DISCOVER, DECIDE, APPLY: A DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO 2025



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CONFIRMATION AND CLEARING 2025



















CAC WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

92% had looked at Clearing before August.

53% of those who declined their place had already decided to do so before results day.



CONFIRMATION & CLEARING 2025 UPDATES

CHANGED COURSE OFFER

- A student will be able to accept or decline a changed course offer (UCC) from their firm choice even if their insurance choice hasn't made a decision on their application.
- If they accept, they will be placed at their firm choice on the new course.
- If they decline, they will become Conditional Firm(CF) at their insurance choice.



- choice first.

 UCAS are proposing a pilot where students will be able to decline their place if their offer is still conditional. • Students will be able to do this through UCAS from JCQ results day and will need to contact their firm

They will be released into Clearing.

MAKE A HEAD-START PLANNING FOR THIS SUMMER



Scottish Qualifications Authority embargo: Monday 28 July – Tuesday 5 August

Level 3 (Joint Council for Qualifications) embargo: Friday 8 August – Thursday 14 August

C&C support resources be shared from March.



2026 GYCLE















2026 CYCLE

Equal Consideration Date

14 January 2026

• Public

31 March 2026

Re-introducing advisory date

Reject-by-default (RBD)

13 May 2026

PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR 2026



Why do you want to study this course or subject?

course or subject

What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this

Why do you want to study this course or subject? *

This is your opportunity to showcase your passion and knowledge of your chosen subject area and to demonstrate to universities and colleges why they are a good fit for you and your future ambitions.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)

How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject? *

This is your chance to shout about the relevant or transferable skills you've gained from your education and highlight your understanding of how they will help you succeed in this subject area.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)

What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful? *

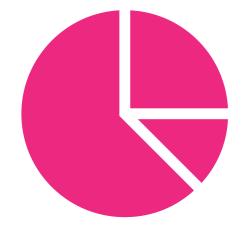
This is your chance to reflect on any other activities you have undertaken outside of your education or personal experiences which further demonstrate your suitability for the course. This section is likely to be deeply personal to you, so anything you include should be meaningful and relevant to you.

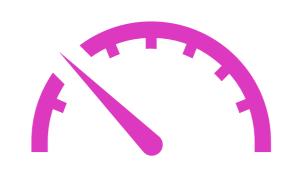
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THE PRACTICALITIES





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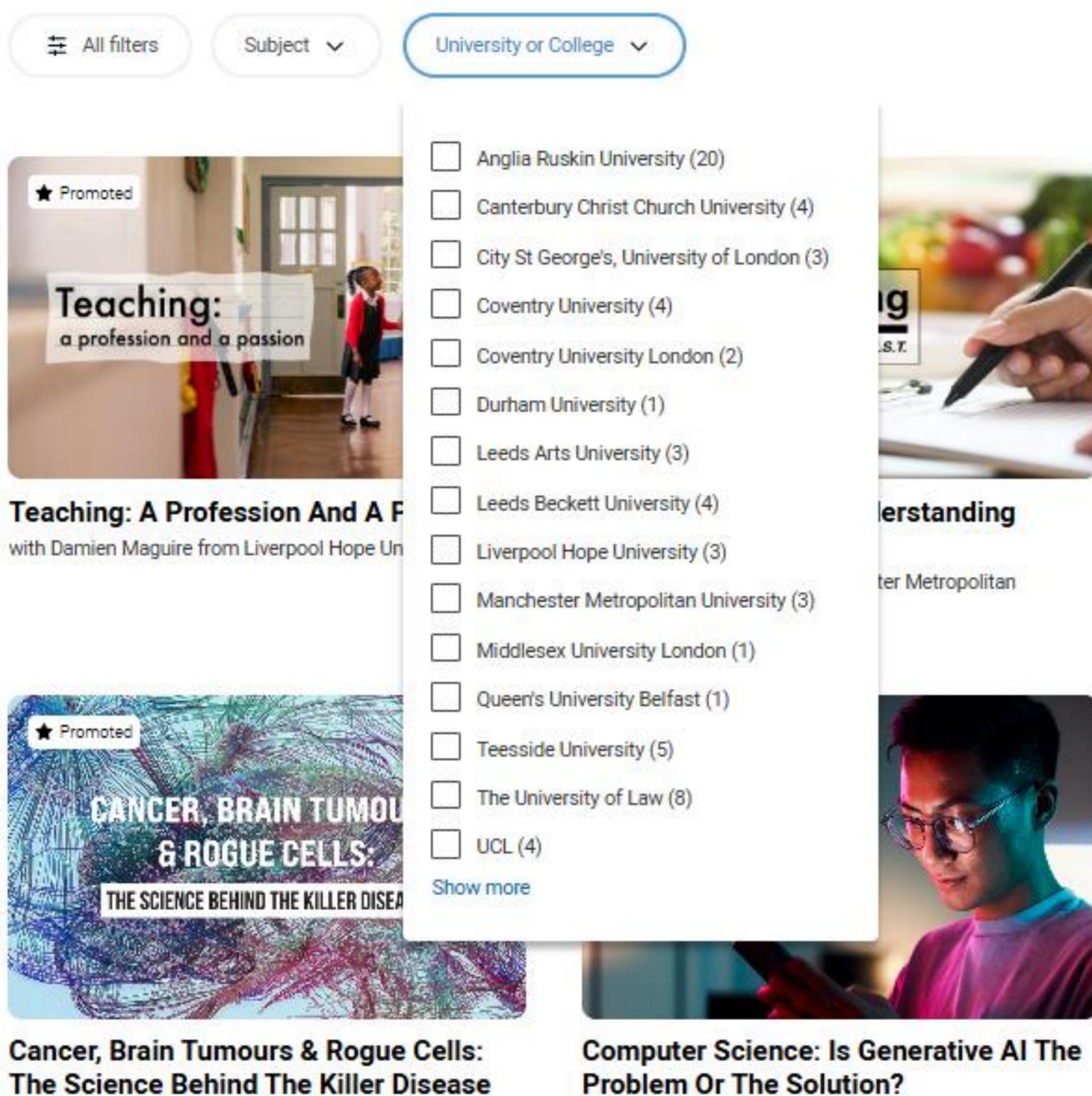
Don't repeat information across sections.

EXAMPLES OF EVIDENCE

In person work experience	Blogs & vlogs	Positions of responsibility	Projects or essays	Mentoring
Virtual work experience	Documentaries	Awards	Books	Tutoring
Work shadowing	Podcasts	Challenges	Influencers	Online subject courses
Paid employment	TED Talks	Personal life experiences	Hobbies	Trips or visits
Volunteering	Articles	Work based learning / training	Clubs	Competitions

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SUBJECT SPOTLIGHTS



with Dr Shafiq Ahmed from University of Sunderland

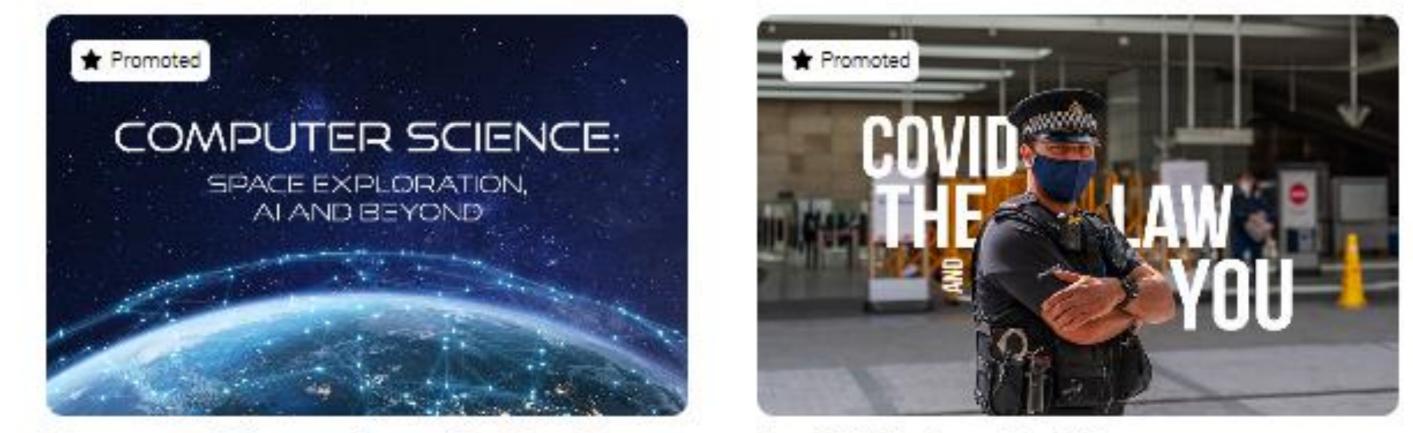
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And Breathe: The Respiratory System Explained

with Charlotte Anderson from the University of Sunderland



Computer Science: Space Exploration And Beyond

with Dr Paul Sant from The University of Law

with Dr Aminu Usman from the University of Sunderland

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Biotechnology: The Rise Of Radical Healthcare

with Prof. M. Safwan Akram from Teesside University

Covid: The Law And You with Mike Meehan from University of Law

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

	Accounting, banking & finance (9)
	Agricultural & environmental (1)
	Business, administration & consulting
	Construction & trades (2)
	Digital, it and computing (2)
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	Engineering (7)
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programme	Healthcare & medicine (12)
Engineering	Hospitality, catering & events (2)
This programme will ex opportunities available	Law & legal services (1)
Available 11/11/2024 -	Property & surveying (1)
Start now	Publishing & journalism (1)
	Retail (1)
	Science & research (4)

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



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

Start now

Start now



Work Experience with st Medicine nme will explore an array of career s available at mydentist

(11/2024 - 30/06/2025





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

Severn Trent Sustainability: Water Industry Virtual Work Experience

Energy & Utilities

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



Engineering a Sustainable World - 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



This programme will explore an array of career opportunities available at TLT LLP Available 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2025

Start now



Skills for Success: Forvis Mazars 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



Legal Realities Unveiled: Virtual Law Careers with TLT and Springpod

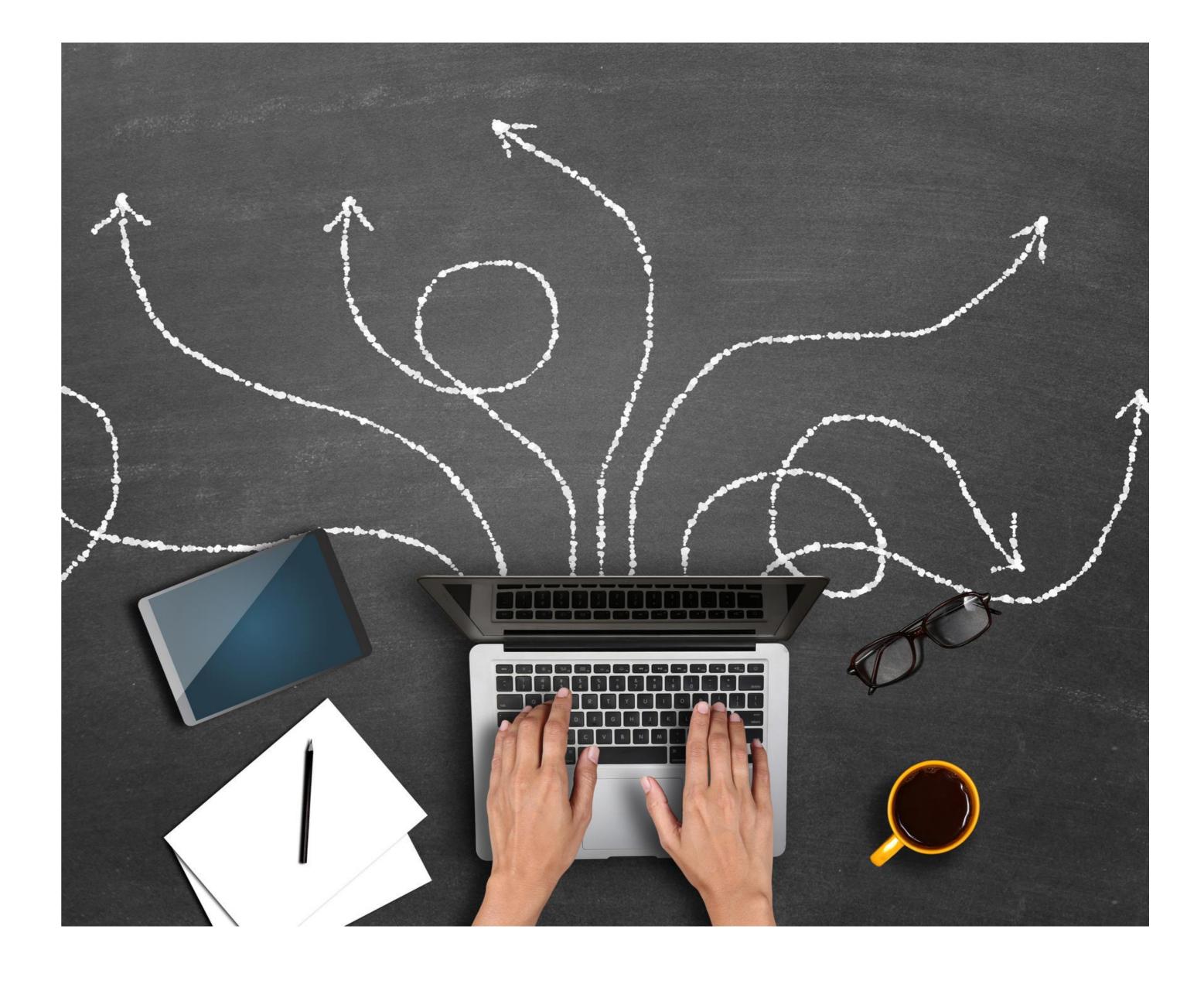
Law & Legal Services

Start now

REMEMBER TO PEEL

Point Evidence Explain link









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What do you want to ask our provider PS panel?





YOUR ADVISER PORTAL













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Postgraduate

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2025 applicant list

Tracking offers & decisions

View details of your students' offers and decisions

Go to 2024 tracking offers & decisions

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2024 centre management

2025 centre management

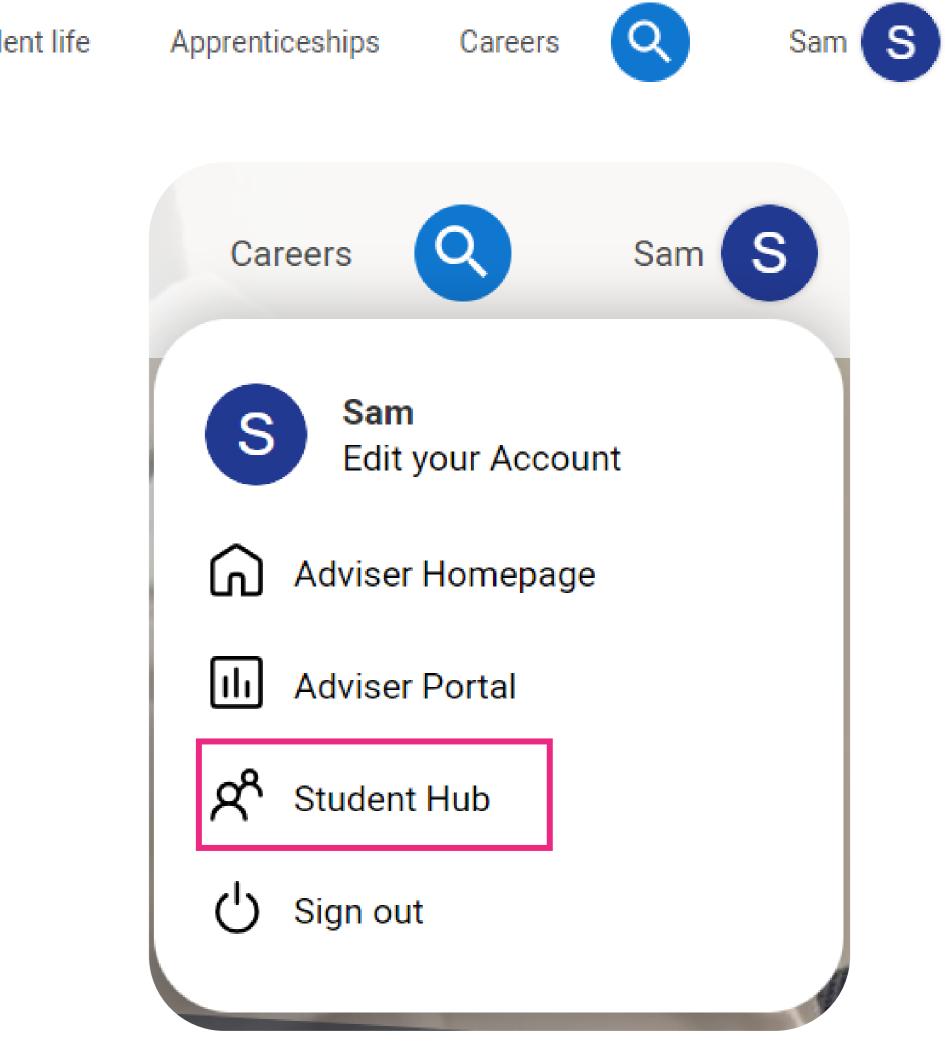
Data & reporting

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



Student Hub activity

UCAS Training School

UCAS centre number: 19048

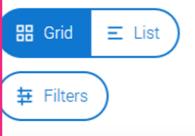
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		2025	Apprenticeships	Civil engineering Environmental and earth sciences Medicine	20 Feb 2024 20:01
		2025		Art Building and construction English language	15 May 2024 17:08
		2025	Apprenticeships	Agriculture and related sciences Civil engineering Engineering and technology	27 Apr 2024 16:14

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CONNECTION SERVICE

- Connect your students.
- Identify the right outreach.
- Multi- select filters.

Outreach Connection Service



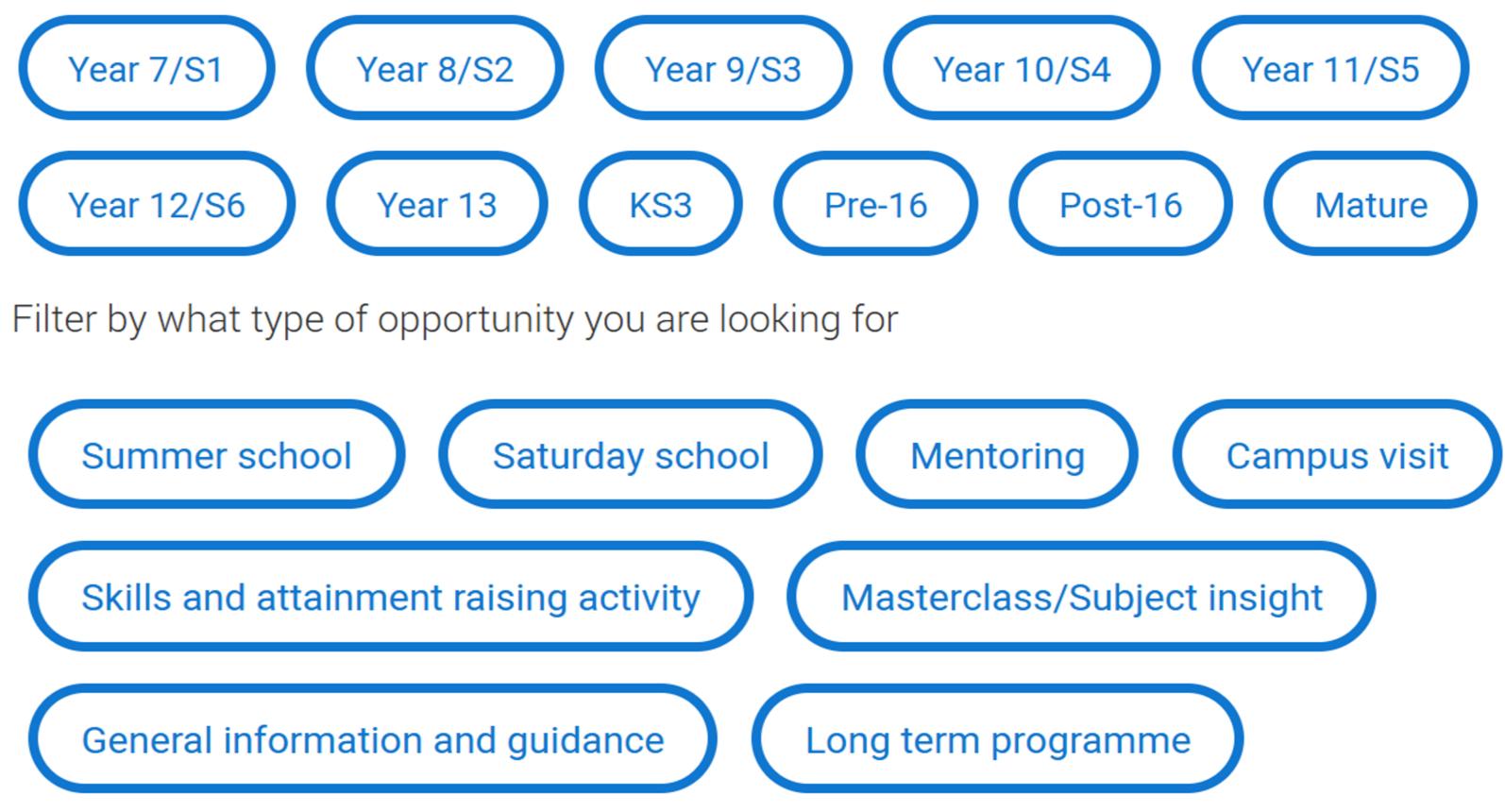
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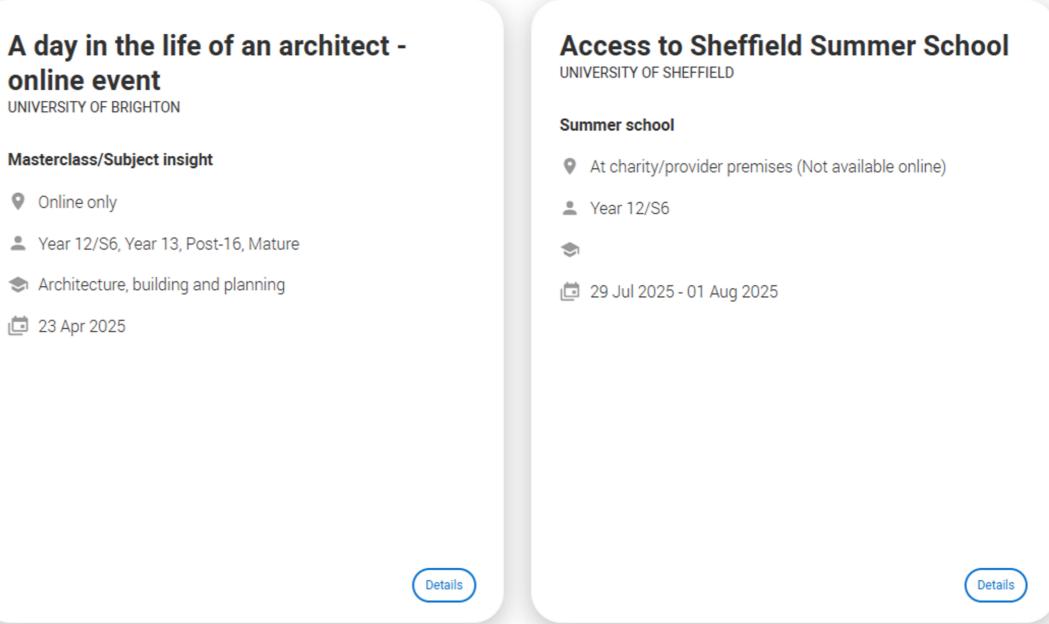
- Year 12/S6, Year 13, Post-16, Mature
- Subjects allied to medicine
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Age (multi-select)

Filter by specific ages, age groups, or stages of education

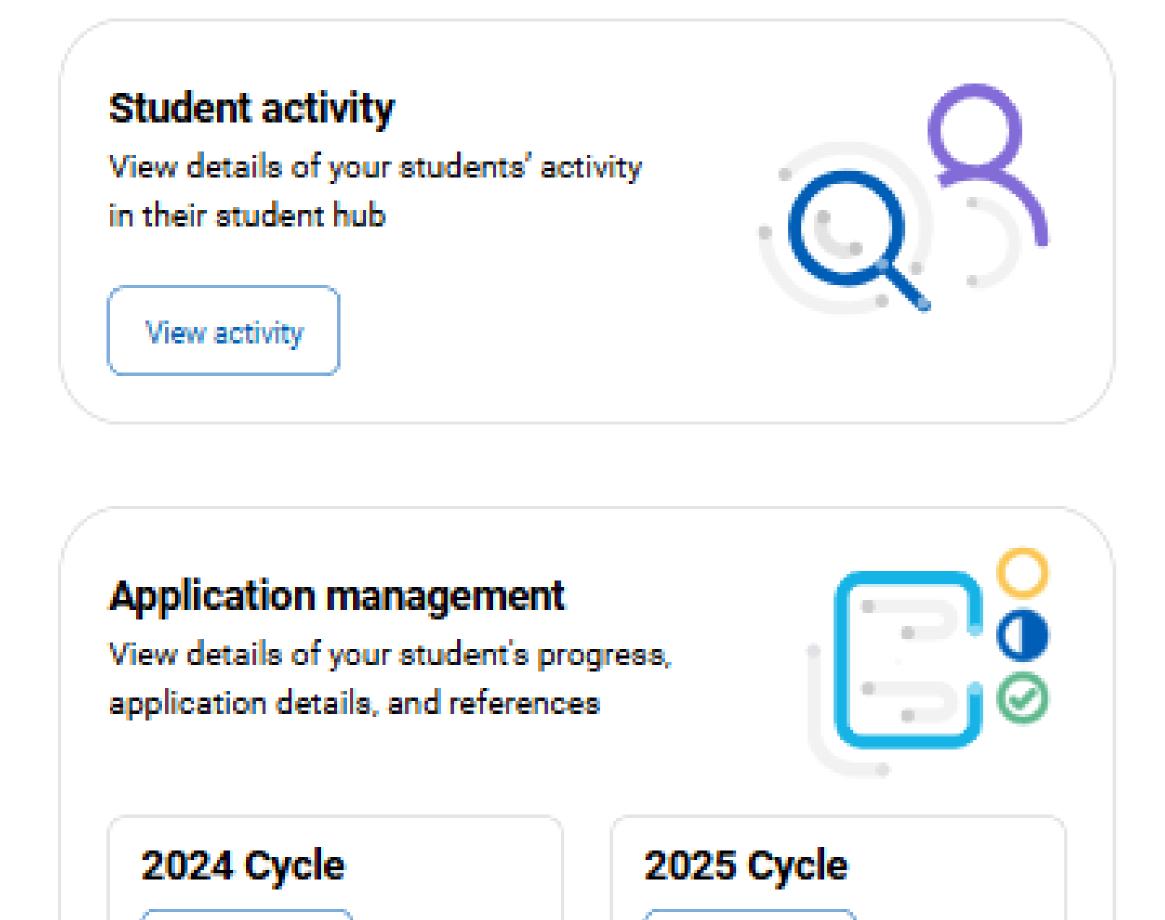
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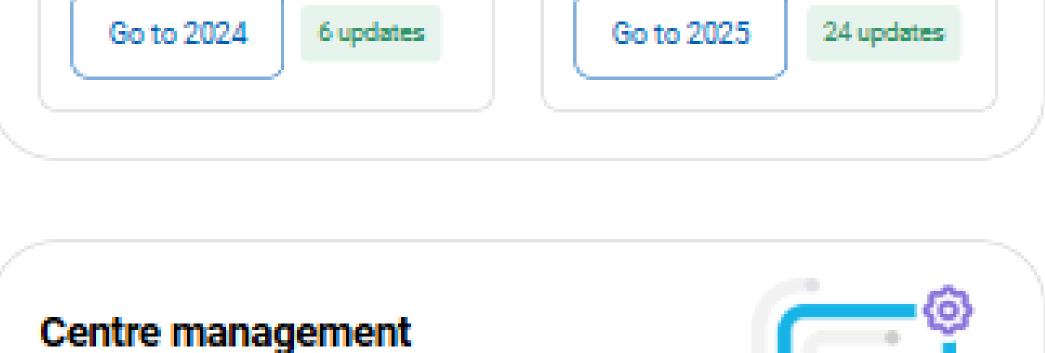






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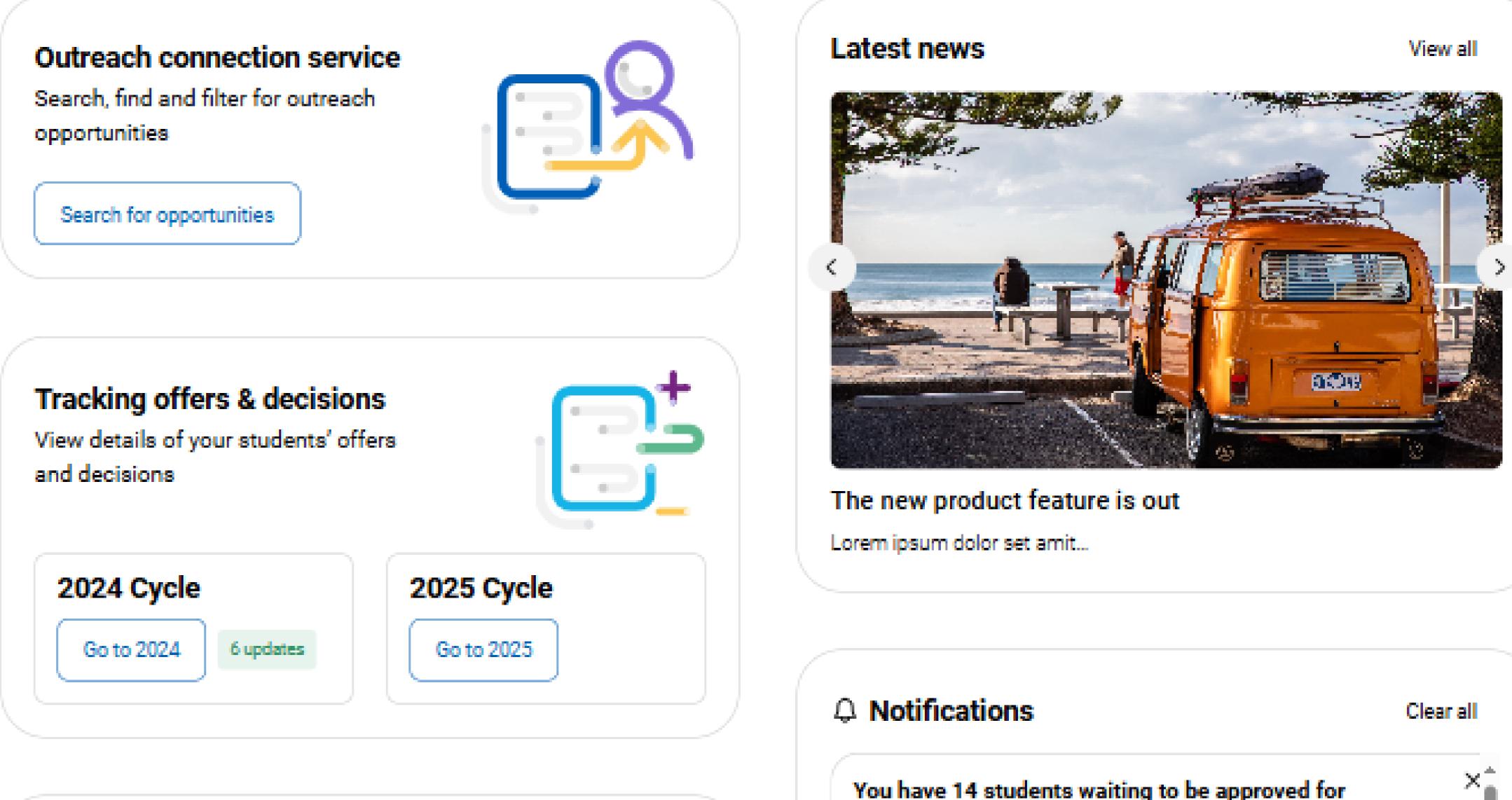




Here you can view and manage details about your centre(s) including buzzword and groups







Data & reporting

Monitor, report, and showcase your students' progression.

Gold subscription



You have 14 students waiting to be approved for connection Go to centre management to review your requests. × 3 students have submitted their application

Go to application management to review them.



KEY UPDATES

















FSM WAIVER

- New Free Schools Meals waiver payment option being introduced.
- This can be utilised alongside the current card and hybrid options.
- Visible only to students who have selected 'yes' to the FSM question in 'More about you'.

Select an application fee payment option

Payment is required for undergraduate applications. Choose how you would like students to pay for their application fee in the 'pay and review' section of the application:

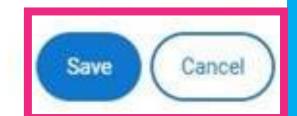
- Invoice only UCAS will send your centre a monthly invoice for any submitted applications.
- Card Applicants will be presented with the option to pay online by credit or debit card. You can also combine this option with the free school meals fee waiver, below.
- Hybrid Applicants will be presented with the option to choose to pay by card or for the centre to receive an invoice. You can also combine this option with the free school meals fee waiver, below. The centre is responsible for payment of invoice(s) for any submitted applications.

Free school meals fee waiver

UK domiciled applicants only

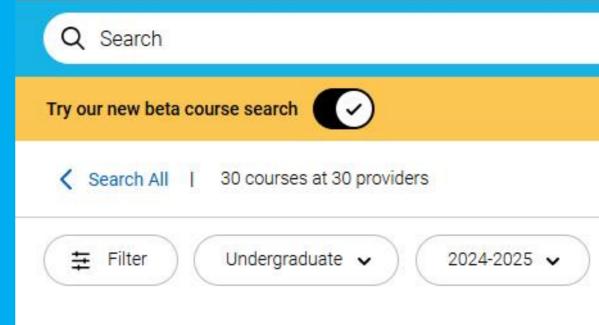
This option will ONLY be presented to students who have identified 'yes' to the Free School Meals (FSM) question in the application. Find out more about the free school meals fee waiver.

Free school meals fee waiver



OTHER KEY UPDATES

- UCAS Conservatoires reference removal.
- Historical Entry Grades Tool improvements.
- Course search improvements.
- Apprenticeships allocated tariff points.
- Scholarships search tool.





Accounting University of Bedfordshire BA (Hons) · 3 Years · Full-time · Luton Campus · Sep 2024 UCAS Tariff Points: 122

12 related courses

Chat to students

Mercers' Arts Award

The Mercers' Company



Scholarship information

The Mercers' Arts Awards are generously supported by The Mercers' Company and can be used for any expenditure the recipient encounters whilst establishing their career. The award is to assist with the costs associated to become a professional within the successful graduates' field of creative practice.

These might include:

- Studio rental
- Tools of the trade purchases
- Further tuition and training fees
- Living costs

In 2024 one award of £10,000 will be available to a postgraduate student at Camberwell College of Arts and another award of £10,000 will be available to a postgraduate student at Chelsea College of Arts.

The scholarships will be assessed based on financial need. It will provide a contribution





Accounting Blackburn College CertHE · 1 Year · Full-time · Main Site · Sep 2024 UCAS Tariff Points: 48

5 related courses



Accounting Bournemouth University BA (Hons) · 3 Years · Full-time · Main Site · Sep 2024 UCAS Tariff Points: 104-120

8 related courses

Scholarship details

Amount: £45,000 Number available: 25 Country: UK, EU, International Study level: Master of Arts Course/Subject: MA Fine Art, MA Textiles MA Illustration University: Birkbeck University of London Awarded by: The Mercers' Company Apply by: 12/01/2026

Apply for scholarship

Apply by 2 February 2026

To apply for this scholarship you must submit your application on the scholarship providers website by this date.