

# Resource for parents and carers of students leaving College

## University

### University and Tariff Points

If your young adult is considering university next year, start exploring these options in the preceding September at the latest.

They will need to know their predicted grades to see what they are able to apply for. The UCAS calculator can support working out what options are available.

You can find the UCAS calculator [here](#)

**Support on personal statements** (Personal statement is a formal piece of writing that a introduces the student to the admissions team of chosen universities, highlighting what makes them a unique candidate).

- [How To Write Your Undergraduate Personal Statement | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)
- [UCAS Personal Statement and Examples - The University Guys](#)

### UKs University rankings:

- [University Rankings and League Tables 2025 \(thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk\)](#)
- The other important link that will support you, is advice for parent and carers from the UCAS website, that you can find here: [Advice for parents, guardians and carers](#)

**Clearing:** (If a student is unsuccessful in gaining a confirmed offer for their first choices, they can apply via clearing in July)

- [Looking for a course in Clearing? Learn how Clearing works & find a new place \(ucas.com\)](#)

### Foundation Years vs Foundation Degrees

- [Careerpilot : Get information : Higher education at 18+ : Types of HE level courses \(Level 4+\)](#)
- [Foundation degrees | Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- [Why you should consider a foundation year | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

## Apprenticeships explained

- [Careerpilot : Get information : Apprenticeships : What is an Apprenticeship, how much will you earn?](#)
- [Best Apprentice Employers 2024 / 25 | RateMyApprenticeship](#)
- [Higher and degree apprenticeships guide | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

**Gap Year** ( when students can choose to take a break from studies, to gain life experience)

- [Careerpilot : Get information : Your choices at 18 : Gap year](#)
- [Jobs abroad, Seasonal jobs, Voluntary Work | Anywork Anywhere](#)
- [Best gap year travel programmes - Approved gap year providers \(yearoutgroup.org\)](#)
- [Gap year opportunities | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

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**Professional Qualifications** (qualifications that can be earned to prove that an individual is qualified to perform certain jobs or tasks)

- [What Are Professional Qualifications? \(Definition and Types\) | Indeed.com](#)
- [Study Professional & Financial at SGS College](#)

## **Job Searching**

- [Careerpilot : Get information : Finding a job/experience : Finding a job](#)
- [Finding a job - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [5 Tips for Getting Your First Job After College Graduation | StudentJob UK](#)
- [CVs and cover letters | Prospects.ac.uk](#)
- **Randstad Construction** [Bristol recruitment agency - construction and property | Randstad UK](#)
- **REED Education** [Education agency and supply teaching recruitment | Reed](#)
- **Caterer for hospitality industry** [Hospitality recruitment at Caterer.com – find hotel, restaurant, chef & bar jobs today](#)
- **Manpower –office/admin support** [Administration and Business Support jobs in Bristol \(manpower.co.uk\)](#)

## **Finance – Money Matters**

- [Student finance for undergraduates: New full-time students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](#)
- [Student finance in England - Everything you need to know \(ucas.com\)](#)
- [www.savethestudent.org](#)

## **Conversation starters for good dialogue with your young adult**

- **CareerPilot parent zone:** [Careerpilot : Parent zone](#)
- **Skills Builder toolkit for parents:** [Parents & Carers \(skillsbuilder.org\)](#)
- **Barclays Life Skills website:** [LifeSkills | Developing work and life skills \(barclayslifeskills.com\)](#)
- **Buzz quiz:** [Careerpilot : Get information : Buzz Quiz](#)
- **Career Coach quiz:** [Career Coach - Interests \(lightcastcc.com\)](#)
- **The Wingfinder quiz** (Strengths assessment suitable for the more mature young adult): [Give wings to your career! \(redbull.com\)](#)
- **UCAS website:** [UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#)
- **Not going to uni website:** [Home \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](#)

**To book in a careers appointment please use the booking form that is found [HERE](#)**