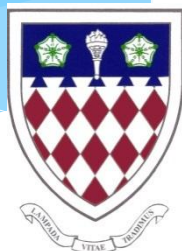


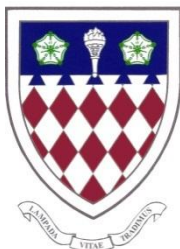
Spalding High School

UCAS Information Evening
Thursday 7th May 2026



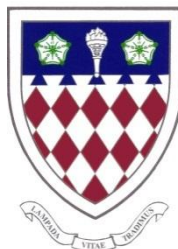
What is UCAS?

- * UCAS – Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
- * UCAS is responsible for managing applications to almost all full-time undergraduate degree programmes at universities and colleges in the UK.



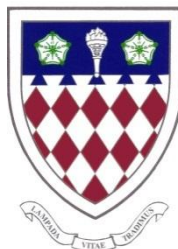
Research - Academics

- * What are the entry requirements?
- * Are any of the following required as part of the application process –
 - assessment tests
 - a portfolio
 - an interview
 - an audition
 - submission of assessed work
- * How is the course taught and assessed?



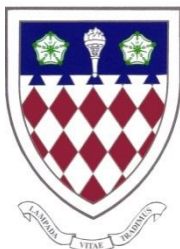
Research – Location & university size

- * Where do you want to live in the UK?
- * Do you want to go to a campus or city university?
- * How big or small is the university?



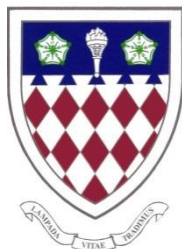
Research – Graduate prospects

- * How many students are in employment after graduating?
- * How many students go on to post-graduate study?



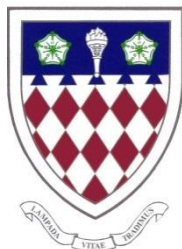
Research – Extracurricular opportunities

- * Which societies are there?
- * What is the student union like?
- * Which types of events does the university run?



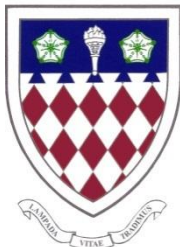
Research – Open Days

- * Try to visit in person to get a feel for a university and see what it has to offer
- * Virtual tours/webinars



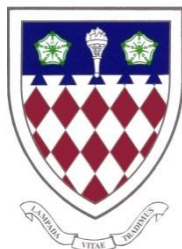
Applying

- * Start online applications in the UCAS Hub in May 2026
- * Up to 5 course choices
- * Exceptions: Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Medicine (4 of these course choices allowed plus one other discipline, e.g. Biomedicine)
- * Charge payable to UCAS - £34.50



Applying – two deadlines for every student

- * Applications can be sent from school to UCAS from the end of September 2026
- * There is an internal school deadline and a UCAS deadline.



UCAS Deadline Dates

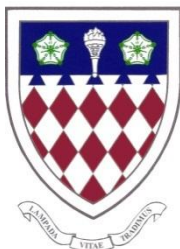
	SCHOOL	OFFICIAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicine• Veterinary Medicine/ Science• Dentistry• Oxbridge	Friday 25 th September 2026	Thursday 15 th October 2026
All other UCAS applications	Friday 6 th November 2026	Wednesday 13 th January 2027

A Level results day – Thursday 12th August 2027



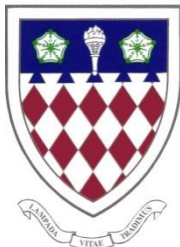
Applying – References

- * Applications are linked to school and references and predicted grades are added by Mrs Bushell



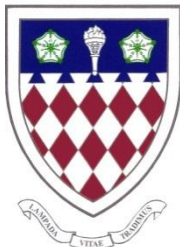
Applying – References

- * Staff write academic references and set UCAS predicted grades. References are collated by Mrs Bushell in the autumn term
- * Predicted grades are based on overall progress and attainment, assessments and projected attainment.



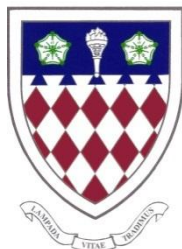
Applying – References

- * Please let us know of any extenuating circumstances by filling in the questionnaire in the summer term.



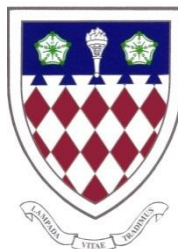
Applying – Conservatoires

- * Specialist institutions which have a similar application process –also found on the UCAS website
- * Application deadlines can be earlier than the UCAS application scheme.



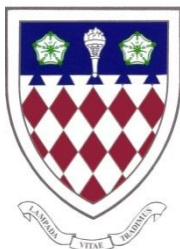
Post-application

- * Students wait for universities to respond
- * Depending on the course, the following may be needed:
 - interview/audition
 - assessment test (e.g. UCAT pre-application)
 - examples of marked work
 - portfolio
- * Student finance applications in March



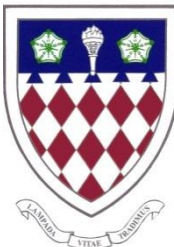
Decisions from universities

- * 'Conditional offer'
- * 'Unconditional offer'
- * 'Unsuccessful'



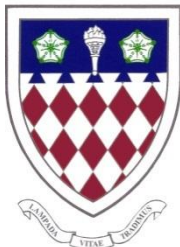
Contextual Offers

- * Adjustments made to the usual offer
- * Vary across the sector
- * Look into this when researching courses



What next?

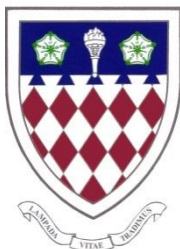
- * Students decide on a 'firm' choice and an 'insurance' choice
- * Offer holder days



Results day in August

Students are placed at one of the following:

- * firm choice university
- * insurance choice university
- * a university through 'clearing'



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