

UCAS

University Application Guidance Evening

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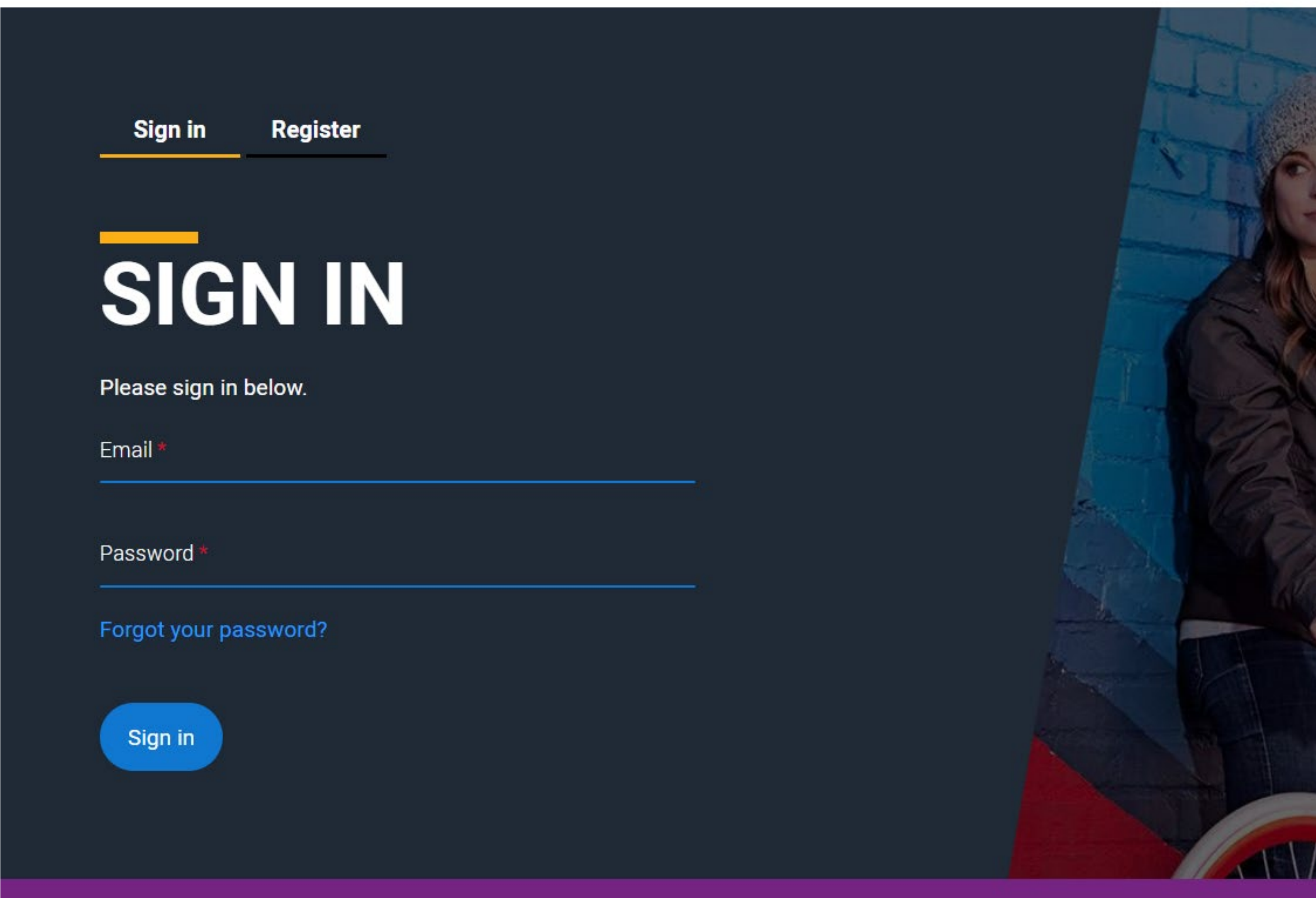
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We will co.ver

1. The UCAS Application Process
2. Supporting Your Child's Career Aspirations
3. Managing Stress and Wellbeing
4. Effective Study Habits
5. Financial Planning
6. Q&A

1. The UCAS Application Process



The image shows the UCAS Sign In page. At the top, there are links for 'Sign in' and 'Register'. Below these, the text 'SIGN IN' is prominently displayed. Underneath, it says 'Please sign in below.' followed by input fields for 'Email' and 'Password', both marked with a red asterisk. A link for 'Forgot your password?' is located below the password field. A blue 'Sign in' button is at the bottom left. The background features a woman in a winter hat and jacket leaning against a brick wall.

- UCAS is the organisation that manages undergraduate applications to universities.
- Students need a UCAS account to apply to a university course, go to the UCAS website and create a login. Once you have an account students can apply for up to 5 university courses.
- **The UCAS application fee is £34.50 for up to five choices.**
- **If the student is on free school meals they will not have to pay the fee.**

Choice!



- **50,000+** courses in Higher Education Institutions in the **UK**
- **40** Universities in **London!**
- **166** Universities in the UK
- Look at what the **course offers** before you choose the university – what is being taught, are the modules covered interesting or does a different university have a better module?

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All applications are made online

Students can apply to up to 5 universities

Choice restrictions: Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary –
max 4 choices

Oxford OR Cambridge, not both



Admissions Tests

Check
registration deadline for the test,
when you will sit it
what it includes
deadline for your UCAS application.

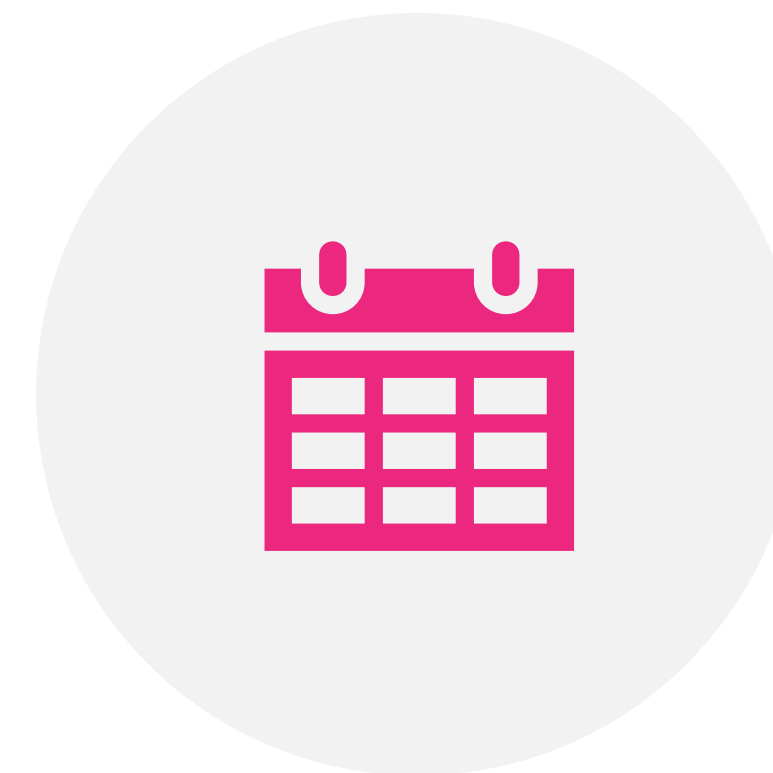


Many tests have **15 October deadline**, but
your course may be different, so it's
important you [check key dates and deadlines](#).
To see if your course requires you to sit an
admissions test, check the course description
in the [search tool](#).



When?

August and November the year before
you're due to start your studies
some even earlier, before you've sent your
UCAS application!



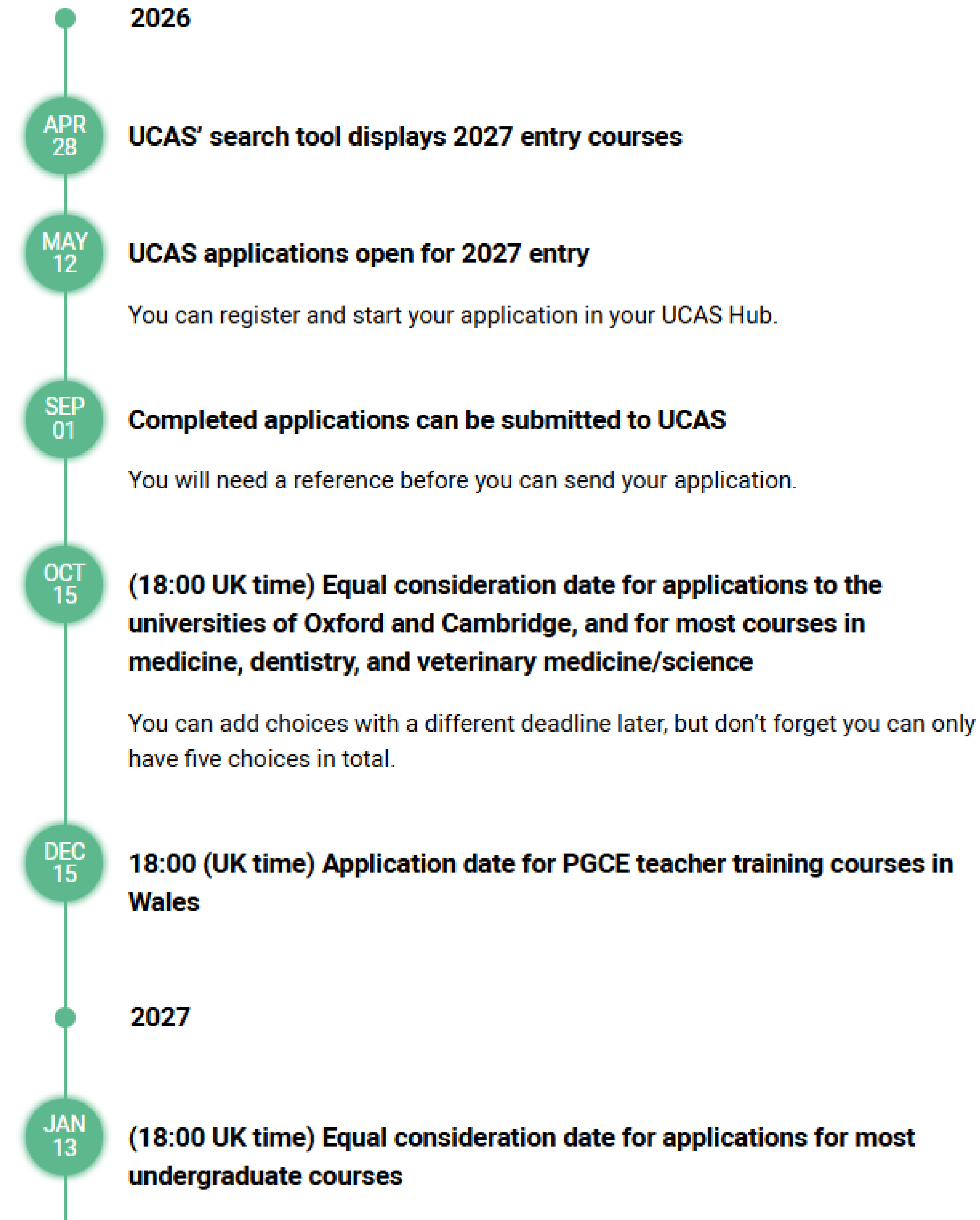
Check the date of your admissions test –
some take place before the UCAS
application deadline.

Entrance Exams

UCAS Key Dates and Checklist for Students

2027 entry

2027 entry application deadlines



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UCAS Key Dates Checklist for Students 2027 entry

May 13	Undergraduate applications open for 2026 entry	You can register and start your application in your UCAS Hub
June 23	UCAT Bookings open	Applicants for medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science can book online test. For more information UCAT)
Sept 2	Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS	You need a reference before you can send your application
Sept 16	First draft personal statement due	You need to submit the first draft of your personal statement to your tutor via Unifrog
Sept 16	Deadline for UCAT/ESAT bookings	You must meet this deadline if you are applying for courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science
Sept 24	Deadline for taking the UCAT	
Sept-Nov 2	- You should be actively drafting your personal statement and sending it through to your tutor for review and feedback to ensure your final draft is ready by November 2. - You should all be attending UCAS workshops available weekly on Tuesdays P6 Rm 3.02 for support with making your university choices. - You should be visiting university Open Days. Please register for these asap and open days usually get booked up early.	
Oct 1	Internal Deadline for Early applications Oxford/Cambridge and for most courses in medicine dentistry and veterinary medicine/science	You must complete your application, pay and submit your application. The sixth form UCAS team will complete final checks and references and send to UCAS before the Oct 15 deadline.
Oct 15	(18.00 UK time) Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine dentistry and veterinary medicine/science	You can add choices with a different deadline later, but don't forget you can only have 5 choices in total. NB. You can apply to Oxford OR Cambridge NOT both.
Nov 2	Personal Statement – Final draft deadline	You will have drafted 3 or 4 versions of your personal statement following tutor edits for final submission.
Nov 3-Dec 7	UCAS Check, Pay and Send	Students to complete application, pay and submit. The UCAS team will review on a first-come-first-served basis. The team will complete final checks and references and send to UCAS.
Jan 13	(18.00) Equal consideration date for applications for most undergraduate courses	Deadline for submission UCAS applications.

SBU Sixth Deadline Dates

Internal Deadline for early entry UCAS
applications (Oxbridge, Medics,
Dentists, Vets)

Fri. 25th September

Mon. 7th December

Internal Deadline for all other UCAS
applications

Registering with UCAS

70 students registered:

1. Registered for 2027 entry at <https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options/create-your-ucas-hub-today>
2. Entered the school buzzword **Southbank2027**
3. Made a note of your username and created a password?

Discover

Explore all your options

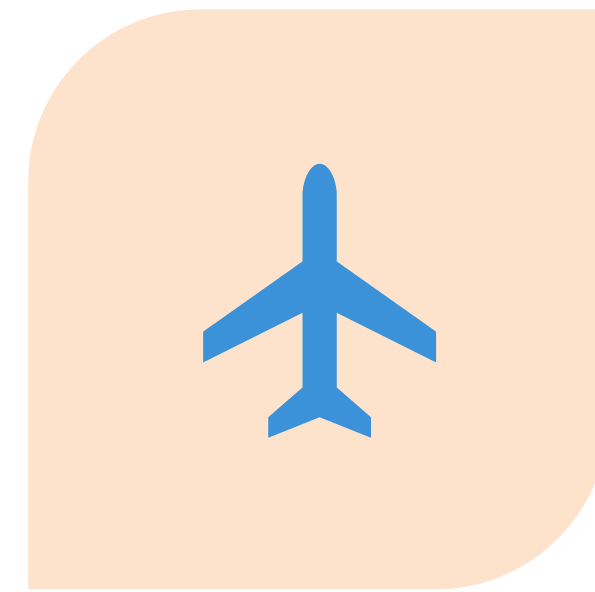
Discover options



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



GETTING A JOB

Head to UCAS to understand all your options and make the right choices for you.

Your Hub

Your personalised homepage and discovery hub



Welcome back Caron

You're applying for Undergraduate courses in 2028 - [Change year](#)

Start an application



Apply to universities, colleges, or conservatoires to study degrees, HNDs, HNCs, master's degrees, postgraduate diplomas, and doctorates.

 Start an application



Your feed

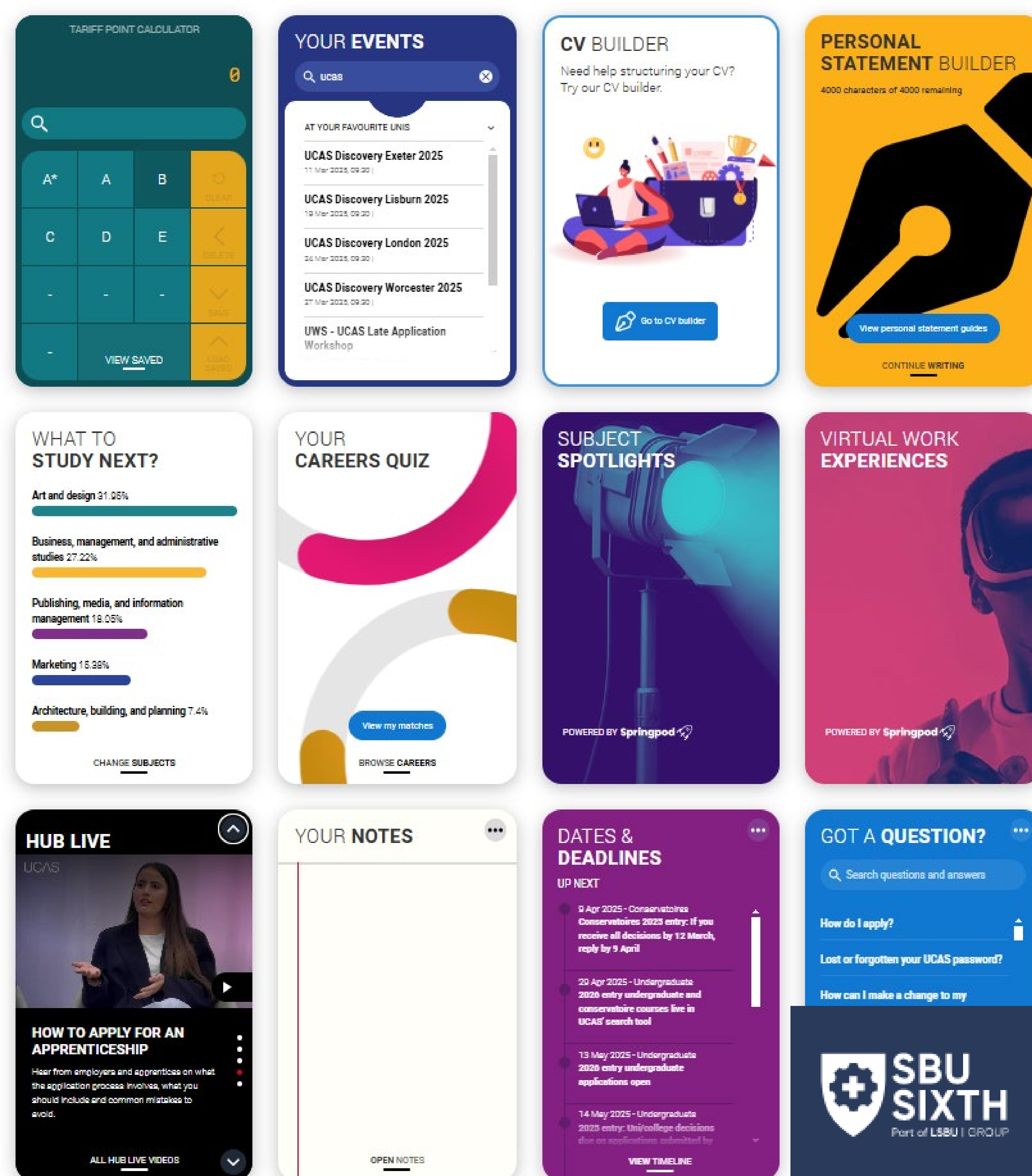
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Tools for success

- Explore the Careers Quiz, What to Study Next, Subject Spotlights and Virtual Work Experiences for career and course inspiration.
- Use the Tariff Calculator, Personal Statement Builder, and CV Builder to stay on track and plan your path.
- Search for events, open days, videos to get expert help and questions answered.



Options side by side

Compare all your options side-by-side. Take a closer look at apprenticeships, courses, and job opportunities - all in one place.

Build your personalised UCAS Hub profile and find your best fit!

Courses for you

Courses related to Agriculture and related sciences

Have you considered the following related courses?

[> See all](#)

Public Health courses available at 49 universities and colleges

[> See all](#)

Environmental Science courses available at 36 universities and colleges

[> See all](#)

Geography courses available at 28 universities and colleges

[> See all](#)

Psychology courses available at 23 universities and colleges

[> See all](#)

Universities & colleges

Discover universities & colleges

[> See all](#)



University of Worcester
Worcester - 21 miles



McTimoney College of Chiropractic
Oxford - 37 miles



University College Birmingham
Birmingham - 40 miles

Apprenticeships

Latest apprenticeships and jobs
[UCAS Media Service](#)

Active Travel Graduate

Transport For Wales
Pontrypridd

Vacancy type	Salary
Graduate job	27,000 per annum, increasing to 28,000 in the 2nd year

Industry	Apply by Start date
Transport and logistics	16/03/2025 01/09/2025

Administration Apprenticeship

Babcock
Devonport, Plymouth

Apprenticeship level	Salary
England - Intermediate Apprenticeship - Level 2	Year 1: 14,893 Year 2: 18,943

Industry	Apply by Start date
Engineering and manufacturing	20/03/2025 01/09/2025

Advanced Apprentice Fabricator

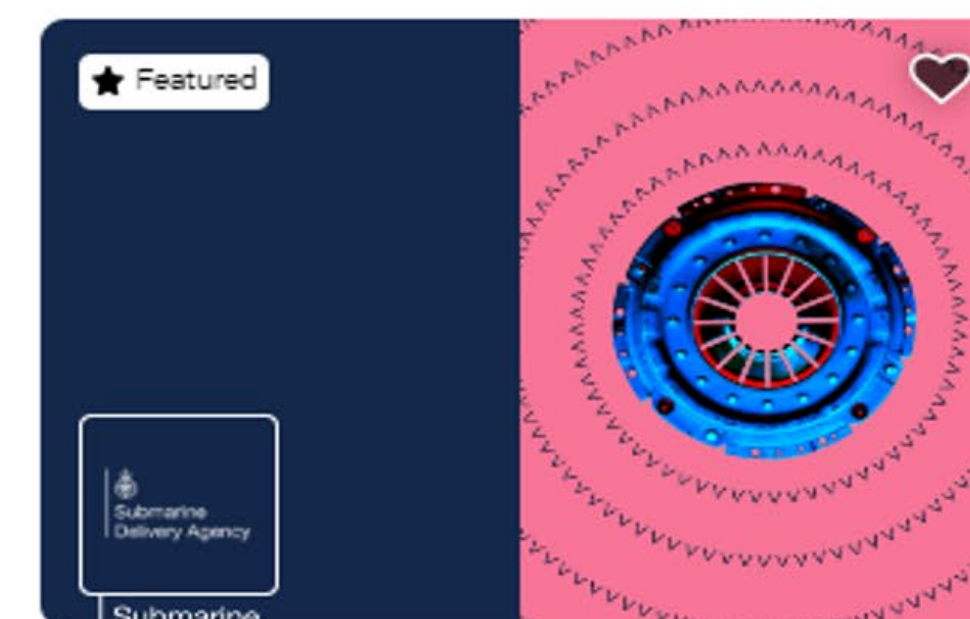
BAE Systems
Glasgow

Apprenticeship level	Salary
Scotland - Modern Apprenticeship - Level 6	Competitive Salary Offered

Industry	Apply by Start date
Engineering and manufacturing	07/03/2025 01/09/2025

Employers

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Ministry of Defence



Co-op



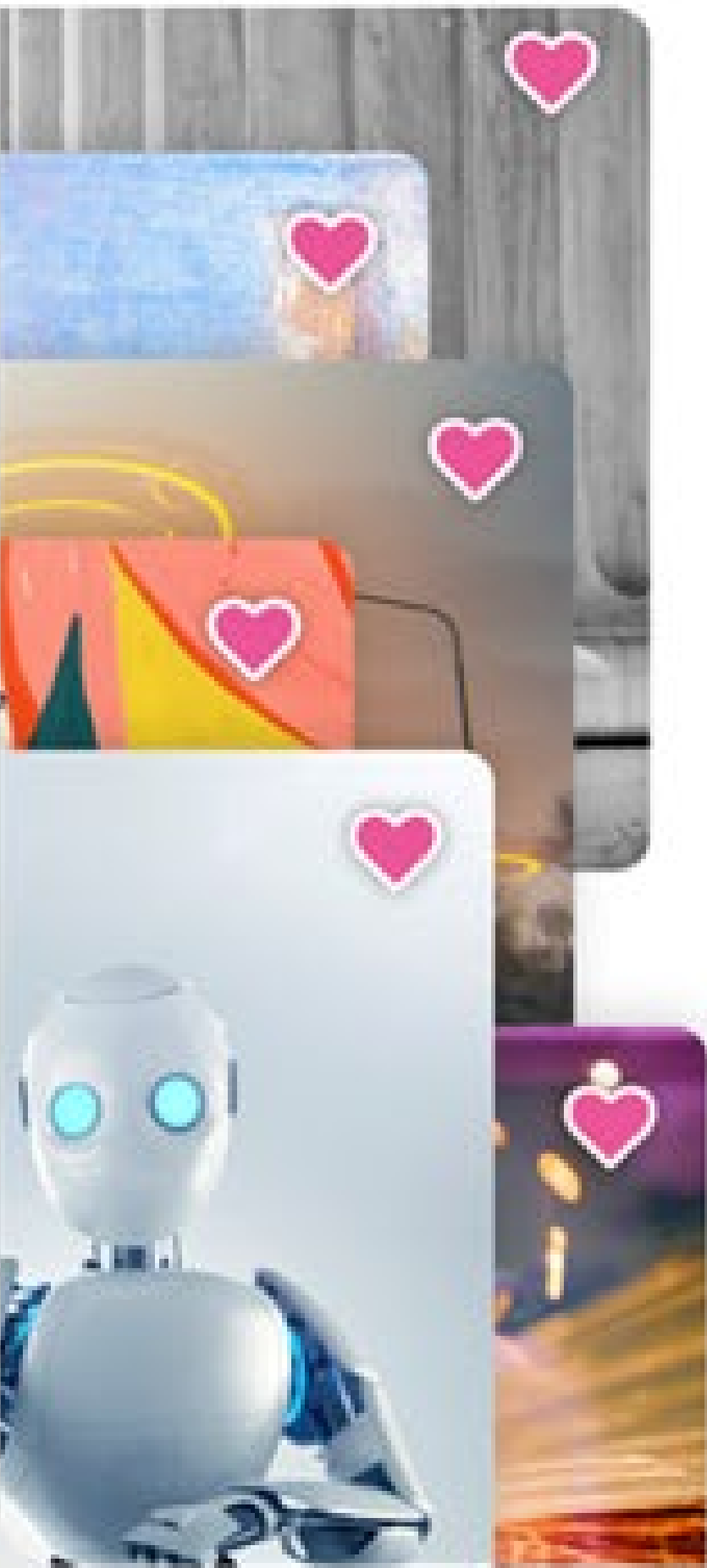
Babcock

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Build your shortlist

Save courses, universities, colleges, subjects, careers, apprenticeships, and more to your favourites.

[Choose some favourites](#)



Choices continued

- If you are NOT sure what course you want to study...
- 1. research courses and potential universities using university league tables
<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>
<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/by-subject>
- 2. Be familiar with your predicted grades
- 3. UCAS points will indicate which universities you can apply to

QUICK VIEW			FULL TABLE				
University ranking	University name	Overall score	Entry standards	Student satisfaction	Research quality	Graduate prospects	
1	University of Oxford VIEW COURSES →	100%	94%	79%	89%	95%	
2	University of Bath VIEW COURSES →	95%	84%	78%	80%	81%	
3 ▲ 6	UCL (University College London) VIEW COURSES →	95%	76%	78%	86%	88%	
4 ▲ 4	Loughborough University VIEW COURSES →	94%	74%	78%	88%	84%	
5 ▼ 1	University of St Andrews VIEW COURSES →	94%	100%	77%	81%	n/a	
6 ▲ 4	University of Aberdeen IN CLEARING VIEW COURSES →	94%	84%	82%	74%	84%	
7	University of Sheffield VIEW COURSES →	94%	75%	81%	90%	80%	
8 ▼ 2	Lancaster University IN CLEARING VIEW COURSES →	93%	67%	82%	83%	85%	

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2026/subject-ranking/engineering

University name		United Kingdom		X v		Reset	
Rank	Name	Overall	Research Quality	Industry	International Outlook	Research Environment	Teaching
5	University of Cambridge United Kingdom	95.6	91.6	97.2	94.7	99.7	95.0
12	Imperial College London United Kingdom	92.4	89.8	91.1	96.5	93.2	93.3
41	UCL United Kingdom	75.4	88.2	70.2	96.9	67.5	66.7
48	University of Manchester United Kingdom	73.3	83.0	77.0	94.1	66.8	63.7
University of Exeter Innovative research shaping a greener, healthier and fairer future. Listen now							
83	University of Edinburgh United Kingdom	63.5	79.8	73.0	95.1	48.0	52.4
=97	University of Sheffield United Kingdom	60.5	71.0	95.4	89.1	48.7	44.7
100	University of Bristol						



Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor's Degrees (BSc/ BA/ BEng)

First-level qualification, typically 3-4 years

Foundation Degrees (FdA/ FdSc)

Vocational focus, equivalent to first two years of bachelor's

HNDs/HNCs

Practical, work-related courses with industry focus

Foundation Year

Extra introductory year added to start of bachelor's

Postgraduate Opportunities



Master's (MA/ MSc/ MEng)

Advanced study, typically 1-2 years



PhD/Doctorate

Research-focused, 3-7 years



Postgraduate Certificates

Specialised professional development

Bachelor's vs Master's

Duration

Bachelor's: 3-4 years

Master's: 1-2 years



Career Impact

Bachelor's: Entry-level positions

Master's: Advanced roles, higher salaries



Depth

Bachelor's: Broad foundations

Master's: Specialised expertise

Cost

Bachelor's: £9,790/year (UK)

Master's: £7,000-£30,000 total



Industry Placement Years

What Is It?

Year-long work experience between second and final year

Benefits

Real-world skills, industry contacts, possible job offers

Outcomes

70% higher employment rates, average £2,500 higher starting salary

Understanding UCAS Points:





What Are UCAS Points?

- Unified system for comparing qualifications
- Universities set entry requirements using points
- Different qualifications convert to different points

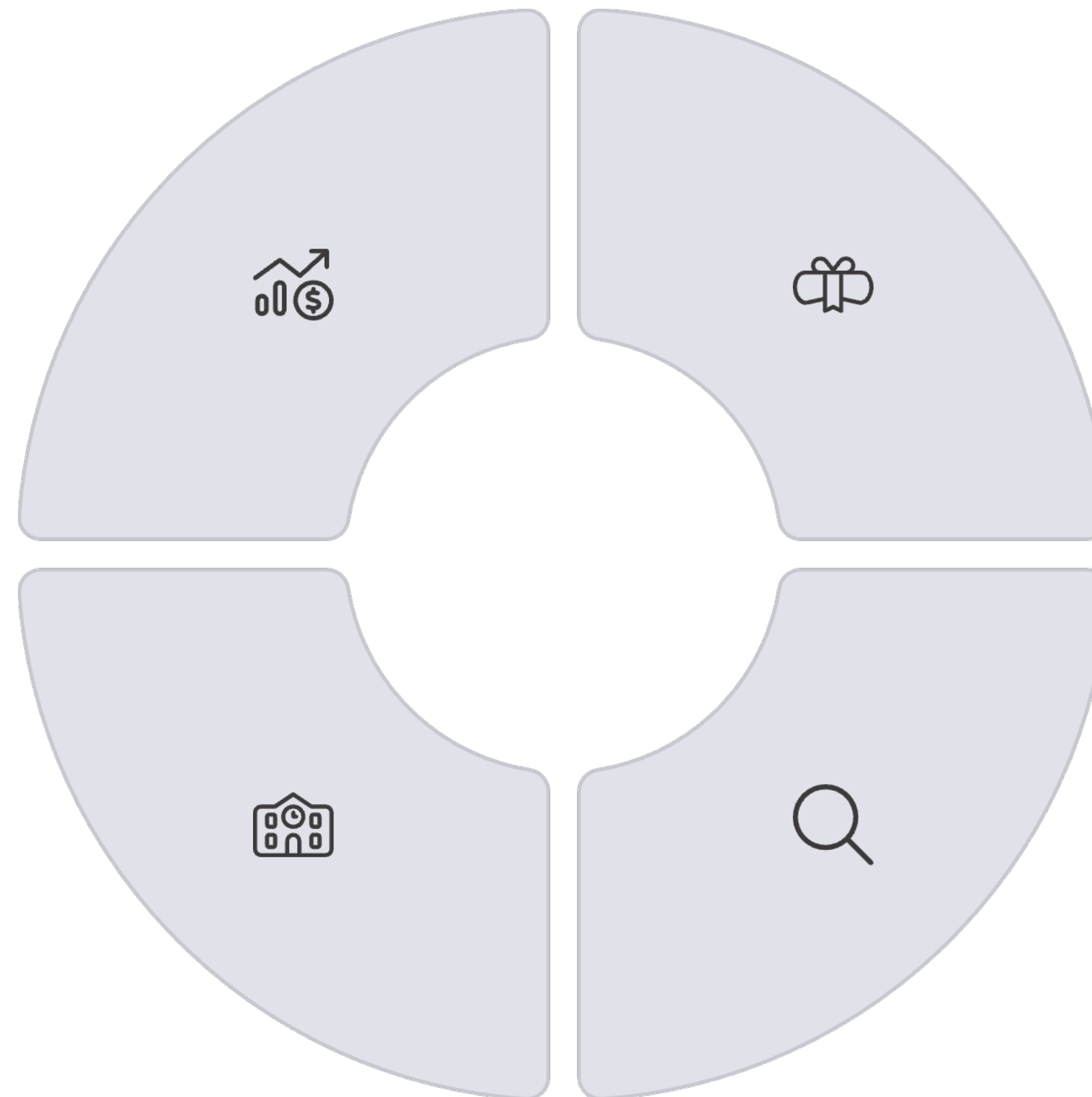
UCAS Points

A Level		National Extended Certificate (Single)		National Extended Diploma (Triple)	
A*	56	D*	56	D*D*D*	168
A	48	D	48	D*DD	152
B	40	M	32	DDD	144
C	32	P	16	DMM	112
D	24			MMM	96
E	16			MPP	64
				PPP	48

The Critical Role of Predicted Grades

Initial Assessment
Unis make offers based almost entirely on predictions

Teacher Responsibility
Teachers submit predictions based on performance



Conditional Offers
Must achieve predicted points to secure place

Accuracy Matters
Realistic predictions prevent disappointment

Predicted Grades

End of Year 12 Exam results plus one grade

OR

Target Grade

Whichever is highest

Realistic and Aspirational

Predicted Grades will be uploaded to Pro Portal by 22nd October