

# A Parent's Guide to Higher Education

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# Reach New Heights



# What do you need to know?

What should happen & when

How to choose a course

How to choose a university

How to apply

What you can do to help



# Timeline

When?	What?
Year 12	Research, HE Fairs, Open Days
September Y13	Apply for course
<b>October</b>	<b>Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science</b>
October to January	School/College deadline; UCAS deadline
Open ended	Interviews and offers
February - June	Apply for financial support; UCAS Extra
<b>August</b>	<b>Results</b>
August	Clearing
September/October	Enrol at university



# What to study?

Familiar or  
new subject?

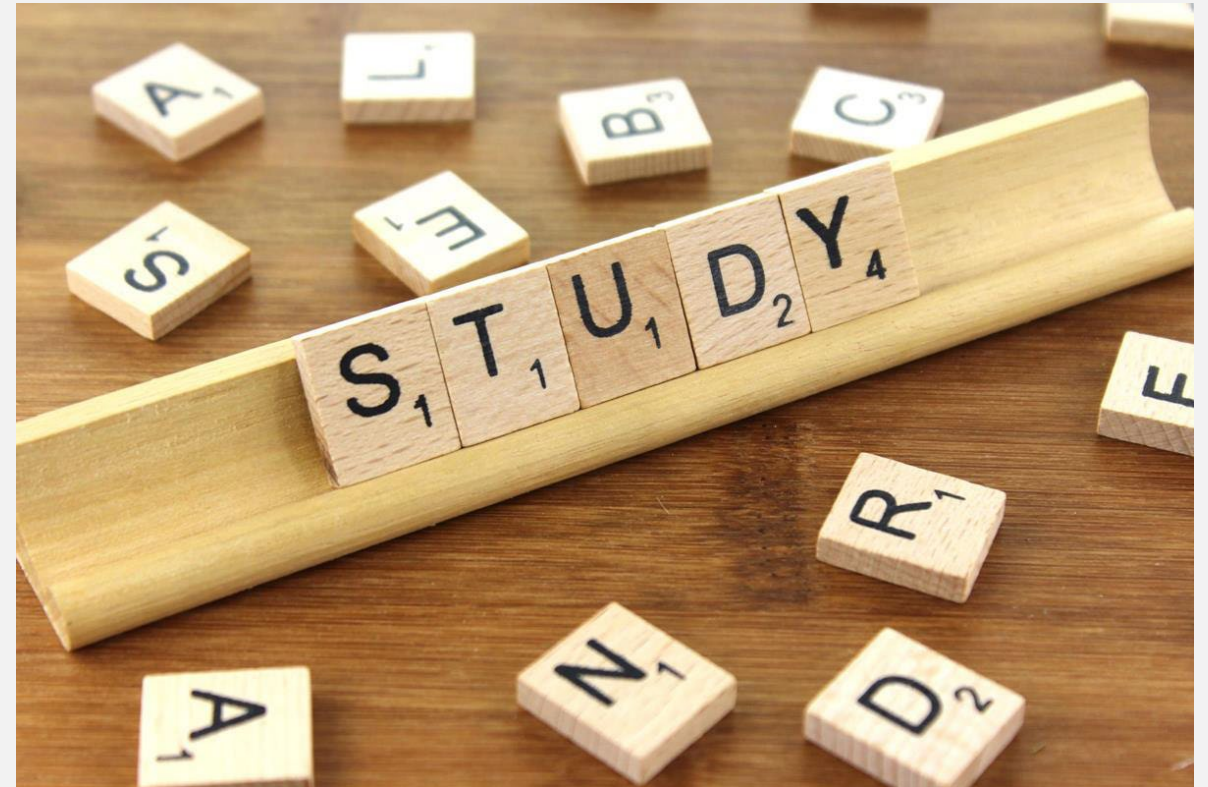
Vocational or  
non-  
vocational?

Entry  
requirements?

Qualification?

Career  
aspirations?

Teaching &  
assessment?



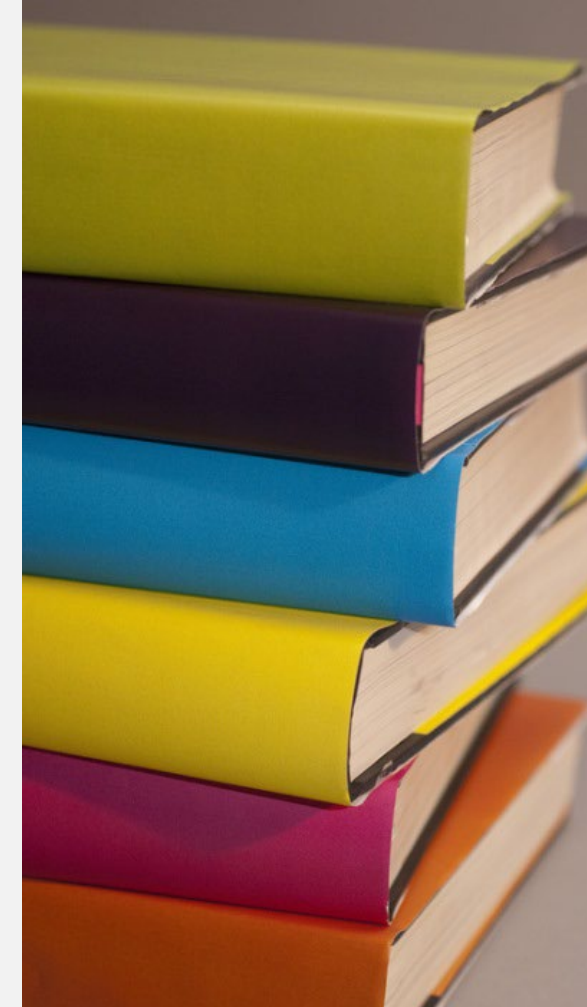
# Things to consider

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Single/joint/  
Combined  
honours

Placement  
(sandwich)  
courses

Niche  
subjects



# Compare courses/universities

Discover Uni

Thinking about uniStarting uniFurther informationCymraeg


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Thinking about your uni choices?

Search and compare undergraduate courses in the UK

Search by course name and/or institution

Search



Course Wizard

Answer 4 questions to find courses relevant to me

Start Now

You have 0 courses saved [View your courses](#)

discoveruni.gov.uk

# A typical day at university

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Lectures



Seminars



Tutorials



Lab work



Studio work



Independent Study



# Where to study?

- Home or away
- Cost of living
- Available support
- Course availability
- Academic facilities
- Social opportunities





# University community

- Academic
- Finance
- Social
- Pastoral, health and faith
- Careers advice and guidance
- Disability services:
  - Disabled applicants can contact Disability Services before joining the University to discuss the support or adjustments they will require during their studies. Disabled applicants may be eligible for the Disabled Students' Allowance – we offer support and guidance on this before starting your course. The earlier you apply the better.
  - How to get in touch:
    - [disability@hud.ac.uk](mailto:disability@hud.ac.uk) or 01484 471001
    - <https://students.hud.ac.uk/help/disability/>



# Sample Hall fees

(Accommodation prices checked May 2022 on each University websites)

University	Shared Bathroom	Ensuite
University of Huddersfield	N/A, all ensuite	£87+
Liverpool John Moores University	£85+	£109+
University of York	£99+	£140+
University of Leeds	£100+	£142+
University of Manchester	£110+	£157+
University of Nottingham	£116+	£162+
University of London	£175+	£224+

- Figures quoted as 'typical annual cost' for self-catering. Facilities may vary and it could cost more for internet package, catering etc.
- Check contracts/schedule for payment details
- Private housing could be much cheaper but a different way of living

# How to apply

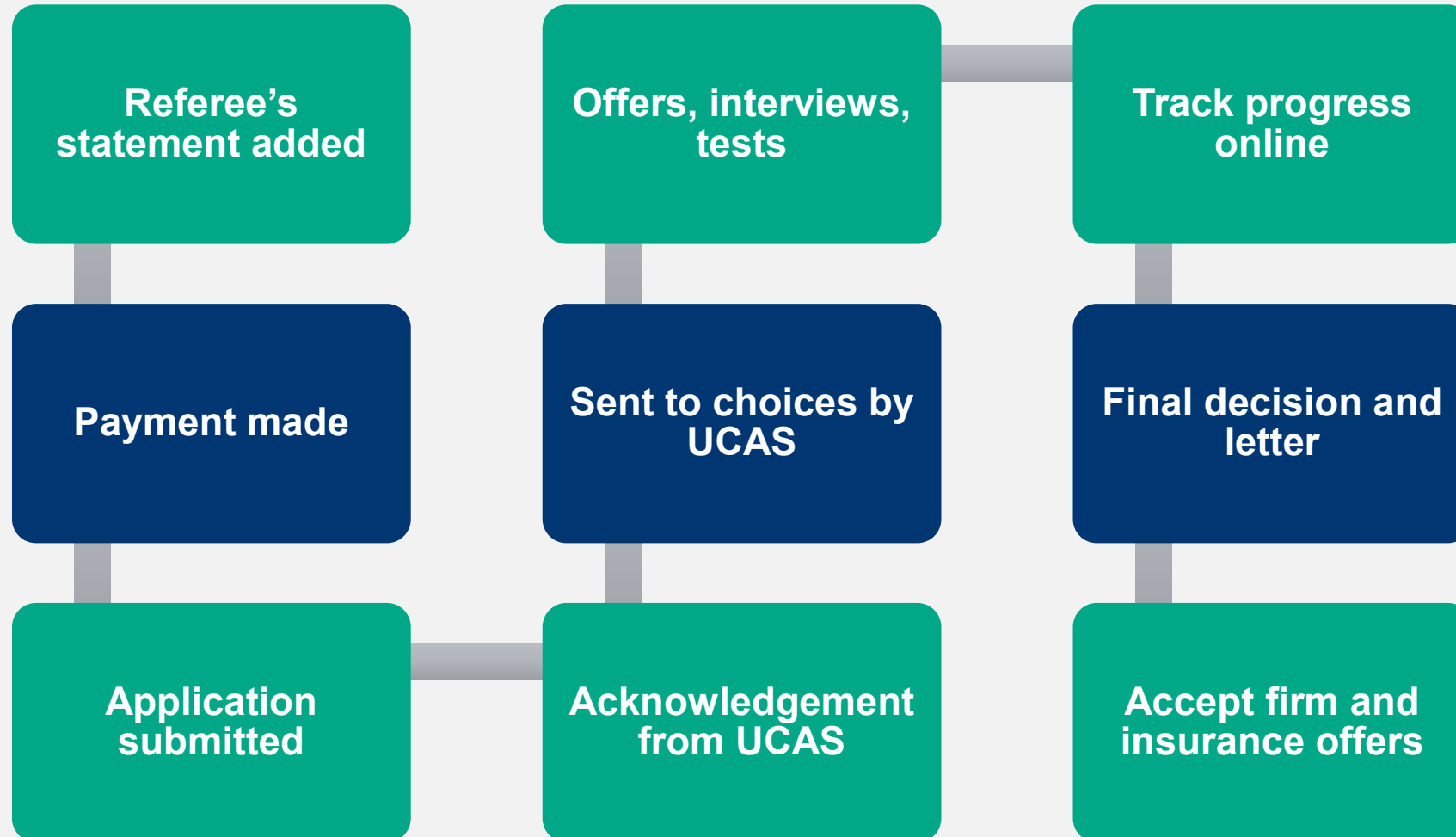
- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
- Apply online, one application covers all, maximum of 5 choices
  - Fee payable – 2025 entry £28.50 for up to 5 choices, 2026 entry will be £28.95
- UCAS sends applications on to University choices

UCAS





# What happens next?



# What your son/daughter can do now

Talk to teachers,  
staff and careers  
advisers

Look at UCAS  
guide/website and  
Discover Uni  
website

Look at student  
finance website

Visit HE Fairs and  
open days

Look at  
prospectuses,  
leaflets and  
brochures

Talk to friends,  
family and current  
students



# How parents can help



Visit open days

Help with  
insurance, mobile  
phone?

Check  
accommodation  
contracts

Homesickness

Food shopping!

Help with course  
equipment,  
bedding, cutlery?



# Support from C&K Careers

- C+K offers impartial careers information, advice and guidance to young people and adults about all their options. C+K careers advisers can support them with applications to higher education, apprenticeships and employment.
- Advisers can be contacted at schools, colleges or through the C+K Chat service.
- The C+K Chat service is for young people and parents/carers living in Calderdale and Kirklees and is available Monday to Friday, 10.00am-4.00pm.
- Ring: **01484 213856**  
Email: [chat@ckcareers.org.uk](mailto:chat@ckcareers.org.uk)  
Or use the **Facebook** messenger service: [www.facebook.com/CKCareers](https://www.facebook.com/CKCareers)
- Careers information is available at <https://ck.mydirections.co.uk>. Young people can ask their careers adviser for a log in.
- To view local job and apprenticeship vacancies, follow C+K Careers Recruitline on Facebook



# Headstart Huddersfield

Headstart offers eligible Level 3 students, interested in applying to the University of Huddersfield, the opportunity to gain an extra 8 UCAS points.

Attend an Open Day or Taster Day and submit a 1,000-word assignment based on your experiences.



Further information and eligibility available on our website:  
<https://hud.ac/headstart>

Or watch the Headstart video: <http://hud.ac/lez>

# Final points

- University contract is with the student
- Remember application deadlines
- No age limit, no rush
- Big life change for the whole family
- Dedicated webpages for parents and carers of prospective students:  
[hud.ac.uk/undergraduate/parents-and-carers/](http://hud.ac.uk/undergraduate/parents-and-carers/)



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### Information for parents and carers of prospective students

Going to university is an exciting time. It marks a big life change, not just for students but also for their parents or carers and can at times can seem like a complicated and overwhelming decision to make.

Rest assured, in this area of our website you'll find information to guide you through the process so you know what to do and when. You'll also discover useful information that will help you to provide the best support you can.

Remember, you're not on your own: there's a large amount of advice available via school staff, careers advisers, external agencies and universities who want your son or daughter to make the right choice for them and an informed one.





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2025 Open Days:

Saturday 21 June  
Saturday 27 September  
Wednesday 15 October  
Saturday 22 November

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