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UCAS CONFERENCE 2025

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「NEXT CHAPTER」

CONFERENCE GUIDE

**MONDAY 19TH AND  
TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025**

De Vere Beaumont Estate  
Burfield Road, Old Windsor,  
Berkshire SL5 2JJ

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FOR JOINING US AT THE

# UCAS CONFERENCE 2025

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IT INSIGHTFUL  
AND ENJOYABLE

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# [AGENDA DAY 1]

<b>09.00 - 10.00</b>	Registration & Exhibition	<b>HANOVER LOUNGE</b>
<b>10.00 - 10.10</b>	Welcome to UCAS Conference	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>10.10 - 10.20</b>	Introduction from Dr Jo Saxton CBE	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>10.20 - 11.00</b>	Reflections on a decade as a Vice-Chancellor	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>11.00 - 11.20</b>	Morning Refreshments & Exhibition	<b>HANOVER LOUNGE &amp; BEAUMONT SUITE</b>
<b>11.25 - 12.10 BREAKOUT SESSION 1</b>	Please release me: preparing for CF Decline My Place	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
	The new student finance system: What do we know so far about the LLE and what is coming next?	<b>WINDSOR 1</b>
	Lessons in Leadership, uniting teams to create an applicant centered service	<b>WINDSOR 2</b>
	The future of Information, Advice and Guidance	<b>WINDSOR 3</b>
	Shaping Contextualised Admissions Services	<b>WINDSOR 4</b>
<b>12.20 - 13.05 BREAKOUT SESSION 2</b>	Shaping the Future of the Fee Status (assessment) Process	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
	On the Ground: Listening, Learning, Linking	<b>WINDSOR 1</b>
	Behind the Scenes of Confirmation & Clearing: Effective student Support Strategies	<b>WINDSOR 2</b>
	'Actual Results May Vary' – shaping the future of the UCAS results service	<b>WINDSOR 3</b>
	Update on Qualifications for HE Admissions: Issues and Options	<b>WINDSOR 4</b>
<b>13.10 - 14.10</b>	Lunch Break & Exhibition	<b>BEAUMONT RESTAURANT</b>
<b>14.15 - 14.50</b>	Admissions in focus	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>15.00 - 15.45 BREAKOUT SESSION 3</b>	Provider Forum - South	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
	Provider Forum - Scotland	<b>WINDSOR 1</b>
	Provider Forum - North	<b>WINDSOR 2</b>
	Provider Forum - Midlands	<b>WINDSOR 3</b>
	Provider Forum - Nations	<b>WINDSOR 4</b>
<b>15.45 - 16.00</b>	Afternoon Refreshments & Exhibition	<b>HANOVER LOUNGE &amp; BEAUMONT SUITE</b>
<b>16.05 - 16.35</b>	In Conversation with Vivienne Stern MBE and Dr Jo Saxton CBE	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>16.35 - 17.15</b>	The Next Normal - Are You Ready to Futureproof Your Organisation?	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>17.15</b>	Closing address	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>17.40</b>	Optional walk or run	<b>RECEPTION</b>
<b>18.30</b>	Drinks reception	<b>HANOVER LOUNGE</b>
<b>19.00</b>	Gala Dinner and Entertainment	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>

# AGENDA **DAY 2**

<b>8.30 - 9.00</b>	Registration & Exhibition	<b>HANOVER LOUNGE</b>
<b>9.00 - 9.10</b>	Day 2 welcome	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>9.10 - 9.40</b>	Future of UCAS Data	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>9.40 - 10.20</b>	Confirmation and Clearing - the next chapter	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>10.20 - 10.40</b>	Morning Refreshments & Exhibition	<b>HANOVER LOUNGE</b>
<b>10.45 - 11.30 BREAKOUT SESSION 4</b>	10 Trends Shaping the Future of Student Recruitment, Admissions & Engagement – Exploring What's Possible	<b>HANOVER LOUNGE</b>
	PTE Academic the Future; Future Developments in Assessment for entry to Higher Education	<b>WINDSOR 1</b>
	Clearing the Air: tackling tricky topics during Confirmation and Clearing	<b>WINDSOR 2</b>
	Beyond the Crystal Ball: Decoding the Science and Art of Grade Predictions	<b>WINDSOR 3</b>
	Optimising your Course Listings	<b>WINDSOR 4</b>
<b>11.40 - 12.20</b>	Who's Coming Through? The School Journey of the Next Generation	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>12.25 - 13.25</b>	Lunch Break & Exhibition	<b>BEAUMONT RESTAURANT</b>
<b>13.30 - 13.25 BREAKOUT SESSION 5</b>	Get ready for Document Management	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
	Confidence Matters, Improving Enrolment Predictability	<b>WINDSOR 2</b>
	Delivering contextual admissions and post-application support to underrepresented groups	<b>WINDSOR 3</b>
	Driving Change: Access and Participation Plans in Recruitment and Marketing	<b>WINDSOR 4</b>
<b>14.25 - 15.10 BREAKOUT SESSION 6</b>	Confirmation and Clearing - shaping the next chapter	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
	Numbers, numbers numbers! Transforming Admissions Reporting- a case study from Imperial College London	<b>WINDSOR 2</b>
	Global Tides: The push and pull factors driving international student mobility	<b>WINDSOR 3</b>
	Scenario Planning for Admissions Operations in the face of a cyber security incident	<b>WINDSOR 4</b>
<b>15.15 - 15.30</b>	Afternoon Refreshments & Exhibition	<b>HANOVER LOUNGE</b>
<b>15.30 - 16.00</b>	The Big Data Presentation 2.0	<b>HANOVER SUITE</b>
<b>16.00</b>	Conference Wrap-Up & Key Takeaways	<b>DAY 2 CLOSE</b>

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- ▶ Visit **Slido.com** or scan the **QR code** opposite to get started and enter the passcode **UCASCONF25**. It takes less than a minute, and you don't need to sign up.
- ▶ Ask questions during the sessions, don't forget to give your name.
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Our team are on hand to answer your questions.

## CONFERENCE APP

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# EXHIBITION FLOORPLAN

Our exhibition is in the Hanover Lounge and Delegate Hub, they are open throughout the conference. Come along and meet UCAS Colleagues and other organisations who can support you in your role.

## DELEGATE HUB

A flexible space for delegates to collaborate, network, and recharge

### Zone Key

- Exhibitor
- Coffee Station










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| 1. UCAS                                      | 6. Qualification Wales |
| 2. Pearson                                   | 7. Qualification Check |
| 3. Cambridge University Press and Assessment | 8. Language Cert       |
| 4. IELTS                                     | 9. Shortlister         |
| 5. Password English Language Testing         |                        |

# FLOORPLAN



## Zone Key

-  Registration area
-  Main conference room & Gala dinner
-  Exhibition & Networking / UCAS Stand
-  Lunch room
-  After dinner drinks & entertainment
-  Breakout rooms  
Windsor 1, 2, 3 and 4  
(Located on ground floor)
-  Outdoor areas