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Your child's next steps.  
Parents and careers  
presentation.

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# What are the choices?



- **Higher education** – not just university but colleges too. Check out MK college; MK-U: Moulton; Institute of Technology
- **Employment** – full time or part time – Entry Level Roles
- **Apprenticeships** – Advanced/Higher/Degree
- **Gap Year** – what is the point?
- **Part time employment and part time education or distance learning**

Level	Qualification / educational route				
8	Doctorate (PhD)		NVQ 8		
7	Masters degree (MA)		Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7		
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)			
4		Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4		
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3
2	GCSE Grades 4-9 (C, B, A or A*)			BTEC first diploma	Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2
1	GCSE Grades 1-3 (D,E,F or G)			Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	Traineeship / NVQ 1
	Academic route		Vocational route	Applied / work route	



# UCAS and the University Application Process

- Choose up to five courses
  - 1 aspirational, 3 solid and 1 safe, based on the predicted grades
  - Application to be completed and submitted by the internal deadline
  - References will then be added
  - Sent by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 deadline (or 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 if early entry)
  - Late entrants will only be considered if there are places available
  - Universities then make their offers
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# Types of offer

Conditional – Meet the conditions of the offer

Unconditional – There are no conditions to the offer

Contextual – Reduced offer based on personal factors

Unsuccessful – The university is not making an offer

Invitation to Interview – Portfolios, Auditions, Midwifery, Nursing, Teaching etc.

Read the conditions of the offer carefully

# Try before you buy - Open days

- Research when they are
  - <https://www.opendays.com/>
  - <https://www.ucas.com/>
  - Unifrog – Parent page Please use the code parentradcliffe
  - <https://www.unifrog.org/code>
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# Firm and Insurance

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First deadline is usually the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June 2024

This must be considered carefully, you are making a contract with the university

No-one should insure an offer higher than the firm offer

What if I don't have all my offers?



## 2024 ENTRY KEY DATES

<b>2 May 2023</b>	UCAS' search tool displays 2024 courses.
<b>9 May 2023</b>	The adviser portal opens for 2024 entry. From this date, you can set up your adviser portal ready for your students to link to your centre.
<b>16 May 2023</b>	Undergraduate applications open for 2024 entry. From this date, applicants can start their applications and send them to you for references and approval.
<b>12 July 2023</b>	Conservatoire applications open for 2024 entry. From this date, applicants can register, pay, and send their applications.
<b>5 September 2023</b>	Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS.
<b>2 October 2023 18:00 (UK time)</b>	Application deadline for conservatoire music applications. Applications for dance, drama, and musical theatre courses may have a different deadline – check conservatoires' websites for information.
<b>16 October 2023 18:00 (UK time)</b>	Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine / science. The reference must be completed before the application can be sent to us.
<b>31 January 2024 18:00 (UK time)</b>	Equal consideration date for applications for most undergraduate courses. The reference must be completed before the application can be sent to us. Deadline for most conservatoire undergraduate dance, drama or musical theatre courses. Check on the specific course to be sure.
<b>28 February 2024</b>	Extra opens – applicants who have used all five choices and are not holding any offers may be able to add another choice in their application.
<b>30 June 2024 18:00 (UK time)</b>	Applications received by this deadline will be sent to universities and colleges. After this time, applications are automatically entered into Clearing.
<b>4 July 2024</b>	Last date to add an Extra choice in their application.
<b>5 July 2024</b>	Clearing opens for eligible applicants, and vacancies are displayed in UCAS' search tool. Applicants can release themselves into Clearing.





# Costs and other information

- £9,250 per annum through Student Finance goes directly to the institution
  - The maintenance loan is dependent on household income
  - <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator>
  - Start paying it off once you are earning above the threshold, currently £25,000 for 40 years
  - <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-2023/>
  - One fee of £27.50 for up to five applications
  - Payable through school Wisepay or by debit/credit card
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# Gap Year – What is the point?

- You can defer entry to uni by one year
  - Some students are not sure and need another year to decide
  - However, the reality of this is that they would need to make the application by January anyway, so has not really given that space.
  - What are they going to do in the Gap Year? Volunteering, travel, working etc.
  - Some are supported travel abroad experience but come with a cost.
  - <https://www.workaway.info/>
  - <https://raleighinternational.org/>
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# Apprenticeships

- Advanced/Higher/Degree
  - On the job experience
  - Qualification
  - No student debt
  - Salary
  - <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
  - <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
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# Role of the training provider

- Normally first point of contact and will contact you by phone or e-mail
  - The training can be internal or external or may be a uni
  - Skills test or possibly phone interview
  - Maybe a visit to their centre/group interviews
  - Then they may forward you on to the employer
  - Crucial.... first impressions count...mobiles/social media/CV...what can I find out about you?
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# Employment and the power of networking

- Entry level roles Junior/Assistant/Trainee
- Many search engines
- LinkedIn
- CV fit for purpose – Punctuation and grammar
- Speculative enquiries
- Part-time work at Uni- Research now

The Indeed logo, featuring the word "indeed" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font with a small blue arc above the letter "i".

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Questions

