

# Applying through UCAS

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- Provide a brief overview of the application process
- Share key resources to facilitate conversations at home
- The key dates in the process
- Q&A



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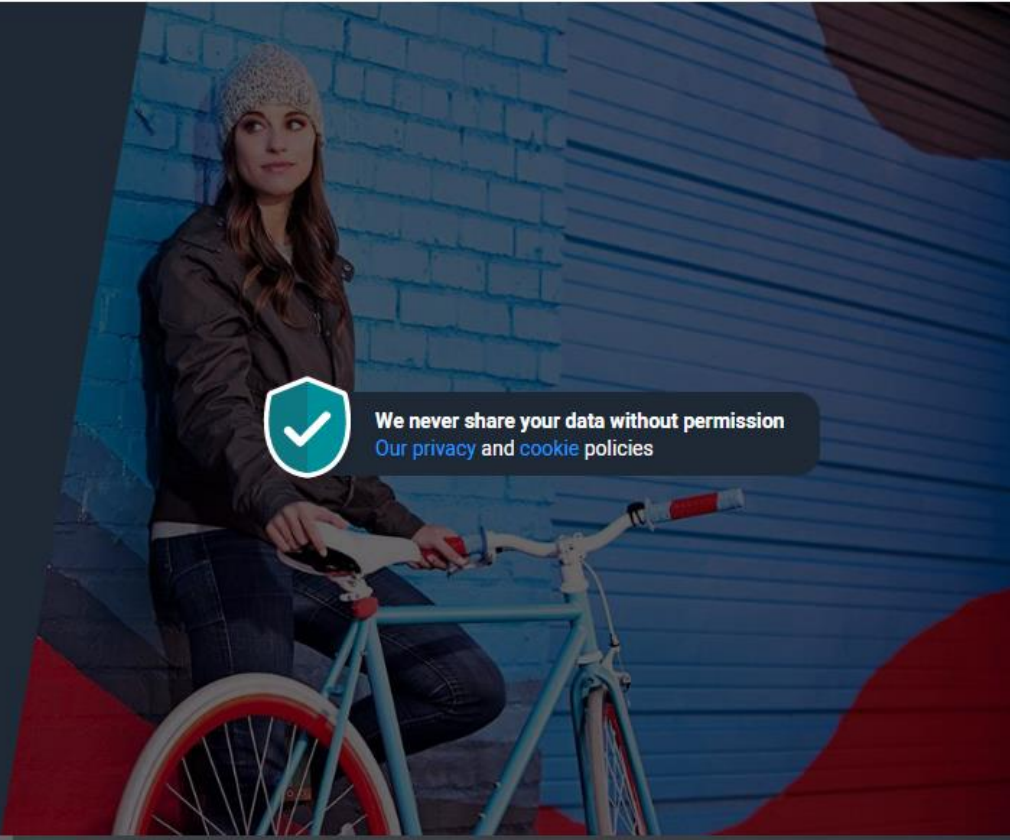
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# You'll be asked 4 questions when registering:

1

In which year do you want to **start your studies?**

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2022

2023

2024

2025

2

Select a **level of study**

• • • •

**Undergraduate**

Uni and college degrees, and apprenticeships

**Postgraduate**

Returning to uni to continue study, or apprenticeships

3

Where do **you live?**

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United Kingdom    ▾    Enter postcode

4

Your **preferences**

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**Stay up-to-date with unis, colleges, offers, and more**

Get tailored info about uni and college courses, open days, and apprenticeship options. \*

☐ Yes    ☐ No

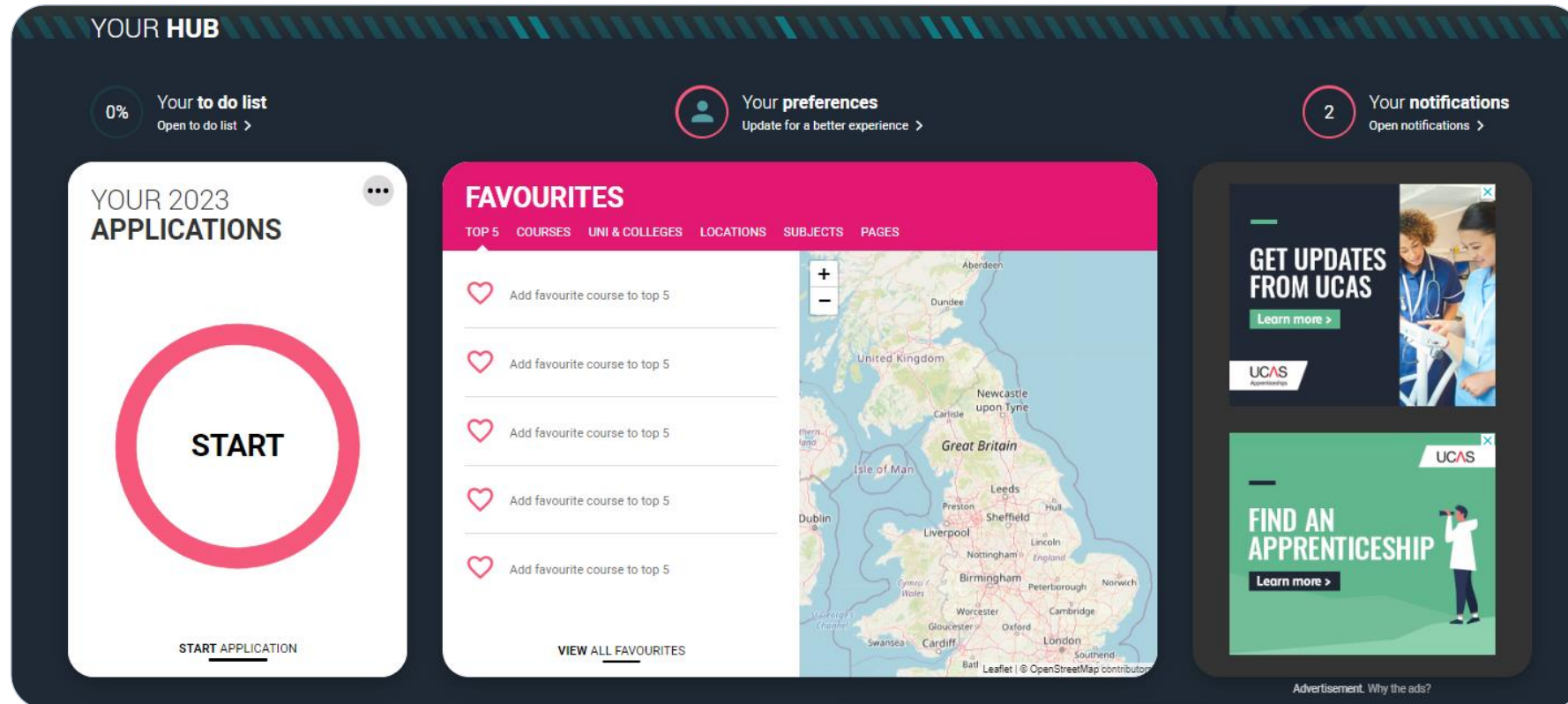
Get great deals, offers, and freebies, including high street brands, tech, and travel. \*

☐ Yes    ☐ No



 Just so you know, your data is safe with us, and we never pass your details to third parties for marketing purposes without your permission. You can change

# Starting your application

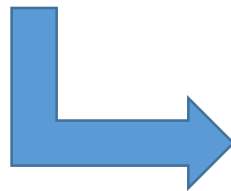
To start your UCAS application click on the 'Your 2023 applications' tile.




# In order to link your application to St Bede's, you will be asked for a buzzword. The buzzword this year is STBEDES23

Further education Undergraduate Postgraduate Alternatives Careers  Nick 

Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?



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**Enter the Buzzword from your school, college, or centre**

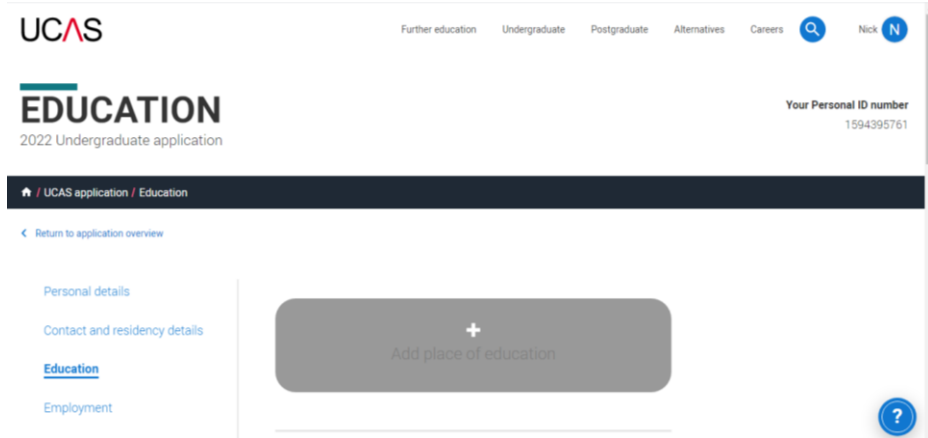
Buzzwords are case-sensitive and will be given to you by your school, college or centre.

STBEDES23

Save Buzzword

Cancel

# Adding education details



The screenshot shows the UCAS application interface for the Education section. At the top, the UCAS logo is on the left, and navigation links for Further education, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Alternatives, Careers, and a search icon are on the right. Below the navigation, the word "EDUCATION" is prominently displayed, followed by "2022 Undergraduate application". On the right side, the user's name "Nick" and "Your Personal ID number 1594395761" are shown. A dark blue breadcrumb bar indicates the current path: "Home / UCAS application / Education". Below this, a link to "Return to application overview" is provided. On the left, a sidebar lists the application sections: Personal details, Contact and residency details, Education (which is highlighted with a blue underline), and Employment. The main content area features a large grey button with a plus sign and the text "Add place of education". A blue question mark icon is located in the bottom right corner of the main area.

St Bede's Catholic College (Or other school)  
2016 – 2021  
(This would account for your secondary school  
years)

St Bede's Catholic College Sixth Form  
2021 – 2023  
(This would account for your Further  
Education years)

# Researching Universities and courses

The easiest starting points to begin searching are:

Unifrog (Subject tool and University tool)

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/home>

UCAS University / Course search

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






Unifrog is a careers and destinations platform that we as a college subscribe to. All students in the sixth form have a unique username and password to access their account.

The most helpful sections for reaching courses and universities are:

- Subjects Library
- Careers Library
- Universities (UK, US, Europe)
- Oxbridge
- Read, Watch, Listen (Once application has started)

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/home>

Hello Nick, here's a summary of your progress so far...



5% complete

88th in year group

Want to move things forward? We recommend you...

Favourite a profile on the [Subjects library](#) 3.9%

[See all your tasks](#) v

ACCESS ALL THE TOOLS BELOW

Exploring pathways

<b>Interests profile</b> ✓ Quiz last taken 9 Apr 20: R and I and C <a href="#">Start &gt;</a>	<b>Personality profile</b> ✗ Quiz not taken <a href="#">Start &gt;</a>	<b>Work environments profile</b> ✗ Quiz not taken <a href="#">Start &gt;</a>
<b>Careers library</b>	<b>Subjects library</b>	<b>Know-how library</b>

# How many?

- Students apply to 5 universities. I would recommend that they are the same or similar courses.
- Once sent, students must wait for all responses before making a firm choice or insurance choice.
- Firm choice is the university they are accepting.
- Insurance is the back-up option, should they not secure grades for the first choice. The grade requirements for the insurance choice should be lower than the first!

# A general rule for shortlisting universities

- At least one aspirational choice (push to achieve highest grades)
- 3 aspiration/secure choices
- 1 safe choice, grades that are easily achievable
- UK university UNIFROG tool

# Personal statements

These can be crucial in securing students a place in their chosen course/university.

They must be well researched, showing evidence of wider reading and indicating what has been learnt from this.

There is an excellent tool on Unifrog that will guide students through this at home. Specialist support in college will begin next term.



# Admissions examinations

Some courses and universities will require applicants to sit an entrance exam. The most common examples are:

- Medicine (UCAT / BMAT)
- Dentistry (UCAT)
- Oxford University courses
- Cambridge University courses

Booking for these exams is now open, closing circa 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

I would advise students aim to book these over the summer holidays.

They must complete practice exams online (Google name of test + mock). There are also guidance books available.



St. Bede's Catholic College

## Cambridge Admissions Testing

Name .....  
(exactly as it appears on UCAS application and/or passport or national ID document)

UCAS ID .....

Gender ..... Date of birth ...../...../.....

NB. Please note your College Gmail address will be submitted for your application.

Do you qualify for Access Arrangements for examinations: Yes / No

PLEASE COMPLETE:					
Test	Fee	Test Date	Enter test please ✓	Name of University	Course
BMAT	£61.00	3 Nov 21			
CAT	No Fee	3 Nov 21			
ECAA	No Fee	3 Nov 21			
ELAT	No Fee	4 Nov 21			
ENGAA	No Fee	3 Nov 21			
HAT	No Fee	4 Nov 21			
MAT	No Fee	3 Nov 21			
MLAT	No Fee	3 Nov 21			
NSAA	No Fee	3 Nov 21			
OLAT	No Fee	3 Nov 21			
PAT	No Fee	4 Nov 21			
TMUA	£57.00	4 Nov 21			
TSA	No Fee	4 Nov 21			
TSAS1	No Fee	4 Nov 21			
University of Oxford Philosophy Test	No Fee	3 Nov 21			

Please return completed form to Mrs Charters in the Examinations Office no later than: **30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for BMAT & TMUA** and **15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for all other tests**

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE, IF APPLICABLE, VIA SCOPAY.

# Student Finance:

- Begin the application process in May 2023
- Students need to know their firm and insurance choices before completing the application online.
- It will be quite a detailed form to complete, covering income of the household.

# Reasons why you should go to a University open day.

1. **Confirm your options(or not):** confirm a university you have shortlisted or remove it. Getting a tour, experiencing the campus, even better speaking with the students.
2. **Talk to your lecturers:** There's no better way to understand what you'll be studying than to hear it from the lecturers themselves.
3. **Find out what admissions tutors are looking for:** What do the people who decided if you get a uni place look for in an application?
4. **Find out what you didn't know:** internet research can only take you so far. Seminars and Q&A sessions can give you a greater insight into what university has to offer.

# Trip to Cardiff university

- On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July Cardiff university** are offering a **University open day** to St Bede's year 12 students
- The trip is organised during enrichment week (work experience week).
- It will involved a coach there an back, a higher education talk a campus tour and a Q&A with a student panel





# Key Dates

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

UCAS early entry deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary applications.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

Cambridge Admissions Examinations, inc. BMAT

**25<sup>th</sup> November**

Arete sixth form internal deadline for UCAS application submissions.

**25<sup>th</sup> January**

UCAS official deadline for all university courses.

# Thank you!

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# Student Finance:

- The student loan interest rate will be set at RPI+0% for new borrowers starting courses from 2023/24, meaning that graduates will no longer repay more than they borrowed in real terms.
- Under the current system, students' interest is RPI plus up to 3% while they are at university and varies depending on income from the April after they graduate
- The tuition fee cap will be frozen at £9,250 for a further two years - up to and including 2024/25
- For post-2012 student loan borrowers, maintaining the repayment threshold (the income above which loan repayments are required) at its current level of £27,295 per year up to and including FY2024-25, and then increasing it annually in-line with RPI
- The repayment threshold – the point at which graduates start repaying their student loan - for new borrowers starting courses from September 2023 will be set at £25,000 until 2026-27.
- The student loan repayment term will also be extended to 40 years from the present 30 years for new borrowers from September 2023, to ensure more students repay their loan in full