor vs Meh factor
- Teenage 'tropes'
- Do attend open days
- Spend time with support services
- Explore accommodation options from Year 2 onwards.....
- Do **not** go on holiday on Post-16 results day
- Manage drop out 'hot spots'
- Work on life skills and budgeting
- The Study Skills Handbook – Dr Stella Cottrell  
(Palgrave Study Skills)

# GOOD LUCK

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