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Year 12 Parent Information Evening FUTURE DESTINATIONS PROGRAM

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Key Points:

- The future destination program.
- The UCAS process and timeline.
- Researching university courses.
- Personal statement writing.
- Apprenticeship applications.
- Supporting students through the application process.



Your Road map

Get excited!

Prepare well for PPEs & exams

Sign up for UCAS Hub



Year 12 PPEs & external exams



Summer Schools

UCAS form – basic details completed

Careers & University research

Personal Statement drafting

Autumn Open Days

Draft PS submitted



Summer Open days

Finalise 5 choices

UCAS grades

Pay and send



Finalise PS

Completion of UCAS form

Oxbridge/ Medicine/Vet Med/Dentistry deadline

Entrance exams

Interviews

Make decisions CF & CI

Year 13 PPEs

Absolute UCAS deadline



Exams May/June 2025
Results Day August 2025

Applicant Open days

Apprenticeship applications

Pentecost Yr 12



Advent Yr 13

Lent Yr 13

Pentecost Yr 13

Fresher's Week!

Start your apprenticeship



Dual Application

Why apply for university and apprenticeships?

- Keeping their options open
- Back up plans
- Final decision day is results day 2025

The Destination Programme

June - July

- Investigate pathways – university, apprenticeships, jobs
- Start investigating university courses
- Write their first draft of their personal statement in the Unifrog software
- Complete the first 11 sections of their personal details on UCAS

September - December

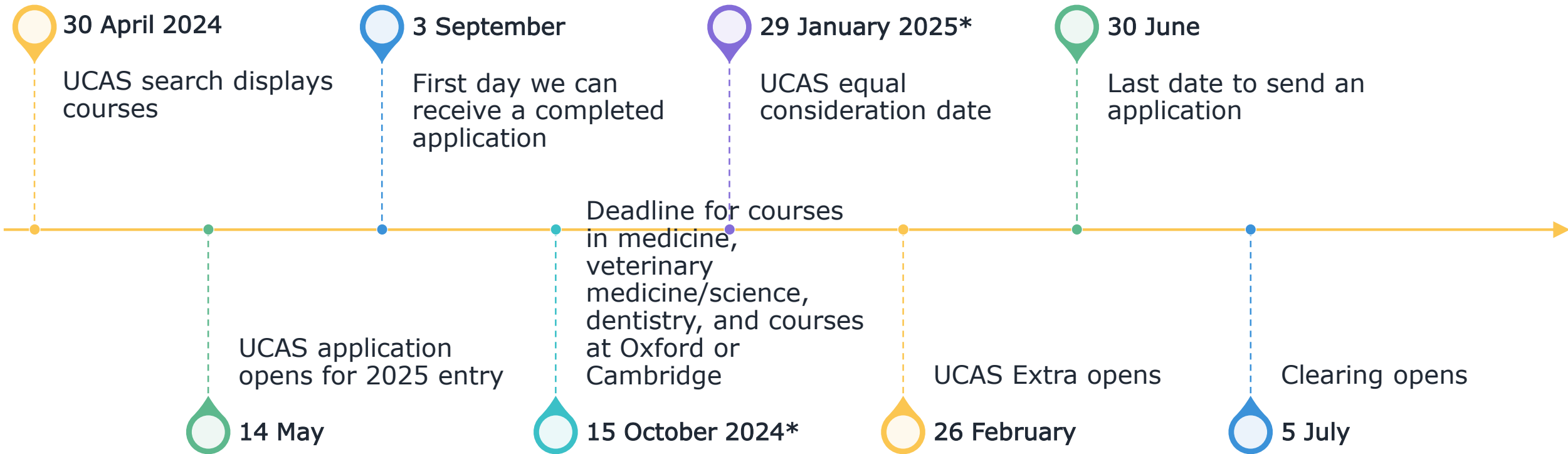
- Early applications for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Dentistry to be completed by October
- All other applications to be completed by the end of December

January – May – Apprenticeship applications

DUAL APPLICATIONS

All students should be keeping their options open at this stage.

When to apply **2025** entry



* 18.00 UK time

- One application per admissions cycle. Maximum five choices (some restrictions). Application fee £28.50
- We set internal deadlines at least x2 weeks (working days) before these dates to ensure that there is sufficient time for checking and references to be completed before it is sent off.

THIS MEANS NO LATER THAN 15th JANUARY IF YOU ARE TO MEET THE UCAS DEADLINE!!!!

Key facts



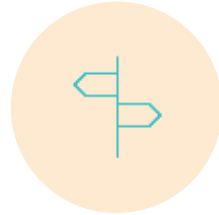
Start your application from
14 May 2024



Universities and colleges **can't see** your other choices when you apply.



Apply by the **equal consideration date**.



Five choices, unless applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's **four choices**.



You **can't apply to both** Oxford and Cambridge.

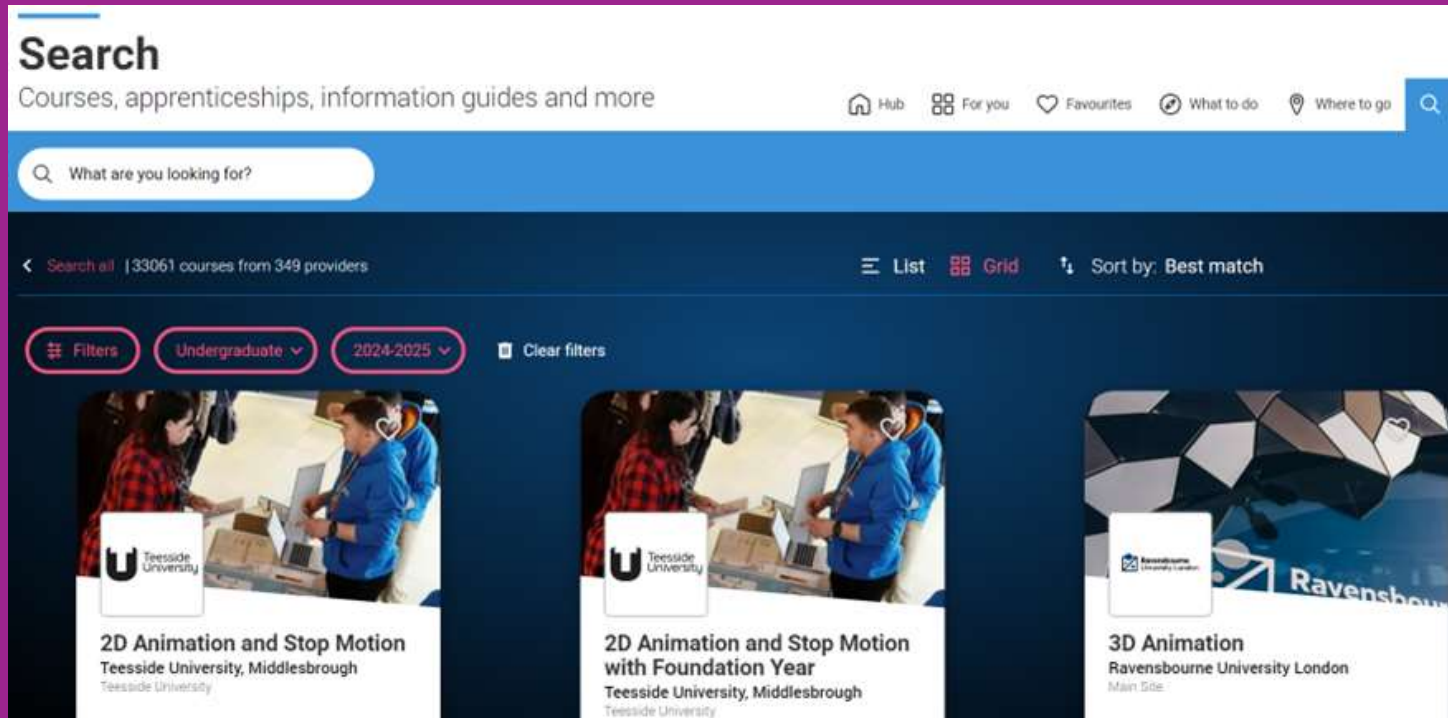


Applying costs **£28.50**.

Researching Courses

Your son or daughter can use the Unifrog software and the UCAS search tool as well as going to the university websites themselves.

<https://digital.ucas.com/search>



The screenshot displays the UCAS search tool interface. At the top, the word "Search" is prominently displayed, followed by the subtitle "Courses, apprenticeships, information guides and more". Navigation icons for "Hub", "For you", "Favourites", "What to do", and "Where to go" are visible. A search bar contains the placeholder text "What are you looking for?". Below this, a navigation bar shows "Search all | 33061 courses from 349 providers" and options for "List", "Grid", and "Sort by: Best match". A filter bar includes "Filters", "Undergraduate", "2024-2025", and "Clear filters". The main content area features three course cards:

- 2D Animation and Stop Motion** by Teesside University, Middlesbrough.
- 2D Animation and Stop Motion with Foundation Year** by Teesside University, Middlesbrough.
- 3D Animation** by Ravensbourne University London.


Check the deadlines for admissions tests

Some courses have extra admissions tests and assessments.

We'll show these in **blue text** on the choice card.

This should not be a surprise to you, as you should have seen details of this when researching the course.

Your **choices**

 **Add choice**

Medicine (A100)
University of Oxford (033)

Location: Christ Church
Start date: 01 October 2022
Further details: *Not provided*
Point of entry: 1st year
Deferred entry: Yes
Live at home while studying: No
Criminal convictions declaration: Undeclared

INFO

- You may need to take an admissions test**
As part of the application process for this course you may need to sit the following admissions tests: Bio-Medical Admissions Test (BMAT)
- There may be an assessment**
You may be required to attend an interview or audition or provide a portfolio, essay or other piece of work to help the course tutor decide if you're suitable for this course.

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You will need to complete these at assessment centres. Check and book in time for applications. Some are free. Please check.

PPE's and Predicted Grades

- Predicted grades are used for university and apprenticeship applications.
- Predicted grades are determined by the progress a student is making in their studies and are based on actual grades obtained in both external and internal assessments throughout year 12. **These are not target grades on PCs.**
- PPE's are important. Use them when searching for suitable courses.
- PPE week 19-26 June. Students expected back in lessons from the 27th of June
- Good luck. Do your best.

What grades do you need for your next steps, how far away are you, and what should you do to make it?



100% attendance leads to success.

Attend every lesson to improve your chances of success.

365 days in a calendar year



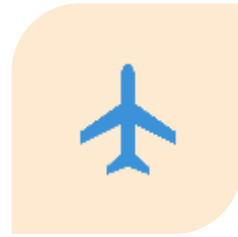
Discover your options



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand all your options and make the right choices for you: ucas.com/hub

- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending the [Hub lives](#).

• explore [job profiles](#) to discover different career roles and pathways.

Subject Spotlights

- Learn from some of the UK's finest academics as they give you a genuine, insightful, and engaging experience of studying their courses at their universities.
- On-demand interactive video **experiences**
- Have a go at **interactive quizzes and activities**
- Get **feedback** on how you've done.
- **Try** university degrees before you apply.
- **Certificate** of completion

University course tasters

Experience what a university course would be like with Springpod's Subject Spotlights. These interactive, virtual university course tasters feature real-life lectures, seminars, and academics.

[More info](#)



Find out about the universities record both academic and student satisfaction from these websites:



<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/student-information-and-data/discover-uni-and-unistats/>



<https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>



<https://www.whatuni.com/university-course-reviews/>

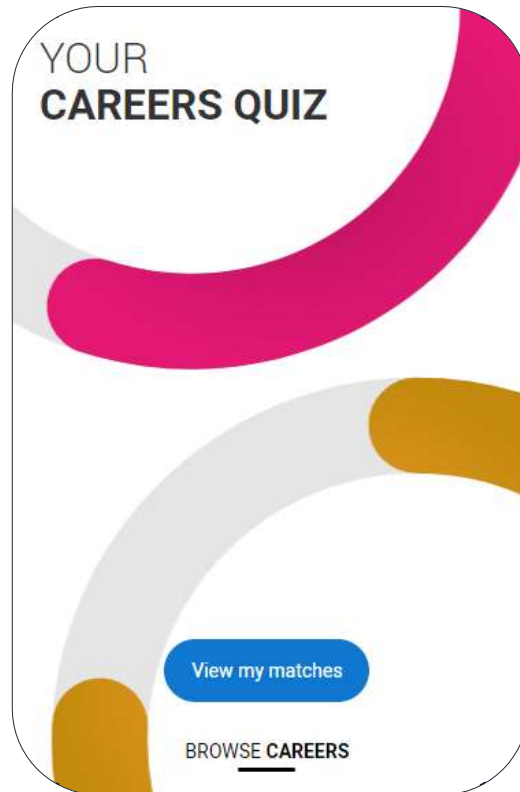
Personalised tools to help



UCAS Quiz

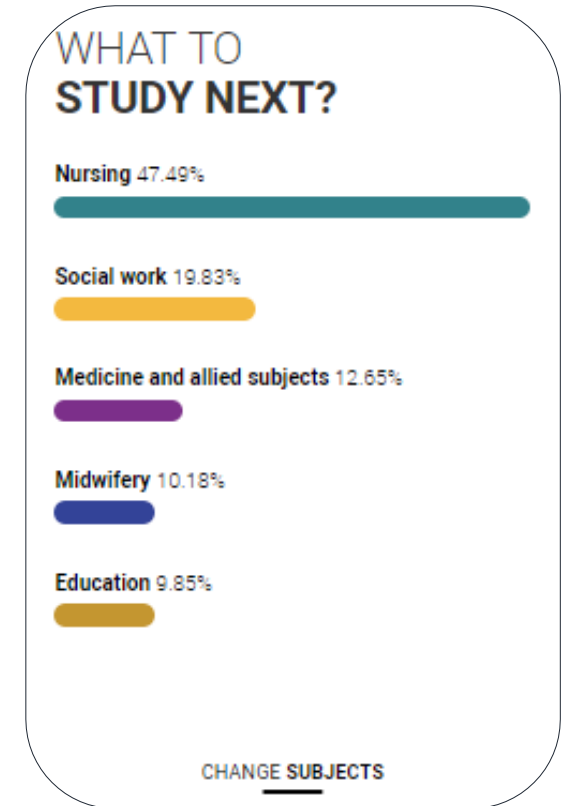
Find job and career ideas matched to your personality.

Plus a list of courses previous students studied in order to get there.



What to study next?

Broaden your horizons by exploring another subject area, that student's who did your qualification went on to study.



Visit the university that you are investing in...

All students should be going to visit as many Universities as they can over the next few months.

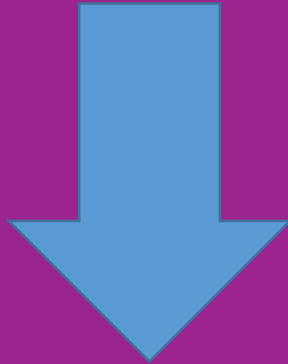
This is the best way to find out whether the University feels right for each student.

To go to the visit, students need to complete a pink form which they can collect from J-Block, this should be signed by you, their teachers, and the Year Leader before going to B101.

We have lots of opportunities coming up, including the Oxford Brookes trip on Friday the 14th and Bedford University trip Monday 17th June.



University does cost money and options and support does need to be considered early



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

TUITION FEES



**DON'T BE
FAZED BY FEES**

TUITION FEES FOR MOST
UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES CAN TOTAL UP TO

£ 9 2 5 0

PER YEAR

REMEMBER

YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE THIS MONEY UP FRONT - IT IS PAID DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY FROM THE GOVERNMENT

LIVING COST LOAN

These are the maximum and minimum amounts you can expect to receive. The exact amount will vary depending on your household income. The figures below are per academic year.

	MAXIMUM AMOUNT	MINIMUM AMOUNT
PARENTS' HOME	£7,987	£3,516
LIVING AWAY FROM HOME (STUDYING OUTSIDE OF LONDON)	£9,488	£4,422
LIVING AWAY FROM HOME (STUDYING IN LONDON)	£12,382	£6,166

Parents what you can do next?


- Engage and support students to search for appropriate courses. Explore universities and apprenticeships.
- Engage with the process of writing the first draft of the personal statement.
- Give positive feedback.
- Keep in touch with the mentors through mentoring evenings and emails.
- Support visits to universities.
- Encourage wider reading/work around their chosen field.
- Begin to research Finance support and discuss with your children – the importance of budgeting!!!
- Consider and research immigration status if appropriate
- Use your network of friends or colleagues to provide opportunities for them to discuss career choices.
- Read through the parent, guardian and carer guide 2024 which can be found here:

<https://www.ucas.com/discover/advice-parents-guardians-and-carers/parent-guardian-and-carer-guide>

Personal statement support

PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

4000 characters of 4000 remaining



[View personal statement guides](#)

CONTINUE WRITING

PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

Writing about the course

Why are you applying for your chosen course(s)?

Write your text here...

Why does the subject interest you?

Write your text here...

Why do you think you're suitable for the course(s)?

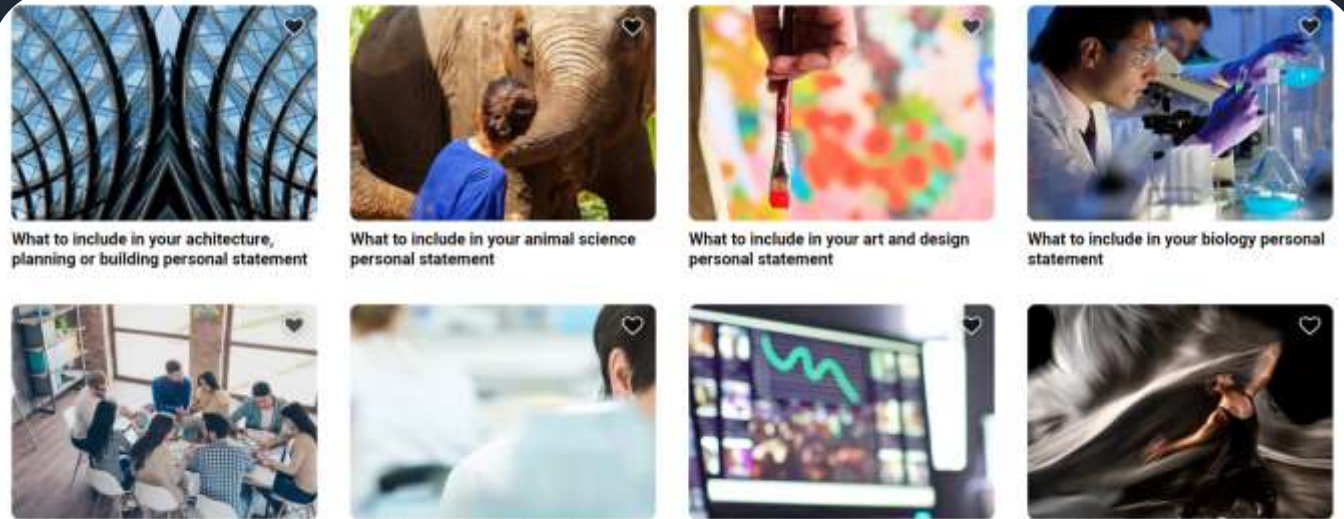
Write your text here...

Do your current or previous studies relate to the course(s) that you have chosen?

Write your text here...

- Skills and achievements
- Work experience and future plans

Preview Save & close



- What to include in your architecture, planning or building personal statement
- What to include in your animal science personal statement
- What to include in your art and design personal statement
- What to include in your biology personal statement
- What to include in your business management personal statement
- What to include in your chemistry personal statement
- What to include in your computer science personal statement
- What to include in your dance personal statement

[Link to UCAS Guidance on the use of AI](#)

The reason we start this process now...

- To make a competitive application, the students need to use their summer break wisely;
- Nationally, the main push for applications to be completed is in October and November;
- Some universities start making offers as early as October and November;
- The A-level and BTEC qualifications need to become the main focus of attention before the Year 13 mocks.

Discover pathways **Side by side**

You can see apprenticeship opportunities alongside undergraduate courses.

The UCAS Hub enables you to explore all your options and build your profile in one place.



Dental Nurse Apprentice

MR DEVANAND ISUKAPATLA

📍 South Shields

Apprenticeship level	Industry
England - Advanced Apprenticeship - Level 3	Medicine, dentistry and nursing
Start date	Duration
30/10/2023	18 Months
Date posted	Closing date
06/03/2023	29/10/2023
Salary	
£10,982.40	



AAT Apprenticeship - Audit, Accounts and Tax (March 2024)

MOORE KINGSTON SMITH GROUP SERVICES LIMITED

📍 LONDON

Apprenticeship level	Industry
England - Higher Apprenticeship - Level 4	Accounting and Finance
Start date	Duration
04/03/2024	2 Years
Date posted	Closing date
05/07/2023	30/10/2023
Salary	
£25,000.00	

6 steps to follow

UCAS

— Step 1 ————— Step 2 ————— Step 3 ————— Step 4 ————— Step 5 ————— Step 6 →

Register on
UCAS Hub

Option to sign up to
receive alerts on
opportunities that match
your profile

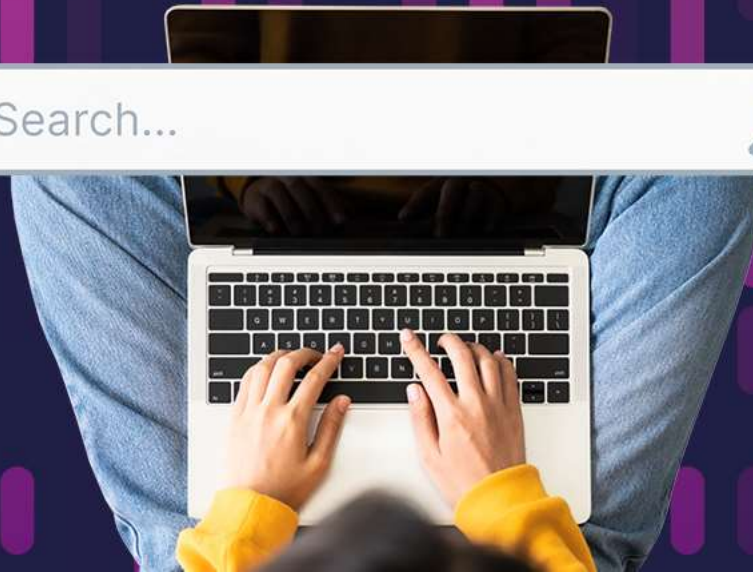
Explore subjects,
courses, industries, job
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Build your
profile

Search
for
vacancies

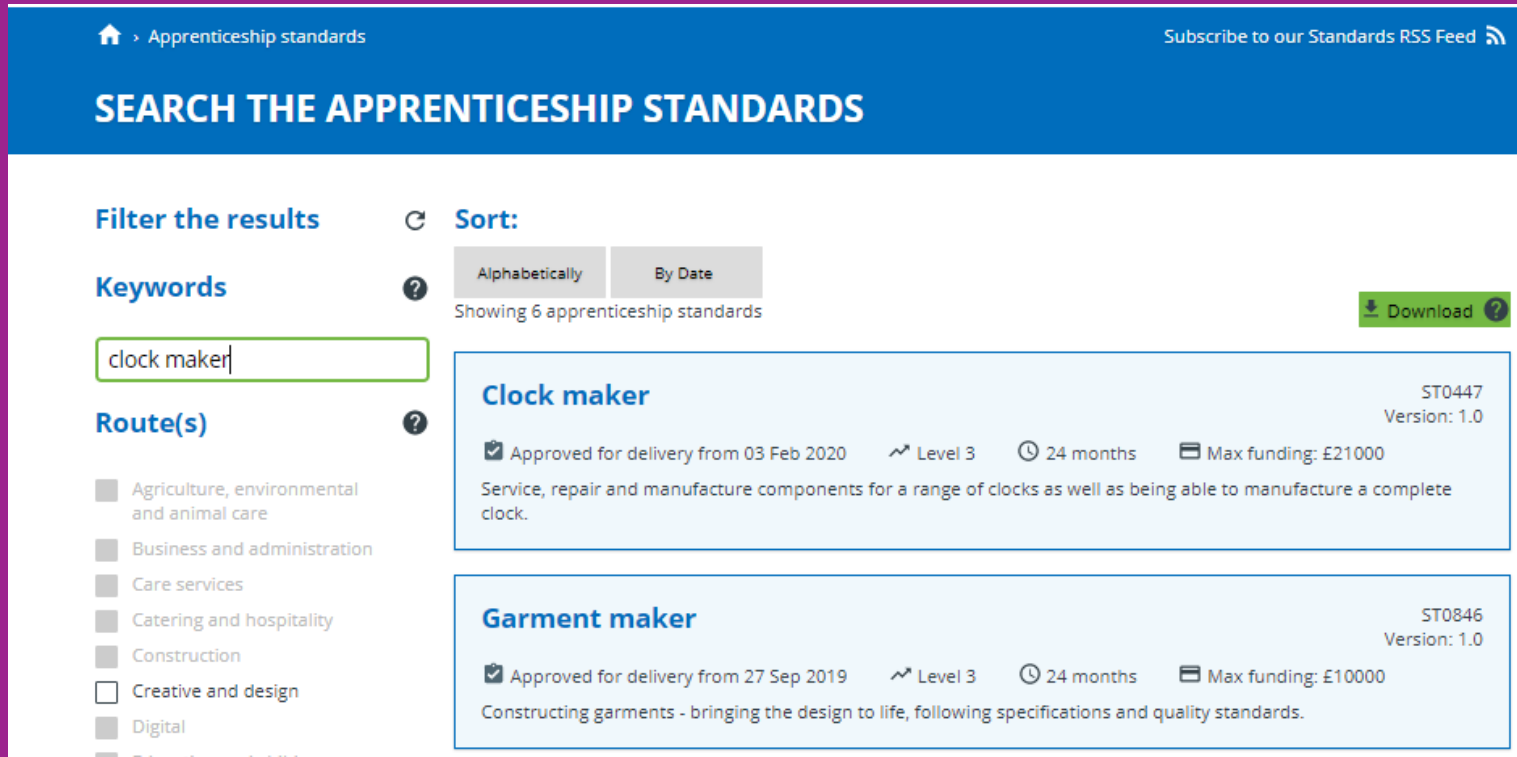
Make an
application

Search...



Not sure if your desired career has an apprenticeship scheme, use the standards website to look at what is on offer.

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>



The screenshot shows the 'SEARCH THE APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS' page. The search bar contains 'clock maker'. The results list two standards: 'Clock maker' (ST0447) and 'Garment maker' (ST0846). The 'Clock maker' standard is highlighted.

Home > Apprenticeship standards Subscribe to our Standards RSS Feed

SEARCH THE APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS

Filter the results Sort:

Keywords Alphabetically By Date

Showing 6 apprenticeship standards Download

Route(s)

- Agriculture, environmental and animal care
- Business and administration
- Care services
- Catering and hospitality
- Construction
- Creative and design
- Digital
- Education and childcare

Clock maker ST0447
Version: 1.0

Approved for delivery from 03 Feb 2020 Level 3 24 months Max funding: £21000

Service, repair and manufacture components for a range of clocks as well as being able to manufacture a complete clock.

Garment maker ST0846
Version: 1.0

Approved for delivery from 27 Sep 2019 Level 3 24 months Max funding: £10000

Constructing garments - bringing the design to life, following specifications and quality standards.

How can I apply?

- Applications are made directly through the company or the education provider.
- There is no limit on the number of applications you can make.
- The application process might vary across vacancies, you could be asked for:
 - CV and Covering Letter
 - Application Form
 - In App/Site application
- Advertised throughout the year.
- No single deadline.



Where do I find apprenticeships?

Unfortunately there is no central processing site for apprenticeships. The websites below show what is on offer at the moment. These are updated daily, so set some alerts.

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>
- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>
- <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/Choices/Apprenticeships.aspx>
- <https://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships>
- <https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/apprenticeships>
- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>
- <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/discover/search.aspx?page2636=1&size2636=24>
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships>

Key dates...

14 th June	Oxford Brookes University
17 th June	UCAS University Fair at Bedford – all of Year 12 will attend.
19 th -26 th June	A Level PPEs. All students on study leave.
27 th June	All students return to lessons.
8 th -12 th July	Year 12 work experience
15 th August	A level results day (vocational subjects)
22 nd August	GCSE results day

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