

5 STEPS TO THE FINAL FIVE



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TODAY IS ALL ABOUT

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Understanding the University Perspective:

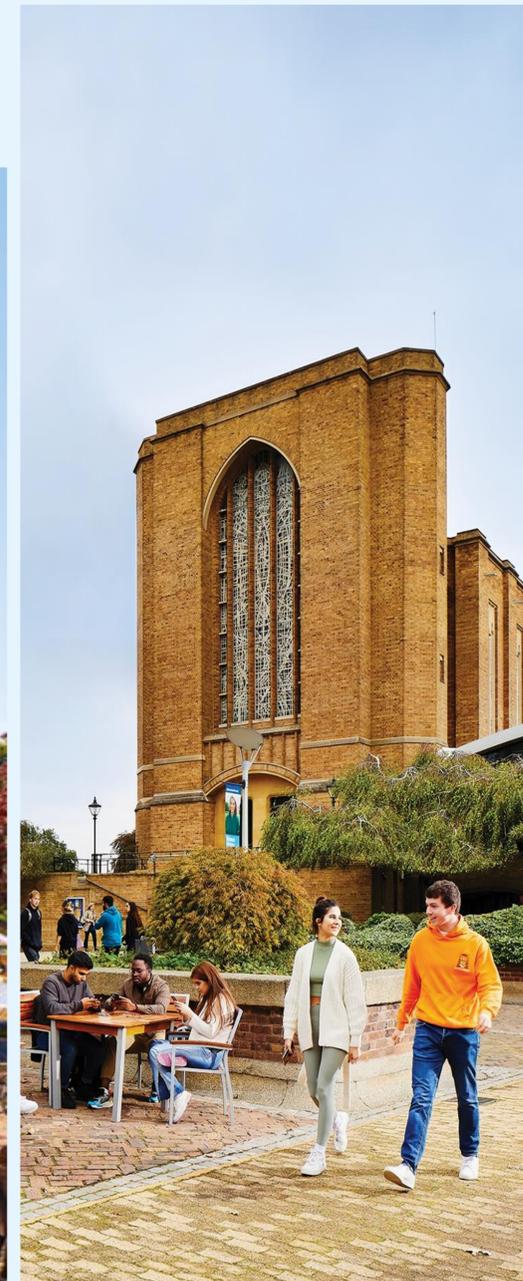
Explore key insights on how learners should address five critical areas before finalising their UCAS choices.

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Discovering UCAS Resources: Gain a clear overview of tools and resources available from UCAS to support learners in their decision making.

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Promoting Best Practices: Identify or encourage best practices from colleagues in the room



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What are their top twenty?



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Whilst students often focus on selecting five UCAS choices, it's important to remind them that there are over 160 universities across the UK.

Students should embrace this wide range of options by identifying what truly matters to them—whether it's conventional factors or **unique, outside-the-box considerations.**

Students may feel under pressure to pick the right university. Learners should be encouraged to identify their heart-over-head aspects first to help narrow down their options.



Adviser portal

For registered centres supporting UG applications

Student Hub activity

View your students' preparatory activity in the Hub

[Go to student Hub activity](#)

Application management

View details of your students' progress, application details, and references

[Go to 2024 applicant list](#)

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Tracking offers & decisions

View details of your students' offers and decisions

[Go to 2024 tracking offers & decisions](#)

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Outreach Connection Service

Search, find and filter for outreach opportunities

[Go to Outreach Connection Service](#)

Centre management

Here you can view and manage details about your centre(s) including buzzword and groups

[Go to 2024 centre management](#)

[Go to 2025 centre management](#)

Data & reporting

This tool will show you the A level, BTEC and SQA Higher grades students held when they were accepted on to undergraduate courses.

[Go to historic entry grades](#)

Your paid for data and reports.

[View reports](#)

Staff management

Here you can view and manage staff and permissions at your centre(s)

[Go to staff management](#)



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Student Hub activity

UCAS Training School

UCAS centre number: 19048

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BUILD YOUR OPTIONS. FAVOURITE AS YOU GO.

Favourites

Shortlist Courses Uni & colleges Locations Subjects Pages

Manage favourites >



Agricultural Business Management with Foundation

University of Reading
10/2025 • 4 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time
Tariff points: N/A



Animal Science (Zoo and Wildlife Conservation)

Anglia Ruskin University
15/09/2025 • 3 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time
Tariff points: 96/96



Animal Bioscience and Management

University Centre Askham Bryan
08/09/2025 • 3 Years • BSc (Hons) • Full-time
Tariff points: 84/84



Animal Behaviour with Foundation Year

Liverpool John Moores University



**What would be on
your own personal
checklist?**



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**Try
before
you
apply**



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Most students will decide on their subject of interest before choosing a university, making it crucial that they explore where they'll thrive academically and personally

DISCOVER EVENTS

YOUR EVENTS

Search events

LATEST

Campus Visits

4 Oct 2023, 10:00 | Yorkshire

RWCMD Scenic Arts & Scenic Construction tour of our Llanishen Workshop | OPEN INVITATION

4 Jan 2024, 11:00 | Llanishen

Campus tours

6 Mar 2024, 12:00 | London

McTimoney College of Chiropractic - Chiropractic for Animals Open Day Event

11 Apr 2024, 10:00 | Oxfordshire

Extra support

UCAS has produced [Mission Cards](#) that you can pick up at Discovery events, or download here, to help you prepare for an event. You'll get inspiration for relevant questions that can get you the information you need to narrow down your choices and make more informed decisions.

[Download Mission Cards](#)

[Download Mission Cards - for student with individual needs](#)



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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AtkinsRéalis Virtual Work Experience programme

Engineering

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available

Available 11/11/2024 -

Start now

- Accounting, banking & finance (9)
- Agricultural & environmental (1)
- Business, administration & consulting (3)
- Construction & trades (2)
- Digital, it and computing (2)
- Energy & utilities (6)
- Engineering (7)
- Government & politics (1)
- Healthcare & medicine (12)
- Hospitality, catering & events (2)
- Law & legal services (1)
- Property & surveying (1)
- Publishing & journalism (1)
- Retail (1)
- Science & research (4)

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mydentist Virtual Work Experience with

Healthcare & Medicine

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at mydentist

Available 11/11/2024 - 30/06/2025

Start now



HR Career Insights: Virtual Work Experience with CIPD and Springpod

Business, Administration & Consulting

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development

Available 13/11/2023 - 31/10/2025

Start now



Skills for Success: Forvis Mazars Virtual Work Experience

Accounting, Banking & Finance

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Forvis Mazars

Available 28/10/2024 - 15/06/2025

Start now



Allied Health: Virtual Work Experience with Health Education England

Healthcare & Medicine

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Health Education England

Available 16/09/2024 - 25/03/2025

Start now



Severn Trent Sustainability: Water Industry Virtual Work Experience

Energy & Utilities

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Severn Trent

Available 09/09/2024 - 29/04/2025

Start now



Engineering a Sustainable World - Virtual Work Experience with IChemE

Engineering

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at Institution of Chemical Engineers

Available 30/09/2024 - 30/04/2026

Start now



Legal Realities Unveiled: Virtual Law Careers with TLT and Springpod

Law & Legal Services

This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at TLT LLP

Available 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2025

Start now

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHTS

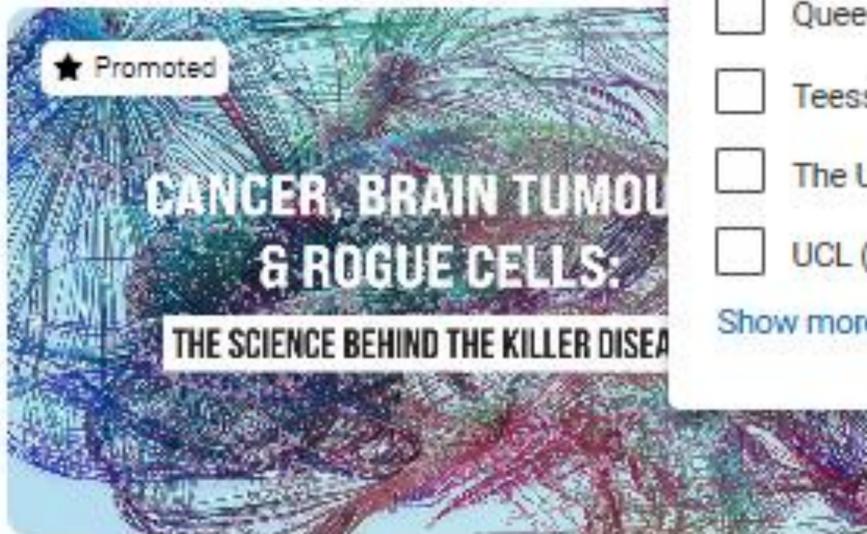
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Subject

University or College



Teaching: A Profession And A Passion
with Damien Maguire from Liverpool Hope University



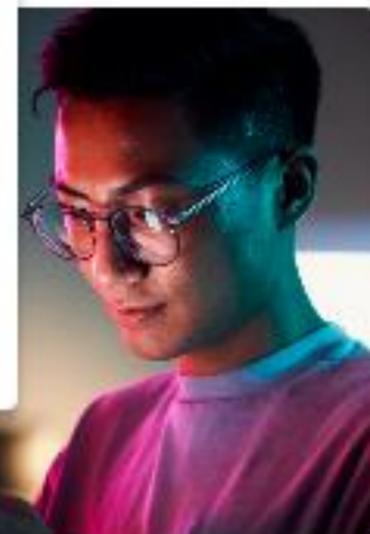
Cancer, Brain Tumours & Rogue Cells: The Science Behind The Killer Disease
with Dr Shafiq Ahmed from University of Sunderland

- Anglia Ruskin University (20)
- Canterbury Christ Church University (4)
- City St George's, University of London (3)
- Coventry University (4)
- Coventry University London (2)
- Durham University (1)
- Leeds Arts University (3)
- Leeds Beckett University (4)
- Liverpool Hope University (3)
- Manchester Metropolitan University (3)
- Middlesex University London (1)
- Queen's University Belfast (1)
- Teesside University (5)
- The University of Law (8)
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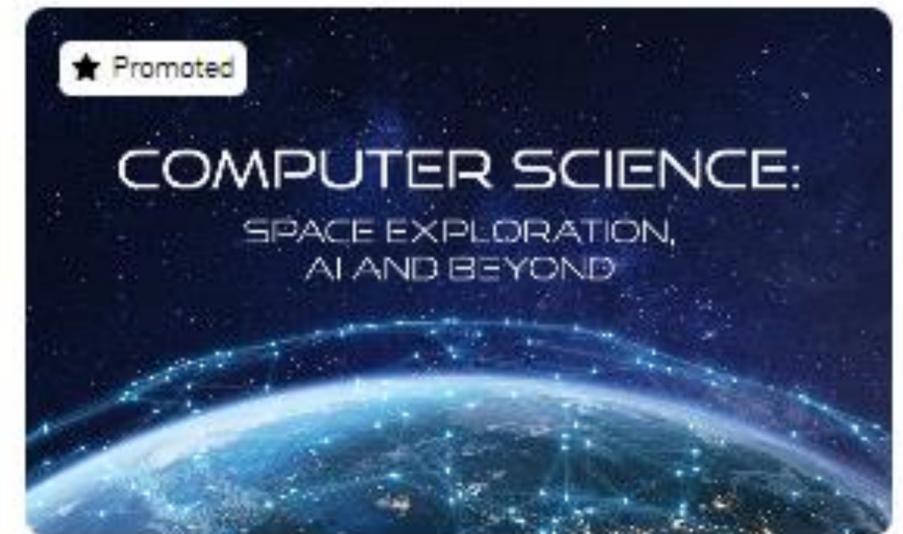
Understanding
with Dr. [Name] from [University]



Computer Science: Is Generative AI The Problem Or The Solution?
with Dr Aminu Usman from the University of Sunderland



And Breathe: The Respiratory System Explained
with Charlotte Anderson from the University of Sunderland



Computer Science: Space Exploration And Beyond
with Dr Paul Sant from The University of Law

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| Open Days | Masterclass Days | Subject Tasters |
| Virtual Open Days | UCAS Discovery Exhibitions | Campus and accommodation tours |
| Online Campus Tours | Summer Schools | Explore the local area |

St Mary's is hosting their first UCAS Discovery Event on the 14th October 2025!

Visiting university handbook for your learners



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Try before you apply



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- Organise interactive sessions where students can share valuable insights from their recent Open Day visits
- Admissions teams and central services are accessible at Open Events. Encourage students to explore the application process and ask about non-standard qualifications, contextual offers, and more.
- Universities are continually developing new courses to meet evolving demands and interests
- Provide students with practical guidance on understanding and effectively using the various university league tables available, so they understand the statistics being presented to them at events

Discussion point

“
What advice would you give to colleagues who have faced challenges in encouraging students to visit universities or sign up to class trips to university events?
”

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Connect with current students



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Current students will give your learners the most authentic advice and opinions

Using their personal checklist, they should frame their questions around what they most want from their university experience

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Connect with current students

Student-led opportunities that we've found most effective



“Speed networking” events

Student Ambassadors returning to previous sixth forms or colleges

Q&A panels at Parents’ Evenings

Requesting that university students deliver the sessions you request from the Student Recruitment and Widening Participation teams you work with

PEER TO PEER SUPPORT

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University or College

Subject

Country of origin

Search for filters

- Abertay University (10)
- Bangor University (7)
- Bournemouth University (37)
- Brunel University of London (45)
- Buckinghamshire New University (8)
- City, University of London (26)
- Coventry University (38)
- Durham University (7)
- Lancaster University (75)
- Leeds Beckett University (1)
- Leeds Trinity University (22)
- Liverpool John Moores University (15)
- Northeastern University London (7)
- Rose Bruford College (6)
- Southampton Solent University (21)

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Hi, I'm Aaliya
Games Art st



Chat



Hi I'm Abbie
education stu



Chat with Abbie



Aayan

City, University of London
Actuarial Science BSc (Hons)

and my Foundation year from
to City, University of London...



Chat with Aayan



Abby

Swansea University
Sport and Exercise Science, BSc
(Hons)

am a keen swimmer and am part
of the University Swim team and...



Chat with Abby



Abbey

Leeds Trinity University
Criminology with Police Studies
BA Combined (Hons)

I am looking at going into the
police after university and doing...



Chat with Abbey



abdeldjouad

University of Westminster
Finance and Business
Management BA Honours

Hi everyone! my name is
Abdeldjouad, I'm an international...



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A levels

Change qualification

Clear selection

- Biology
- Business studies
- Chemistry
- Creative arts and design
- Design and technology
- Economics and business studies
- Economics
- English
- French
- Further mathematics
- General studies and critical thinking
- Geography
- German
- History
- IT (Information technology)
- Other languages
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media studies and journalism
- Music
- Physical education
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious studies and philosophy
- Science
- Physics
- Social sciences
- Technology
- Spanish

BETA

WHAT PEOPLE LIKE YOU APPLIED FOR

Select a subject to find out more

Art and design 22.88%

Business, management, and administrative studies 10.40%

Publishing, media, and information management 12.02%

Marketing 11.02%

Architecture, building, and planning 5.3%

Engineering and technology 4.87%

Hospitality, leisure, and tourism 2.75%

Creative arts 2.54%

Media studies 2.33%

Agriculture and related sciences 2.12%

Nursing 1.01%

Teaching 1.60%

English 1.48%

Education 1.48%

Medicine and allied subjects 1.27%

Law 1.27%

Psychology 1.27%

Social work 1.27%

Journalism 1.06%

Social studies 1.06%

Media studies 2.33%

Agriculture and related sciences subject guide



Add Agriculture and related sciences to favourites



Explore Agriculture and related sciences courses



Cancel

WHAT TO STUDY NEXT?

Art and design 31.95%

Business, management, and administrative studies 27.22%

Publishing, media, and information management 18.05%

Marketing 15.38%

Architecture, building, and planning 7.4%

CHANGE SUBJECTS

Medicine and allied subjects 1.27%

2.12%

Education 1.48%

Discussion point

“
How do you connect your own alumni or university students with your learners?”

What challenges have you faced? How did you overcome these?”

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Explore careers and outcomes



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Students don't need to know what career they want after university

However, they should explore what support is available at different institutions before they narrow down their top 5

Employability statistics: what do they really mean?

Does the university offer career support for life?

Are there work placement opportunities on a wide range of courses?

Navigating different course accreditations

Your top matches

[Retake the quiz](#)



Human Resource Managers and Directors

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



Head Teachers and Principals

PUBLIC SERVICES



Barristers and Judges

PUBLIC SERVICES



Housing Officers

HEALTH, SOCIAL AND CHILD CARE SERVICES



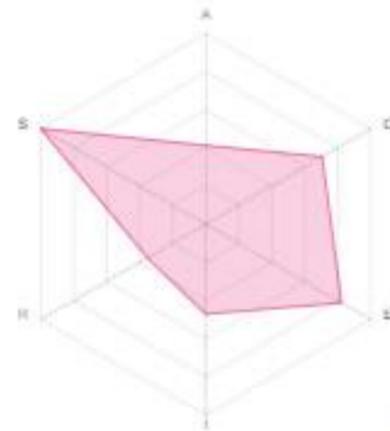
Your top pathway



Your personality traits

We've broken your personality down into 6 different traits. Find out what they all are and how they relate to your career matches.

[View your traits](#)



What should I study next?

WHAT TO STUDY NEXT?

[Get Started](#)

[View more job matches](#)

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGERS AND DIRECTORS

Human resource managers and directors plan, organise and direct the personnel, training and industrial relations policies of organisations, advise on resource allocation and utilisation problems, measure the effectiveness of an organisation's systems, methods and procedures and advise on, plan and implement procedures to improve utilisation of labour, equipment and materials.

Wages



New workers start around £24,107. Normal pay is £44,206 per year.
Highly experienced workers can earn up to £95,706.

Available jobs

In the past year there were **186,888** vacancies for this type of job

1.70% ↗

Projected job growth over the next 8 years

Related courses

People work towards these careers by taking these courses at college and uni.

[View courses](#)

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**Assess the
affordability of
their choice**



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**What essential, and individual, expenses
might students have overlooked?**

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Assess the
affordability of
their choice

Students should calculate their estimated maintenance loan **before** they pick their top 5 choices



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Is there anything on their personal checklist that could come at an unexpected cost?

What is the cost of joining a club or society? Are there bursaries available?

Can they afford to commute to the university?

Does their funding cover additional requirements they may have, if not supported by the DSA?

Can they afford to park at the university, if they must drive?

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**Assess the
affordability of
their choice**



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Only 25% of students receive funding in the form of grants, bursaries and scholarships.

You can receive grants for being a vegetarian or even having the surname 'Graham', but much of this money goes untouched.

Discussion point

“
Are there any cost or finance related questions that have arisen from your learners that colleagues may not have considered?
”

Review

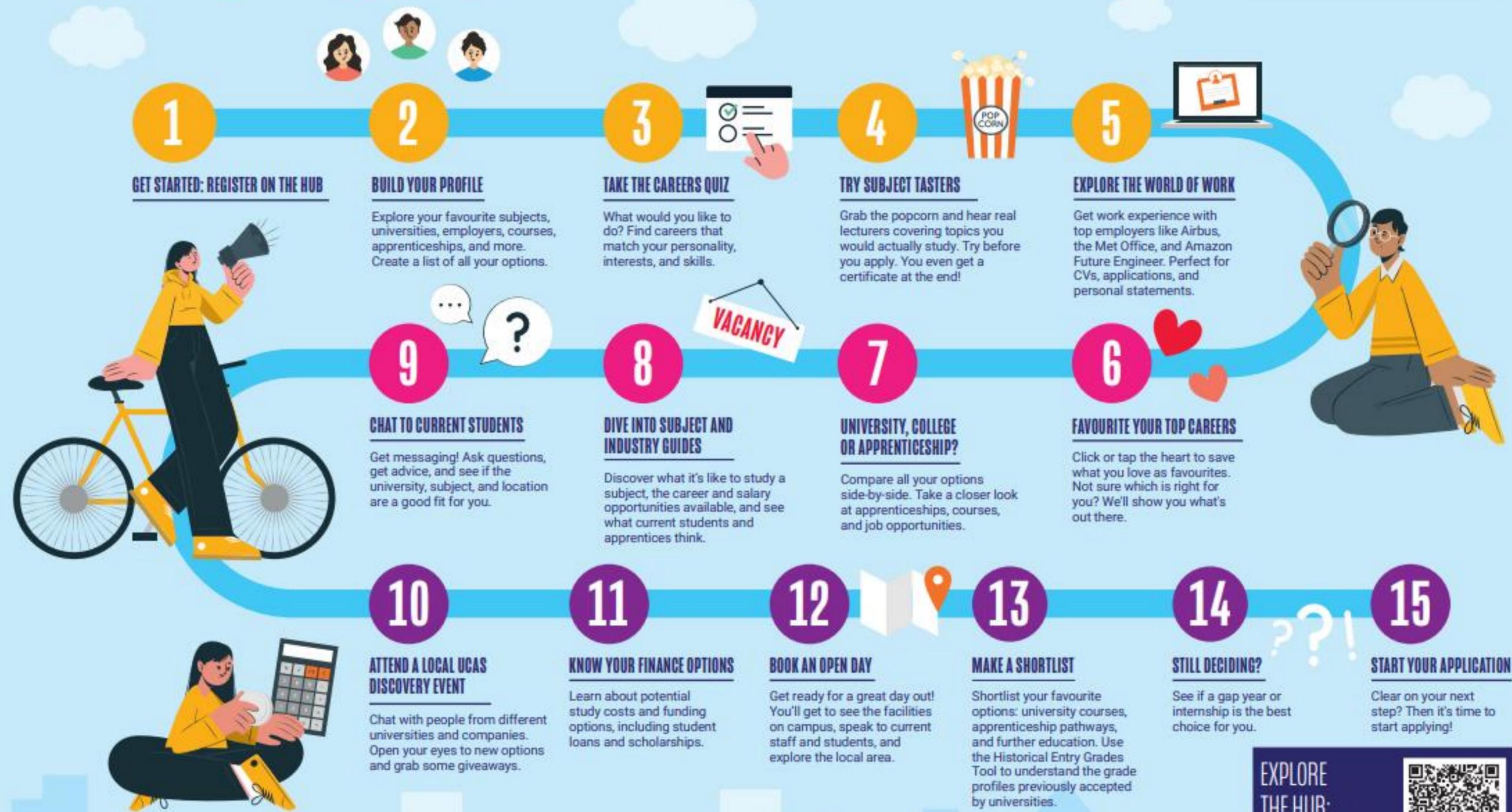
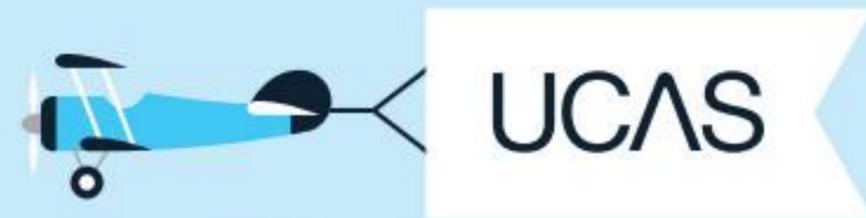


3 Things on your checklist



2 Things you're taking away from this session

YOUR HUB JOURNEY



EXPLORE THE HUB:
[UCAS.COM/HUB](https://ucas.com/hub)

WHO'S READ?

WHERE NEXT?

WHAT INFLUENCES
THE CHOICES SCHOOL
LEAVERS MAKE?



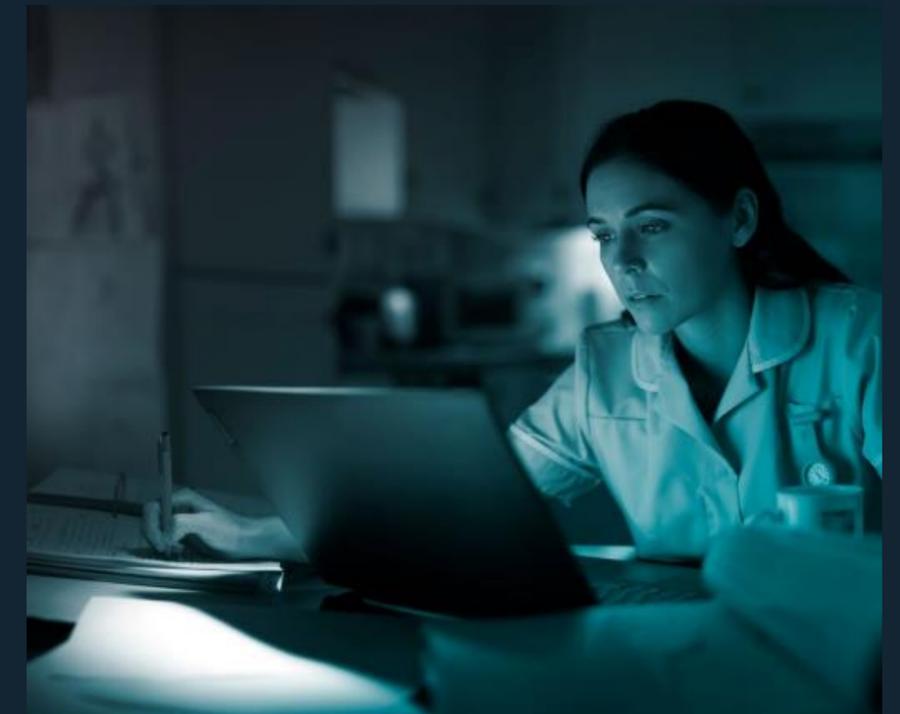
PROJECT NEXT GENERATION

SIX THEMES THAT INFLUENCE STUDENT CHOICE

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WHERE NEXT?

WHO APPLIES TO LEVEL 4 AND 5 QUALIFICATIONS?



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UCAS reports that shine a light on pertinent issues in education and skills

YOUR KEY LINKS

[UCAS Hub guide for Advisers](#)

Useful links mentioned:

- [UCAS Virtual Tour A – Z](#)
- [UCAS Discovery Events 2025](#)
- [Unibuddy via UCAS Hub](#)
- [UCAS Hub live recordings](#)
- [Springpod via UCAS Hub](#)
- [UCAS Careers Quiz](#)

UCAS insight reports:

- [Where next? What influences the choice school leavers make \(2021\)](#)
- [Project Next Generation: Six themes that influence student choice \(2023\)](#)
- [Where next? Who applies for Level 4 and 5 qualifications? \(2024\)](#)

Meeting the Gatsby Benchmarks and CDI Framework

Wondering how the UCAS Hub can support you in implementing the Gatsby Benchmarks and CDI Framework?

Our free download explains how the Hub and a variety of UCAS tools can help.

[Download your free guide to the Hub](#)



Hub lesson plans

Each student can use the Hub to explore their own personal page, profile, and attributes and create a dashboard with their tailored requirements.

Use our free lesson plans to discover how to explore the Hub in the classroom.

[Lesson plans](#)

Useful resources for the classroom

You may have received our latest mailing out to schools which included lots of handy resources which you can also download here.

- [UCAS Big Map \(269.3 KB\)](#)
- [Student journey poster \(151.01 KB\)](#)
- [Personal statement poster \(165.46 KB\)](#)
- [Springpod poster \(167.45 KB\)](#)
- [Historical entry grades tool poster \(113.4 KB\)](#)
- [UCAS apprenticeships \(1.11 MB\)](#)

[Sign up for Adviser Updates](#) to receive future resources straight to your inbox.



Subject tasters and virtual work experience

UCAS is collaborating with Springpod to offer students free access to their Subject Spotlights and Virtual Work Experiences. From university course tasters to work experience, Springpod's programmes enable young people to explore, understand and learn about university and the world of work before they apply.

[Find out more](#)

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