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How to choose and apply to the right University and course

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Terminology

- UCAS
- Undergraduate/ Foundation
- Integrated Masters
- Sandwich
- ERASMUS
- Accreditations - BPS
- Russell Group
- Conservatoires
- Research Intensive
- Post-92/ New
- Newer
- Private
- F.E. Colleges

The UCAS form - deadlines

- Music and some Conservatoires – 1st October
- Oxbridge/ Medicine/ Veterinary Medicine/ Dentistry – 15th October
- Majority of courses – 15th January
- Final decisions from HEI's – 2nd May
- A level Results Day – 13th August

The UCAS form

- Personal details
- Choices
- Qualifications
- Personal Statement
- Reference

Course choices

- Maximum of 5 choices
- BA/BSc/BEng/BMus/MEng/MSc
- Deferred entry
- Modern culture
- Media Studies
- Market needs
- Comfortable subjects
- Uncertainty of choices

Non-traditional/ Vocational

- Computer Forensics and Security
- Landscape Architecture and Design
- Public Relations
- Project Management
- Retail Management
- Events Management
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Audio-Engineering

Personal Statement

- Why do you want to do this course?
 - How have you selected these courses?
 - What do you hope to gain from this course?
 - Do you have career aspirations?
 - Do you have the relevant experience?
 - What are your interests?
 - What makes you interesting?
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- Volunteering
 - Work experience
 - Hobbies

The university response

- Unconditional
- Conditional – grades/ interview/audition
- Unsuccessful

- Extra

The applicant response

- Firm
- Insurance
- Decline

The Mantlepiece factor

- X factor vs Meh factor
- Teenage 'tropes'
- Do attend open days
- Spend time with support services
- Explore accommodation options from Year 2 onwards.....
- Do **not** go on holiday on Post-16 results day
- Manage drop out 'hot spots'
- Work on life skills and budgeting
- The Study Skills Handbook – Dr Stella Cottrell
(Palgrave Study Skills)



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Thank you

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