A Parent’s Guide to HE

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What do you need to know?

- What should happen and when
- How to choose a course
- How to choose a university
- How to apply
- What you can do to help

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# Timeline

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<th>When?</th>
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<td>Year 12</td>
<td>Research, HE Fairs, Open Days</td>
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<td>September Y13</td>
<td>Apply for course</td>
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<td><strong>October</strong></td>
<td><strong>Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science</strong></td>
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<td>October to January</td>
<td>School/College deadline; UCAS deadline</td>
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<td>Open ended</td>
<td>Interviews and offers</td>
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<td>February - June</td>
<td>Apply for financial support; UCAS Extra</td>
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What to study

- Familiar or new subject?
- Vocational or non-vocational?
- Entry requirements?
- Qualification?
- Career aspirations?
- Teaching & assessment?
Things to consider

- Single/joint/combined honours
- Placement (Sandwich) courses
- Pre-entry tests
- Niche subjects
- Long list should become shortlist

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The UCAS Tariff

Some universities ask for points instead of grades

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Lots of other qualifications covered – see Huddersfield prospectus
Where to study

Home or away?

In city or out of town?

Cost of living?

Academic facilities?

Support available?

Teaching & assessment?
The official website for comparing UK higher education course data

Includes official data for undergraduate courses on each university and college's satisfaction scores in the National Student Survey, jobs and salaries after study and other key information for prospective students.
Sample Hall Fees
(Source – The Complete University Guide 2015)

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<th>Uni</th>
<th>Hudds</th>
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<th>Edinburgh</th>
<th>London (UCL)</th>
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<td>Cost per year</td>
<td>£4,200 – £4,200</td>
<td>£3,437 – £6,906</td>
<td>£3,250 – £4,200</td>
<td>£3,899 – £5,767</td>
<td>£5,337 - £7,371</td>
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- Figures based on basic room with en-suite. Could cost more for internet package, catering etc

- Check contracts/schedule for payment details

- Private housing much cheaper but different way of living
How to apply

Apply online, max 5 choices

£12 for 1 choice, £23 for 2+

One application covers all choices

Gap year?

UCAS sends application on to choices

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What happens next?

- Referee’s statement added
- Offers, interviews, tests
- Track progress online
- Payment made
- Sent to choices by UCAS
- Final decision and letter
- Application submitted
- Acknowledgement from UCAS
- Accept firm and insurance offers
What your son/daughter can do now

- Teachers, staff, careers, library
- UCAS guide/website; Unistats
- government.uk/studentfinance
- Prospectuses/leaflets/brochures
- HE fairs/open days/visit days
- Friends/family/current students
How parents can help

BE OPEN MINDED!!!!

- Talk!
- Gap year?
- Open days/post application days
- Accommodation costs and schedules
- Cooking and washing!
- Money matters
How parents can help

- Insurance, TV Licence
- Course equipment, bedding, cutlery, laptop
- Disability support
- Homesickness
- Mobile phone/internet/Skype
- Cash for first few days
- Adding value to degree
C&K Careers offer advice, guidance and information on applications to Higher Education, employment, voluntary work, gap year and self employment with the help of:

* Careers Advisers in schools, colleges and Careers Centres (Dewsbury, Halifax and Huddersfield)
* Contact C&K Careers on 01484 225500 and ask for Infoline.
* Excellent information resources in Careers Centres and links through www.ckcareersonline.org.uk
* Unifacts for Parents - provided in your pack
Final things to remember

- University contract
- Application deadlines
- No age limit, no rush
- Big life change – for whole family
- Get help if needed.
- [www.hud.ac.uk/undergraduate/parentsandcarers/](http://www.hud.ac.uk/undergraduate/parentsandcarers/)
- [parents@hud.ac.uk](mailto:parents@hud.ac.uk)
- Parent talk - blog
Open Days 2015

Wednesday 24 June
Thursday 25 June
Saturday 19 September
Saturday 24 October
Friday 4 December

9.30am – 3.00pm

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