

UCAS PARENTS' PRESENTATION 2021

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WELCOME

During this session we will;

- Provide an overview of the UCAS Application Process
- Explain support available to students in their applications to Higher Education
- Discuss hints and tips for students and parents to consider



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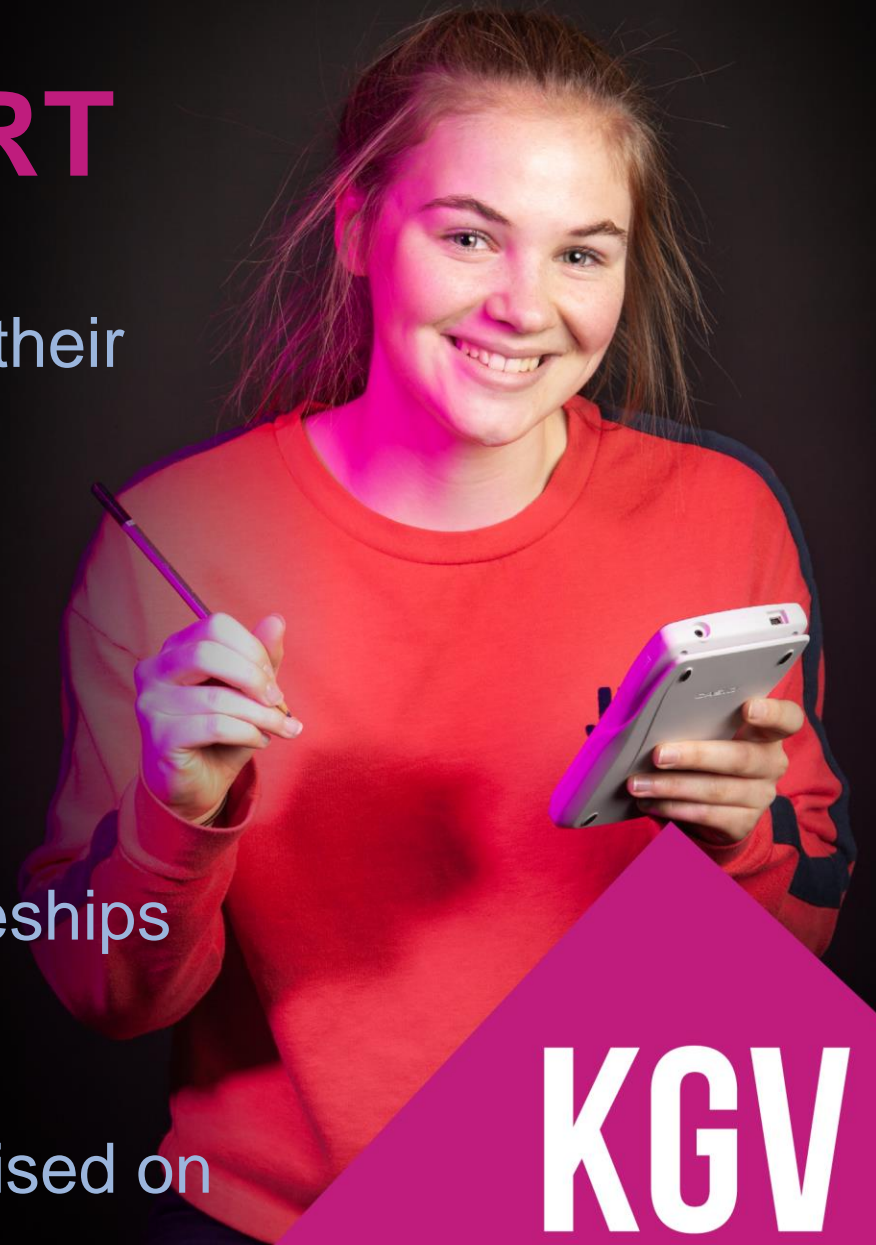


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PROGRESSION SUPPORT

- Tailored Progress sessions towards the end of their first year at college and throughout the second year to support students with planning for the progression
- Support with completing UCAS applications
- Preparing for applications for Higher Apprenticeships and Employment
- Career and enrichment related activities advertised on TEAMS



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WHAT IS UCAS?

University and Colleges Admissions Service - www.ucas.com

All students applying to a course at University will need to make an application through UCAS.

UCAS processes applications for full-time courses at Higher Education institutions in the UK

Provides online support, information and guidance to students

Application costs:

1 course £22

2-5 courses £26.50

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THE PROCESS

- Students create one online application for all courses for which they are applying
- The student completes the first five sections of the application:
 - Personal Details
 - Choices
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Personal Statement
- The Progress Tutor completes the final section:
 - Reference and Predicted Grades
- All applications go through a thorough checking process



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CHOICES

Choosing courses to apply for can be difficult for some. In progress, we will look at factors to consider as well as UCAS Hub which enables students to create a dashboard of the courses they are interested in.

Students can apply for a maximum of five courses on the UCAS form.

Choices ordered alphabetically on UCAS and universities will not see the other courses the student has applied for

Some choice restrictions:

Medicine, veterinary & dentistry (4 choices)

Oxford OR Cambridge (not both!)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Important to check the entry requirements before applying

Predicted grades will be considered by universities to determine if an offer is made

Some universities require certain grades to be achieved to be accepted onto the course (e.g. ABB). Other institutions use the UCAS Tariff points system.



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UCAS TARIFF SYSTEM

BTEC Extended	
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

A LEVELS	
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

BTEC Subsidiary	
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

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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



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THE PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Written with guidance and support from Progress Tutors and subject teachers
- The student's chance to market themselves individually on their UCAS application
- One personal statement that covers all choices
- A major part of the selection process by universities

THE PERSONAL STATEMENT

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

4000 characters or 47 (UCAS) lines



SENDING THE APPLICATION

- Once students have fully completed all their sections of the application, they can click 'Pay/Send'. This means that the application is sent to the college – NOT UCAS!
- College staff will then complete the student's reference

THE REFERENCE

- Individual to each student, it is a positive academic account of the student and their skills and qualities.
- Compiled by the Progress Tutor and based on a collection of comments from teaching staff as well as contextual information, predicted grades and relevant experience.
- Students will be given an overall predicted grade for each subject at the beginning of their 2nd year

WHAT NEXT?

- College staff will then undertake several checks of the application before officially submitting the form to UCAS on behalf of the student - an application can take several weeks to get through the whole checking system.
- Staff have a large volume of applications to check. Students **MUST** meet the KGV internal submission deadline to guarantee their application will be checked and sent off before the official UCAS deadline.

DEADLINES

- Early Entries (medicine, veterinary, Oxbridge etc)
 - Internal Deadline – **Monday 27th September**
 - UCAS External Deadline – Friday 15th October
- Main Scheme
 - Internal Deadline – **Monday 22nd November**
 - UCAS External Deadline – Saturday 15th January



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UCAS TRACK

- After submitting the application, students can track its progress using UCAS Track.
- Track allows the student to follow the progress of their application, see their offers and make their replies
- Provider decisions:
 - Unsuccessful
 - Conditional Offer
 - Unconditional Offer
- Students are supported individually to respond to their offers and prepare for their next steps to university.

ADDITIONAL POINTS

- Oxbridge/Early Entry Applicants should speak to their Progress Tutor as soon as possible to ensure they are fully supported to complete their applications by the earlier deadline.
- Admissions Tests - Some courses require students to undertake an admissions test as part of the selection process
- Students will be made aware of this when applying, however, should always check!
- Common courses include: Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Law, Physics, Maths, History, Languages, Engineering and Oxford and Cambridge degrees



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GETTING AHEAD

- Use time wisely! Students have received this information through their Progress sessions and have been encourage to start their first drafts of their personal statements for checking before summer.
- Build experience! There are a wide variety of virtual experiences available to students, a lot of which have been sent out via Teams.
- Research! Finding the right course and university is key. Attend open days (where available), research courses online and speak to those already studying there.

QUESTIONS?

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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