



16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parent,

### UCAS 2022 – What Happens Next?

Your son/ daughter is currently going through the UCAS application to continue their education. Students have been receiving offers and I have been thrilled to hear of their successful applications at such prestigious Universities. However, you may be unsure of the next step which are summarised below to help support your child through the next stages of the application process.

The next 3 steps students will need to consider are:

1. Accepting a firm and insurance place
2. Applying for student finance
3. Applying for accommodation

It is important that your son / daughter continues to check “UCAS Tracker” and their e-mails on a regular basis. Please also ensure that UCAS and any universities they have applied to, are kept informed of any changes in personal details. Students can expect to receive notification of the following from the universities they have applied to

- Conditional Offers – these will require students to obtain particular grades
- Unconditional Offers – this university will accept students whatever grades they get
- Unsuccessful – student has not been offered a place
- Invitation to Interview – for some courses eg teaching, medicine, nursing

#### **Step 1 - Accepting University Offers**

Students will need to make a choice from their offers and make a FIRM and an INSURANCE place choice. Students are advised not to make these decisions yet, but await further information and evidence of their grades prior to making this decision.

The FIRM choice is where they really want to go, with the INSURANCE choice being a back-up which requires lower grades

Please be aware that if students accept an UNCONDITIONAL offer as a FIRM CHOICE they not get an INSURANCE CHOICE.

The time line for these choices is based on when UCAS get the last decision in from unis or colleges. Students can check Tracker to see their personal dead line.

If you receive your last decision on or before 19th May 2022, your reply date is **9th June 2022**

If you receive your last decision on or before 14th July 2022, your reply date is **21st July 2022**

Further guidance can be found: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers#how-to-make-your-replies>



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### **Step 2 - Applying for Student Finance**

The deadline for students to make applications for student finance is **20 May 2022**. They do not need to have made their final university choices before doing this.

Applications for student finance are made through the student finance website

- <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

The link below is for the Student Finance Campaign where you will find a helpful guide a useful video link and you will be able to sign up for an alert when student finance applications open

- <https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

Please find the links to two useful resources for parents:

<https://www.ucas.com/student-finance-england/student-finance-guidance-parents-and-partners>

<https://www.futurefinance.com/blog/parents-guide-101/>

### **Step 3 - Applying for Accommodation**

Once students have accepted a firm choice university place they should then apply for accommodation via the university website.

Further details to support you and your son /daughter are available on the UCAS website

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply>

I hope the information above is helpful, as ever if you require any further information about the UCAS process please do not hesitate to contact me. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way to secure their University for September 2022

Kind Regards,

Mr J Butler  
Head of Sixth Form