



North Halifax Grammar School UCAS Application Presentation

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UCAS

Pre-application Research

- PSCHEE Programme
- Higher Education Fair
(TBC: Manchester 10/5/21,
Sheffield 9/7/21)
- Open Days and Taster Days
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- Careers Interviews



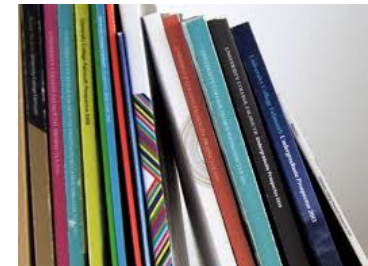
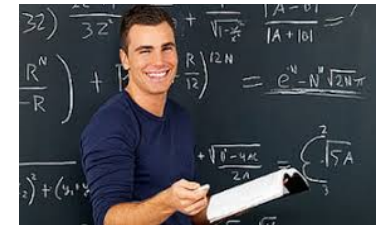
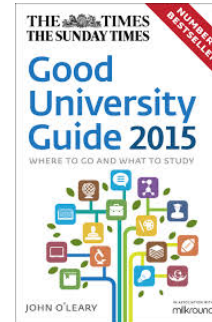
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university and college open days

PSCHEE Programme

- Introduction to resources available;
 - Understanding jargon;
 - Researching courses;
- Selecting and comparing universities;
 - Open Days;
 - The UCAS application process;
 - Writing the personal statement;
- Presentations on apprenticeships and gap years from guest speakers.

Pre-application Research

Prospectuses
Handbooks and guides
Course leaflets
Subject specific books
Subject teachers
Form tutors
Internet



Useful internet websites

- [http://
www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/](http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/)
- <http://discoveruni.gov.uk>
- <http://university.which.co.uk/courses>



2020 Complete University Guide League Tables

Discover which UK universities rank best nationally and in 70 different subject areas.

University League Tables 2020

University and Subject League Tables

- See the [latest rankings of 131 UK universities](#)
- Find the ranking of 12 specialist colleges and conservatoires in our [Arts, Drama & Music League Table](#)
- View the [70 subject tables](#)
- Read about [how to use the League Tables](#)

Open Days

Find and book open days, and read essential advice for before, during and after your visits.



Essential Information

- [2020 UK University League Tables](#)
- [Find a Clearing course](#)
- [Advice for results day](#)
- [Ask us a question](#)

Email Newsletter

Sign up to our monthly e-update for hints and tips on your university application, direct to your inbox.

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Complete Uni Guide

@compuniguide

UCAS Extra opens TODAY, so you can now apply to an additional university if you've used up all five choices. Find out more: bit.ly/2SWFxxN #cug2020

University League Tables 2021

Our league tables rank UK universities both nationally and in 70 subjects. You can sort each table on the measure relevant to you and compare universities.

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UNIVERSITY RANKING		MEASUREMENTS				
UNIVERSITY RANKING	UNIVERSITY NAME	Overall score	Entry standards	Student satisfaction	Research quality	Graduate prospects
1	University of Cambridge VIEW COURSES →	100%	100%	n/a	83%	87%
2	University of Oxford VIEW COURSES →	99%	97%	n/a	83%	83%
3	University of St Andrews VIEW COURSES →	96%	100%	87%	78%	80%

[Missed the January deadline for undergraduate applications? See what options you still have.](#)

Course

Subject area

Region

Institution

Search

Search results: **989** courses across **119** institutions



**courses within
psychology
view rankings**

119 institutions

St Andrews

Ranked 1st in subject, 3rd overall

27 courses

- MA (hons) art history & psychology (optional year abroad) »
- MA (hons) psychology & social anthropology (optional year abroad) »
- MA (hons) economics & psychology (optional year abroad) »

+ Show all courses

Bath

Ranked 2nd in subject, 10th overall

4 courses

- MSci (hons) psychology (sandwich year) »
- BSc (hons) psychology (sandwich year) »
- MSci (hons) psychology »
- BSc (hons) psychology »

Cambridge

Ranked 3rd in subject, 1st overall

1 course

- BA (hons) psychological & behavioural sciences »

Glasgow

Ranked 4th in subject, 26th overall

37 courses

- BSc (hons) physiology/ psychology (optional year abroad) »
- BSc (hons) psychology (optional year abroad) »
- MA (hons) psychology (optional year abroad) »

+ Show all courses

Surrey

Ranked 5th in subject, 4th overall

11 courses

- BSc (hons) politics with psychology »
- BSc (hons) politics with psychology (sandwich year, optional year abroad) »
- BSc (hons) psychology »

+ Show all courses

Search results

All universities and colleges 

Search

Need help choosing?

Search our guidance for help making the best decision for you.

[Information and advice.](#)

06 course(s) from 77 provider(s)

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University of Aberdeen

14 course(s)



Aberystwyth University

20 course(s)



Bangor University

6 course(s)





University of York

Biology [1 of 34 related courses](#) >

UCAS Points

340-400

BSC (HONS) 3 YEARS FULL-TIME 2015

% applicants receiving offers

88%

Student satisfaction score

91% **HIGH**

Average graduate salary

£17.9k **MED**



[Course information](#) >



[34 related courses](#) >

[Shortlist](#) +



University of Sheffield

Biology [1 of 20 related courses](#) >

UCAS Points

360-385

BSC (HONS) 3 YEARS FULL-TIME, ABROAD 2015

% applicants receiving offers

52%

Student satisfaction score

85% **MED**

Average graduate salary

£17.2k **MED**



[Course information](#) >



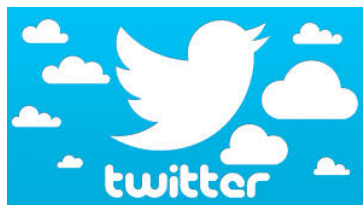
[20 related courses](#) >

The UCAS website

- www.ucas.com (Also covers degree apprenticeships)
- Course search and minimum entry requirements
- Links to university websites
- Advice for parents <http://www.ucas.com/parents/>
- Student finance
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/finance-and-support>
- <http://www.ucas.tv/>
- You can also get updates/advice about UCAS on Facebook and Twitter or download the UCAS app.

We are now going to watch a sort clip on the UCAS process

- <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started>



UCAS tariff

A Level

Grade	Tariff points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Extended Project Qualification is worth 50% of A level qualification tariff

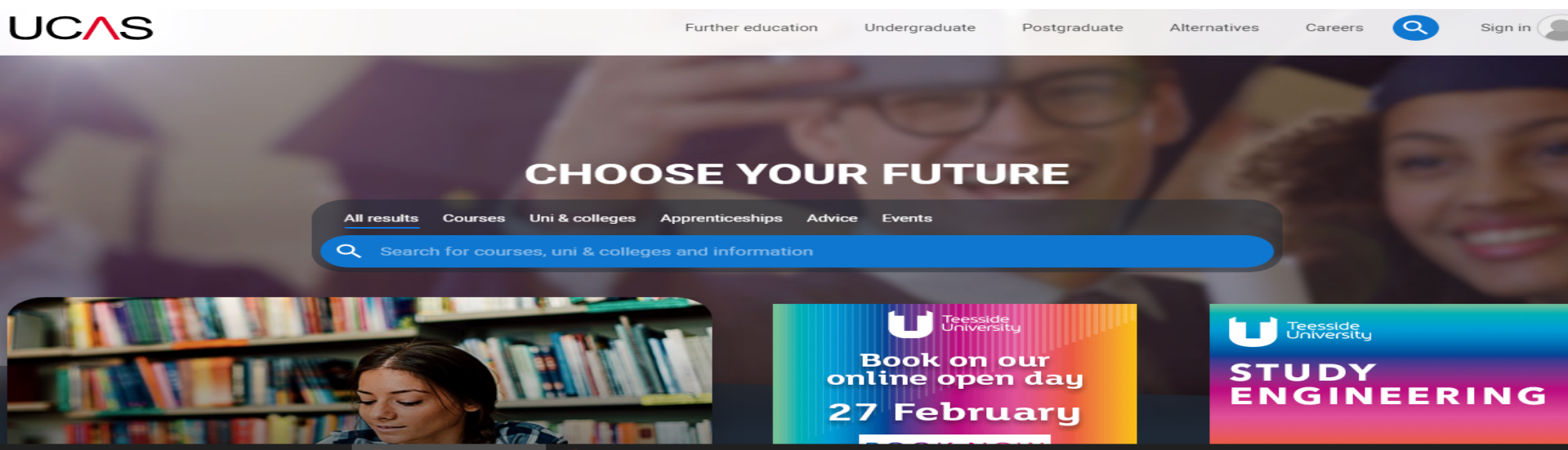
The UCAS process at NHGS

- Process starts during PSCHEE in June.
- UCAS accept applications from mid September;
- Process will be coordinated by Form Tutors and monitored by the Sixth Form Team (JD, GQ, RAP and SHR);
- Oxbridge applications – TFS;
- Parental Involvement.





The UCAS application

- EAS (Electronic Application System)
- GAP Year – students can apply for deferred entry.
- Work Experience – this is particularly important for medicine, physiotherapy, teaching, law, veterinary science, nursing and midwifery applicants.




The image shows a screenshot of the UCAS website homepage. At the top left is the UCAS logo. The navigation bar includes links for Further education, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Alternatives, Careers, a search icon, and Sign in. The main heading is "CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE". Below this is a horizontal menu with links for All results, Courses, Uni & colleges, Apprenticeships, Advice, and Events. A search bar contains the text "Search for courses, uni & colleges and information". The bottom section features three promotional banners: a library scene with a student, a Teesside University banner for an online open day on 27 February, and a Teesside University banner for studying engineering.


UCAS

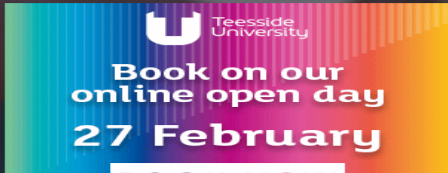
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 Search for courses, uni & colleges and information



**Teesside University**
Book on our
online open day
27 February

**Teesside University**
**STUDY
ENGINEERING**

1

Apply online

Check course details to see which deadline your application should arrive at UCAS by.

- 15 October for Oxford, Cambridge or professional courses in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine/science.
- 15 January for the majority of courses.
- 24 March for some art and design courses.

2

Wait to hear back

The universities or colleges will decide whether to make you an offer.

- Either unconditional if you've already met the entry requirements.
- Or conditional if the offer's based on your exam results.

3

Reply to your offers

Once all their decisions are in you have to reply to your offers by a specific deadline.

- If your firm acceptance is an unconditional then the place is yours.
- Or if it's conditional it's yours if you meet the entry requirements – you can choose an insurance acceptance as a backup.
- And decline the rest.

Looking for more courses

If you have no offers or you've declined them all you can still find other courses.

- Either by adding more choices one at a time in our Extra service.
- Or if you didn't meet the conditions and Clearing has started, you can see which courses still have vacancies

4

See if the university or college confirms your place

- They might not if you don't meet the conditions of an offer.
- But if they do then you're in – hooray!
- (If you've met and exceeded your offer conditions you might be able to look for alternative courses in our Adjustment service while still holding your original confirmed place.)

Personal statement – start early

Personal statements are so important, make sure you include:

- Why you are interested in the subject;
- Your enthusiasm for the subject;
- How your previous studies relate to the course(s) you are applying for;
- Relevant aspects of jobs, placements; work experience or volunteering;
- Why you think you are a suitable candidate (your skills and the qualities they are looking for);
- Activities or hobbies that show your interest in the subject and any training or achievements that show your skills.



Personal statement – start early

The questions universities and colleges will ask:

- Have they chosen the right subject for the right reasons?
- Do they have a range of interests?
- Does the personal statement confirm their interest in the subject?
- Have they studied independently?
- Are they motivated and committed?
- Do they possess good numeracy and literacy skills?



References and predicted grades

- REFERENCES
- Written by form tutors
- Start to collect information from subject tutors- end of Year 12
- PREDICTED GRADES
- Year 12 exam results and performance over the year



Applications for Art and Design courses

- Apply through the normal route for university courses;
- Two application deadlines – 15th January & (24th March for some courses);
- One-year art foundation courses - apply direct to the university or college (tend to have their own application deadlines);
 - Most courses will expect a portfolio;
 - Applications to be coordinated by Mrs Quigley.

Applications for music, dance, drama or screen production courses at conservatoires

- Apply through UCAS – Conservatoire route
 - <http://www.ucas.ac.uk/students/>
- Application deadlines – 1st October for music applicants and 15th January for all others;
 - You will be expected to audition;
- Applications to be coordinated by Mrs Pegg

Post UCAS application

- UCAS Track – enables students to see what is happening with their application;
- An admission tutor can make one of three decisions after reviewing applications:
 - Unconditional offer;
 - Conditional offer;
 - Unsuccessful.

The logo for UCAS, consisting of the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is colored red, while the other letters 'U', 'C', 'S', and 'S' are black.

Post UCAS application

- **Interviews** - Formal and informal. Interview preparation in school through PSCHEE and mock interviews;
- Applicant days/Departmental visits;
- **Discussions** with form tutor and assistance from Sixth Form Team;
- **UCAS Extra** – offers support for students who have not received any offers.

Post application – August 2022

Confirmation, Clearing and Adjustment

Exam results are published – most are passed electronically to universities by UCAS.

September/October 2022 – Students commence their courses

Confirmation

Admissions staff check if the applicant has met the conditions of the offer.

There are four possibilities:

1. If a student meets the conditions of their firm choice. It's time to celebrate!

2. If a student doesn't meet the conditions of their firm choice, but meets the conditions of their insurance choice (which should be lower), they will be placed at their insurance choice. It's also time to celebrate!

3. If a student has not met the conditions of their firm or insurance choice (or no insurance), they will be entered into a process known as **Clearing**.

4. If a student meets and exceeds the conditions of their offer, they are eligible for **Adjustment**. This provides an opportunity for them to reconsider where and what to study whilst still holding their firm offer.

Deadlines

15th October 2021

Oxbridge/Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary applications

Friday 22nd October 2021

*School deadline for receipt of all other applications
(guarantee that applications will be sent by UCAS final
deadline)*

Applications will not be processed after 17th December.

15th January 2022

UCAS final deadline

*Universities should make decisions by 31st March but they
can take longer.*

**Applications received by the key deadlines are given
equal consideration.**

School points of contact

- **Mrs G Quigley** – Sixth Form Leader
- **Mr J Downing** – Year Group Leader for Year 12
- **Mrs R Pegg** – Year Group Leader for Year 13
- **Miss S Rigby** – Enrichment Coordinator