



# ADVISER NEWSLETTER



## Tips for supporting your students in May

- **Applicants who receive all decisions by 14 May must reply by 5 June**, or their application will be declined by default (unless they're in Extra). In the Adviser Portal, use 'Has accepted offer(s)' to see who's accepted, and 'Waiting for applicant's reply' to see those who haven't – including their reply by date.
- **Adviser Live: Supporting students on results day** – Join us at 12:30 on 4 June for expert insights, practical strategies, and live Q&A to help you guide students through results day. [Register now](#)
- **The Adviser Portal is now open for the 2026 cycle**. Make sure multiple staff members are set up so your team is ready to manage applications from day one.
- Remember to **check your payment set-up in the Adviser Portal** – we've added a new option to support the Free School Meals application fee waiver . [Read the guide](#).
- **Students can start their applications on the Hub from 13 May**. [Get them ready with our personal statement classroom resources](#).

**Alert: The Adviser Portal will not be accessible on 27, 28 and 29 June for maintenance.**



## UCAS applicant week - 19-23 May

Get your students to join us on socials for a week of inspiration, advice, and resources to support them on their application journey.

Everything from student stories, to personal statement support, and the chance to get their questions answered, on our TikTok Live at 16:00 (UK time) on Thursday, 22 May.

[Sign up](#)



#### **Your free resource pack is on its way**

Watch out for your printed UCAS mailing pack arriving this month – it's full of essential resources to support your students' career planning and help them make confident, informed choices about their next steps.



#### **Autumn Discovery events - now open for booking**

Our Autumn Discovery events are now open for booking. A great opportunity for your students – especially those in earlier year groups – to start exploring their future study options. These events are open to all, not just students looking at a university pathway, so feel free to share them widely.

[Book your place](#)



#### **UCAS Tariff points for apprenticeships: new for 2026**

From May, Level 3/SCQF Level 6 apprenticeships will be included in the UCAS Tariff Tables – with points appearing in the Tariff Calculator from September 2025. These [Tariff points](#) will apply to higher education entry from September 2026 onwards.

[Find out more](#)



### **Education section update: T Levels**

New for the 2026 cycle, students will be able to select T Levels from a pre-filled list, choose their core and specialism from dropdowns, and add their placement provider - making the process quicker and clearer.



### **Grading toolkit from Ofqual**

Ofqual has released a new grading toolkit for schools and colleges, including videos and guides to explain how GCSEs and A levels are graded.

[View the toolkit](#)



### **Careers best practice**

New blog post: How to elevate your options and HE days in school or college.

[Read the blog](#)