

THE PRIORY ACADEMY

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**YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENING**

2018



# Purpose of the evening

1. University application process and timeline
2. Guidance on how to choose a course and university
3. Guidance on how to prepare to write a personal statement
4. Student finance
5. Alternative Pathways
6. Advice for Oxbridge and early entry students



# Preparing to apply to university and the timeline

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

University trips - a chance to visit one of 5 universities and receive advice and guidance.  
Oxbridge Day – an opportunity for early entry students to get further information about their subjects

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

UCAS Higher Education Exhibition held at Lincoln University. The exhibition helps students explore a wide range of academic and career opportunities, and discover a future that's right for them.

**June 2018**

Registration for UCAS 2019 process takes place in school through the Universities College and Admissions Service (UCAS).



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# Preparing to apply to university and the timeline

- **Mid-September 2018**

Submission of UCAS applications starts.

- **15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Application deadline for **Oxbridge** and those applying for **Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science**.

- **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

All UCAS applications should be submitted by this date.

Early application is recommended. Do not leave it till the last minute. Many universities reply to applicants swiftly. It also gives us time to give feedback on personal statements.



# Preparing to apply to university and the timeline

## How does UCAS work?

- Students have a maximum of 5 choices. They do not have to put all 5 choices down at once
- Invisibility of choice. Universities do not know where else a student has applied
- Universities respond to applications by 31 March 2019
- FIRM and INSURANCE choices are made in early May 2019
- It costs £13\* for one choice or £24\* for 2-5 choices(2018 fees)
- Payment is made online by credit or debit card by the student



# Choosing a course and university

- Research is the key
- University Open Days – talk to current undergraduates
- University websites
- League tables – The Good University Guide/Guardian
- Unistats – compare courses at different universities
- Course content and structure. How is the course taught and assessed?
- Location -city or campus university
- Career prospects/opportunities for work experience



# Choosing a course and university

- Check entry criteria. Some courses will have minimum GCSE grade requirements, for example a minimum of a grade 6 in English
- Some universities will ask for specific A level or BTEC grades, but some will ask for UCAS points
- Check whether you need to take any additional examinations. LNAT, BMAT, UKCAT, TMUA, STEP



# Higher or degree apprenticeships

- More and more courses are being launched in collaboration with business where the course structure includes an amount of work within the company. These courses are usually funded by the businesses involved and students will incur no tuition fees.
- There are still entry requirements to fulfil as well as a lengthy recruitment programme. They tend to be very competitive.
- Some are sponsored degrees and some are degree apprenticeships.
- University contact time varies substantially between programmes.

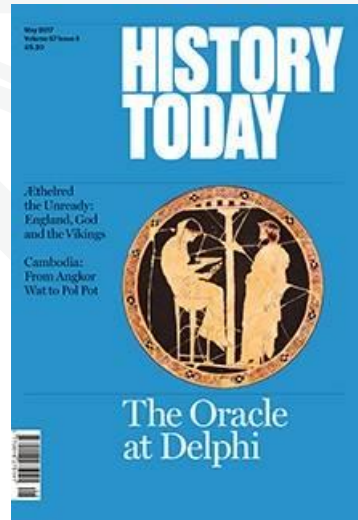
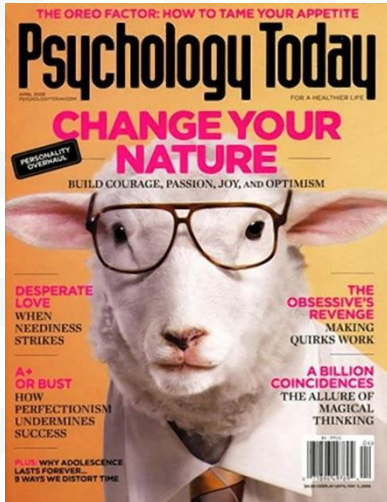




# The personal statement

- Must be focussed on chosen subject
- Give evidence of engagement with the subject
- Demonstrate initiative and independent study skills
- Work experience, if relevant
- Summer schools/taster days/lectures attended
- Reading
- Show, don't tell.
- Aim for about 75%/25% split between subject and extracurricular activities
- Responsibilities – prefect/sport/volunteering/mentoring
- Proof read!
- Beware of plagiarism – UCAS has sophisticated software that will spot it.





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# Online courses and lectures.

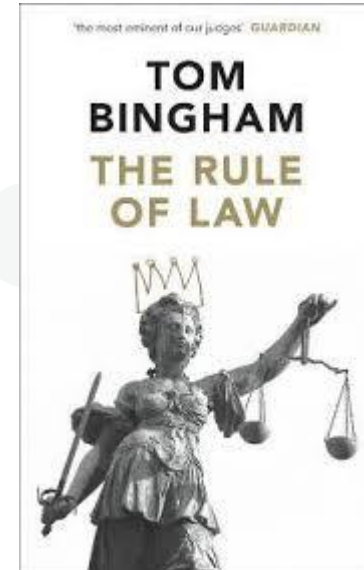
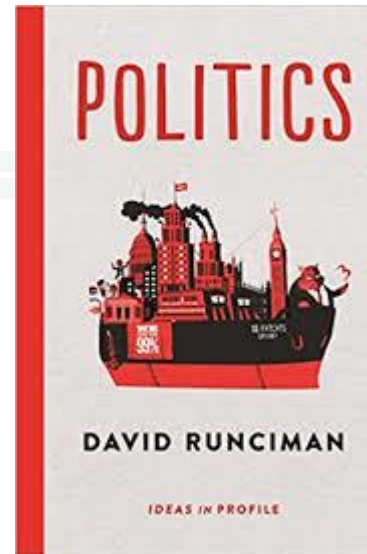
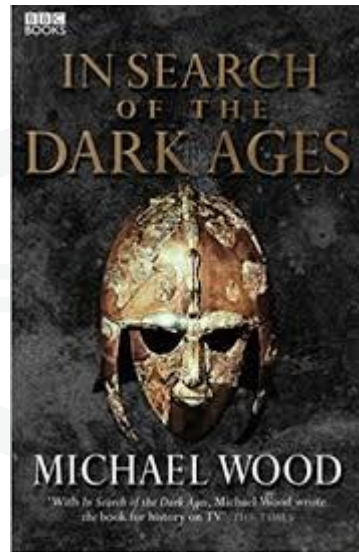
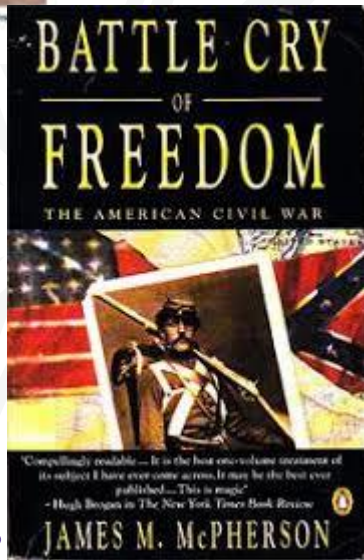
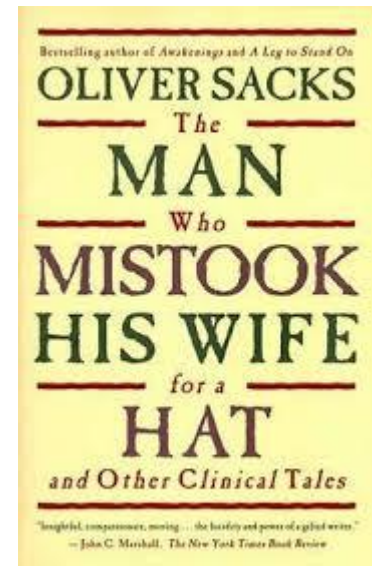
[www.myheplus.com](http://www.myheplus.com)



Reading.....



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# THE TIMES

# References

All references are written positively and sensitively. They reflect suitability, commitment, progress and attainment as well as attendance. The reference will comment on each subject and include information about mock performance

Written by the form tutor and checked by Mrs Sharpe or Mr Milner

Predicted grades are based on the evidence of a student's performance over the course including coursework, classwork, assignments, in class assessments and mock examination results

Extenuating circumstances – these may be medical issues or family difficulties



# Unconditional offers

- If you put an Unconditional offer down as your firm choice, you cannot have an Insurance choice.
- You are committed to the offer – if you change your mind and want to go to one of your other choices instead, you cannot make the change.
- Unconditional offers can affect your work ethic and you might not do as well as you wanted.

This can have several knock-on effects:

- You may change your mind about the course you are on and want to reapply elsewhere or transfer – your final grades could affect your ability to do this.
- Your results will have to go on any future job application, you need to ensure you do the best you can. Your results will be with you for the rest of your life.
- Graduate jobs may have a minimum UCAS points requirement, as well as a degree requirement (for example, KPMG, HSBC, Aldi).
- Some yearlong work placements (sandwich courses) require a minimum number of UCAS points.



# Student Finance

- Student Finance England (SFE) provides financial support on behalf of the UK government to students from England entering higher education in the UK.
- The two main costs you'll have while studying are **TUITION FEES** and **LIVING COSTS**
- There's student finance to help you with both – a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan
- Depending on your circumstances, you could also get extra financial help while you study.
- Online applications for student finance open in February/March 2019.



# Student Finance

- The maximum **Tuition Fee** a university can charge is £9250 per year.
- You do not have to pay the **Tuition Fee** up front. SFE pays the fee directly to the university
- The **Tuition Fee** loan does not depend on household income.
- A **Maintenance Loan** is available to **all** students, the amount depends on household income and where you live and study.
- Both **Maintenance and Tuition Fee loans** have to be repaid but not until you have finished your course and your income is over the repayment threshold, recently increased to £25K





# Student finance

- **Maximum loan for living costs in 2018/19:**
  - **Living at home** £7324 (min. £3224)
  - **Away from home (outside London)** £8700 (min. £4054)
  - **Away from home, in London** £11,354 (min.£5654)
  - **A year of UK course abroad** £9963 maximum
- **The loans are means-tested.**
- If household income is below £25,000 you will receive the maximum amount.
- **Disabled Students' Allowance** – if you have a long term health condition or specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia)
- Go to the student finance calculator to find out how much you will get
- <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator>



# Student Finance Package

## Example Table

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<b>Household income</b>	<b>Maintenance Loan</b> Paid in three instalments – one at the start of each term	<b>Max Tuition Fee Loan</b> Note: not all courses will cost £9,250	<b>Max amount borrowed, excluding interest</b>
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**Students studying outside London and not living with their parents**

<b>£25,000 and under</b>	£8,700	£9,250	£17,950
<b>£30,000</b>	£8,076	£9,250	£17,326
<b>£35,000</b>	£7,452	£9,250	£16,702
<b>£40,000</b>	£6,828	£9,250	£16,078
<b>£42,875</b>	£6,469	£9,250	£15,719
<b>£45,000</b>	£6,204	£9,250	£15,454
<b>£50,000</b>	£5,579	£9,250	£14,829
<b>£55,000</b>	£4,955	£9,250	£14,205
<b>£60,000</b>	£4,331	£9,250	£13,581
<b>£62,215 and over</b>	£4,054	£9,250	£13,304

All 2018/19 figures are subject to Parliamentary approval.

Sheet1 Sheet2

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# Household income

- If you are supporting an application for student finance that depends on household income, SFE will need details of your taxable income and National Insurance number.
- If you are a parent of the student and live with your partner, they also have to give us details of their taxable income and NI number.
- **Taxable income includes**
  - wages, salaries, tips and other taxable employee pay
  - long term disability benefits received prior to minimum retirement
  - net earnings from self employment
- **Taxable unearned income includes**
  - interest from savings
  - benefits and pensions
  - rent from a property

More information can be found at [www.gov.uk/income-tax](http://www.gov.uk/income-tax)



# Student finance

- 1. Overview
- 2. [New full-time students](#)
- 3. [Continuing full-time students](#)
- 4. [Part-time students](#)
- 5. [EU students](#)
- 6. [Extra help](#)
- 7. [Eligibility](#)
- 8. [Apply](#)

## 1. Overview

You may be able to borrow money to help pay for university or college tuition fees and to help with living costs.

You might get [extra money](#) on top of this, for example if you're on a low income, are disabled or have children.

### Before you apply

You start repaying once you earn over a certain amount. The size of your monthly repayments will depend on how much you earn, not what you owe.

You'll be charged interest on the loan from the day you take it out. The terms and conditions can change.

### Related content

- [Student finance forms](#)
- [Student finance login](#)
- [Apply online for student finance](#)
- [Student finance: how to apply](#)
- [Student finance calculator](#)
- [+ 3 more](#)

Explore the topic  
**Student finance**

### Elsewhere on the web

[Student loans: terms and conditions 2017](#)

## Full time



Find out what student finance you can get to help pay your tuition fees and living costs while at uni or college.

New students should also read our interactive [quick start finance guide](#).

## Tuition Fee Loan

- About
- What's available
- Eligibility
- How it's paid
- How to apply

## Living costs

- About
- What's available
- Eligibility
- How it's paid
- How to apply

## Disabled Students' Allowances

- About
- What's available
- Eligibility
- How to apply
- Study Needs Assessment

## Dependants' Grants

# Bursaries and Scholarships

- Many universities offer financial support through Bursaries and Scholarships
- Bursaries are linked to personal circumstances and household income. These are not repayable.
  - Sheffield Bursary Scheme automatically receive minimum of £500 if household income is below £40K.
  - Imperial Bursary Scheme pays out up to a family income of £60K, with £4000 for anyone with an income below £50K
- Scholarships are linked to academic results or ability in areas such as sport or music. They can be subject specific and are usually limited in number.



# Student loan repayment

- You won't make repayments until your income is over the repayment threshold
- Repayments start the April **after** graduation
- You repay 9% of your income over the threshold, (currently £25,000). It's deducted directly from your salary through HMRC
- If your income falls below the threshold, repayments will stop
- Any outstanding balance will be cancelled 30 years after entering repayment

Income each year before tax	9% will be deducted from	Monthly repayment
£25,000	£0	£0
£29,500	£4,500	£33
£31,000	£6,000	£45
£33,000	£8,000	£60



# Interest

- Interest is added to the loan as soon as the first payment is made to your university
- It is charged at the rate of inflation (Retail Price Index RPI) plus 3% while you are studying
- From the April after finishing university, you enter repayment and the interest added varies according to gross income
- £25,000 or less RPI
- Between £25,000-£45,000 RPI + up to 3% dependent on income
- £45,000 and over RPI +3%







# Pathways

## What next for me?



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# Where can I do more practical courses?



Priority Training



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# Apprenticeships



- Apprenticeships come in all shapes and sizes, from Level 2, (Equivalent to GCSE) up to Degree level and can last anything from 1-4 years
- They are suitable for those students who would prefer not to go to university and would like to move in to the world of work
- They are a combination of working, gaining further qualifications and getting paid at the same at the time
- Many businesses you will recognise offer apprenticeships



# Apprenticeship Opportunities



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United  
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Hospitals  
NHS Trust

Potential early entry applications  
Oxford, Cambridge  
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science

Mr Milner will be giving a presentation in the Lecture  
Theatre



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