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rhwng Pwyntiau Tariff a Chodau UCAS?
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Gall Rhieni'n Rhannu eich helpu.



Mae Rhieni'n Rhannu yn rhoi gwybodaeth i chi ar sut i oroesi'r broses ymgeisio i brifysgol. Mae gennym gyngor ar sut i gael y mwyaf allan o Ddiwrnodau Agored a chyfarwyddyd ar sut i fantoli costau prifysgol. Mae gennym hefyd gyfweliadau gyda rhieni a chanllaw ar y jargon a ddefnyddir i wneud yn siŵr eich bod yn deall yr holl derminoleg.

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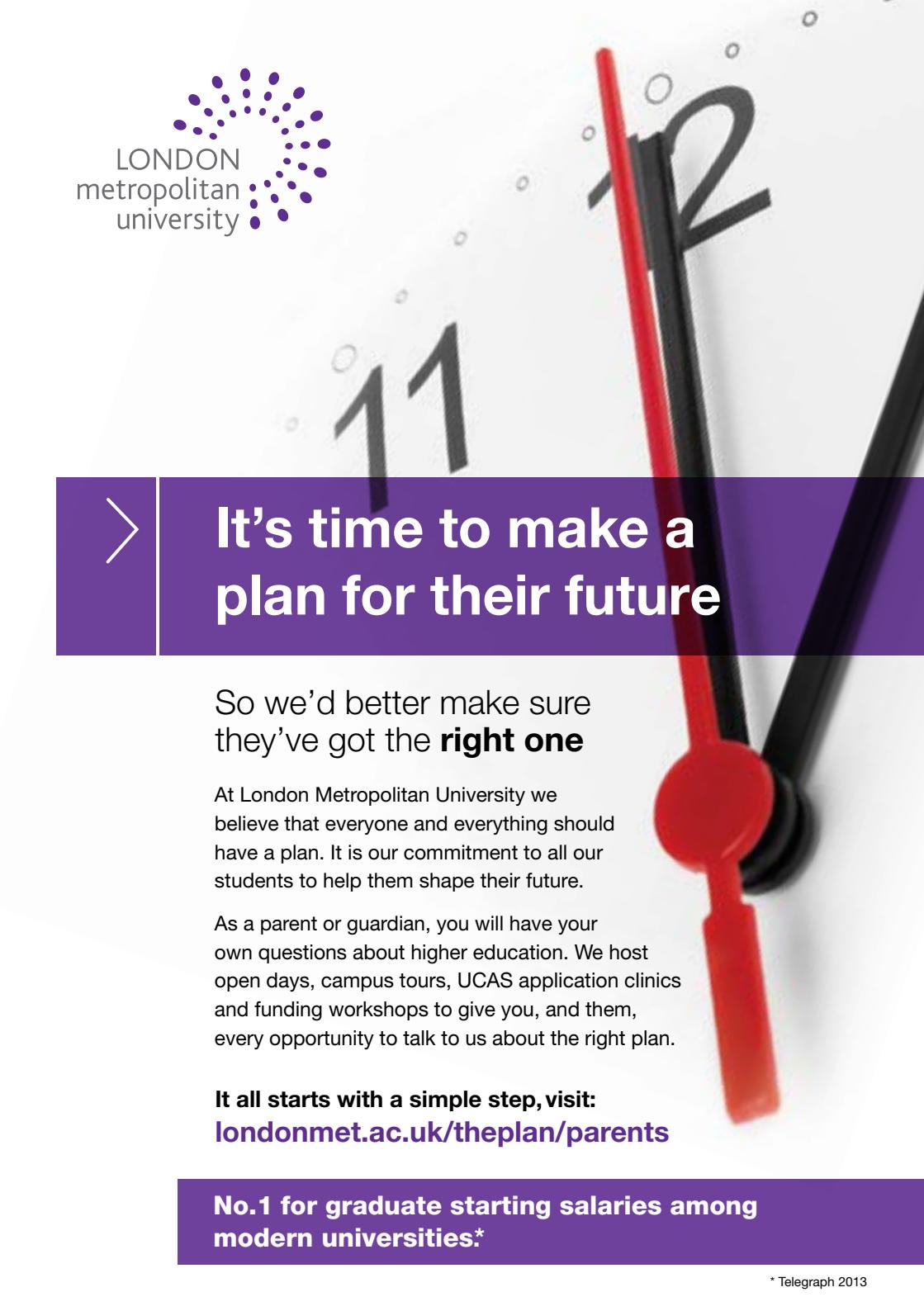
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Mae Canllaw Rhiant UCAS yn arbennig ar eich cyfer chi – rhiant, gofalwr neu nain nain neu daid, mam-gu neu dad-cu ymgeisydd am addysg uwch.



Mae addysg yn fwy nag arian, yn fwy na swydd. Mae'n golygu datblygu eich enaid, troi eich hunan i'r person y gallwch chi fod, rydych chi eisiau bod."

Lois Ward ym Mhrifysgol Canol Swydd

Gaerhirfryn – Ymgeisydd Cystadleuaeth Ysgrifennu Traethawd UCAS / Times.

Cynnwys

Mae paratoi ar gyfer mynd i addysg uwch yn benderfyniad mawr i'ch mab neu'ch merch. Beth yw'r pwnc iawn iddyn nhw, i ble y dylan nhw ymgeisio, beth yw'r ffordd orau o reoli eu harian?

Fe gewch wybodaeth yn y canllaw hwn i'ch helpu drwy'r broses.

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Cychwyn arni



Pam addysg uwch?

Mae'r manteision yn enfawr!

- Ar wahân i bosiblwydd o ennill rhagor o gyflog a gwell rhagolygon gyrfa, mae addysg uwch yn helpu'r genhedlaeth nesaf i ddysgu pethau newydd, cymryd cyfrifoldeb am eu dyfodol a chyrraedd ble maen nhw eisiau bod mewn bywyd.
- Mae addysg prifysgol yn datblygu sgiliau dysgu'n annibynnol, cyfathrebu, deallusrwydd, ymchwil a TG – sy'n bwysicach nag erioed erbyn hyn.
- Mae addysg uwch yn ehangu diddordebau a gwybodaeth, yn meithrin annibynnaeth, hunan hyder a chyfrifoldeb.
- Mae cymdeithas hefyd ar ei mantais o gael gweithlu wedi'i addysgu'n dda ac mae cyflogwyr yn gwerthfawrogi graddedigion. Mae'n rhaid cael gradd berthnasol ar gyfer rhai gyrfaoedd, megis meddygaeth neu ddysgu.

Sut le yw'r brifysgol?

Mae cyrsiau israddedigion addysg uwch yn dair neu bedair blynedd o hyd fel arfer ac yn cael eu galw'n gyrsiau baglor, israddedig neu radd gyntaf. Mae'r cyrsiau'n cael eu dysgu dryw gyfuniad o ddar lithoedd a seminarau, ac yn cael eu ffurio o wahanol fodiolau fel arfer. Gall myfyrwyr yn aml ddewis rhai o'u modiwlau ac felly astudio'r hyn sydd o fwyaf o ddiddordeb iddyn nhw.

Yn ogystal â chwrs academig, mae prifysgol yn cynnig cyfleoedd eraill i bobl ifanc:

- dysgu a chymdeithasu gydag amrywiaeth eang o bobl (gan gynnwys myfyrwyr o'r tu allan i wledydd Prydain a rhai'n astudio cyrsiau gwahanol iawn)
- teithio
- cymryd rhan mewn digwyddiadau diwylliannol
- cyfarfod â darpar gyflogwyr

Cyngor gyrfa

Gall eich mab neu'ch merch gael rhagor o wybodaeth ar lein gan arbenigwyr gyrfaoedd yngylch sut y gall addysg uwch helpu i adeiladu gyrfa. Mae gan bob gwlad yn y DU ei gwefan:

Lloegr: National Careers Service
nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Gogledd Iwerddon: Careers Service Northern Ireland (www.nidirect.gov.uk)

Yr Alban: Skills Development Scotland
www.myworldofwork.co.uk

Cymru: Gyrfa Cymru
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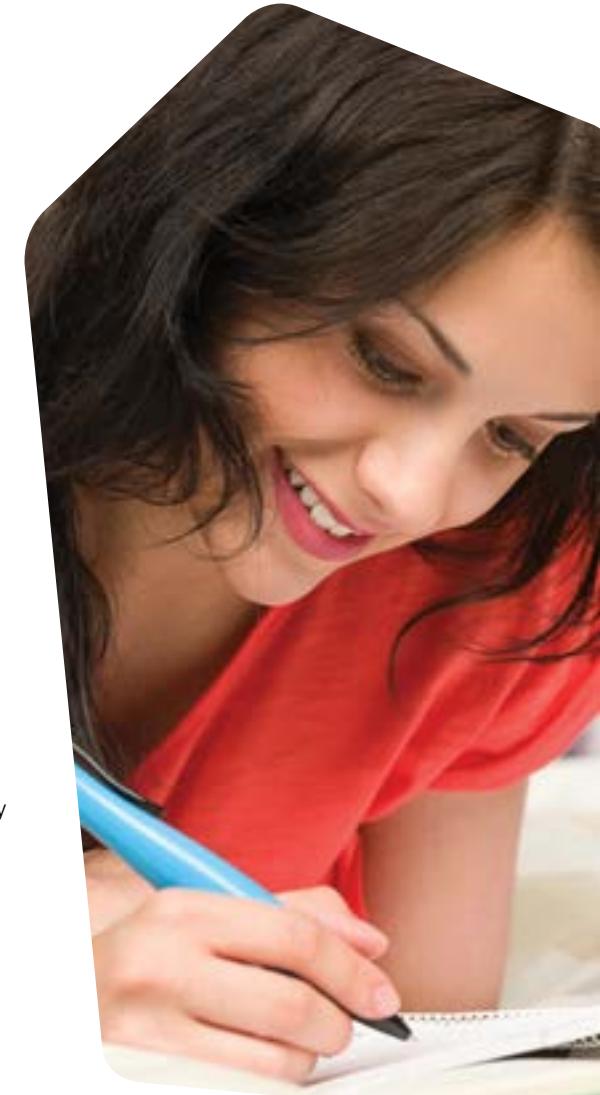
Beth yw UCAS?

Rydyn ni yma i'ch helpu

www.ucas.com yw'r lle i ddechrau chwilio am wybodaeth ynghylch ymgeisio i brifysgol neu goleg. Mae'r adran hon ar gyfer rhieni a gwarcheidwaid. Bydd www.ucas.com/parents yn eich helpu i ddeall taith ymgeisydd UCAS ac yn cefnogi eich plentyn drwy'r broses.

Beth ydym ni'n ei wneud

- Ar ôl gwneud yn siwr fod ceisiadau'n gyflawn, byddwn yn eu hanfon i brifysgolion a cholegau o ddewis yr ymgeisydd.
- Bydd y prifysgolion a'r colegau'n anfon eu penderfyniadau atom ni a byddwn ninnau'n rhoi gwybod i'r ymgeiswyr drwy ein gwasanaeth Track ar lein.
- Ni yw'r ffynhonell ganolog o wybodaeth ynghylch prifysgolion a cholegau.



Egluro termau UCAS

Mae yna grym dipyn o dermau penodol y mae UCAS a'r prifysgolion yn eu defnyddio yn y broses ymgeisio. Rydyn ni wedi egluro ychydig o'r rhai allweddol yma, ond gallwch ganfod rhagor o wybodaeth yn ein egluro termau UCAS www.ucas.com/ucas-terms-explained.

Cychwyn arni

Profion mynediad – ar gyfer rhai pynciau (er enghraift, meddygaeth neu'r gyfraith) efallai y bydd yn rhaid i ymgeiswyr eistedd prawf ychwanegol www.ucas.com/admissions-tests.

CUKAS – Conservatoires UK Admissions Service – system ymgeisio'r ar gyfer cyrsiau ymarferol celfyddydau perfformio, cerddoriaeth, dawns a drama www.cukas.ac.uk.

Tariff – ffordd o ddyrannu pwyntiau i gymharu'r cymwysterau ôl-16 sy'n cael eu defnyddio ar gyfer mynediad i addysg uwch www.ucas.com/ucas-tariff.

UCAS – mae UCAS yn golygu Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. Ni sy'n prosesu ceisiadau cyrsiau addysg uwch llawn amser yng ngwledydd Prydain.

Israddedig – Dyma lle mae addysg uwch yn dechrau. Dyma'r lefel gyntaf o astudio, er enghraift i ennill gradd neu HND.

Llenwi'r cais

Apply – enw system ymgeisio arlein UCAS.

Gohirio – os bydd ymgeisydd eisiau ymgeisio i astudio'r flwyddyn nesaf, mae'n rhaid cadarnhau y bydd y brifysgol neu'r coleg yn fodlon ystyried cais am ohirio mynediad.

Mynediad enwebedig – gall ymgeisydd enwebu rhywun arall i gymryd penderfyniadau ar ei ran a thrafod y cais gyda ni a'r prifysgolion a'r colegau y mae wedi ymgeisio i fynd iddyn nhw. Yn aml, rhiant, gofalwr neu nain neu daid, mam-gu neu dad-cu yw'r person hwnnw.

Adnabyddiaeth bersonol – adnabyddiaeth 10 digid unigryw y mae ymgeisydd yn ei gael wrth gofrestro yn Apply.

Datganiad personol – datganiad, heb fod yn fwy na 4000 o nodau, wedi'i ysgrifennu gan yr ymgeisydd fel rhan o'r cais i berswadio prifysgolion a cholegau i gynnig lle ar y cwrs.

Geirda – datganiad wedi'i ysgrifennu gan rywun sy'n adnabod yr ymgeisydd yn dda ac sy'n gallu rhoi asesiad gwybodus ac academiaidd o addasrwydd ymgeisydd ar gyfer cwrs.

Ar ôl anfon y cais at UCAS

Cynnig amodol – cynnig sy'n rhoi lle i ymgeisydd os yw'n bodlonni rhai gofynion, canlyniadau arholiadau fel arfer www.ucas.com/offers.

Extra – efallai y bydd ymgeiswyr sydd wedi defnyddio pob un o'r pum dewis, sydd wedi derbyn pob penderfyniad ac nad oes unrhyw gynnig ar ôl, yn dymuno defnyddio Extra i gael ychwanegu dewis arall www.ucas.com/extra.

Dewis pendant – cynnig sy'n cael ei dderbyn fel dewis cyntaf ymgeisydd www.ucas.com/replies.

Dewis yswiriant – cynnig sy'n cael ei dderbyn fel dewis wrth gefn ymgeisydd www.ucas.com/replies.

Gwahoddiad – gall ymgeisydd dderbyn gwahoddiad yn Track o brifysgol neu goleg am gyfweliad neu glyweliad neu i gyflwyno portffolio, traethawd neu ddarn arall o waith www.ucas.com/invitations.

Track – ein system arlein y bydd ymgeiswyr yn ei defnyddio i gadw llygad ar gynnydd eu cais, newid eu manylion a rheoli eu dewisiadau www.ucas.com/trackyourapplication.

Cynnig di-amod – cynnig o le heb unrhyw amod. Os bydd yr ymgeisydd yn derbyn, bydd lle ar gael cyn belled â bod unrhyw ofynion anacademaidd yn cael eu bodlonni, megis gwiriadau iechyd www.ucas.com/offers.

Ar ôl canlyniadau arholiadau

Adjustment – weithiau, bydd canlyniadau arholiadau yn well na'r disgwyl. Os bydd ymgeisydd wedi cyfarfod a mynd y tu hwnt i amodau eu cynnig cadarn amodol, efallai y bydd eisiau defnyddio Adjustment i ganfod cwrs amgen. www.ucas.com/adjustment.

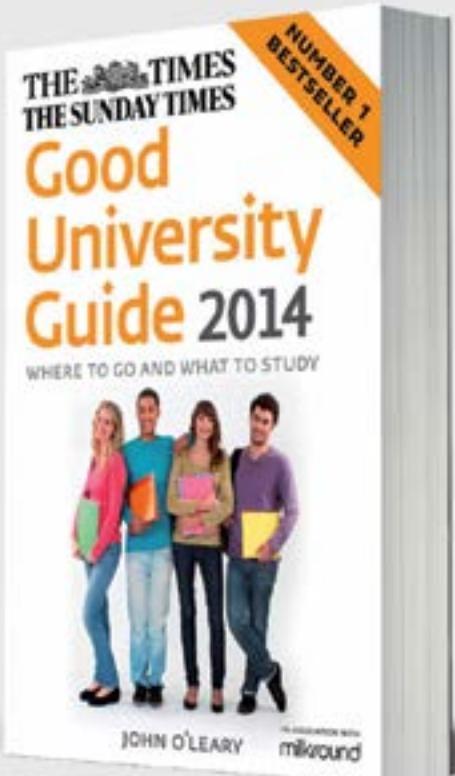
Clearing – bydd y broses Glirio'n rhedeg o ddechrau Gorffennaf i helpu myfyrwyr heb gael lle a'r rhai sy'n ymgeisio ar ôl 30 Mehefin i ganfod cyrsiau sy'n dal â lleoedd ar gael www.ucas.com/clearing.

Cadarnhad – canlyniad cynnig amodol sydd wedi'i dderbyn gan ymgeisydd. Os yw'r amodau'n cael eu bodlonni, daw'r lle'n ddiamond, os nad, efallai y bydd y cynnig yn afluwydianus.



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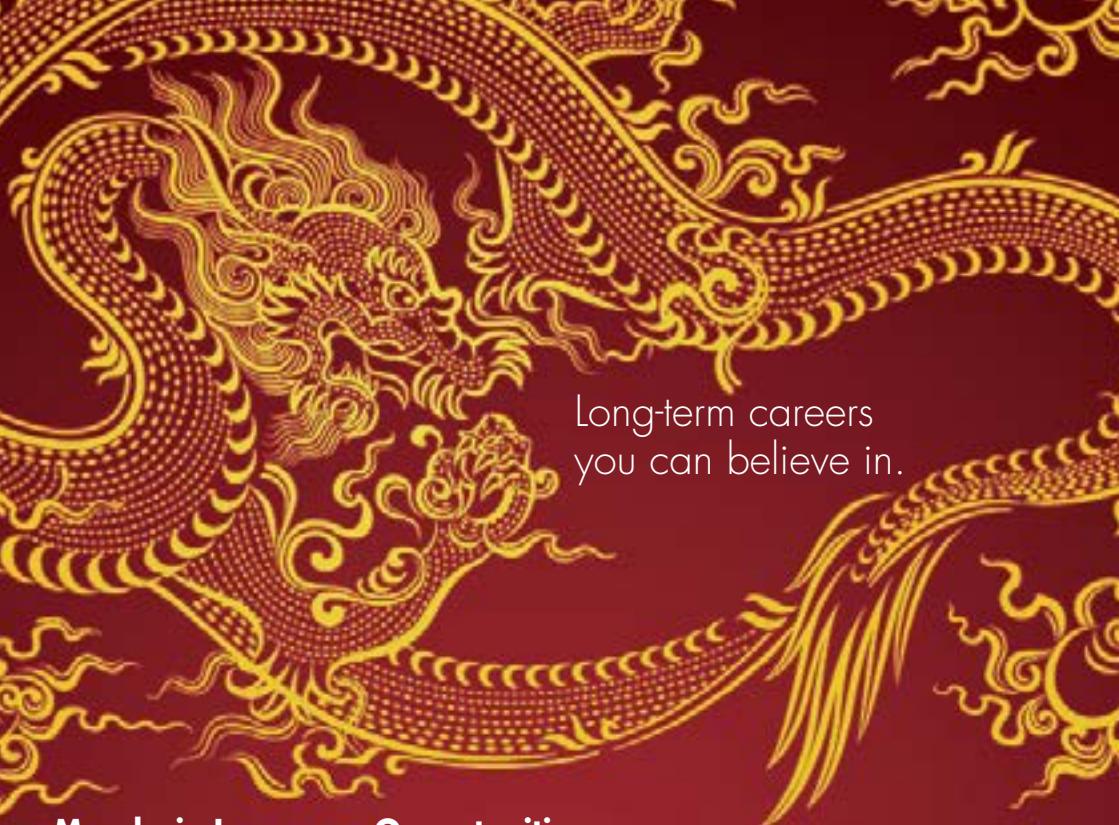
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Cofrestrwch i gael eich e-gylchlythyr misol rhad ac am ddim i rieni ar www.ucas.com/parentform.

Byddwn yn anfon gwybodaeth ddefnyddiol a chynghorion ymarferol atoch bob mis ar gyfnodau allweddol yn y cylch ymgeisio, gan gynnwys pethau fel:

- atgoffa am ddyddiadau cau
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- sut y mae gwahanol wasanaethau UCAS yn gweithio – megis Clearing ac Ychwanegol
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Mae yna nifer o ffyrdd y gall eich mab neu'ch merch gael help ar lein – www.ucas.com/about-us/contact-us.

Cynllun e-gerdyn UCAS

Drwy lofnodi i ymuno â chynllun e-gerdyn UCAS, bydd eich mab neu'ch merch yn cael cyngor yn syth yn eu mewnlwch i'w helpu i ddeall proses UCAS yn ogystal â'u dewisiadau ar ôl coleg neu'r chweched dosbarth.

Gallan nhw gofrestu ar gyfer cynllun e-gerdyn UCAS ar www.ucas.com/ucascard.

Beth fyddant yn ei gael:

- cylchlythyr misol oddi wrthym ni gyda gwybodaeth amserol yngylch y broses ymgeisio a dyddiadau cau pwysig
- gwybodaeth yngylch dewisiadau eraill
- gwybodaeth oddi wrth bartneriaid sydd wedi'u dewis yn ofalus
- gwybodaeth wedi'i deilwra gan brifysgolion yn benodol ar gyfer eu huchelgais o ran gyrfa ac astudio
- Disgownt a chynigion i'w defnyddio ar y stryd fawr, mewn siopau ar lein ac mewn atyniadau ledled y wlad

Gwefan a chyfryngau a sianelau cymdeithasol

Os hoffech holi yngylch y broses ymgeisio, ewch i www.ucas.com i gael gwybodaeth am y broses gyfan, o ddewis cwrs i ddechrau astudio a phopheth rhwng y ddau.

Gallwch chi a'ch mab neu'ch merch gael help oddi wrthym ni ar Trydar a Gweplyfr lle mae ein hymgynggorwyr yn disgwl i ateb eich cwestiynau. Neu gallwch wyllo ein fideos a dilyn ein blogiau ar gyfer ymgeiswyr a rhieni i gael hyd yn oed fwy o wybodaeth gan bobl eraill sy'n mynd drwy'n proses.



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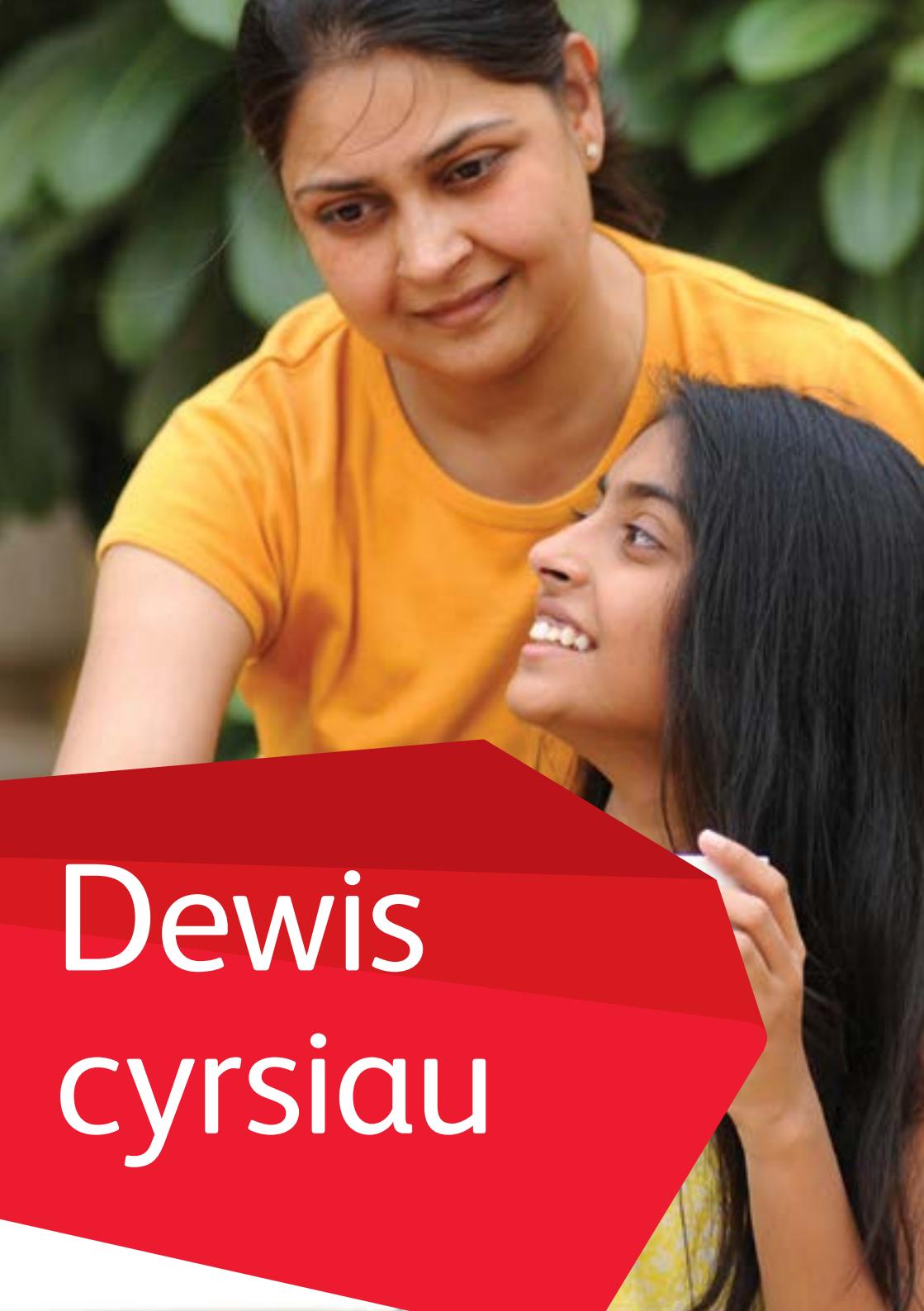
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Dewis cyrsiau

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Cewch weld beth mae pobl eraill yn ei ddweud

Mae'n ddefnyddiol yn aml gwybod beth mae pobl eraill yn ei ddweud am eu cyrsiau. Mae gan Unistats, y wefan swyddogol ar gyfer cymharu cyrsiau addysg uwch yng ngwledydd Prydain, wybodaeth ar bob cwrs israddedig, gan gynnwys sgoriau bodlonrwydd o'r Arolwg Myfyrwyr Cenedlaethol. Cymerwch olwg ar <http://unistats.direct.gov.uk>.

Tablau cynghrair

Mae nifer o bobl eisiau gwybod pa brifysgol neu goleg yw'r gorau. Y gwir yw nad oes yna'r un cwrs neu sefydliad sy'n berffaith i bawb. Felly hefyd, yn aml nid yw tablau cynghrair prifysgolion yn cytuno gan eu bod yn dyfarnu pwyntiau yn ôl meinu prawf gwahanol iawn ac yn defnyddio gwahanol bwysoliadau yn dibynnu ar beth mae eu golygyddion yn ei gredu sydd bwysicaf. Gellir dod o hyd i dablau cynghrair ar y gwefannau canlynol:

- www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide
- www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/public/gug
(gwasanaeth tanysgrifio y Good University Guide)
- [www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk](http://thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)

Mae'r tablau hyn yn datgelu cryn dipyn am farnau pobl, ond y peth pwysicaf yw a fydd prifysgol neu goleg yn addas ar gyfer eich mab neu'ch merch chi, a'r ffordd orau o weld hynny yw cael ymdeimlad am y lle a gweithio o'r fan yno.

Cychwyn arni

Y peth cyntaf i'w ystyried yw pa bynciau mae'ch mab neu'ch merch yn eu mwynhau ac yn awyddus i'w hastudio mewn dyfnader.

Gellir dechrau ar sawl pwnc yn y brifysgol. Er enghraift, pynciau y mae'n annhebyg y bydd gan ymgeiswyr lefel A gyfatebol , er y bydd disgwyl iddyn nhw brofi fod ganddyn nhw botensial. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys archeoleg (bydd prifysgolion yn edrych am ddiddordeb ymarferol mewn hanes a gwrthrychau), pensaerniâeth (ble bydd angen tystiolaeth o allu i fyngi syniadau mewn darluniau a diagramau) neu ieithoedd (er enghraift, yn aml gall rhywun gyda lefel A mewn un iaith astudio un arall o'r dechrau). Mae tiwtoriaid derbyn mewn prifysgolion fel arfer yn fodlon iawn trafod gyda chi beth a fyddai'n dderbyniol.

Bydd y rhan fwyaf o gyrsiau yng Nghymru, Lloegr a Gogledd Iwerddon yn cymryd tair blynedd i'w cwblhau. Yn yr Alban mae hyn fel arfer yn cymryd pedair blynedd. Mae myfyrwyr ieithoedd yn aml yn cymryd blwyddyn ychwanegol sy'n cael ei threulio dramor mewn gwlad lle mae'r iaith yn cael ei siarad.

Meddwl mynd i brifysgol neu goleg?

Na

Ydw

Gwnewch eich ymchwil!

1. Pa yrfa?

- Siaradwch â'ch gwasanaeth gyrfaoedd lleol
- Ceisiwch gael ychydig o brofiad gwath yn y proffesiwn

2. Pa bwnc?

- Siaradwch â'ch ysgol, teulu ayb
- Ewch i www.ucas.com a defnyddio ein teclyn chwilio sydd â dolenni i wewfannau prifysgolion
- Ewch i lyfrgell eich ysgol neu i'ch llyfrgell lleol
- Ewch ar gwrs blasu neu i ysgol haf

3. Pa gwrs?

- Pa brifysgol neu goleg? (edrychwch ar eu gwefannau a'u prospectysau)
- Edrychwch a yw'r brifysgol yn gosod prawf mynediad neu'n debyg o alw am gyfweliad neu glyweliad (gweler www.ucas.com/admissions-tests)
- Holwch beth yw'r dulliau o addysgu ac asesu
- Ewch i ddyddiau agored i gael golwg ac i gyfarfod â myfyrwyr sydd yno eisoes www.ucas.com/open-days

Dewisiadau Eraill:

- Gweithio
- Prentisiaeth
- Cwrs rhan amser
- Blwyddyn i ffwrdd
- Ail-eistedd

Gwahanol fathau o astudio

Pan fydd pobl yn meddwl am addysg uwch, mae nhw'n dueddol o feddwl am gyrsiau gradd yn unig, ond mae yna nifer o wahanol gymwysterau y gallwch chi eu hennill. I gael rhagor o wybodaeth ar gyrsiau, ewch i www.ucas.com/study-types.

Canfod cyrsiau a'u gofynion mynediad

Mae'r teclyn chwilio ar lein ar search.ucas.com yn rhestru'r prifysgolion a'r colegau, yn ogystal â'u cyrsiau, gofynion mynediad a map yn dangos lle maen nhw.

Bydd y gofynion mynediad yn rhoi syniad i chi pa raddau sydd eu hangen o ran cymwysterau penodol, megis lefel A, Cymhwyster Uwch yr Alban neu'r Fagloliaeth Ryngwladol. Bydd hefyd yn rhoi gwybod i chi os na fydd rhai pynciau yn cyfrif, neu a oes gofynion eraill megis prawf mynediad.



Mae mynchyu dyddiau agored yn hynod, hynod bwysig. Roedden nhw'n rhoi syniad hynod o dda ac yn help mawr i mi benderfynu ar fy newisiadau."

Dyddiau agored

Un o'r ffyrdd gorau i chi gael barn annibynol yw mynd i weld drosoch eich hun - anogwch eich mab neu'ch merch i fynd i ddyddiau agored yn y sefydliadau ble maen nhw'n ystyried ymgeisio. Yna bydd cyfle iddyn nhw weld beth sydd ar gael ac a fyddan nhw'n fodlon treulio tair neu bedair blynedd yno. Efallai y byddai'n well ganddyn nhw fynd eu hunain; os felly tra fodwch gyda nhw pa wybodaeth i chwilio amdani a pha gwestiynau i'w gofyn. Os byddan nhw'n anghofio gofyn cwestiwn, mae croeso bob amser iddyn nhw ffonio wedyn gydag ymholaiddau bellach. I weld ein rhestr o ddyddiau agored ewch i www.ucas.com/open-days.

Cynadledau UCAS

Ewch i www.ucas.com/conventions i chwilio am gynadledau ac arddangosiadau a gynhelir gan UCAS. Mae'r rhain yn ddigwyddiadau rhad ac am ddim lle gall eich mab neu'ch merch siarad gyda phrifysgolion unigol ynghylch eu gofynion a'r hyn sydd ar gael. . Bydd yna seminarau rhad ac am ddim ar amrywiaeth eang o bynciau megis myfyrwyr â'u harian, ymgeisio i brifysgolion yn yr Alban ac ysgrifennu datganiad personol a fydd yn ennill.

I helpu eich mab neu'ch merch i gael y gorau o'r confensiwn, ewch i www.ucas.com/prep. Mae'n llawn o bethau i'ch helpu, gan gynnwys fideo ynghylch ymweld â digwyddiad, y cwestiynau i'w gofyn a chanllawiau i'w llawrlwytho.

Gwneud y dewis iawn

Mae'n rhaid i'ch mab neu'ch merch gael syniad realistic am y graddau y gallan nhw eu disgwyl. Dylai'r rhain arwain eu dewisiadau ynghylch ble i ymgeisio. Efallai y byddan nhw eisiau gwneud cais i nifer o wahanol brifysgolion, felly os bydd eu graddau'n well neu'n is na'r disgwyl, fe fyddan nhw'n dal â siawns o gael lle.

Mae pethau eraill i'w hystyried gan gynnwys:

- sefydliad mawr neu fach
- pellter o adref
- cludiant
- cyfleusterau chwaraeon
- lleoliad yn y ddinas neu'r wlad
- cyfleusterau'r cwrs (labordai, llyfrgelloedd, mynediad at diwtoriaid)
- bywyd nos a bywyd cymdeithasol
- y llety sydd ar gael
- gweithgareddau, clybiau a chymdeithasau.



Ond efallai mai nid y cwrs yn unig fydd yn eu helpu i gael profiad arbennig."

Myfyrwyr ag anableddau

Os oes gan eich mab neu ferch anabledd mae'n syniad da cysylltu â phrifysgolion a cholegau i drafod unrhyw gefnogaeth y gallen nhw fod ei angen cyn anfon eu cais atom. Mae gan y rhan fwyaf o brifysgolion a cholegau gydlynwyr a chynghorwyr anabledd a fydd yn barod i helpu. Mae'r rhan fwyaf hefyd yn cyhoeddi manylion eu darpariaeth ar gyfer myfyrwyr anabl ar eu gwefan.

Mae mwy o gyngor ar ein gwefan ar www.ucas.com/individual-needs gan gynnwys canllawiau ar fideo ar gyfer myfyrwyr ag anableddau (a fersiwn Iaith Arwyddo Prydain) yn ogystal â fideo gyda chynghorion gan swyddogion anableddau mewn prifysgolion.

Ffioedd dysgu

Erbyn hyn, gall prifysgolion godi hyd at £9,000 y flwyddyn o ffioedd dysgu am eu cyrsiau. Gall prifysgolion sy'n cael eu rhedeg yn breifat godi mwy gan nad yw terfyn ffioedd dysgu'r Llywodraeth yn berthnasol iddyn nhw. Ond gallai myfyrwyr yn y sefydliadau preifat fod yn gymwys am fenthyciad ffioedd dysgu o hyd at £6,000. Gellir codi mwy ar fyfyrwyr rhwngwladol.

Dylai ymgeiswyr gael syniad clir o sut y byddan nhw'n talu'r ffioedd hyn. I gael gwybodaeth gyfredol, ewch i www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/student-finance mae gwybodaeth ynghylch cyllid i fyfyrwyr ar dudalennau 24 a 26.

Adnoddau defnyddiol

UCAS

- www.ucas.com
- www.cukas.ac.uk

Cyllid

- www.moneysavingexpert.com/students
- www.nasma.org.uk

Myfyrwyr rhwngwladol

- www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-mewn-fudo/ / astudio
- www.ukcisa.org.uk

Ffordd o fyw a llety

- www.telegraph.co.uk/education/university-education/student-life
- www.thesac.org.uk
- www.nationalcode.org
- www.brightknowledge.org
- www.studential.com

Blwyddyn i ffwrdd

- www.gapyear.com
- www.carolinesrainbowfoundation.org
- www.projecttrust.org.uk



Astudiaeth achos

Y teulu Harvey

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Erbyn hyn mae fy ngefeiliaid yn wedi setlo mewn prifysgolion lle maen nhw'n teimlo'n gartrefol ac yn astudio cyrsiau y maen nhw'n gwirioni arnyn nhw. Mae mor anodd credu mai dim ond blwyddyn sydd ers pan oedd pob penderfyniad yngylch cyrsiau a champysau i'w gweld mor ofnadwy o anodd. Er hynny, rwy'n eithaf sicr y gallan nhw fod yr un mor hapus yn astudio pynciau ychydig yn wahanol mewn sefydliadau ychydig yn wahanol – oherwydd y peth pwysicaf yw nid yn unig canfod y cwrs a'r brifysgol sydd orau i chi ond hefyd beth allwch chi ei gyfrannu pan fyddwch chi yno.

Rwy'n dal i gofio cael fy hebrwng o amgylch un brifysgol gan fyfyrwr byrlymus, hyderus a oedd yn amlwg iawn yn ei hundeb myfyrwyr. Roedd hi'n wirioneddol wrth ei bodd yn y brifysgol honno. Ond ar ddiwedd ein taith, dyma hi'n dweud nad dyma oedd ei dewis cyntaf – doedd hi ddim wedi cael ei derbyn gan y lle yr oedd wedi rhoi ei bryd ar fynd yno.

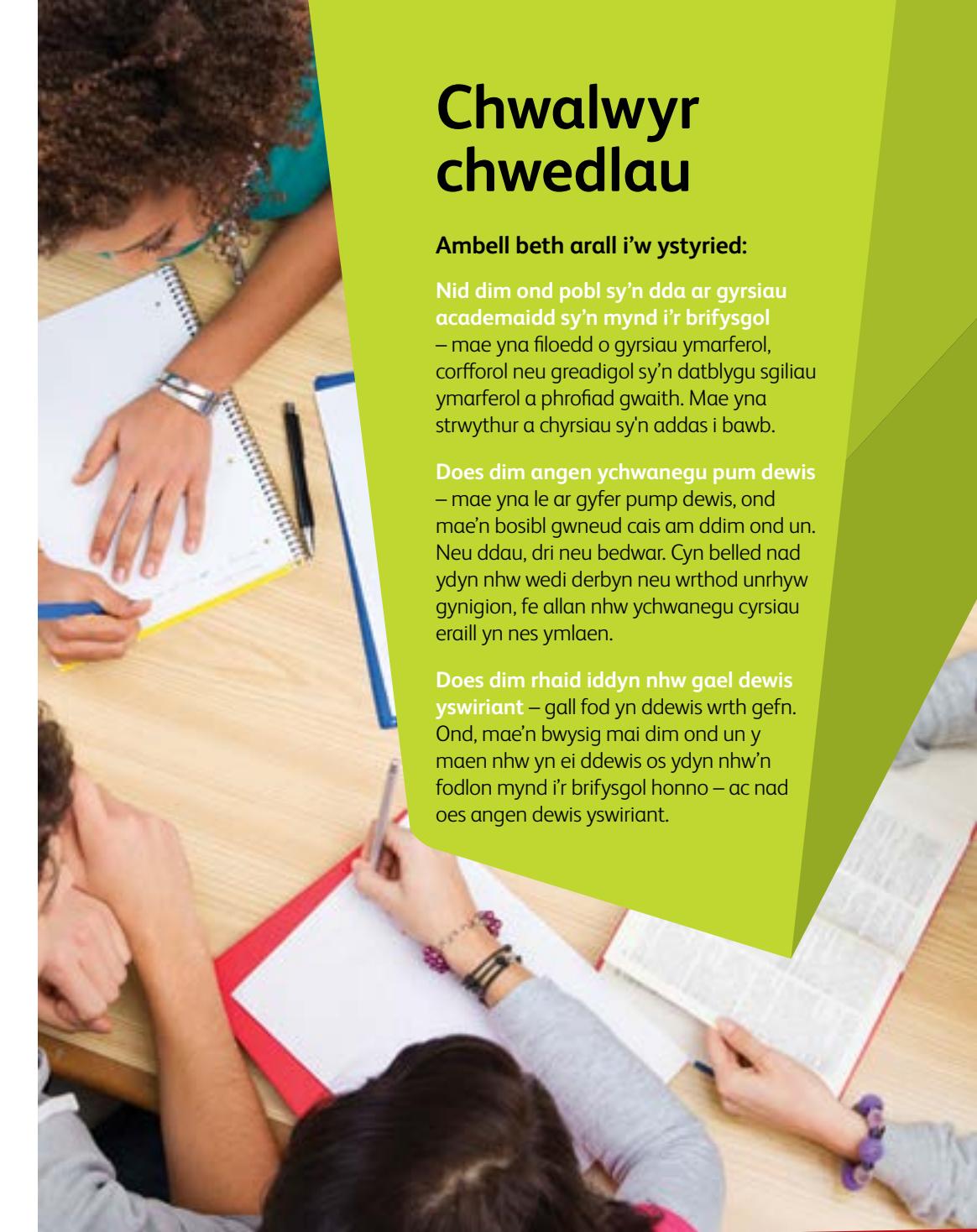
Ar ôl dweud hynny, mae eich mab neu'ch merch angen y cyfle gorau i wireddu eu dyheadau ac o gael yr yrfa y maen nhw'n breuddwydio amdan, felly fe ddechreun ni drafod gyrfaoedd a phynciau'n gynnar iawn. Gall profiad gwaith, hyd yn oed am gyfnod byr, wneud pethau'n gliriach. Gynted yn y byd y maen nhw'n penderfynu ar bwnc, yr hawsaf

yw hi i ddechrau chwilio am brifysgol neu goleg sy'n cynnig yr hyn y maen nhw ei eisiau. Mae gwefan UCAS yn hynod ddefnyddiol ar gyfer hyn gyda thablau o ddyddiau agored a'i theclyn chwilio. Yna gallwch ddefnyddio gwefannau'r prifysgolion eu hunan i ganfod pa fodiwlau a phynciau penodol sy'n cael eu cynnig ym mhob un. Er enghraffft, mae nifer o wahanol brifysgolion yn cynnig hanes ond nid pob un oedd yn cynnwys y cyfnodau oedd yn ffefry gan fy merch.

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Taflwch eich hunan i mewn iddo, manteisiwch i'r eithaf ar bopeth sy'n cael ei gynnig, cewch fod i fyw a hefyd ddyfodol gwych yn y fargen.”

Awgrymiadau gorau i rieni: mae gwahaniaeth aruthrol rhwng trefi prifysgol mewn costau llety, a faint o lety sydd ar gael, a chostau byw yn gyffredinol. Cofiwch am hyn wrth baratoi cyllideb.



Chwalwyr chwedlau

Ambell beth arall i'w ystyried:

Nid dim ond pobl sy'n dda ar gyrsiau academiaidd sy'n mynd i'r brifysgol

– mae yna filoedd o gyrsiau ymarferol, corfforol neu greadigol sy'n datblygu sgiliau ymarferol a phrofiad gwaith. Mae yna strwythur a chyrsiau sy'n addas i bawb.

Does dim angen ychwanegu pum dewis

– mae yna le ar gyfer pump dewis, ond mae'n bosibl gwneud cais am ddim ond un. Neu dda, dri neu bedwar. Cyn belled nad ydyn nhw wedi derbyn neu wrthod unrhyw gynigion, fe allan nhw ychwanegu cyrsiau eraill yn nes ymlaen.

Does dim rhaid iddyn nhw gael dewis yswiriant – gall fod yn ddewis wrth gefn.

Ond, mae'n bwysig mai dim ond un y maen nhw yn ei ddewis os ydyn nhw'n fodlon mynd i'r brifysgol honno – ac nad oes angen dewis yswiriant.

Ewch i www.ucas.com/apply/undergraduate

Ar ôl iddyn nhw gofrestru,
mewgofnodwch i lenwi
pob adran o Apply

Cliciwch ar Apply ar gyfer cyrsiau 20105,
yna ar Register a llenwi'r manylion angenr-
heidiol Bydd angen eu henw defnyddiwr a'r
cyfrinair i orffen eu cais

Erbyn pa bryd y bydd yn rhaid iddyn nhw ymgeisio?

Dyddiadau cau

15 Hydref – Meddygaeth, deintyddiaeth, milfeddygaeth,
meddygaeth filfeddygol a phob cais i brifysgolion
Rhydychen a Chaergrawnt

15 Ionawr – pob cwrs arall heblaw rhai cyrsiau celf a dylunio sydd â
dyddiad cau o 24 Mawrth

24 Mawrth – Rhai cyrsiau celf a dylunio (manylion ar declyn chwilio UCAS)

Ar ôl **30 Mehefin** bydd ceisiadau'n mynd ar eu hunion i Clirio.

Beth sy'n digwydd nesaf?

- Byddwn ni'n prosesu'r cais
- Byddwn yn anfon e-bost Croeso sy'n rhestru'r dewisiadau
- Byddwn yn anfon y cais i'w ystyried gan y prifysgolion a'r colegau sydd wedi'u dewis
- Bydd y prifysgolion a'r colegau yn anfon eu penderfyniadau atom ni
- Byddwn ni'n diweddu Trac

Ymgeisio

Bydd eich mab neu'ch merch
yn gwneud cais ar-lein trwy
wasanaeth ceisiadau UCAS Apply,
ar www.ucas.com/apply. Bydd
hwn ar gael yn yr ysgol os nad
yw'n bosibl cael mynediad at
y rhyngrwyd o'r cartref.

Bydd eich mab neu'ch merch yn cwblhau'r
cais ar-lein, sydd ag wyt hran iddo:

- Manylion personol
- Gwybodaeth ychwanegol
(ymgeiswyr o'r DU yn unig)
- Cyllid myfyrwyr
- Dewis o gyrsiau
- Addysg
- Cyflogaeth
- Datganiad personol
- Manylion canolwyr (ymgeiswyr mewn
ysgol neu goleg heb gofrestru gydag
UCAS)

Cwrs dewisiadau

Mae hyd at bump dewis ar gael. Os ydyn
nhw'n yn gwneud cais i lai na phump o lefydd,
efallai y bydd modd ychwanegu rhai eraill
yn hwyrach cyn belled â'u bod heb dderbyn
cynnig gan rywle arall. Os na fyddan nhw
wedi cael cynnig o gwbl, efallai y bydd modd
ychwanegu dewisiadau trwy Extra (gweler
tudalen 30).

Dyddiadau cau

Os yw eich mab neu'ch merch wedi methu
dyddiad cau, mae'n dal yn bosibl iddyn
nhw gyflwyno cais tan 30 Mehefin. Gall
prifysgolion a cholegau'n ystyried y ceisiadau
hyn os bydd yna le'n dal ar gael.

Geirda

Y peth diwethaf i'w ychwanegu ar y cais
yw'r geirda, sy'n cael ei baratoi gan yr ysgol
fel arfer. Os yw'ch mab neu'ch merch wedi
gadael yr ysgol, efallai y bydd yn bosibl cael
un gan ganolwr annibynnol.



Dim ond am leoedd lle
mae maen nhw'n gallu
gweld eu hunain yno y
dylai myfyrwyr ymgeisio"

Datganiad personol

Anogwch eich mab neu'ch merch i ganfod am beth yn union y mae'r prifysgolion a cholegau yn chwilio gan ddefnyddio ein teclyn chwilio UCAS ar search.ucas.com a gwfannau'r prifysgolion. I'w helpu i baratoi ar gyfer ysgrifennu eu datganiadau personol, gallen nhw restru pwyntiau allweddol, cryfderau a thystiolaeth i gyflawnhau pam eu bod wedi dewis y cwers. Ymhell cyn y dyddiad cau, fe ddylan nhw ysgrifennu'r drafft cyntaf a'i ddangos i'w hathro ac i ffrindiau ac i chi

Dyma restr o beth y gallai ei gynnwys.

- **Beth sy'n annog eu diddordeb yn y pwnc?** I ddangos eu bod yn deall beth sy'n ofynnol i astudio'r cwers
- **Pam eu bod yn addas** i ddilyn y cwers? – rhestru eu sgiliau a'u profiadau a dangos pam mai prifysgol neu goleg yw'r cam rhesymegol nesaf
- Os ydun nhw'n ymgeisio i ddilyn nifer o wahanol gyrsiau, efallai y bydd yn anodd paratoi datganiad personol a fydd yn berthnasol i bob un. Gallen nhw chwilio am **themâu cyffredin** ac ysgrifennu am y rhain.
- **Arddangos aeddfedrwydd** a chynnwys unrhyw swyddi cyfrifol a chyflawniadau (tystysgrifau nofio, arholiadau cerddoriaeth, gweithgaredd gwirfoddol, dramâu ysgol neu gerddorfa)
- Dylid cynnwys **hobïau, diddordebau a gweithgareddau cymdeithasol** os yw'r rhain yn helpu i ddangos eu haddasrwydd ar gyfer y cwers.

- **Profiad gwaith**, gan gynnwys gwaith gwirfoddol, os yw'n cyd-fynd â gofynion mynediad y cwers.
- **Cynlluniau ar gyfer y dyfodol** gan gynnwys beth hoffen nhw ei wneud ar ôl y brifysgol.

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Roedd ei dorri'n adrannau wedi rhoi gwell syniad i mi o sut i ffurio'r datganiad personol. Roeddwn i'n defnyddio categoriâu fel profiad gwaith, sgiliau a phrofiadau personol i roi syniad i mi fy hunan o beth ddylwn i ei drafod”

Mae yna lawer o adnoddau ar www.ucas.com/personalstatement i helpu ysgrifennu datganiadau personol. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys llinnell amser, gweithlen, map meddwl a fideo.

Rhaid i'r datganiad personol fod yn wreiddiol ac ni ddylai gynnwys deunydd wedi ei gopio o ffynhonnell arall. Rydyn ni'n gallu canfod os yw deunydd wedi'i gopio a byddwn yn rhoi gwybod bob amser i brifysgolion a cholegau am bob achos o'r fath.



Cyllid
myfyrwyr

Cyngor cadarn gan Cyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru

Ydych chi'n meddwl sut y bydd eich plentyn yn talu am ei le mewn prifysgol neu goleg? Mae Cyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru yma i helpu.

Pa help sydd ar gael?

Ni fydd rhaid i'r rhan fwyaf o fyfyrwyr dalu eu ffioedd dysgu ymlaen llaw. Gall myfyrwyr o Gymru sy'n astudio yn y DU ymgeisio am Grant Ffioedd Dysgu gan Cyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru i'w helpu i dalu am eu cwrs. Does dim rhaid talu hwn yn ôl. Mae benthyciadau a grantiau eraill ar gael hefyd i'w helpu i dalu eu ffioedd dysgu a chostau byw fel llety a bwyd. Does dim rhaid talu benthyciadau'n ôl nes bod y myfyrwr wedi gadael y brifysgol neu'r coleg ac yn ennill incwm o dros £21,000. Does dim rhaid talu grantiau'n ôl o gwbl.

Mae yna hefyd ragor o help ar gael i fyfyrwyr sydd â phlant, ag oedolion sy'n dibynnu arnynt nhw neu sydd ag anableddau, cyflwr iechyd meddwl, cyflwr iechyd hir dymor neu

anabledd dysgu penodol fel dyslecsia neu ddyspracsia.

Mae yna lawer iawn o wybodaeth ac adnoddau defnyddiol yngylch y mathau o gyllid myfyrwyr sydd ar gael ar ein gwefan. Gallwch ganfod hefyd beth ddylech chi a'ch plentyn ei wneud i ymgeisio, a sut y bydd yn ad-dalu ar ddiwedd y cwrs, ar www.studentfinancewales.co.uk. Cofwch ddweud eich bod yn ein hoffi ar Gweplyfr a dilynwr ni ar Trydar. Byddwch yn cael yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf yngylch pryd y bydd yn adeg helpu'ch plentyn i baratoi i fynd i brifysgol neu goleg.



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Gwasanaeth yw Cyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru yn cael ei ddraparu gan y Cwmni Benthyciadau Myfyrwyr. Rydyn ni'n darparu cefnogaeth ariannol ar ran Llywodraeth Cymru i fyfyrwyr o Gymru sy'n dilyn addysg uwch yn y DU.



8 Cam syml i ymgeisio'n llwyddiannus am gyllid myfyrwyr

Torrwch y dudalen hon a'i chadw i'w defnyddio'n ddiweddarach.

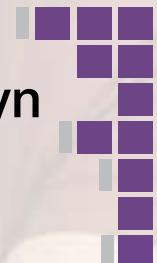
- 1 Dylai eich plentyn ymgeisio gynted â bo modd. Does dim rhaid disgwyl nes bod lle wedi'i dderbyn mewn prifysgol neu goleg. Mae'n bwysig ymgeisio'n gynnar a chyn y dyddiad cau – os na wneir hynny does yna ddim sicrwydd y bydd yr arian ar gael erbyn pan fydd y cwrs yn cychwyn!
- 2 Y ffordd gyflymaf a hawsaf o ymgeisio yw ar lein ar www.studentfinancewales.co.uk. Mae yna gyngor i gael ar ein gwefan, Gweplyfr, Trydar yngylch pa bryd y gallwch ymgeisio ar lein.
- 3 Os mai dim ond am gyllid myfyrwyr nad yw'n dibynnu ar incwm y cartref y mae eich plentyn yn ymgeisio, megis Benthyciad Ffioedd Dysgu, Grant Ffioedd a'r Benthyciad Cynnal sylfaenol, gall y plentyn lenwi'r cais a does dim rhaid i chi wneud urhyw beth.
- 4 Os yw eich plentyn yn ymgeisio am gyllid myfyrwyr sy'n dibynnu ar incwm eich cartref, megis Grant Dysgu a Benthyciad Cynnal Llywodraeth Cymru, bydd yn rhaid i chi gofrestru cyfrif ar lein hefyd. Byddwn yn gofyn am eich rhif Yswiriant Cenedlaethol a manylion eich incwm. Os ydych yn byw gyda gŵr, gwraig, partner sifil neu bartner, byddwn yn gofyn am eu manylion nhw hefyd.
- 5 Byddwn yn cadarnhau manylion eich incwm gyda Chyllid a Thollau Ei Mawrhydi drwy eich rhif Yswiriant Cenedlaethol. Mae hyn yn golygu na fydd yn rhaid i'r rhan fwyaf o rieni anfon unrhyw dystiolaeth, ond weithiau byddwn yn gofyn i chi am dystiolaeth neu am ragor o wybodaeth i gefnogi'r hyn rydych chi wedi'i ddweud wrthym ni. Peidiwch â phoeni os bydd hyn yn digwydd i chi.
- 6 Unwaith y byddwn wedi cael yr holl wybodaeth y byddwn ei angen, bydd eich plentyn yn derbyn llythyr Hawl i Gyllid Myfyrwyr yn dangos faint o arian fydd yn ei gael.
- 7 Byddwn yn talu'r Benthyciad Cynnal a / neu Grant Dysgu Llywodraeth Cymru cyntaf i gyfrif banc eich plentyn a'r Benthyciad Ffioedd Dysgu a'r Grant Ffioedd yn uniongyrchol i'r brifysgol neu'r coleg. Bydd eich plentyn yn derbyn y cyllid myfyrwyr bob tymor.
- 8 Bydd yn rhaid i'ch plentyn ymgeisio am gyllid myfyrwyr bob blwyddyn o'r cwrs ond ni fydd yn rhaid dechrau ad-dalu nes gadael y cwrs a bod ag incwm o fwy na £21,000.



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cyllid myfyrwyr cymru



A ydych yn ystyried sut y bydd eich plentyn yn talu am ei gyfnod yn y brifysgol? Mae Cyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru yma i helpu.



I gael cyngor doeth am gyllid i fyfyrwyr, trowch at ein gwefan, hoffwch ni ar Facebook neu dilynwch ni ar Twitter.

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GYLLID I FYFYRWYR



Beth sy'n digwydd unwaith y bydd cais wedi'i wneud?

Beth sy'n digwydd unwaith y bydd cais wedi'i wneud?

Beth ydyn ni'n ei wneud gyda'r ceisiadau

Rydyn ni'n gwneud yn siwr bod pob cais yn gyflawn ac yna'n ei anfon i'r prifysgolion. Yna bydd y prifysgolion yn dechrau penderfynu cynig lle i'r ymgeisydd neu beidio.

Bydd y brifysgol yn asesu a fyddai ymgeisyd yn gallu cwblhau'r cwrs ac yn elwa o'r astudio. Maen nhw'n seilio eu penderfyniadau ar y graddau y gellir eu disgwyl yn eu harholiadau, ar eu datganiad personal a geirda'r ysgol, ac weithiau ar gyfweliad neu bortffolio. Bydd rhai yn cynig lle o fewn wythnos neu ddwy a bydd rhai eraill yn cymryd llawer mwyo o amser.

Track

System ar-lein yw Track y gall ymgeiswyr ei defnyddio i ddilyn cynnydd eu cais ac i ymateb i gynigion. Bydd manylion llawn yn cael eu cynwys gyda'r llythyr Croeso y byddwn ni'n ei anfon i'ch mab neu'ch merch ar ôl derbyn eu cais.

Cyfweliadau, clyweliadau a phortfffolios

Bydd rhai prifysgolion yn gwahodd ymgeiswyr i gyfweliad, clyweliad neu i gyflwyno darn o waith. Os byddan nhw'n gwneud hynny, bydd y gwahoddiad ar lein fel arfer ac felly i'w weld yn Track, ond efallai y bydd y gwahoddiad yn cael ei anfon yn uniongyrchol. Os bydd y gwahoddiad yn Track, mae'n bwysig ateb mor fuan â phosibl, gellir derbyn, gwrthod neu ofyn am ddyddiad arall.

Cynigion

Pan fydd y prifysgolion a'r colegau wedi ystyried y cais, bydd eich mab neu'ch merch yn derbyn hysbysiad i edrych ar Track. Gallai'r cynig fod yn ddiamond, neu'n amodol (sy'n dibynnu ar ganlyniadau eu harholiadau neu ryw ddigwyddiad neu amgylchiad arall), neu'n afluwyddiannus sy'n golygu nad yw'ch mab neu'ch merch yn cael cynig lle.



Byddwch yn amyneddgar! Efallai y bydd rhai prifysgolion yn ateb yn gymharol gyflym ond bydd llawer yn cymryd misoedd. Daeth fy nghynig cyntaf union bythefnos ar ôl ymgeisio ond roedd yn rhaid disgwyl bron i bedwar mis am yr un olaf!"

Penderfyniadau

Pan fydd eich mab neu'ch merch wedi clywed gan bob un o'u dewisiadau, bydd yn rhaid dod i benderfyniad ynglŷn â'r cynigion sydd ar gael. Gallan nhw ddewis yr un y maen nhw'n hoffi orau a rhoi ymateb 'cadarn'. Os yw'r cynig yn un amodol, gallan nhw gael dewis yswiriant wrth gefn. Os ydyn nhw'n bendant mai dim ond mewn un cynig y mae eu diddordeb, does dim rhaid cael dewis yswiriant. Does dim modd cyfnewid rhwng dewis cadarn a dewis yswiriant. Os ydyn nhw'n bodlonni amodau eu dewis cadarn, bydd eu dewis yswiriant yn 'diflannu'. Does dim rhaid ymateb i'r cynigion nes eu bod wedi derbyn pob un sydd ar eu cais.

I ganfod rhagor o fanylion yngylch y mathau o gynigion, ewch i www.ucas.com/offers. I gael cyngor yngylch ymateb i gynigion, ewch i www.ucas.com/replies.

Ychwanegol

Os na fydd eich mab neu’ch merch yn derbyn unrhyw gynnig, neu’n penderfynu nad ydyn nhw eisiau derbyn y cynigion, mae yna’n dal ddewisiadau eraill iddyn nhw.

Extra

Drwy Extra, bydd myfyrwyr yn gallu ymgeisio am gyrsiau gyda lleoedd gwag rhwng 25 Chwefror a dechrau Mehefin 2015. Mae’n gyfle gwerthfawr i ychwanegu dewis o gwrs arall cyn diwrnod y canlyniadau. Efallai y bydd eich plentyn yn gallu ymgeisio am ddewis arall os yw wedi:

- defnyddio’r cyfan o’r pum dewis
- derbyn penderfyniadau pob un o’r prifysgolion a’r colegau
- heb gael unrhyw gynnig, neu wedi gwrthod y cynigion y mae wedi’u cael

Os bydd Extra ar gael, bydd yn cael ei ddangos fel botwm yn Track. Does yna ddim ff ymgeisio ychwanegol.

- Bydd ymgeisiwyr yn chwilio am gyrsiau gyda lleoedd gwag Extra ar declyn chwilio UCAS.
- Fe ddylen nhw gadarnau a fydd y brifysgol neu’r coleg yn fodlon eu hystyried.
- Yna, fe fyddan nhw’n gallu ychwanegu’r brifysgol a manylion y cws yn Track.

Dim ond am un cws y gellir ymgeisio ar y tro, felly fydd yna ddim dewis yswiriant ar gael.

Beth sy’n digwydd nesaf?

- Os byddan nhw’n cael cynnig am y cws sydd wedi’i ddewis, does ond rhaid ei dderbyn yn Track erbyn y dyddiad a nodir. Mae hyn yn eu hymrwymo i’r cws, fydd yna ddim dewis arall ar gael yn Extra na Chlirio (gweler tudalen 32).
- Os yw eich mab neu’ch merch yn afluwyddianus, yn gwrthod cynnig neu heb dderbyn cynnig o fewn 21 diwrnod, bydd yn bosibl rhoi dewis arall yn ei le.

Os bydd eich mab neu’ch merch yn penderfynu peidio â defnyddio Extra, neu’n methu â chanfod lle drwy Extra, fe fydd modd disgwyl nes daw canlyniadau’r arholiad ac yna ymgeisio drwy Clearing (gweler tudalen 32).

Gallwch ganfod rhagor ar www.ucas.com/extra.

Canlyniadau arholiadau

Os bydd cynigion eich mab neu’ch merch yn amodol ar ganlyniadau’r haf y rhan fwyafrif o arholiadau gwledydd Prydain, bydd yn rhaid gwneud yn siwr eu bod yn barod am y ‘diwrnod canlyniadau’. Bydd yn rhaid iddyn nhw:

- gadw’r manylion cyswllt yn gywir yn Track. os byddwch chi’n cael enwebiad mynediad, byddwch chi’n gallu mynd at eu cais
- cofiwch gael eu manylion mewngofnodi Track wrth law
- cofiwch eu cadw wrth law ar ddiwrnod y canlyniadau
- gallwch weld sut y mae canlyniadau eu haroliadau yn cael eu hanfon at y prifysgolion drwy ymweld â: www.ucas.com/send-exam-results

Beth sy’n digwydd?

- Gobeithio y bydd eich mab neu’ch merch yn cael y canlyniadau arholiad y byddan nhw eu hangen, ac y bydd eu lleoedd cael eu cadarnhau. Os byddan nhw’n methu o drwch blewyn, efallai y bydd y brifysgol yn eu derbyn beth bynnag.
- Efallai y byddan nhw’n cael lle ar y dewis cadarn neu’r dewis yswiriant, yn dibynnu ar y canlyniadau.
- Efallai y byddan nhw’n cael cynnig lle ar gwrs arall gan y brifysgol (gellan nhw ei dderbyn neu ei wrthod).
- Os byddan nhw’n cael lle, byddwn ni’n anfon llythyr i gadarnhau a bydd y llythyr yn dweud os y dylen nhw wneud unrhyw beth arall.

Dewisiadau eraill

- Os byddan nhw’n gwneud yn well na’r disgwyl – efallai y bydd yn bosibl defnyddio Adjustment i chwilio am gwrs arall (gweler tudalen 32).
- Os na fydd pethau wedi mynd yn ôl y bwriad, mae’n bosibl ddefnyddio Clearing i geisio canfod lle arall (gweler tudalen 32).
- Efallai y gallen nhw hefyd yn ystyried rhywbeth arall heblaw addysg uwch, megis blwyddyn allan, cael gwaith, astudio mewn ffordd arall neu mewn gwlad arall. Ewch i www.ucas.com/planning-your-future i gael rhagor o gyngor.



Clearing ac Adjustment

Clearing

Drwy Clearing y bydd prifysgolion a cholegau'n llenwi lleoedd sy'n dal yn wag ar gyrsiau. Mae ar gael o fis Gorffennaf tan fis Medi. Bydd eich mab neu'ch merch yn gallu ddefnyddio Clearing unwaith y bydd y cyfan o'u canlyniadau wedi'u derbyn os::

- nad ydyn nhw wedi derbyn unrhyw gynnig (neu ddim un fydden nhw eisiau ei dderbyn)
- nad oedd eu canlyniadau arholiad yn ôl y disgwyl neu os nad ydyn nhw wedi cyfarfod ag amodau'r cynnigion am le
- ydyn nhw wedi ymgeisio ar ôl 30 Mehefin

Bydd eich mab neu'ch merch yn gwybod eu bod yn Clearing os yw eu statws Track yn dweud 'Rydych chi yn Clearing'. Yn ystod Clearing, bydd ymgeiswyr yn chwilio am leoedd gwag drwy ddefnyddio teclyn chwilio UCAS ac yn ffonio prifysgolion yngylch unrhyw gyrsiau y maen nhw â diddordeb ynddynt nhw. Os ydyn nhw'n cael cynnigion anffurfiol oddi wrth nifer o brifysgolion bydd yn rhaid penderfynu pa rai i'w dderbyn ac ychwanegu'r dewis Clearing yn Track. Yna bydd y brifysgol yn ymateb – os na fydd y lle'n cael ei gadarnhau gall eich plentyn ychwanegu dewis arall.

I fod yn gymwys i ddefnyddio Clearing, bydd yn rhaid i'ch mab neu'ch merch fod wedi cyflwyno cais i UCAS.

Ewch i www.ucas.com/clearing i gael rhagor o wybodaeth

Adjustment

Mae Adjustment yn gyfle i'ch mab neu'ch merch ystyried ble a beth i'w astudio, ond dim ond o dan rai amodau penodol y mae ar gael.

- Os bydd eich mab neu'ch merch wedi gwneud yn well na'r disgwyl ac wedi cyfarfod a mynd y tu hwnt i amodau cynnig cadarn, efallai y bydd cyfle i ddefnyddio Adjustment i ymgeisio am gwrs arall.
- Os bydd cynnig cadarn amodol yn cael ei dderbyn - ac felly wedi'i wneud yn ddewis cadarn diamod - efallai y bydd yn bosibl newid y lle hwnnw am le ar gwrs arall, gwell.
- Mae Adjustment ar gael am gyfnod byr ac mae'r dewis i gofrestru ar gael yn Track.
- Bydd eu lle cadarn gwreiddiol yn ddiogel wrth chwilio am le arall.
- Mae Adjustment yn hollol ddewisol. Bydd llawer o gyrsiau cystadleuol yn llawn ond gallai ymgeiswyr eraill fod wedi methu â chyrraedd eu hamodau neu wedi newid cwrs, felly gallai fod yn werth cael golwg beth sydd ar gael.

Ewch i www.ucas.com/adjustment i gael rhagor o gyngor



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Yn ôl un myfyriwr ‘Un o’r pethau mwyaf defnyddiol i mi ei ddysgu oedd sut i goginio pasta i chwech o bobl am £2.50!’

Rheoli arian

Efallai y bydd eich mab neu’ch merch yn poeni a fydd yn gallu fforddio popeth wrth astudio. Mae yna lawer iawn i’w drin – o ffioedd dysgu a llety i fwyd a deunyddiau’r cwrs, a bywyd cymdeithasol.

Beth bynnag yw eu sefyllfa ariannol, bydd yr arian y byddan nhw'n ei drin yn ystod cyfnod addysg uwch yn gyfle i ddysgu bod yn gyllidebwyr disgrair! Ewch i www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/starting-your-studies/managing-money i gael gwybodaeth am reoli arian.

Wythnos y glas – sef cyfres o ddigwyddiadau ar gyfer myfyrwyr newydd i'w croesawu i'r brifysgol, sy'n aml yn arwain at gyfeilgarwch oes.

Gwneud ffrindiau - mae yna lawer o glybiau a chymdeithasau sy'n dod â myfyrwyr o'r un anian at ei gilydd ac yn aml bydd grŵp astudio eich mab neu'ch merch yn llawer mwy nag yn yr ysgol. Byddai'n werth iddyn nhw gael golwg ar gyfleusterau undeb y myfyrwyr hefyd.

Mae rhai prifysgolion a cholegau'n rhedeg rhagleni 'bydi'. Bydd myfyrwyr sydd eisoes yn y brifysgol yn gwirfoddoli i gysylltu â myfyrwyr newydd i aetb unrhyw gwestiynau yngylch astudio, y brifysgol neu fywyd myfyrwyr. Mae'n ffodd wych o ganfod rhagor yngylch beth sy'n mynd ymlaen.

Cael cefnogaeth – bydd yn brofiad tra gwahanol i ddysgu yn yr ysgol. Fydd yna neb i ddweud wrthyn nhw beth i'w wneud bob cam o'r ffodd, bydd yn ddysgu mwy hunan gyfeiriol. Ond bydd y rhan fwyaf o fyfyrwyr y flwyddyn gyntaf yn mynd drwy'r un profiad. Mae gan y rhan fwyaf o brifysgolion swyddogion lles, caplaniaid a chwnselwyr myfyrwyr sy'n gyfarwydd â'r problemau o setlo mewn byd academaidd newydd ac sydd wrth law i helpu myfyrwyr newydd.

Mae yna lawer o bethau i'w hystyried na fydd ganddyn nhw lawer o brofiad o'u trefnu, fel trwyddedau teledu, yswiriant a chelfi cegin. Bydd eich arweiniad chi yma yn amhrasiadwy.

Ewch i'n hadran 'Dechrau'ch astudiaethau' www.ucas.com/startingstudies i gael rhagor o gynghorion.



Awgrymiadau a syniadau i'ch mab neu'ch merch

- 1 Llofnodwch am e-gerdyn UCAS i gael cyngor ar y broses ymgeisio www.ucas.com/ucascard
- 2 Ymchwiliwch a thynnwch restr fer o gyrsiau rydych chi â diddordeb ynddyn nhw search.ucas.com
- 3 Ewch i ddyddiau agored prifysgolion a cholegau www.ucas.com/open-days
- 4 Cofiwch y dyddiad cau ar gyfer y cyrsiau y maen nhw'n eu dewis www.ucas.com/whentoapply
- 5 Cofrestrwch ar lein gydag UCAS Apply o fis Gorffennaf 2014 www.ucas.com/apply/undergraduate
- 6 Anfonwch gais at UCAS erbyn y dyddiad cau perthnasol
- 7 Ymgeisiwch am gefnogaeth cyllid myfyrwyr – ddechrau 2015
- 8 Cadwch lygad yn gyson ar eu ebyst am ddiweddarriadau oddi wrth UCAS yngylch eu cais
- 9 Dewch i ddeall amodau'r cynigion y maen nhw'n eu derbyn
- 10 Cofiwch erbyn pryd y mae'n rhaid iddyn nhw ymateb i'w cynigion
- 11 Ddefnyddiwrch Track i ymateb i gynigion cyn y dyddiadau cau www.ucas.com/replies
- 12 Defnyddiwrch Extra os nad oes unrhyw gynnig yn dod - o fis Chwefror 2015 www.ucas.com/extra
- 13 Gwnewch yn siŵr nad ydyn nhw ar wyliau pan fydd eu canlyniadau'n cyrraedd
- 14 Paratowch gynllun ar gyfer Clearing neu Adjustment os nad ydyn nhw'n cael canlyniadau y maen nhw'n eu disgwyl www.ucas.com/examresults

Y dyddiadau allweddol...

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Mehefin

Bydd UCAS Apply ar gyfer 2015 ar gael.

Ganol Medi

Gellir cyflwyno ceisiadau i UCAS.

15 Hydref
(18:00 amser y DU)

Dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau i brifygolion Rhydychen a Chaergrawnt a cheisiadau ar gyfer meddygaeth, deintyddiaeth, milfeddygaeth a gwyddor milfeddygaeth.

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15 Ionawr
(18:00 amser y DU)

Dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau i bob cwrs heblaw'r rhai sy'n cael eu dangos gyda dyddiad cau 15 Hydref neu 24 Mawrth

25 Chwefror

Extra yn agor.

24 Mawrth
(18:00 amser y DU)

Dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau am gyrisau celf a dylunio heblaw am y rhai â dyddiad cau ar 15 Ionawr.

Bydd ceisiadau a dderbynir wedi'r dyddiadau cau uchod yn cael eu hanfon i'r prifysgolion, cyn belled â bod lleoedd ar gael, ond nid oes rhaid i'r prifysgolion eu hystyried.

30 Mehefin
(18:00 amser y DU)

Dyddiad olaf i dderbyn ceisiadau yn UCAS. Bydd pob cais a dderbynir yn hwyrach yn cael eu rhoi'n awtomatig yn Clearing.

Dechrau Awst

Cyhoeddi canlyniadau'r Awdurdod Cymwysterau'r Alban a'r gwasanaeth gwybodaeth Clearing'r Alban yn dechrau.

13 Awst

Cyhoeddir canlyniadau TGAU lefel A, Diploma Uwch a Pre-U Caergrawnt a'r gwasanaeth gwybodaeth Clearing llawn yn dechrau.

21 Medi
(18:00 amser y DU)

Dyddiad olaf i dderbyn ceisiadau trwy Apply.

Cofiwch siarad ag ysgol neu goleg eich plentyn rhag ofn bod ganddyn nhw eu dyddiadau cau eu hunain a fydd yn aml yn gynharach na'r rhai uchod.

Bydd yna hefyd ddyddiadau cau penodol ar gyfer ymateb i gynigion – mae manylion ar gael ar

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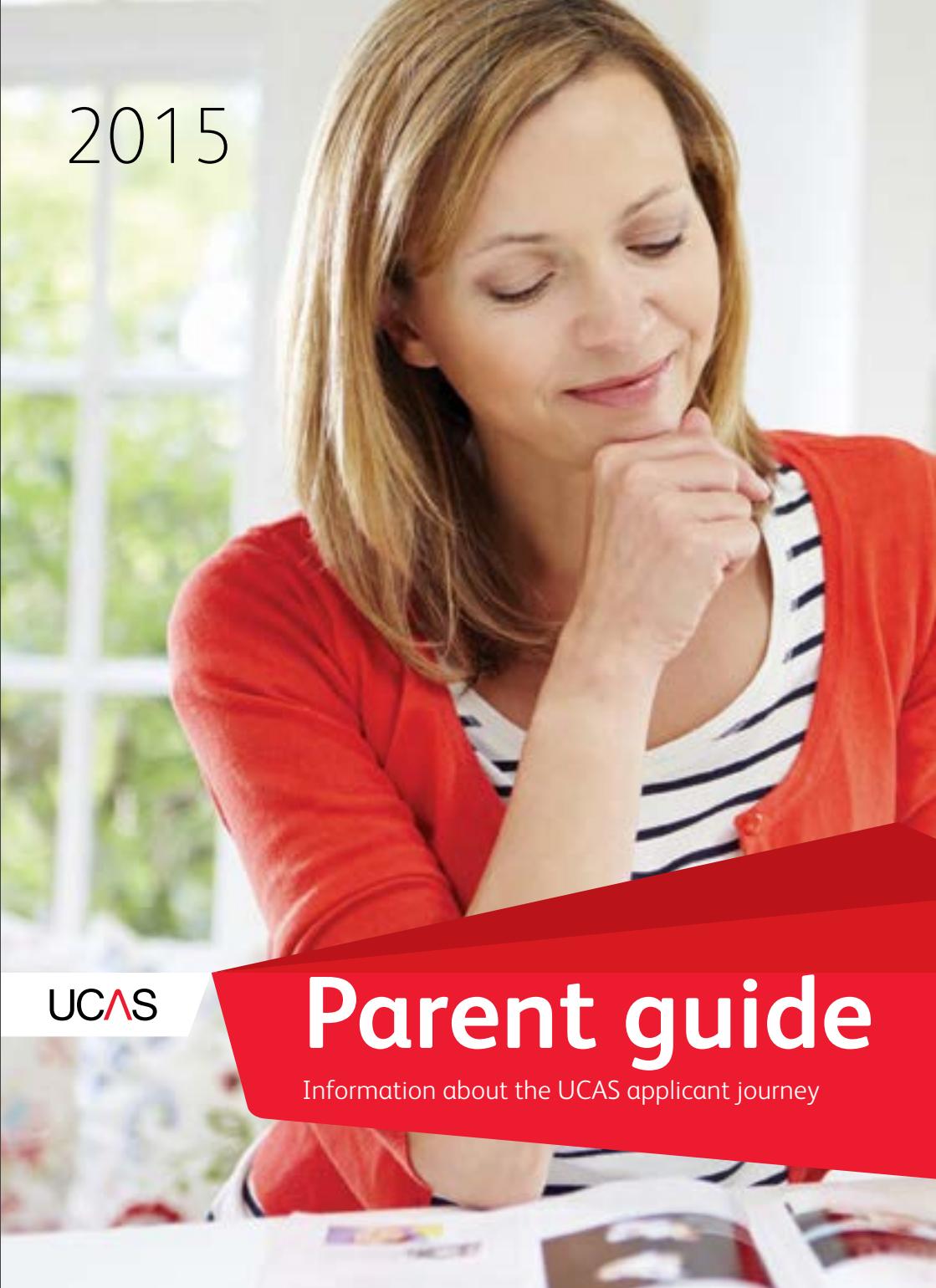
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Lois Ward at the University of Central Lancashire – UCAS / Times Essay Writing Competition entrant.

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Making plans to get into higher education involves big decisions for your son or daughter. What's the right subject for them, where should they apply, what's the best way to manage their finances?

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Getting started



Why higher education?

The benefits are massive!

- Besides greater potential earnings and better career prospects, higher education helps the next generation learn new things, take charge of their future and help them get where they want to be in life.
- A university education develops independent learning, communication, intellectual, research and IT skills – all more important than ever these days.
- Higher education broadens interests and knowledge, nurturing independence, self-confidence and responsibility.
- Society also benefits from having a well-educated workforce, and employers value graduates. A relevant degree is vital to enter some careers, such as medicine or teaching.

What's it like?

Undergraduate higher education courses usually last three or four years and are known as a bachelor's, undergraduate or first degree. The courses are taught through a mixture of lectures and seminars, usually made up of different modules. Students can often choose some of their modules, so they can study what they're most interested in.

As well as an academic course, university offers young people opportunities for:

- learning and socialising with a wide variety of people (including students from outside the UK and those studying very different courses)
- travel
- taking part in cultural events
- meeting potential employers

Careers advice

Your son or daughter can get further information online from careers specialists about how higher education can help with building a career. Each UK region has its own website:

England: National Careers Service
nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Northern Ireland: Careers Service
Northern Ireland (www.nidirect.gov.uk)

Scotland: Skills Development Scotland
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What is UCAS?

We're here to help

www.ucas.com is the place to start for information about applying to university or college. The section for parents and guardians www.ucas.com/parents will help you understand the UCAS applicant journey and support your child through the process.

What we do

- After checking that applications are complete, we send them to the applicant's chosen universities and colleges.
- The universities and colleges send us their decisions and we let applicants know what these are through our online Track service.
- We are a central source of information about universities and colleges.



UCAS terms explained

There are quite a few specific terms used by UCAS and universities in the application process. We've explained some of the key ones here, but you can find more information in our UCAS terms explained www.ucas.com/ucas-terms-explained.

Getting started

Admissions tests – for some subjects (for example, medicine or law) applicants may need to take an additional test www.ucas.com/admissions-tests.

CUKAS – Conservatoires UK Admissions Service – the performing arts application system for practice-based music, dance and drama courses www.cukas.ac.uk.

Tariff – a means of allocating points to compare post-16 qualifications used for entry to higher education www.ucas.com/ucas-tariff.

UCAS – UCAS stands for Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. We process applications to full-time higher education courses in the UK.

Undergraduate – Higher education starts here. It's the first level of study, for example a degree or HND.

Filling in the application

Apply – the name of the UCAS online application system.

Deferral – if an applicant wants to apply to study the following year, they need to check with the university or college that they're happy to consider a deferred entry application.

Nominated access – an applicant can nominate someone to make decisions on their behalf and discuss their application with us and the universities and colleges they have applied to. This is often a parent, carer or grandparent.

Personal ID – a 10-digit unique identifier given to an applicant when they register in Apply.

Personal statement – a statement, not exceeding 4,000 characters, written by an applicant as part of their application, to persuade universities and colleges to offer them a place on the course.

Reference – a statement written by someone who knows the applicant well and can give an informed and academic assessment of an applicant's suitability for the course.

After the application is sent to UCAS

Conditional offer – an offer which gives the applicant a place if they fulfil certain requirements, usually exam results www.ucas.com/offers.

Extra – applicants who've used all five choices, have received all decisions and are not holding any offers may want to use Extra to add an additional choice www.ucas.com/extra.

Firm choice – an offer accepted as an applicant's first choice www.ucas.com/replies.

Insurance choice – an offer accepted as an applicant's backup choice www.ucas.com/replies.

Invitation – in Track an applicant may receive an invitation from a university or college to attend an interview or audition, or submit a portfolio, essay or other piece of work www.ucas.com/invitations.

Track – our online system applicants use to check the progress of their application, change their details and manage their choices www.ucas.com/trackyourapplication.

Unconditional offer – an offer of a place with no conditions. If the applicant accepts, the place it's theirs as long as they meet any non-academic conditions such as health checks – www.ucas.com/offers.

After exam results

Adjustment – sometimes exam results are much better than expected. If an applicant has met and exceeded the conditions of their conditional firm offer, they may want to use Adjustment to find an alternative course www.ucas.com/adjustment.

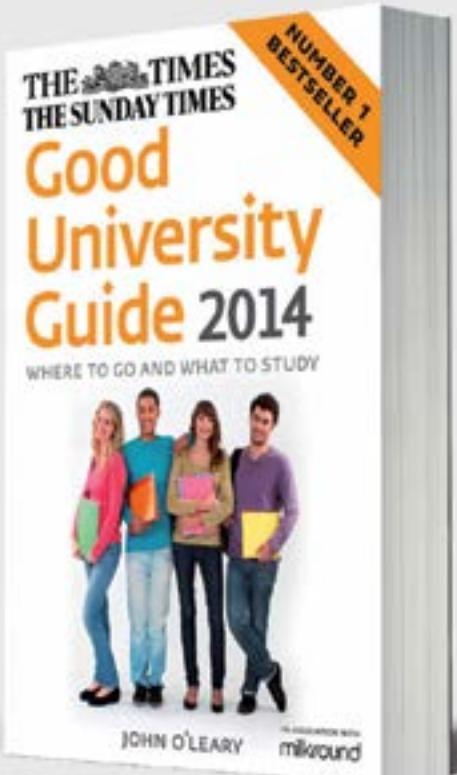
Clearing – the Clearing process runs from early July and helps students who have not secured a place, and those who apply after 30 June, to find courses where there are still places available www.ucas.com/clearing.

Confirmation – the outcome of a conditional offer which has been accepted by an applicant. If the conditions are met the place becomes unconditional; if not the offer may become unsuccessful.



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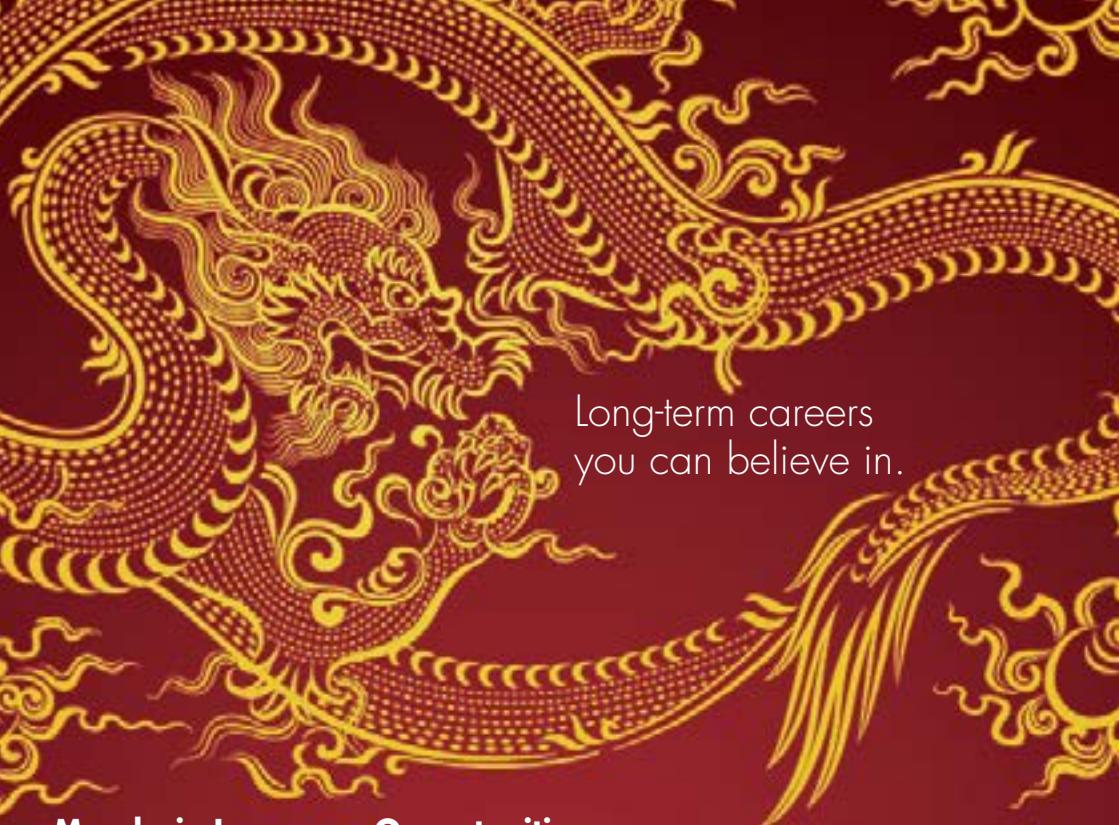
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Getting help online

There are lots of ways your son or daughter can get help online – www.ucas.com/about-us/contact-us.

UCAS e-card scheme

By signing up to the UCAS e-card scheme, your son or daughter gets advice straight to their inbox to help them understand the UCAS process, as well as their options after college or sixth form.

They can register for the UCAS e-card scheme at www.ucas.com/ucascard.

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- information on other options
- information from carefully selected partners
- tailored information from universities, matched to their career and study ambitions
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Website and social media channels

If you have questions about the application process visit www.ucas.com to find information about the entire process, from choosing a course to starting study and everything in between.

You and your son or daughter can get help from us on Twitter and Facebook where our advisers are waiting to answer your questions. Alternatively you can watch our videos and follow our applicant and parent blogs for even more insight from others going through the process.



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www.youtube.com/ucasonline



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Advice is available by telephone too, on **0871 468 0 468**, Monday to Friday 08:30 – 18:00.



Choosing courses

Choosing courses

Research, research, research!

Research is key to a successful application. When we interviewed second year university students and asked them what advice they would give their 18 year old selves, ALL of them said '**do more research!**'. They'll find lots of ideas on our website www.ucas.com/choosingcourses to get them started.

Find out what others have said

It's often useful to know what others have said about their courses. Unistats, the official website for comparing UK higher education courses has information, including satisfaction scores from the National Student Survey, for all undergraduate courses. Take a look at <http://unistats.direct.gov.uk>.

League tables

Many people want to know what is the best university or college. The truth is that there is no one course or institution which is perfect for everybody. Similarly, university league tables don't often agree as they award points for very different criteria and use different weightings according to what their editors happen to believe is most important. League tables can be found at the following websites:

- www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide
- www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/public/gug
(Good University Guide subscription service)
- www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

These tables reveal a lot about other people's opinions, but the most important thing is whether a university or college will suit your son or daughter, and the best way to work that out is to get a feel for the place and work from there.

Getting started

The first thing to think about is what subject areas your son or daughter enjoys and would be keen to study in depth.

Many subjects can be started at university. For example subjects where applicants are unlikely to have an equivalent A level, though they will be expected to prove they have potential. These include archaeology (universities will look for a practical interest in history and objects), architecture (where they will want evidence of an ability to express ideas in pictures and diagrams) or languages (someone with an A level in one language can often study another from scratch). University admissions tutors are usually happy to talk to you about what would be acceptable.

Most courses in England, Wales and Northern Ireland take three years to complete. In Scotland it is usually four years. Language students often take an extra year, which is spent abroad working in a country where the language is spoken.



Different types of study

When people think about higher education, they tend to assume it is all about degree courses but there are different qualifications that can be gained. For more information on courses visit www.ucas.com/study-types.

Finding courses and their entry requirements

The online search tool at search.ucas.com lists the universities and colleges, along with their courses, entry requirements and map showing where they are.

The entry requirements will give you an idea of what grades would be required in certain qualifications, such as A levels, Scottish Highers or International Baccalaureate. It will also tell you if certain subjects will not be counted, or if there are other requirements, such as an admissions test.

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Attending open days is a huge must. They were very, very insightful and helped a lot in deciding on my choices.”

Open days

One of the best ways to get an independent view is to see for yourself – encourage your son or daughter to go to open days at the institutions where they are thinking of applying. Then they'll get a chance to see what is on offer and whether they feel they could be happy spending three or four years there. They might prefer to go alone; in which case discuss with them the information they'll be looking for and questions they should ask. If they forget to ask a question, they can always telephone with further queries. To find our list of open days visit www.ucas.com/open-days.

UCAS conventions

Visit www.ucas.com/conventions to find conventions and exhibitions run by UCAS. These are free events where your son or daughter can speak to individual universities about their requirements and what they offer. There will be free seminars on a wide variety of subjects such as student finance, applying to Scottish universities, and writing a winning personal statement.

To help your son or daughter get the most from the convention, visit www.ucas.com/prep. It's full of things to help you, including a video about visiting an event, questions to ask and a guide to download.

Making the right choice

Your son or daughter needs to have a realistic view of their predicted grades. These should guide them in their choices of where to apply. They may want to apply to a range of universities so that if their grades are better or lower than predicted they are still likely to have a chance of a place.

Other things to consider include:

- small or large institution
- distance from home
- transport
- sports facilities
- city or country location
- course facilities (labs, libraries, tutor access)
- nightlife and social life
- accommodation available
- activities, clubs and societies

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It may not be the course alone that would help them have a great experience.”

Students with disabilities

If your son or daughter has a disability, it's a good idea to contact universities and colleges to discuss any support they might need before sending their application to us. Most universities and colleges have coordinators or advisers who will be happy to help. Most also publish details of their provision for disabled students on their website.

There is more advice on our website at www.ucas.com/individual-needs including a video guide for students with disabilities (and a BSL version), along with a video giving advice from university disability officers.

Tuition fees

Most universities can charge up to £9,000 annually for tuition fees for their courses. However, privately run universities may charge more as the Government's tuition fee limit does not apply to them. Students at private institutions may be eligible for a tuition fee loan of up to £6,000. International students can be charged more.

Applicants will need to be clear about how they will fund payment of these fees. For up-to-date information see www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/student-finance and look at the information on student finance on pages 24 - 26.

Useful resources

UCAS

- www.ucas.com
- www.cukas.ac.uk

Finances

- www.moneysavingexpert.com/students
- www.nasma.org.uk

International students

- www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying
- www.ukcisa.org.uk

Lifestyle and accommodation

- www.telegraph.co.uk/education/universityeducation/student-life
- www.thesac.org.uk
- www.nationalcode.org
- www.brightknowledge.org
- www.studential.com

Gap year

- www.gapyear.com
- www.carolinesrainbowfoundation.org
- www.projecttrust.org.uk



Case study

The Harvey family

2012–2013

My twins are now happily settled in universities where they feel at home, studying courses which they love. It's so hard to believe that only a year earlier every decision about courses and campuses seemed incredibly momentous. Even so, I'm pretty sure that they might have been equally happy studying slightly different subjects in slightly different institutions, because the main thing is not just finding the course and the university that you love, it's also what you bring to it when you get there.

I still remember being shown round a particular university by a bubbly, confident undergraduate who was prominent in her students' union. She really loved the university she was at. But at the end of our tour, she told us that this had not actually been her first choice – she hadn't been accepted by the place she had dreamt of going to.

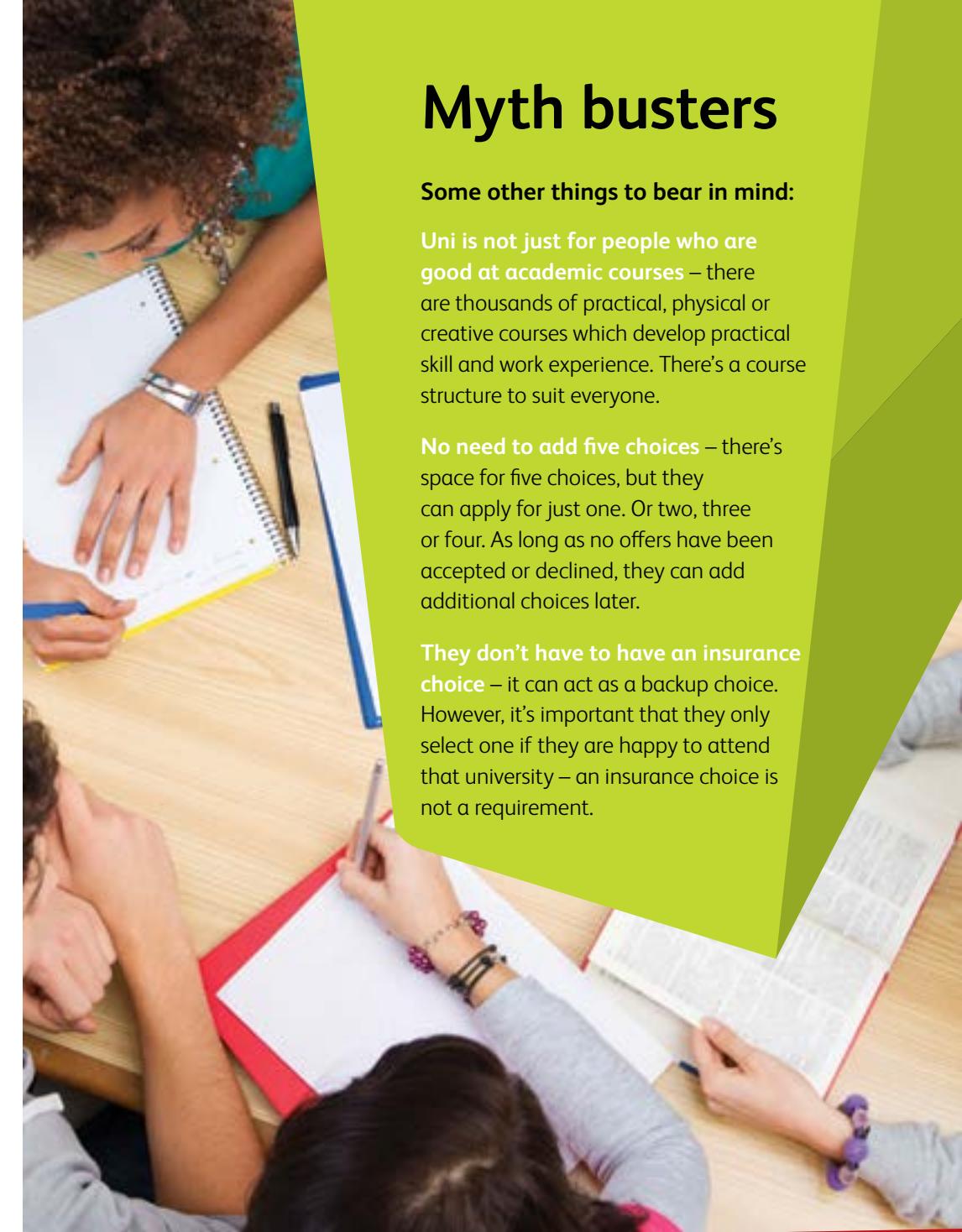
Having said that, your son or daughter needs the best chance of fulfilment and the career they dream of, so we started talking early about careers and subjects. Work experience, even for a short period, can clarify goals. The sooner they've decided on a subject, the easier it is to settle down to finding the university or college that offers what they want, and the UCAS website really helped

with tables of open days and their search tool; then you can use the universities' own websites to drill down and find out what particular modules and topics are on offer at each place. For instance, many different universities offer history, but not all of them included the periods which are my daughter's favourites.

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Just throw yourself into it and take advantage of everything it has to offer you, and you will have a great time and a great future.”

Top tip for parents: university towns vary hugely in the cost and availability of accommodation and cost of living generally. Factor this in when budgeting.



Myth busters

Some other things to bear in mind:

Uni is not just for people who are good at academic courses – there are thousands of practical, physical or creative courses which develop practical skill and work experience. There's a course structure to suit everyone.

No need to add five choices – there's space for five choices, but they can apply for just one. Or two, three or four. As long as no offers have been accepted or declined, they can add additional choices later.

They don't have to have an insurance choice – it can act as a backup choice. However, it's important that they only select one if they are happy to attend that university – an insurance choice is not a requirement.

Go to www.ucas.com/apply/undergraduate

After they've registered
log in to fill in all sections
of Apply

Click on Apply for 2015 courses and then Register and complete the details requested. They will need their username and password to finish their application.

When do they need to apply by?

Deadlines

- 15 October** – Medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, veterinary medicine and all applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge
- 15 January** – All other courses except certain art and design courses using 24 March deadline
- 24 March** – Certain art and design courses (check on the UCAS search tool)

After **30 June** applications go straight into Clearing

What happens next?

- We process their application
- We send them a Welcome email which lists their choices
- We send their application to their chosen universities and colleges for them to consider
- Universities and colleges tell us their decisions
- We update Track

Applying

Your son or daughter will apply online through the UCAS application service Apply, at www.ucas.com/apply. This will be available at school if internet access is not possible from home.

Your son or daughter will fill in their online application, which has eight sections:

- Personal details
- Additional information (UK applicants only)
- Student finance
- Course choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement
- Referee details (applicants not at a school or college registered with UCAS)

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Students should apply only to places they can picture themselves going to.”

Course choices

A maximum of five choices is available. If they apply to less than five places, they may be able to add others later as long as they have not accepted an offer elsewhere. If they end up without any offers they may be able to add choices through Extra (see page 30).

Deadlines

If your son or daughter has missed the deadline they can still submit their application until 30 June. Universities or colleges may consider these applications provided they have places available.

References

The last addition to the application is the reference, which is usually supplied by the school. If your son or daughter has left school this can be supplied by an independent referee.

Personal statement

Encourage your son or daughter to find out exactly what the universities and colleges are looking for using our search tool at [search](#).

[ucas.com](#) and the universities' websites.

To help prepare for writing their personal statement, they could list key points, strengths and evidence they have to justify why they have chosen the course. Well before the deadline, they should write a first draft and show it to their teacher and friends and to you.

Here is a list of what it could contain.

- **What interests them about the subject?** To show they understand what is required to study the course.
- **Why they're suitable** to take the course? List their skills and experiences and show why university or college is the next logical step.
- If they're applying to several different courses, it can be hard to make the personal statement fit them all properly. They could look for **common themes** and write about those.
- **Demonstrate maturity** and include positions of responsibility and achievements (swimming certificates, music exams, voluntary activity, school play or orchestra).

- Include **hobbies, interests and social activities** if they demonstrate their suitability for the course.
- **Work experience**, including voluntary work, if it links to entry requirements for the course.
- **Future plans** including what they want to do after university.

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Breaking it down into sections gave me a better idea of how to structure the personal statement. I used categories like work experience, skills, and personal experiences, to give myself an idea of what to talk about.”

There are lots of resources at [www.ucas.com/personalstatement](#) to help write personal statements. These include a timeline, worksheet, mind map and video.

The personal statement must be original and not contain material copied from another source. We are able to identify copying and we always notify the universities and colleges of any cases detected.

Student finance

Sound advice from Student Finance Wales

Are you thinking about how your child will pay for their time at university or college? Student Finance Wales is here to help.

What help's available?

Most students won't have to pay for their tuition fees up front. Welsh students studying in the UK can apply for a Tuition Fee Grant from Student Finance Wales to help meet the cost of their course. This doesn't have to be paid back. Other loans and grants are also available to help them pay tuition fees and living costs like accommodation and food. Loans don't have to be paid back until the student has left university or college and their income is over £21,000. Grants don't need to be paid back at all.

There's also extra help for students who have children, adults who depend on them, or a disability, mental-health condition, long-term

health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia.

There's lots of helpful information and resources about the types of student finance available on our website. You can also find out what you and your child need to do to apply and how they'll repay when they've finished their course at www.studentfinancewales.co.uk. Make sure you like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter so we can give you up-to-date information when it's time to help your child get ready to go to university or college.



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8 Simple Steps to successfully apply for student finance

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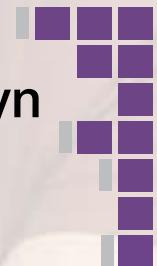
1. Your child should apply as early as possible. They don't need to wait until they've accepted a place at university or college. It's important they apply early and before the deadline - if they don't, then there's no guarantee that they'll have money by the start of their course!
2. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online at www.studentfinancewales.co.uk. There will be advice on our website, Facebook and Twitter to let you know when they can apply online.
3. If your child only applies for student finance that doesn't depend on household income, such as the Tuition Fee Loan, Fee Grant and the basic Maintenance Loan, they can fill in the application and you don't have to do anything.
4. If your child applies for student finance that does depend on your household income, such as the Welsh Government Learning Grant and Maintenance Loan, you'll need to register an online account too. We'll ask for your National Insurance number and details about your income. If you live with your husband, wife, civil partner or partner we'll ask for their details too.
5. We'll check your income details with HMRC, using your National Insurance number. This means most parents won't have to send any evidence, but sometimes you'll be asked for evidence or more information to support what you've told us. Don't worry if this happens to you.
6. Once we've got all the information we need your child will get a Student Finance Entitlement letter telling them how much they can get.
7. We'll pay the first Maintenance Loan and/or Welsh Government Learning Grant payments into your child's bank account and the first Tuition Fee Loan and Fee Grant payments directly to the university or college. Your child will usually be paid their student finance each term.
8. Your child will have to apply for student finance for each year of their course and won't start making repayments until they've left their course and their income is over £21,000.



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What happens once an application is made?

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What we do with applications

We check every application for completeness and then forward them to the universities. Then the universities start deciding whether to offer the applicant a place.

The university assess whether an applicant is capable of completing the course and benefiting from study. They make their decisions based on predicted grades for their exams, their personal statement and the school's reference, and sometimes an interview, audition or portfolio. Some will make their offers within a week or two and some will take a lot longer.

Track

Track is the online system applicants use to keep up-to-date with the progress of their application and reply to their offers. Full details will be included with the Welcome email we send to your son or daughter when they apply.

Interviews, auditions and portfolios

Some universities and colleges invite applicants to attend an interview, audition or submit a piece of work. If they do, they usually invite them online so it's seen in Track; but they can send their invitation direct. If the invitation is in Track it's important to reply as soon as possible; they can accept, decline or ask for an alternative date.

Offers

When the universities and colleges have considered the application your son or daughter will receive an email notification to look at Track. The offer may be unconditional or conditional (which depends on their exam results or some other event or circumstance); or they may be unsuccessful which means your son or daughter is not being offered a place.

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Be patient! A few unis may reply relatively quickly, many will not reply for months. I received my first offer exactly two weeks after applying but waited almost four months for my final one!”

Decisions

When your son or daughter has heard from all their choices, they must make a decision about the offers they have. They can select the one they prefer to make a 'firm' reply. If the offer is conditional they can choose an insurance choice as a backup. They don't have to have an insurance choice if they are certain they would only be interested in one of their offers. They can't swap between their firm and insurance choices. If they meet the conditions at their firm choice, their insurance choice 'disappears'. They do not need to reply to their offers until they have received all decisions on their application.

To find more details about the types of offers visit www.ucas.com/offers. For advice about replying to offers go to www.ucas.com/replies.

Extra

If your son or daughter does not receive any offers, or decides they don't want to accept the offers they have, they still have other options.

Extra

Extra allows students to apply for courses with vacancies from 25 February 2015 until early July 2015. It presents a valuable opportunity to add another course choice in advance of results day. Your child may be able to apply for another choice if they have:

- used all five choices
- received decisions from all their universities or colleges
- not been made any offers, or have declined any offers they've received

If Extra is available, it'll show up as a button in Track. There is no additional application fee.

- Applicants search for courses with Extra vacancies on the UCAS search tool.
- They should check with the uni or college if they can consider them.
- Then they add the university and course details in Track.

Only one course can be applied for at a time, so they won't be able to have an insurance choice.

What happens next?

- If they're offered a place they want, they just accept it in Track by the reply date given. They're then committed to that course so can't apply to any more in Extra or Clearing (see page 32).
- If they are unsuccessful, decline an offer, or don't receive a decision within 21 days, they can replace it with a different choice.

If your son or daughter decides not to use Extra, or is unsuccessful in finding a place through Extra, they can wait until they have their exam results and then apply through Clearing (see page 32).

Find out more at
www.ucas.com/extra.

Exam results

If your son or daughter's offers are conditional on most summer exam results in the UK, they need to make sure they're prepared for 'results day'. They need to:

- keep their contact details up-to-date in Track. If they give you nominated access you will be able to access their application
- have their Track login details to hand
- make sure they're available on results day
- check how their exam results are sent to their universities by visiting www.ucas.com/sending-exam-results

What happens?

- Hopefully your son or daughter will get the exam results they need, so their place will be confirmed. If they just miss out, the uni might accept them anyway.
- They might get a place on their firm or insurance choice, depending on their results.
- They may be offered an alternative course by the university (which they can accept or decline).
- If they get a place we'll send a letter to confirm this and it will say if they need to do anything else.

Other options

- If they do better than expected – they may be eligible to use Adjustment to look for an alternative course (see page 32).
- If things don't go to plan – they can use Clearing to try to find another place (see page 32).
- They can also think about alternatives to higher education, such as gap years, employment, studying in another way, or in another country. Visit www.ucas.com/planning-your-future for more advice.



Clearing and Adjustment

Clearing

Clearing is how unis and colleges fill any course places they still have. It's available from July – September. Your son or daughter will be able to use Clearing once they've received all their results if:

- they didn't receive any offers (or none they wanted to accept)
- their exam results weren't as expected and they didn't meet the conditions of their offers
- they applied after 30 June

Your son or daughter will know they're in Clearing if their Track status says 'You are in Clearing'. During Clearing applicants search for vacancies using the UCAS search tool, and phone unis about any courses they're interested in. If they receive informal offers from a number of unis they need to decide which they want to accept and then add their Clearing choice in Track. The university will then respond – if they don't confirm the place your child can add another choice.

To be eligible to use Clearing your son or daughter must have submitted an application to UCAS.

Visit www.ucas.com/clearing for more information.

Adjustment

Adjustment is a chance for your son or daughter to reconsider where and what to study; but it's only available in very specific circumstances.

- If your son or daughter has done better than expected, and met and exceeded the conditions of their firm choice, they may be eligible to use Adjustment to apply for an alternative course.
- If they've had a firm conditional choice accepted – and therefore made into an unconditional firm choice – they could potentially swap their place for one on another course they prefer.
- Adjustment is available for a limited time, and the option to register is available in Track.
- Their original confirmed place is safe while they look for another.
- Adjustment is entirely optional. A lot of competitive courses will be full, but other applicants might have missed their conditions or swapped a course, so it could be worth seeing what's available.

Go to www.ucas.com/adjustment for more advice.



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Starting uni



Where to live – There are some key things that need to be sorted out before leaving home – the first is where to live! Accommodation may be reserved for first year students and there will usually be a choice between shared or single rooms, en-suite bathroom or shared facilities, all at different prices. Private houses owned by landlords and purpose built student accommodation from private providers are also available in most locations.

Remember to carefully check what's included in the price, for example, are meals or cleaning included. Then compare prices.

Managing money

Your son or daughter may wonder how they'll afford everything during their studies. There's a lot to handle – from tuition fees and accommodation to food and course materials, plus a social life.

Whatever their financial situation, the money they deal with during higher education gives them the chance to become great at budgeting. Visit www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/starting-your-studies/managing-money for information on managing budgets.

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One student said
‘One of the most useful things I learnt was how to cook pasta for six people for £2.50!’

Freshers' week – this is a series of events laid on for new students to welcome them at university and often marks the start of lasting friendships.

Making friends – there are lots of clubs and societies which bring like-minded students together and your son's or daughter's study group will often be a lot larger than at school. They should check out the student union facilities too.

Some universities and colleges operate buddy programmes. Current students volunteer to make contact with new students to answer any questions about studying, the university or on student life. It's a great way to find out more on what's about to happen.

Getting support – it'll be quite a different experience to learning at school. There's no one to tell them what to do each step of the way; it'll be more self-directed learning. The change will be the same for most first year students. Most universities have welfare officers, chaplains and student counsellors who are familiar with the problems of settling into the new academic world and are on hand to help new students.

There are other things to consider which they may not have much experience in organising, such as TV licences, insurance, bills and kitchenware. Your guidance here could be invaluable.

Check our 'Starting your studies' section at www.ucas.com/startingstudies for more advice.



Hints and tips for your son or daughter

1. Sign up for ucas e-card for advice on the application process
www.ucas.com/ucascard
2. Research and shortlist the courses they're interested in
search.ucas.com
3. Attend university and college open days
www.ucas.com/open-days
4. Know the application deadline for the courses they choose
www.ucas.com/whentoapply
5. Register online with UCAS Apply from July 2014
www.ucas.com/apply/undergraduate
6. Send application to UCAS by the relevant deadline
7. Apply for student finance support – early 2015
8. Regularly check their emails for updates from UCAS about their application
9. Understand the conditions of the offers they received
10. Know when they must reply to their offers
11. Use Track to reply to offers before the reply deadline
www.ucas.com/replies
12. Use Extra if they have no offers – from February 2015
www.ucas.com/extra
13. Make sure they are not on holiday when they get their results
14. Have a plan for Clearing or Adjustment if their results aren't what they expected
www.ucas.com/examresults

The key dates...



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2014

June	UCAS Apply for 2015 available.
Mid-September	Applications can be submitted to UCAS.
15 October (18:00 UK time)	Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and applications for medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and veterinary science.

2015

15 January (18:00 UK time)	Deadline for application to all courses except those listed with a 15 October or 24 March deadline.
25 February	Extra opens.
24 March (18:00 UK time)	Deadline for applications to art and design courses except those listed with a 15 January deadline. Applications received after the above deadlines will still be forwarded to universities, providing they have vacancies, but they are not obliged to consider them.
30 June (18:00 UK time)	Last date for receipt of applications at UCAS. All applications received later are automatically entered into Clearing.
Early August	SQA results are published and Scottish Clearing vacancy information service starts.
13 August	GCE A level, Advanced Diploma and Pre-U results are published and full Clearing information service starts.
21 September (18:00 UK time)	Last receipt of applications through Apply.

Make sure you speak to your child's school or college as they may have their own deadlines which will often be earlier than those above.

There will also be specified cut-off dates for replying to offers – details can be found on

www.ucas.com/whentoapply