

Application process support for parents

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About the University of Winchester!



UNIVERSITY
OF
WINCHESTER

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Founded as a
Teacher Training
College

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Undergraduate
Course options

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Degree
Apprenticeship
options

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faculties across
the Arts, Social
Sciences and
Sciences

**Campus
University
in the city of
Winchester**

**60-minute
direct train to
London
Waterloo**

Top 25

**for Graduate
Employment**
(Graduate Outcomes
Survey 2024)

Top 5

**safest university
cities**
(Complete University
Guide, 2025)

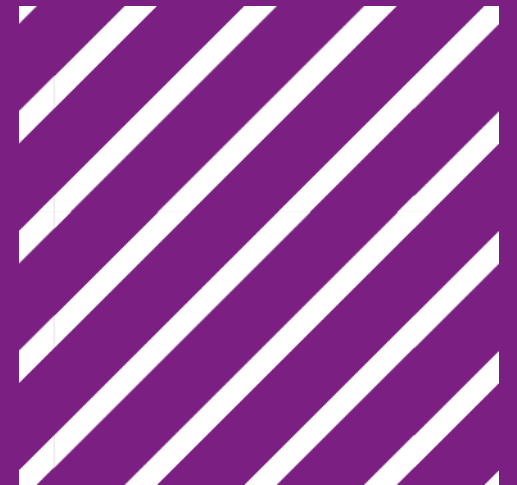
Where are we?

Our campus is a short walk from the centre of the vibrant and beautiful city of Winchester, located just 12 miles from the coast.



The train station is a 15 min walk away and we benefit from good train links.

The closest airport is Southampton Airport, with a 10 minute train connecting Southampton Airport to Winchester Train Station.

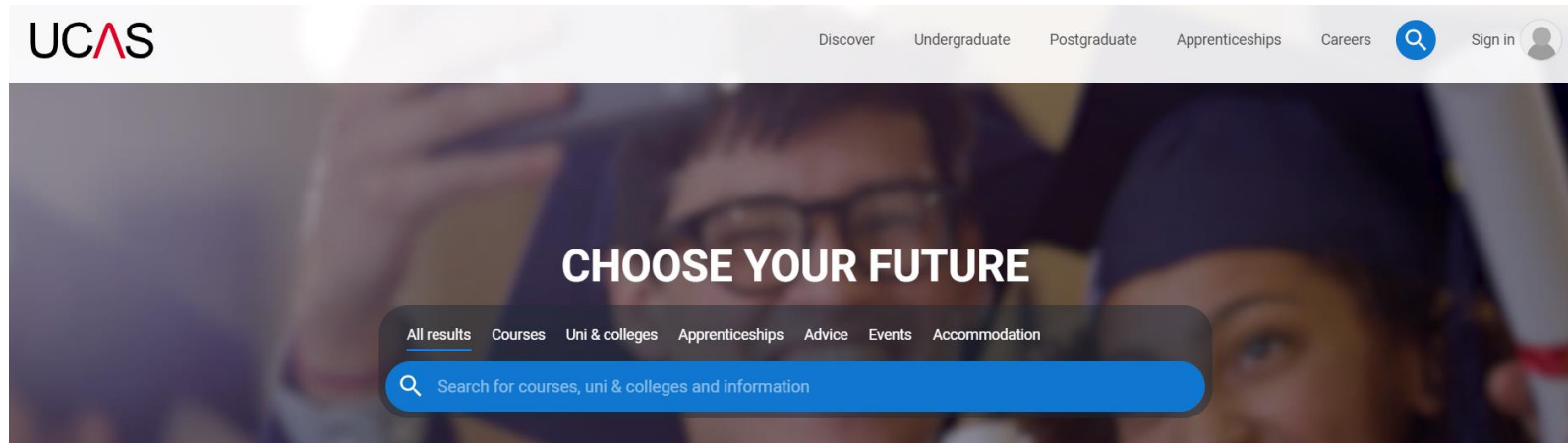


What I will cover

- University
 - Why go to uni
 - What your students can study
 - Other benefits/opportunities
- Student finance
- Alternatives to university
- What they can do now



Before we start,
let me introduce
you to UCAS...



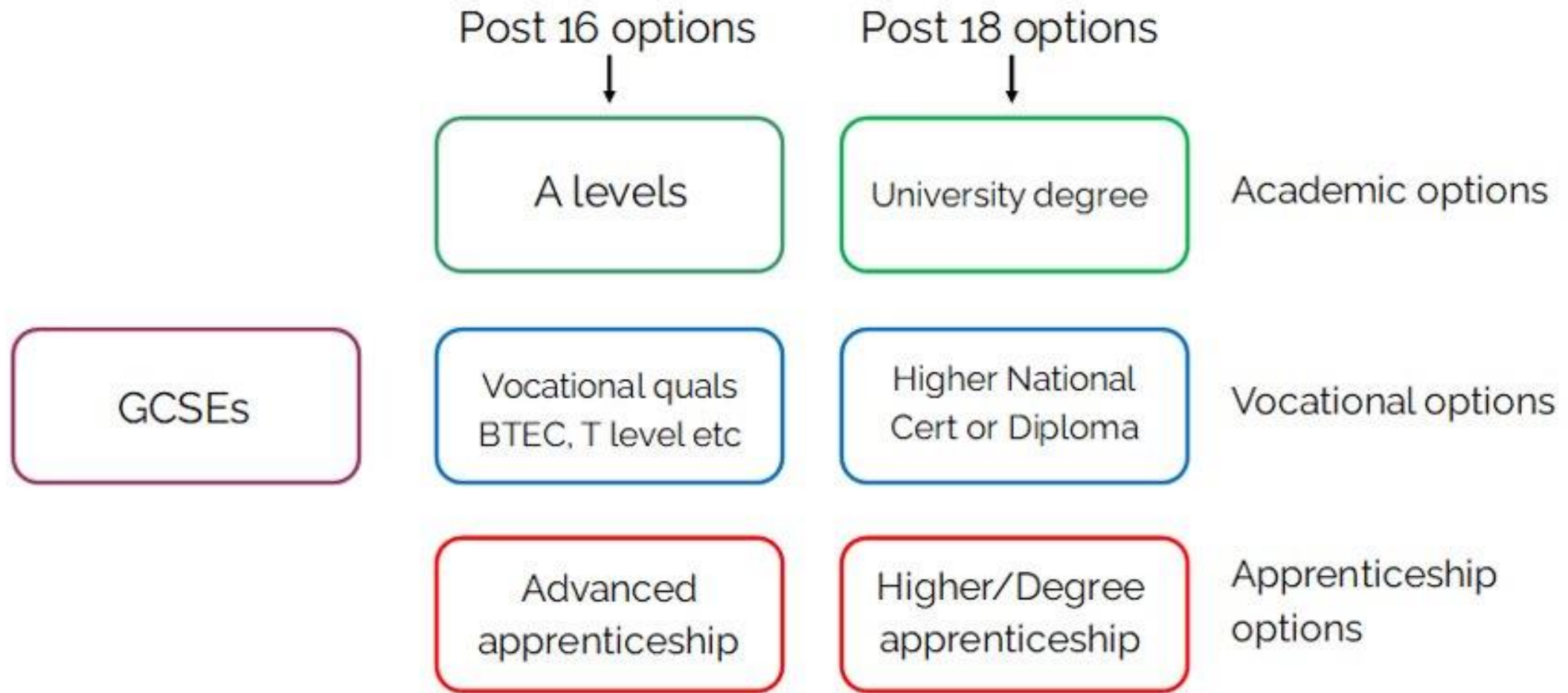
Provides an online search, application and tracking service for students looking to go to university.

Provides videos and information to support students through the application process AND all their post-18 options.

University



Routes to university



Why do people go to university?

Around 1/3 of 18-year-olds go to university

- Qualify for their chosen career
- Increase their employability/earning power
- Study a subject they love or learn a new one
- Meet a variety of people
- Experience new opportunities
- Increasing independence – commuting or living in



Graduate Labour Market Stats 2022

Median Salary

Median salary of non-graduates
£27,000

Median salary of graduates
£38,500

Median salary of postgraduates
£45,000



Department
for Education

Graduate Labour Market Stats 2022

Employment Rates

Non-graduate employment rate
69.6%

Graduate employment rate
87.3%

Postgraduate employment rate
89.3%



Department
for Education

Graduate Labour Market Stats 2022

Highly skilled employment

For example: accountants, scientists, engineers etc.

Non-graduate employment rate

23.6%

Graduate employment rate

66.3%

Postgraduate employment rate

78.3%



Department
for Education

Vocational accredited courses

These qualify students to work in a particular career - people employed in this industry must have the relevant qualification

- Primary Education
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Physiotherapy
- Medicine
- Veterinary
- Dentistry



Courses with a career focus

They do not need to do this degree to go into the field of employment, but it would help them learn the skills required

- Accounting and Finance
- Marketing
- Film Production
- Sport Management
- Journalism
- Forensic Investigation and many more



Courses with an academic focus

These degrees give students the opportunity to study a subject that they love while learning important transferrable skills which will help them in their career

- History
- Archaeology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Geography
- English Literature and many more



Other opportunities

These can be:-

- Fun and rewarding
- A great way to boost a CV
- An accredited part of the course

Volunteering

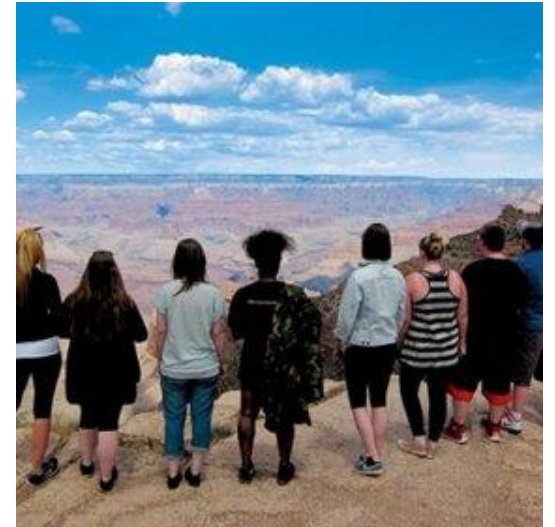
Work Experience

Study Abroad

Student Union Societies

Student Union Representational Networks

Student Union Sports Teams



Timescales and application process

- Year 12 – start their research on courses and universities, attend large UCAS exhibitions and smaller HE/Careers Fairs, attend advice talks or use UCAS advice
- End of year 12/summer/early in year 13 – attend open days, narrow down their choices
- Year 13 September to January – they apply
- Year 13 October to June – they receive offers and make final decisions
- Summer after year 13 – results, final preparation before starting uni
- Late Summer/early Autumn – begin their course

Student Finance



What students have to pay

The 2 main expenses they will have whilst at university are:

- **Tuition fees** - £9,535 per year for UK and EU students starting full-time undergraduate courses in September 2025
- **Living costs** – accommodation or commuting, food, travel, study materials e.g., books, and other course costs, leisure, social etc. Living costs will vary according to the lifestyle choices they make.



Financial support

For students from Jersey, support is available to help with the cost of course fees and living costs. Financial assistance is means-tested and takes the form of a grant, which does not need to be repaid unless they withdraw from their course.



Financial support

The government of Jersey provides financial help for Jersey students who want to continue studying.

The amount they can receive is means-tested and has two elements:

1. Tuition fees: Up to £9,535 per year.
2. Maintenance grant: Up to £9,138 for a standard academic year. This helps to pay some of the living expenses towards accommodation, food, utility bills and books.

www.gov.je

Gross income	Tuition fees	Maintenance grant	Total
£0 to £52,599	£9,535	£9,138 to £8,540	£18,673 to £18,075
£52,600 to £63,119.99	£9,535	£9,138 to £6,831	£18,673 to £16,366
£63,120 to £73,639.99	£9,535	£7,309 to £5,124	£16,844 to £14,659
£73,640 to £84,159.99	£9,535	£5,482 to £3,415	£15,017 to £12,950
£84,160 to £94,679.99	£9,535	£3,655 to £1,709	£13,190 to £11,244

Financial support: How to apply



You must apply for student finance well before your course starts to make sure you receive your grant for the beginning of term.

Apply using the online form below. You must complete an application for each child.

Once we receive and review your application, we'll send you other forms you may need to complete, including Income Statement forms (HE2).

Deadlines for applications

You can apply between 1 January to 31 December for courses starting on 1 September of the same year to 31 August the following year.

Your Income Statements (HE2) must be submitted by 31 March for the academic year you're studying in. We will not accept late applications.

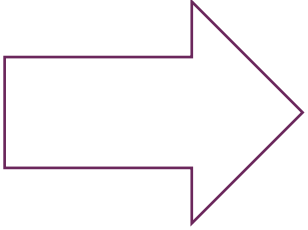
****Note: parents/carers will need to submit a new income statement form for each academic year. For continuing students this will be automatically sent out by Student Finance at the beginning of calendar each year.****

Alternatives to going to university at 18



Gap Year



Gap years: the basics

- A good choice if they are undecided about the future or would like a break from studying
 - Employment
 - Travel
 - Volunteering
- 
- Or a combination of all three
- Opportunity to build skills and experience
 - University application before or during

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/ student-life/gap-year



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GAP YEARS – IDEAS AND THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Explore this section ▾

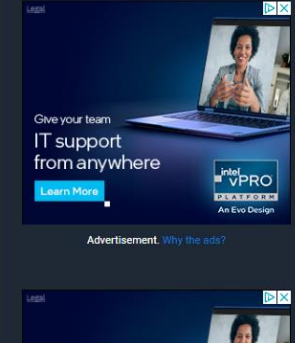
Gap years can be used to enhance your CV, travel, learn new skills, and much more. Find out more and get some inspiration here.

How could coronavirus (COVID-19) impact gap year plans?

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is likely to have an impact on your gap year, whether you plan to travel, or stay local and get a job. It's likely that as guidance from UK governments, and other countries change you might need to review or, in some cases, reschedule your plans. Keep checking the GOV.UK website for the latest advice.

A gap year offers you the opportunity to gain skills and experiences, while giving you time to reflect and focus on what you want to do next.

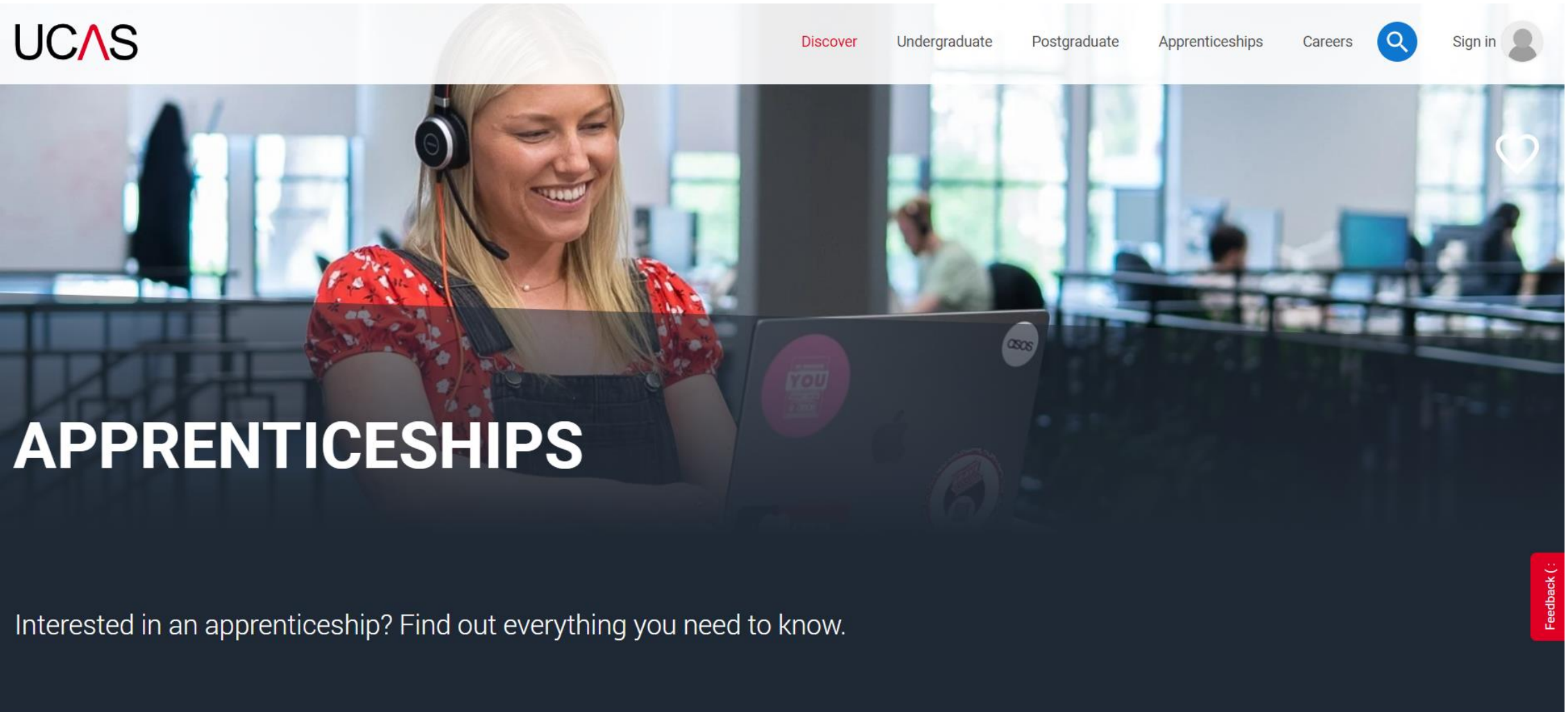
A productive gap year can be valuable on your CV – many employers value the experience.



Degree Apprenticeships



www.ucas.com/apprenticeships



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APPRENTICESHIPS

Interested in an apprenticeship? Find out everything you need to know.

Feedback

Not Going To Uni at 18



Do they have to go to uni at 18?

Simple answer: No!

Around $\frac{1}{4}$ applications to university are made by mature students.

Apply with existing qualifications/work experience/one year Access to HE qualification.

Professional courses are popular and enable people to pursue their dream career.



Famous mature students



Micky Flanagan, comedian

Left school at 15 with no qualifications

Restarted education at 25 and gained a degree in his 30s



Steven Spielberg, film director

Went to California State University

Gained his degree in film and electronic arts age 55



Lenny Henry, actor, comedian, presenter and writer

Gained his English Literature degree from the Open University in 2007

Then gained his Masters degree in Screenwriting, followed by a PhD

www.ucas.com/careers-advice



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CAREERS ADVICE

Looking for careers advice? Find out everything you need to know.

Feedback (:)

What your
children can do
now/next

What they can do now/next

Explore post-16 options, post-18 options and career options. The National Careers Service have a great quiz to help them narrow down suitable careers and courses.

Make the most of work experience opportunities to make their applications strong.

Attend Careers/HE Fairs at their school and college and make the most of being able to ask questions of employers and education providers.

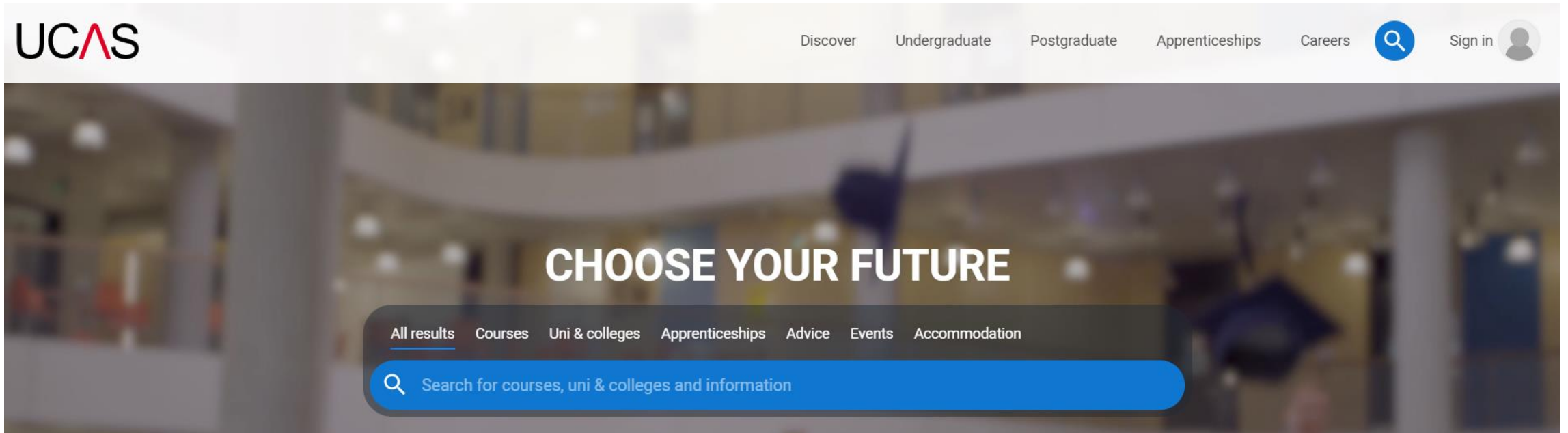
Get a part-time job or undertake volunteering.



Keeping their options open

- They should do research and narrow down their choices
 - (Visit sixth form colleges and plan best case scenario and back up options)
- BUT they can pursue more than one option/route
 - University AND apprenticeship applications
 - Consider a gap year AND apply to university

Remember www.ucas.com for advice about all their options



Other great websites

Prospects – www.prospects.ac.uk

Discover Uni – www.discoveruni.gov.uk

The Student Room – www.thestudentroom.co.uk

Martin Lewis/Money Saving Expert – www.moneysavingexpert.com/students

National Careers Service Skills Assessment – www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment

University of Winchester Information for Parents and Carers -
www.winchester.ac.uk/accommodation-and-winchester-life/student-life/information-for-parents-and-carers-/

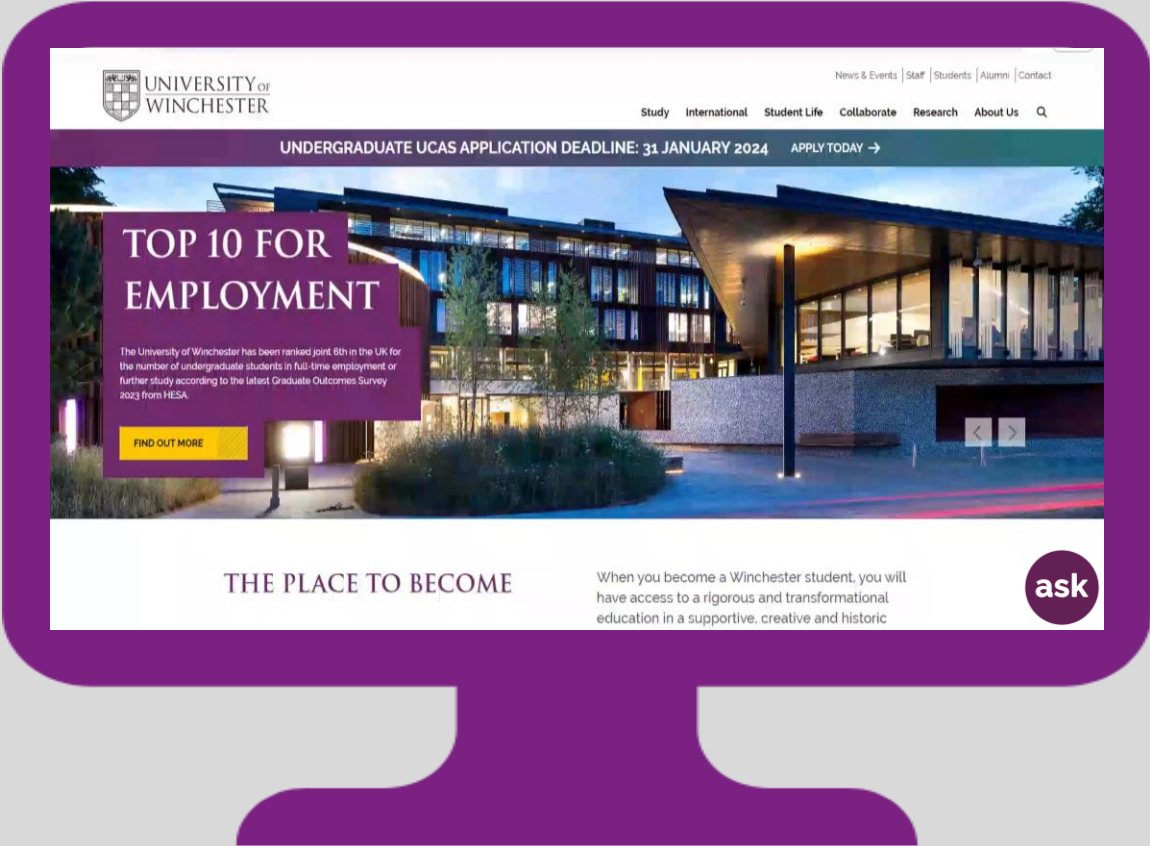
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Student Finance



Higher Education financial help in Jersey

- Higher education
- Postgraduate professional education
- 1 year level 3 vocational arts course

Phone number: 01534 449450
Email address: studentfinance@gov.je

Book appointment online



Eligibility

Am I eligible
for funding?


Residency Criteria

- Resident in the Island for 5 years prior to start date of course.
- Resident for 12 months if the student or parent hold “Entitled” status prior to start date of course.
- A student can have a maximum of twelve months out of the Island during a 5 year period. (If they are taking a gap year or have had a few trips away contact the department to discuss dates etc.)

Eligible courses

- Foundation degree
- BA/BSc etc
- Certain postgraduate courses
- Courses outside the UK must be of the same level as above
- We do not fund foundation years, apart from an Arts related foundation year.





How much will it cost and how much funding will I be entitled to?

Entitlement

The Student Finance grant is means tested and is calculated according to gross annual income and net assets.

- **If you are under the age of 25, you are a dependent student, and the grant is assessed on your parent's gross income. (If parent's joint income is over £210,400 or they have assets of over £500,000, there is no entitlement).**
- **The Standard UK tuition fees are £9,535 per year, plus there are your living costs.**
- **We will pay a maximum of £9,535 towards tuition fees whether you are studying in the UK or abroad.**
- **You are assessed every year that you are at university.**

What you may receive:

<u>Gross income</u>	<u>Tuition fees</u>	<u>Maintenance grant</u>	<u>Total</u>
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What you may receive:

<u>Gross income</u>	<u>Tuition fees</u>
£94,680 to £115,719.99	£9,535
£115,720 to £126,239.99	£8,583
£126,240 to £136,759.99	£7,629
£136,760 to £147,279.99	£6,676
£147,280 to £157,799.99	£5,722
£157,800 to £168,319.99	£4,768
£168,320 to £178,839.99	£3,815
£178,840 to £189,359.99	£2,861
£189,360 to £199,879.99	£1,907
£199,880 to £210,399.99	£954
£210,400 or more	£0

Find more information and how
to apply for student finance



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When and How to Apply

- Apply online via: [Student Finance guidance and application \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)
- Once you have made applications to universities you can apply from the January through to 31st December in the year that you are starting your course
- If your course starts between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 you have from the 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 to apply.
- If you are unsure about anything, either ring Student Finance on 01534 449450 or email us at studentfinance@gov.uk



When Will I Get My Grant and How is it Paid?



- **There are two elements to the grant, the tuition fees and the maintenance grant (living expenses)**
- **For a UK or on Island course, we pay the tuition fees directly to the university. If we are not covering the all the fees, the university will invoice us for our contribution and invoice you/parents directly for the remainder. We pay the universities termly, Autumn, Spring and Summer.**
- **If the student is studying abroad, parents must pay fees directly to the university and we will reimburse when proof of payment is provided.**
- **We pay the maintenance directly into the student's bank account. The maintenance is paid termly, Autumn, Spring and Summer.**
- **The Autumn grant is paid the 2nd Monday in September, the Spring grant is paid beginning of January, and the Summer grant is paid beginning of April**

What else can Student Finance assist with?

- **DSA (Disabled Student Allowance) :**
 - **Equipment /software (If the income is below £94,680)**
 - **1:1 Support (not means tested on income)**
- **Interview expenses (income below £52,600)**
- **Field trip allowances**
- **Vacation study allowances**



The Nuts and Bolts of Applying for Student Finance

- 1. Apply to the university/universities of your choice**
- 2. Submit your HE1 application to Student Finance in the January of the year you are going to start your course. Remember to tick the DSA box if you wish to apply for DSA.**
- 3. When we process your application, we will send you an approval letter by email, which will be sent to yourself and both of your parents.**
- 4. The email will include a link for an on line HE2 Income Statement form, which needs to be completed by your parents' providing details of their income for yearend 31st December of the year prior to the start date of the course. (If you are starting your course in academic year 2025/26, we will require income details for 2025.**
- 5. There will be a BACS Details form attached to the email for the student to complete and return to Student Finance providing their bank details.**
- 6. At the same time the Approval email is sent, a second email is sent to the student with a link for the online HE7 form and a link to apply for Student Credits.**

- 1. The HE7 form cannot be completed until you have received an unconditional offer letter. You will also need to send a copy of your unconditional offer to Student Finance by either uploading to the SF Portal [Student Finance Document Upload Portal - Information - one.gov.je](https://studentfinance.gov.je) or you can email a copy to studentfinance@gov.je**
- 2. You can also apply for Student Credits once you have turned 18. The link to apply will be included in the email sent to you with the link for the HE7 form.**
- 3. Once we have received all documents mentioned above, we will complete your application and send you a notification letter by email. This email will be sent to yourself and to both parents.**
- 4. The Notification Letter confirms the amount of your grant award.**
- 5. When you start university, you must show the notification letter to the university, so that they know who to invoice for the tuition fees.**
- 6. Once we receive an invoice from the university, we are able to pay the Autumn instalment of the tuition fees. The Spring and Summer terms will then be paid automatically by SF.**

Things to Think About?

- **What happens if I don't complete my degree?**

There is a liability to repay part of the grant that you have received, usually the last terms tuition fees that were paid, unless it is due to medical reasons or other extenuating circumstances. If so, we will require medical evidence etc.

- **You may be able to apply for Trusts and Bursaries. If you are eligible for a bursary, it will not affect your funding from SF.**
- **Who can I talk to if I have any problems/concerns whilst at university?**
 - **Student Services/Support at your university**
 - **Speak to your parents**
 - **Call Student Finance or email us**
 - **Student Finance have their own Face Book page where you can access information and updates.**

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UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCESS

COMPLETE APPLICATION

- Complete 'Admin ' sections
- This includes their universities- ones they want to go to.
- They can send the application off with 3 in and add 2 later
- Have one aspirational.
- 2 or 3 at their predicted grades. Subject teachers use of data and professional judgement.
- Insurance below predicted grades- make sure you want to go to your Insurance

EXAMPLE

I am predicted 3 Bs

- Aspirational choice ABB
- 3 choices at BBB
- Insurance BBC or BCC

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- A- Activity- what did you do?
- B- Benefit- **What did you learn?**
- C Course- how does your activity link to your chosen course?
- Unis want to know why they are fascinated by your subject-
- Academic reading/ MOOCs/ Relevant work experience/ TED Talks/ Blogs/ Websites/ YouTube

PROCESS TO SEND OFF APPLICATION

- Once their Personal Statement is complete and they have completed all the 'admin' part, they make an appointment to see their *Mentor*.
- If they are finding your Personal Statement difficult speak to your mentor.
Unifrog and UCAS personal statement builders
- It will probably go through 3 or 4 drafts
- Their mentor will complete your reference and then contact a 'Final Checker'

FINAL CHECKER

- The final checkers are Miss Jackson, Miss Devine, Miss de Jesus-Oeillet, Mr. Campbell, Mrs Hale and Mr. Price
- They are the only ones who can send the application to UCAS
- They/ we will check GCSE certificates have been checked
- Application/ Personal Statement and Reference are error free
- You pay £28. 50 - **Card payments only**
- And then **SEND!!!**

2026 DEADLINE

The Equal Considerations Deadline next year is Wednesday 14th January, 1800

Statistics to consider:

- 149 applications sent
- 53 sent in the 3 months before Christmas break
- 84 sent in the 8 working days before the deadline
- This has an impact on the support provided to students and the deadline is earlier this year 😬 😬