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Parents' Higher Education Information Presentation



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Higher Education

1. Overview of the higher education application process
2. What is happening this half term
3. Higher education finance



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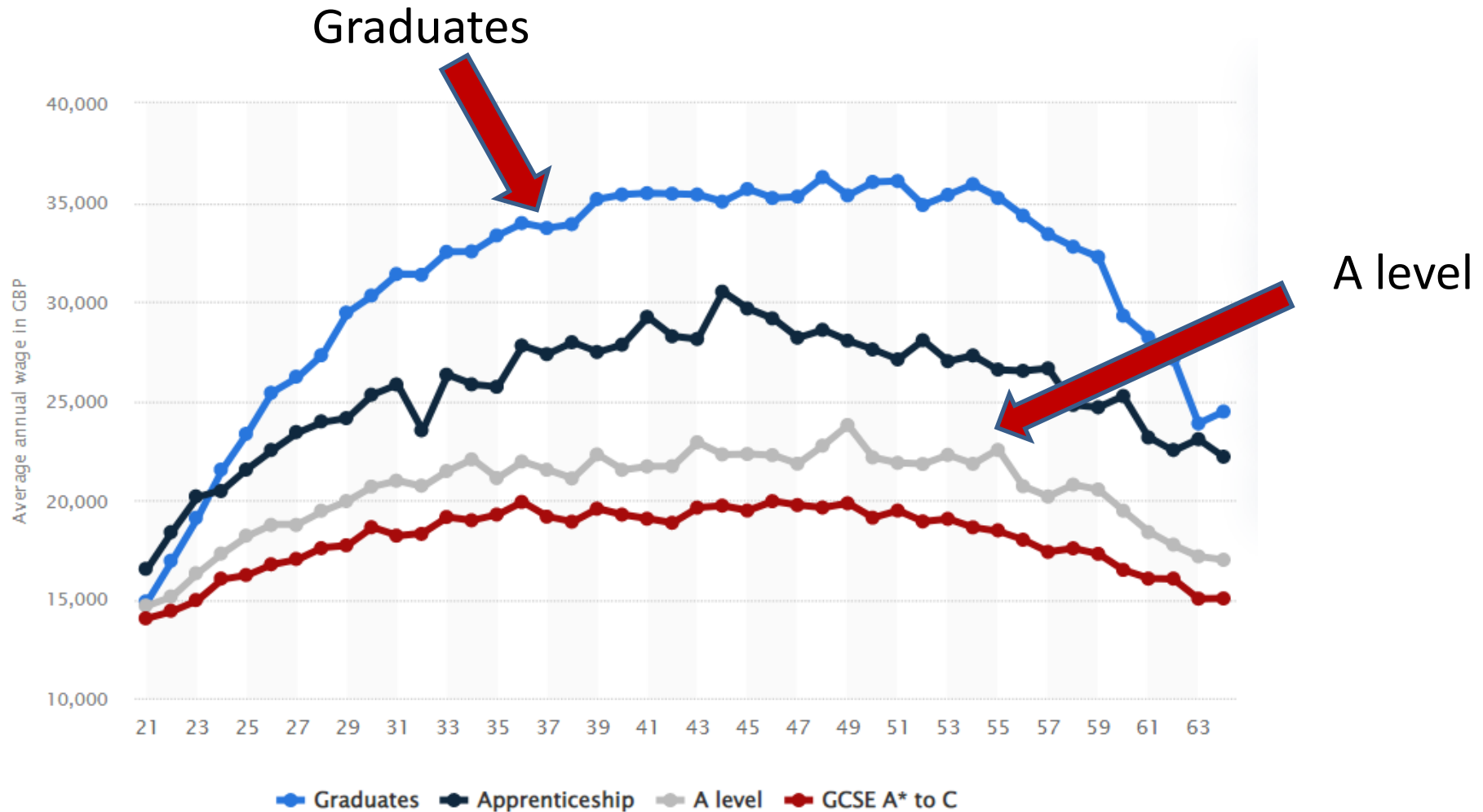
Higher Education Landscape

In 2020:

- 50 % of all 30 – 34 year olds had a degree
- 729,000 applications to study at university (405,000 in 1994)
- 2.5 million students studying degrees



Average Salaries 2017





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Higher Education Landscape

New restrictions to higher education entry:

- Minimum EE at A level
- Minimum 4 + 4 in GCSE Mathematics and English Language



Application Process: UCAS

- University and Colleges Admissions Service: www.UCAS.com
- 5 choices (4 for specific courses*)
 - a) 26th September 2022: Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary science, dentistry
 - b) 18th November 2022: *other* Higher Education courses



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Why apply early?

1. Potential for a more generous offer
2. Receiving offers can be extremely motivating
3. Able to better focus on studies



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UCAS

The UCAS application is in 4 main parts:

- a) Personal details and educational qualifications*
- b) Higher education choices: university and course*
- c) Personal statement*
- d) College reference



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UCAS

Students receive either:

- a) Conditional offers*
- b) Unconditional offers
- c) Rejections from universities

** some universities may require interviews, auditions, portfolio evidence or further assessments / qualifications*



Conditional Offers

A Level Grade	BTEC Extended Certificate	UCAS Points
A*	Distinction *	56
A	Distinction	48
B		40
C	Merit	32
D		24
E	Pass	16



Conditional Offers

Lancaster University BSc (hons) Economics (L100)

- a) A level grades: *AAB including B at A level Mathematics*
- b) GCSE English Language grade 4

Lancaster University BA (hons) Economics (L110)

- a) A level grades: **ABB**
- b) GCSE Mathematics grade 6, English Language grade 4



Conditional Offers

Manchester Metropolitan University BA / BSc (Hons) Economics (L100)

- a) 112 – 120 points (BBC – BBB)
- b) GCSE Mathematics and English Language grade 4
- Can transfer from BA (Hons) to BSc (Hons) in Year 2 subject to performance in quantitative units in Year 1.



Unconditional Offers

- No specific grades are required
- Students must generally have unconditional as their firm choice
- Sounds great, but be cautious as to the reason in being offered an unconditional place....
- Clear evidence nationally of the detrimental impact on A level and BTEC performance



Offers

Offers

Students hold a *firm* and an *insurance* offer. For example:

Firm – Lancaster AAB including B at A level Mathematics and grade 4 in English Language

Insurance – Aston BBB including grade 5 in Mathematics and grade 4 in English Language



UCAS Extra

- If all applications have been rejected
- Or the student wishes to decline all offers and pursue a different undergraduate course
- 25th February 2023* UCAS Extra opens
- 5th July 2023* UCAS Extra closes



UCAS Clearing

- For students who have not met their offers of firm or insurance and therefore do not hold a place
- Clearing available on A level and BTEC results day 17th August* 2023
- Students contact universities directly to secure a place
- Opportunity for universities to fill unused places.

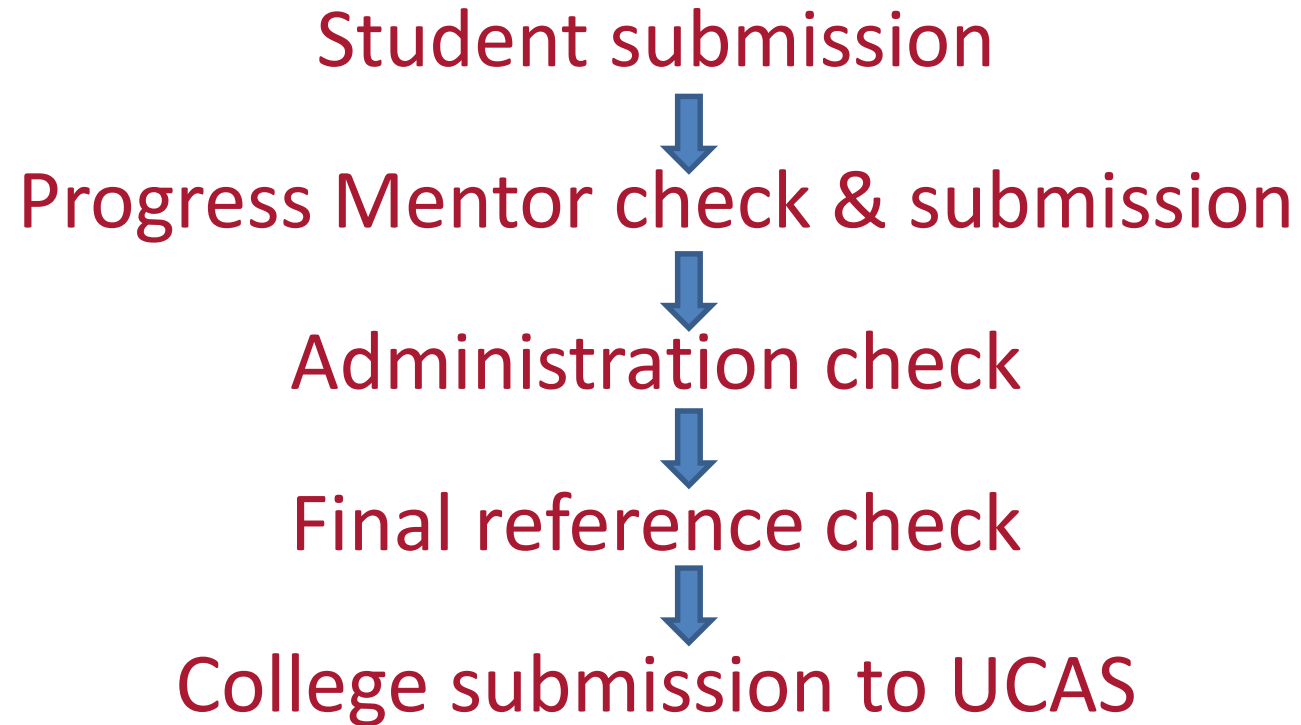


UCAS Clearing

- Universities are sent A level and BTEC results early (ahead of the formal release to students)
- Students are advised to use UCAS.com 2 days prior to research available places
- They can then plan 'contingency' approaches to universities directly, in case they miss their firm or insurance offers.



Process





Half term 6

- Students have started their on-line UCAS applications already in Personal Development Sessions
- Key focus in Personal Development sessions is to explore progression and advise of UCAS applications, including *personal statements*.
- University Fair, Friday 17th June – 42 universities represented



Half term 6: Subject Specific

Week	In-Lessons	Support Session
13 th June	Some lesson time on exploring university courses, typical offers, careers options, salaries etc	Exploring work experience and volunteering and wider reading and research to support applications
20 th June	Some lesson time on exploring a 'degree level topic'	Personal Statement Support 1
27 th June	Some lesson time on a guest speaker(s)	Personal Statement Support 2
4 th July	Some lesson time on exploring apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship options	Choosing a university of course



What are the delays in applying?

- 'I'm waiting for the university open day...'
- 'I have not included the exam boards for my GCSEs...'
- 'I have not finished my personal statement...'
- 'I still cannot decide which course I want to do...'
- 'I am still not sure: a city university or a campus university...'
- 'Oh yes, it is complete, I have not sent it in yet...'



Finance

There are 4 main types of finance available:

1. Tuition fee loan
2. Maintenance (living cost) loan
3. Maintenance Grant (means tested)
4. Bursaries and scholarships



Finance

- UCAS application itself costs £ 26.50 (applying for between 2 – 5 courses)
- UCAS application costs £ 22 if applying for a single course



Tuition Fee Loans

- The Tuition fee loan is to cover the cost of tuition fees
- It is *not* dependent upon income
- It is paid *directly* to the university
- Tuition fees are capped for the next 2 years at £ 9,250 per year



Maintenance Loans

- Loans to help cover the cost of living
- Student's eligibility for a loan is *dependent* upon parental income. They are means tested.
- These are paid direct to the student's bank account



Maintenance Loans

2022/23

Where Students Live & Study	Maximum Loan Available
Parental Home Live at home	£8,171
Elsewhere Live away from home and study outside of London	£9,706
London Live away from home and study in London	£12,667



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Maintenance Grants

2022/23

Household income	Grant
£ 25,000 or less	£ 4,009
£ 25,000 - £ 42,737	Partial grant
More than £ 42,737	No grant



Changes to Finance

Currently	From 2023 +
Payback starts £ 27,295	Payback starts from £ 25,000
Loans written off after 30 years	Loans written off after 40 years
Interest <i>generally</i> RPI + 3 %	Interest RPI



Loan Repayments

- From 2023 entry repayments start **once** graduate starts earning £ 25,000 per annum
- Repayments are levied at 9 % of earnings **over** £ 25,000



Disabled Students' Allowances

- Some students with specific learning difficulties may be eligible to apply for **DSA**.
- This is to help fund any additional support or assistive technology.
- Contact university **directly** to check for eligibility



Bursaries and Scholarships

- Universities will offer a range of additional financial support
- These may be linked to
 - a) parental income
 - b) characteristic of the student
 - c) student's academic performance
 - d) choice of undergraduate course



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'Citizens of change 100'

- Scholarship for 50 UK undergraduates
- Must complete a short 60 second video on '*What do you want to change?*'
- £ 2,500 for 3 years (= £ 7,500)



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The
University
Of
Sheffield.

Computer Science: Undergraduate Academic Achievement Scholarship

- £ 2,000 one off payment
- Criteria: A*A*A (including A* in Mathematics)



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Biological Science scholarship:

- £ 1,000 one off payment
- Criteria A*AA
- A* in either Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, PE or Physics
- AA in science of science related subjects



When do I apply?

- UCAS accepts applications from September 4th 2022
- a) 26th September 2022: Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary science, dentistry
- b) 18th November 2022: *other* Higher Education courses
- Be ready to submit full application on-line in September or October.



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What support is available?

- Support from Progress mentors and teachers
- Careers Hub & adviser
- Inclusion Centre for one-to-one centre
- Support for interviews



What should students be doing now?

- *Researching* courses, universities and their higher education options
- Participating in *virtual or physical* university tours / open days
- Drafting their *personal statement*
- *Wider reading*, research and any volunteering to enhance their application