

# KGV Progression Information Evening 2023



# WELCOME

During this session we will;

- Provide an overview of the UCAS process and updates for 2024 entry, touching briefly on Student Finance
- Provide an overview of Higher and Degree level apprenticeships
- Provide an overview of the support available to our students when looking at their Progression options
- Discuss hints and tips for students and parents to consider, offering guidance on where to access further support when planning for progression post college

# WHAT IS UCAS?

University and Colleges Admissions Service - [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

- Processes applications for full-time courses at Higher Education institutions in the UK
- Provides online support, information and guidance to students

Application cost: £27.50



# THE UCAS PROCESS 2024

Students create one online application for all courses for which they are applying.

The student completes the majority of the application, including:

- Personal Details
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal Statement

The Progress Tutor completes the final section – the Reference and Predicted Grades

All applications go through a **thorough checking process**.

# CHOICES

- Students can apply for a maximum of **five** choices
- Choices ordered alphabetically on UCAS

There are some choice restrictions:

- Medicine, Veterinary & Dentistry (**4** choices)
- Oxford **OR** Cambridge

The choices should institutions that the student would actually like to attend.

Important to check the **entry requirements** before applying

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Important to check the entry requirements – including specific subjects and GCSE requirements
- Some courses will require students to sit admissions tests and it is the student's responsibility to book/apply for those
- Some courses will require students to attend an interview or submit a portfolio
- Students are made offers based on predicted grades - students to liaise with teachers for individual predicted grades

# UCAS TARIFF SYSTEM

<b>BTEC Extended</b>	
D*D*D*	168
D*D*D	160
D*DD	152
DDD	144
DDM	128
DMM	112
MMM	96
MMP	80
MPP	64
PPP	48

<b>A LEVELS</b>	
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

<b>BTEC Extended Certificate</b>	
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

# EDUCATION

Students need to input their former schools and previous qualifications.

They will need the following information:

- Full Qualification Title
- Grade Awarded
- Exam Board

It may be useful to have their certificates to hand when completing this section.

Students will also list KGV and their current qualifications, stating the grade as 'pending'.



# PERSONAL STATEMENT

The personal statement is the student's chance to market themselves individually on their UCAS application and is written with guidance and support from Progress Tutors.

Students write **one** personal statement that covers **all choices** and is a major part of the selection process by universities.

It should be a thought-out, planned and well-written piece and include:

- Reasons for subject/course choice
- Wider reading/study
- Skills and qualities
- Achievements and relevant experience

Maximum length is 4000 characters or 47 lines

# SENDING APPLICATIONS

- Once students have fully completed their sections of the application, they can click 'Pay/Send'. This means that the application is sent to the college – **NOT UCAS!**
- Progress Tutors will then complete the student's reference and undertake several checks of the application before officially submitting the form to UCAS - an application can take several weeks to get through the whole checking system.

Students **MUST** meet the KGV internal submission deadline to guarantee their application will be checked and sent off before the official UCAS deadline

# REFERENCE



Enter a general statement about your school/college/centre.



If applicable, enter any information about extenuating circumstances which may have impacted the applicant's education and achievement.



Outline any other supportive information specific to the applicant and relevant to the course(s) applied for that you think universities/colleges should be aware of.

- Oxford and Cambridge are the two of the most highly regarded universities in the world, and therefore places are highly competitive
- Entry requirements are range from AAA – A\*A\*A\*
- You apply to Oxford **OR** Cambridge, not both
- For students interested in applying to these institutions, we have provided a range of opportunities for them to gain a greater understanding about the process and expectations



# DEADLINES

## EARLY ENTRY

- Personal statement draft deadline – Monday 18th September
- Internal Application deadline – Monday 2nd October
- External UCAS deadline - Monday 16th October

## MAIN SCHEME

- Personal statement draft deadline – Monday 2nd October
- Internal Application deadline – Monday 27th November
  - External UCAS deadline - Wednesday 31st January

# STUDENT FINANCE

The Student Loan is divided into two parts:

- Tuition Fee Loan
- Maintenance Loan

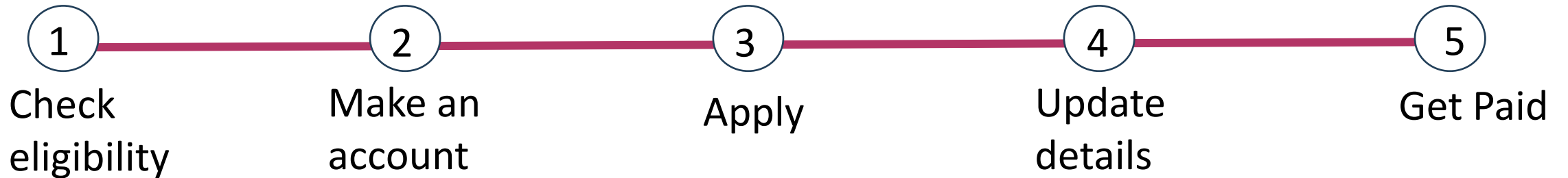
How much Maintenance Loan a student receives depends on:

- Where they chose to live while studying
- Where they are studying
- Household income

Applications will open end of February 2024

# STUDENT FINANCE

Applications will open around the end of February 2024



# HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Higher apprenticeships go from level 4 to 7 and are equivalent to a foundation degree and above. Degree apprenticeships are available at levels 6 and 7 and are equivalent to a full bachelor's and Master's.

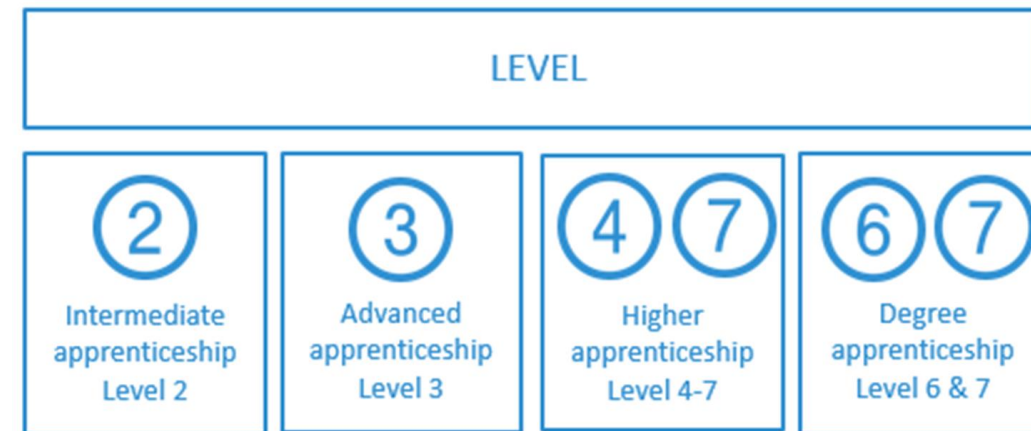
They combine work with study and may include a work-based, academic or combined qualification or a professional qualification relevant to the industry.

## The benefits of a degree apprenticeship include:

- You won't need to pay tuition fees. You will graduate without any student-fee debt.
- You will earn a living while you learn and develop your skills.
- The knowledge you acquire will be practical and applied.
- Your prospects are good.

**-Applications open in September.**

**-We recommend students actively research these at the start of the year.**





# RESEARCH

Now is the time to start thinking about progression routes.

## **Suggestions:**

- Open days
- Online resources
- League tables, National Student Survey
- Work experience (vital for certain professions)
- Volunteering opportunities
- Opportunities in college
- Research into companies who offer apprenticeship opportunities

# PROGRESSION SUPPORT

- Tailored Progress sessions towards the end of their first year at college and throughout the second year to support students with planning for progression
- Support with completing UCAS applications
- Preparing for applications for Higher Apprenticeships and Employment
- Career and enrichment related activities advertised on TEAMS
- Dedicated Careers Co-ordinator offering Careers Information Advice and Guidance
- A wealth of resources including; 'Guide to University', 'Guide to Employability', UNIFROG,

# SECOND YEAR

To ensure success on your chosen qualifications you need to:

- Maintain excellent attendance at your lessons, including Progress
- Engage with all lesson activities
- Complete any assigned homework
- Revise for timed assessments

Consistency is key

# QUESTIONS & QUERIES

The KGV Progress Team are here to answer your questions. You can contact us using the main KGV phone number 01704 530601 or by email using the details below:



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