Spalding High School

UCAS Information Evening Thursday 25th April 2024



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 postgraduate 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 2024
- * 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 £28.50



Applying – two deadlines for every student

* Applications can be sent from school to UCAS from the end of September 2024
* There is an internal school deadline and a UCAS deadline.



UCAS Deadline Dates

	SCHOOL	OFFICIAL
 Medicine Veterinary Medicine/ Science Dentistry Oxbridge 	Friday 27 th September 2024	Tuesday 15 th October 2024
All other UCAS applications	Monday 4 th November 2024	Wednesday 29 th January 2025

A Level results day – Thursday 14th August 2025



Applying – References

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



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- * 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 Teams 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 (UCAT pre-application)
 - examples of marked work
 - portfolio
- * Student finance applications in March



Decisions from universities

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



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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