



# Welcome



# What we will cover

- Eligibility
- Overview of UK education system
- Types of qualifications at college
- Advice on choosing a course
- Information about University
- Application process
- Funding options
- Support resources



# What does the education system in the UK look like?

Primary School



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- Full-time (M-F)
- Cost: Free

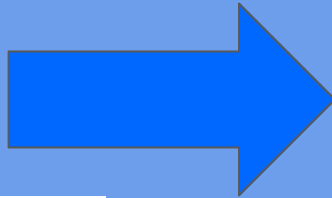
Secondary School



- Age: 11-16 or 11-18 (if there is a 6th Form College)
- Full-time (M-F)
- Cost: Free

- Age: 18+
- Part or Full-time
- Cost: Not free (Student Finance and scholarships)

University



Sixth Form

- 16-18
- Full-time (M-F)
- Cost: Free



Further Education College

- Age: 16+
- Part or Full-time
- Cost: 16-18 Free, 19+ Some courses are free and others are not free.



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### Year 5

Sep-Oct – Open door dates

### Year 6

Sept-Oct – application time

Sept – grammar schools test

Mar – results

May – SATs



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Oct-Nov – Open door dates 6th Form

### Year 11

Autumn – application time for 6th Form  
GSCE



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# Further Education College

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**A-Levels OR BTEC?**



# Levels of college education



## GCSEs

Level 2 qualifications traditionally taken in Year 11. Individual subjects. Between 5-10 GCSEs (inc. English and Maths)

## Functional Skills

Entry Level to Level 2. English and Maths only.

## BTECs

Business and Technology Education Council: vocational qualifications at levels 2 and 3

## Access to HE

Level 3 qualification designed for progression to university for adult learners

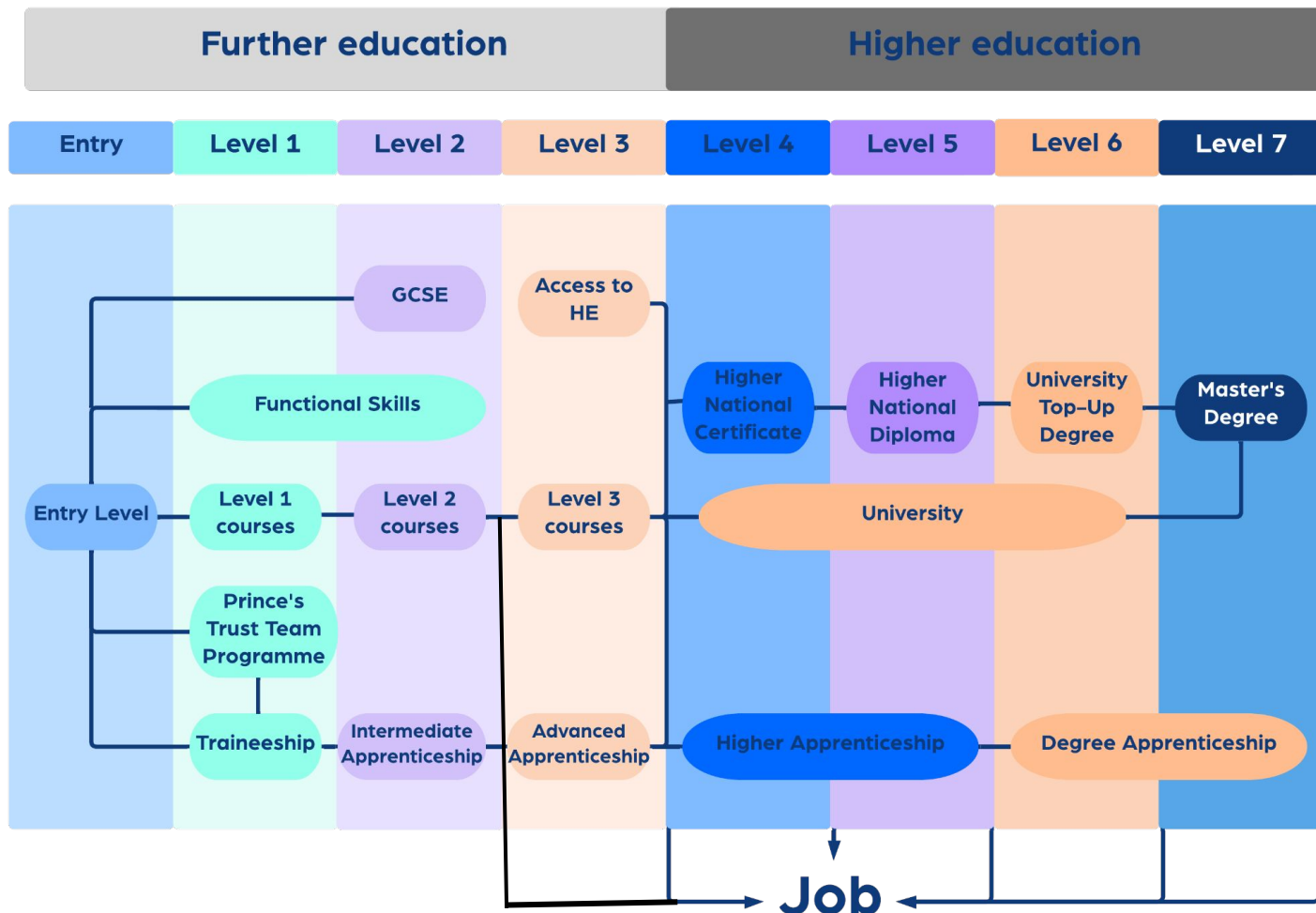
## A-Levels

Level 3 qualification, traditional route to post-school entry to university. 3 A-Levels





# Levels of Education



For information about career routes, visit <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> and select 'Search job profiles'



**<18**

all courses fully funded  
(free education for under 18s)

**19-23**

most courses fully funded  
(issues at Level 2)

**24+**

some courses fully funded  
(issues at Level 3)

# How to choose a course?

- Research: work backwards, University Entry Requirements (UCAS example, National Career Service: anaesthetist, auditor, solicitor )
- Appointment with Careers Adviser
- Attend college open days
- Don't worry about others



# What to bring to enrolment?



- **Proof of immigration status**  
(e.g. ARC card, BRP card, Bail 201 letter)



- **Proof of income**  
(Universal Credit, wage slips, NASS support/ Section 95, ASPEN card)



- **Proof of current address**  
(GP letter, Home Office letter)



- **Proof of previous qualifications**  
(any certificates from previous education)



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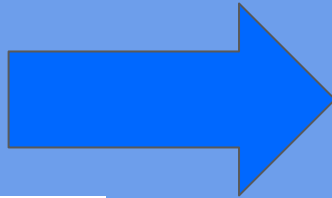
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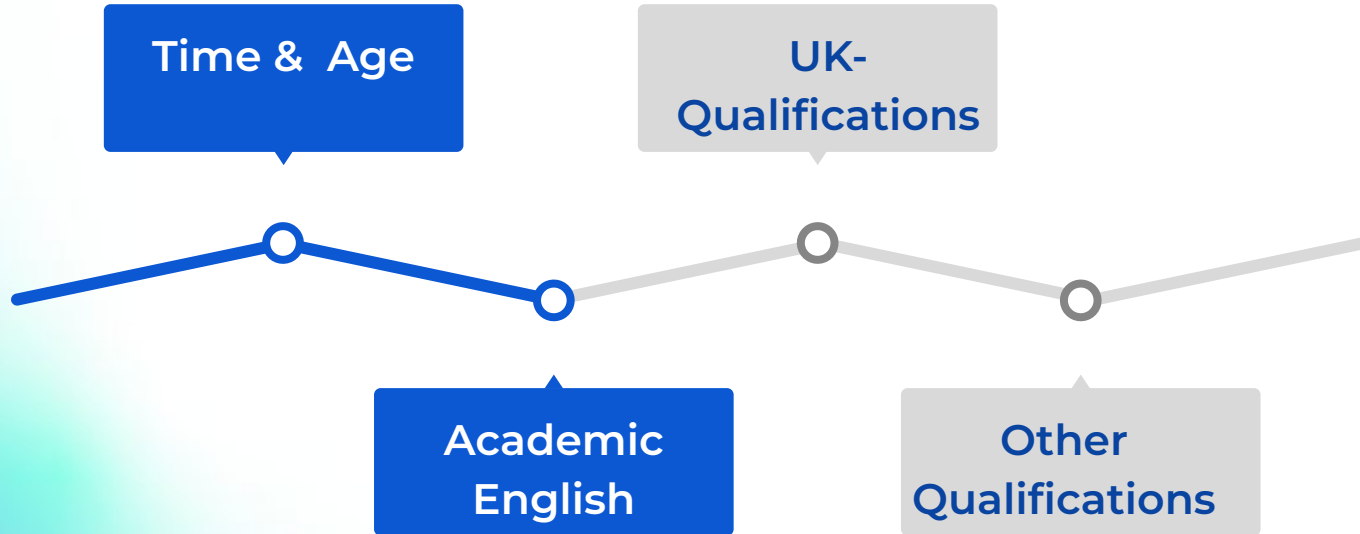


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# Application

Develop an understanding of the application process.

# UCAS application entry dates 2024

UCAS application opens

Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Deadline. Oxford & Cambridge

UCAS extra opens

5 September

31 January

30 June

16 May

16 October

28 February

First day UCAS completed application can be received to process

UCAS equal consideration


Last date for application before clearing begins.



# Application



Your **choices**

 **Add choice**

[Confirm choices](#)

**My profile**

<b>Personal details</b> > Name, age, title and gender ✓ Section complete	<b>Contact and residency details</b> > Address, email, telephone and where you live ✓ Section complete	<b>Education</b> > Qualifications and periods of study ✓ Section complete
<b>Employment</b> > Employment, paid, unpaid, or volunteer work ✓ Section complete	<b>Nationality details</b> > Birthplace and nationalities ✓ Section complete	<b>Supporting information</b> > So that providers know how to support you during your studies. ✓ Section complete
<b>English language skills</b> > Is English your first language? ✓ Section complete	<b>Finance and funding</b> > Tell us how you'll fund your study ✓ Section complete	<b>Diversity and inclusion</b> > Only shared with a provider once you have a place or your application is archived ✓ Section complete

**Your personal statement and references**

<b>Personal statement</b> > Why do you want to study this subject? ✓ Section complete	<b>Reference</b> > Provide details of your referees. 🕒 Section in progress
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# Application process

- Complete UCAS Profile
- Decide your course
- Choose your universities
- Write Personal statement
- Experiences
- References
- Scholarships



# Decision

Universities will review your:



Personal Statement



Qualifications

They may also ask for:



Admission Test



Interview



Reference



Portfolio/ audition

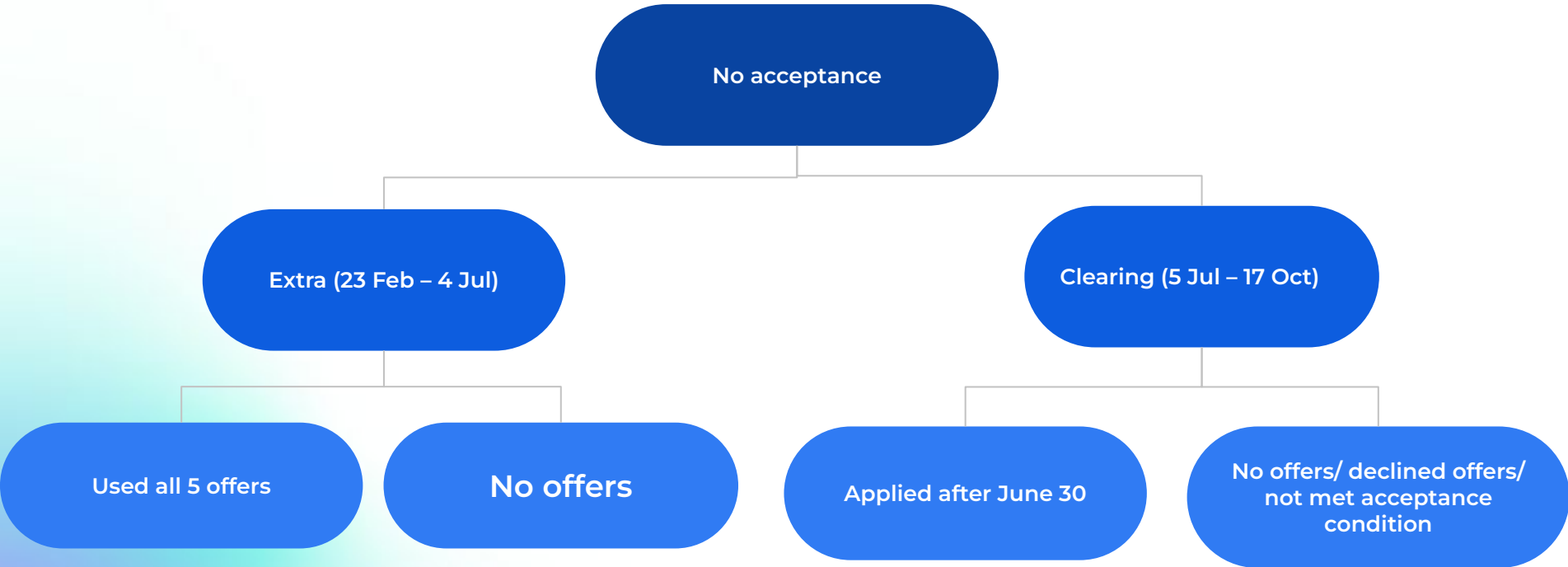


# Acceptance

- Conditional
- Unconditional
- Firm vs Insurance Choice
- Scholarships
- Interview for Scholarships



# Other options



Deferring offers???

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CuJ3jQAPy5odgfsyoiJXtzipP916EC5q3/view>

# Medical

## Prerequisites Qualifications

GCSE or  
equivalent in:  
Maths, Science,  
English

A-level Chemistry,  
Biology,  
Mathematics and  
Physics

Access Course/  
Foundational Year

## Admissions Tests

University  
Clinical Aptitude  
Test (UCAT)

Biomedical  
Admission Test  
(BMAT)

## UCAS Application

Complete UCAS  
application

Deadline 15th  
October

No transfers  
from other  
universities

## Work Experience

Caring or service  
role

Volunteer

Paid work

## Personal Statement

Why you want to  
study medicine

Personal interests/  
hobbies

Achievements-  
academic/ personal

Experience



# Funding

Develop an understanding of the funding options available.

# Funding Options

Grants/ Bursaries

Charities/  
Organisations

Friends

Student Finance



Scholarships-  
University/  
Private

Crowdfunding/  
Fund Me

Family



Funding Option	Tuition	Living costs	Eligibility Criteria
Scholarship (Sanctuary University)	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellence in academics, sports or the ARTs</li> <li>• University specific or regional</li> </ul>
Bursary	✗	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to low household income, background or personal circumstances</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Grant	✗	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to low household income, background or personal circumstances</li> <li>•</li> </ul>



# Student Finance

- Tuition Fee Loan
- Maintenance Loan
- Extra Support
- Apply Online
- SF assesses application
- Receive funds
- Repayment



# Displaced Student Portal

[Home](#)[For Applicants](#)[For Providers](#)[Further Support](#)[Resources](#)[About Us](#)

## Displaced Student Opportunities UK

Study opportunities to support refugees and people seeking asylum in the UK to access university

[Learn More](#)[Browse Opportunities](#)

Immigration Status

Select Options



Level of Study

Select Options



Type of opportunity

Select Options



Location

Select Options

[Filter Opportunities](#)

Privacy - Terms

# Post Graduate

## Research

- Prerequisite requirements
- Course structure and content
- University and Degree type
- Career prospects

## Apply

- Myriad UCAS APP
- Directly with the university
- Personal statement
- Research proposal (PhD)

## Funding

- Masters loan & Doctoral loan (refugees)
- Studentships (requires work permit)
- Scholarships, grants and bursaries
- Applications, personal statements, interviews

# Support

To know of support resources available for you.

# Support

## University:

- ❖ Student Advice Services
- ❖ Financial Advice Services
- ❖ Admissions Team
- ❖ Academic/ Study Skills Hub
- ❖ UCAS- University & College Admissions Services
- ❖ UKCISA- International Student Affairs
- ❖ Universities of Sanctuary
- ❖ Displaced Student Portal

## Charity organisations:

- ★ Refugee Education (REUK)
- ★ Student Action for Refugees (STAR)
- ★ We Belong
- ★ Coram CIC- Children's Legal
- ★ Refugee Action
- ★ Refugee Council
- ★ Refuaid
- ★ Refugee Study
- ★ Breaking Barriers
- ★ Refugee Employment



# Education for adults

## Courses

- ❖ [Gov Uk – free courses for jobs](#)
- ❖ [National Career Service](#)
- ❖ [Mayor of London / Jobs and skills](#)
- ❖ [Student finance if you already have a degree](#)

## Resources for further studies:

- [Massive Online Open Courses](#)
- [Coursera](#)
- [Open University](#)
- [Future Learn](#)
- [Skillshare](#)
- [Edx](#)
- [Udemy](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)



# Remember

Find

Create &  
Complete

Choose &  
Apply

Research &  
Apply

Accept &  
Decline



PROGRAMS



student finance

SCHOLARSHIPS,  
BURSARIES AND  
GRANTS



ACCEPT



REJECT





# Questions



[advice@reuk.org](mailto:advice@reuk.org)

[Displacedstudent.org.uk](http://Displacedstudent.org.uk)



# How to find us

- **Advice Line: [advice@reuk.org](mailto:advice@reuk.org)**
- Facebook: Refugee Education UK
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- Instagram: @RefugeeEdUK
- Sign up to our newsletter  
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