



Welcome to the
Skipton Girls' High School
Higher Education Evening

Wednesday 13th June 2018

Higher Education Week

Monday 12th June – Carousel sessions:

- UCAS Registration
- Personal Statement
- Course Choice
- HE Application Process

Tuesday 13th June - HE Preparation. External HE speaker sessions.

2017 Applications & Destinations

- 105 students applied to Higher Education (11 deferred entry)
- 58 different universities applied to
- Newcastle, Durham, Leeds, Birmingham, Manchester
- Edinburgh, Glasgow & St. Andrews
- 73% of students received 4 or 5 offers

UCAS Application Deadlines

Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science

- School – 21st September 2018
- UCAS - 15th October 2018

All other subjects:

- School – 23rd November 2018
- UCAS - 15th January 2019

The UCAS Application Form

UCAS is the organisation which students use to apply for HE

There are 4 sections

- Personal details and choice of 5 courses
- Academic results
- Personal statement
- School reference (completed by Staff)

Applications will only be sent off after the UCAS fee has been paid.

Summer Term 2018

- All subject teachers will write your daughter a draft subject reference. This will include a predicted grade which will be added in September.

June September - Your daughter should

- Research the courses on the UCAS and university websites
- Read the prospectuses in the Careers Library and “Degree Course Offers” by Brian Heap, which gives a guide to the grades required by each university
- Seek advice from Mrs McMillan, Mrs Crowther and Mr Blythe as well as subject teachers
- Visit the universities/courses she is most interested in. Maximum of three visits during school time otherwise important A Level work will be missed.
- Prepare a draft of her personal statement over the summer holidays
- Register on the UCAS website (Apply) and fill in her personal details.

September/October 2018

- If your daughter is sure about her course, she should look at five universities where she would like to study
- Re-draft her personal statement and show it to her personal tutor for advice.
- Personal Tutors will now put her reference together and collect predicted grades

October/November/December

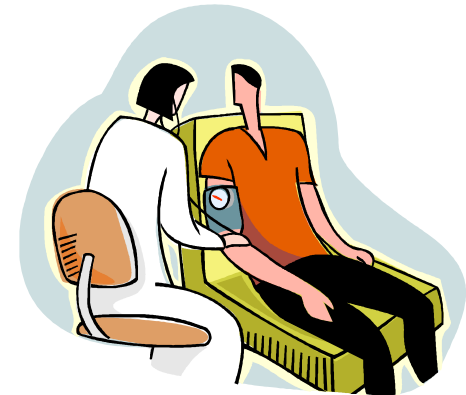
- Admissions tests for Law/Medicine/Oxbridge and a number of other subjects taken at this time



- Applications to **all** universities should be finalised by the **end of November**.
- Places may be offered to candidates who have applied early
- Interviews for Oxbridge candidates take place first and second weeks of December
- Some medical interviews may also take place

January/February 2019

- Oxbridge candidates receive offers first week in January
- Most universities send out offers but some may wait until late February/March (Durham, Edinburgh, Leeds)
- Interviews for teaching /nursing /chemistry/



UCAS Extra – February 2019

If a student is..

- Rejected by all their institutions ...or they change their mind about what they wish to study and therefore reject all their offers
- They can apply for one new course through UCAS Extra which begins from mid-February

March/April 2019

- Most offers are received by this stage
- Once students have had all their offers they will be given a deadline by UCAS to make their final choices
- Students accept **one firm offer** and **one insurance offer**
- Student Finance (deadline end of May 2019)
- Students apply for Bursaries and Scholarships
- Universities contact students about accommodation

May/June 2019

Students start A Level examinations



August 2019

- Results day 15th August – students need to collect results from school. We cannot give results over the phone
- Students can check on UCAS “Track” to see if they have been offered a place, especially if grades slightly lower
- University writes to your daughter confirming her place



Problems – Results lower than expected...

- We can provide telephones allowing students to phone institutions when necessary
- *However, institutions want to talk to the student in person, not SGHS staff*
- We can offer advice on alternative courses
- We can help with 'Clearing'
- Newspapers will provide lists of available courses e.g.
 - *Times*
 - *Guardian*
 - *Independent*
 - *Telegraph*

'Clearing' – August 2019

Any student who does not attain the required grades for either their

- **first choice** *or* **insurance choice** is automatically entered into the Clearing system
- This is an opportunity to apply to another institution or for an alternative course at one of their original institutions

'Adjustment' – August 2019

Some students achieve significantly better results than expected, and exceed the conditions of their choices.

- They can enter “adjustment” and apply for a more competitive course.
- But, there is no guarantee there will be any vacancies on this course.
- There are downsides e.g. accommodation, student finance delays.
- They may wish to re-apply the following year in order to have access to all courses.

UCAS Videos

<https://www.ucas.com/connect/videos>

<https://www.ucas.com/connect/videos/journey-application>

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UCAS Parents Newsletter

<http://web.ucas.com/parents-signup>