

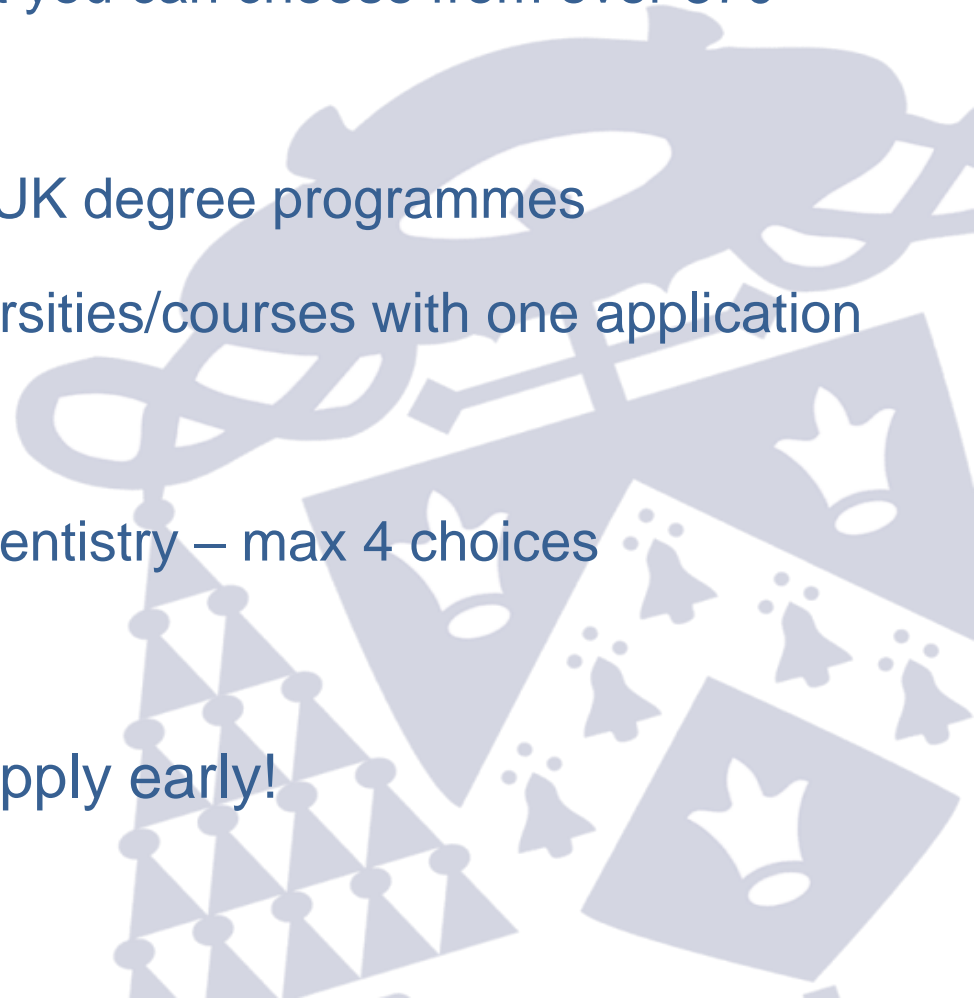
**THE CARDINAL WISEMAN
SCHOOL:
UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS**



Date	Activity	Description
1st Feb 2018	UCAS Parents Evening	Presentation by Brunel University explaining application process, student finance and university choices and options
October 2017 - March 2018	Enrichment Programme	On-going programme of professional talks and lectures delivered at school
2nd - 6th July 2018	UCAS and Careers Conference at school	Week of activities, talks and workshops designed to help students complete personal statements and UCAS registration
July 2018	Open Days	Students are encouraged to attend open days for universities – discussed with tutor
July – September 2018	Work experience and course enrichment activities	Students are encouraged to seek work experience in field of future interest. Students supported in finding subject specific enrichment activities such as masterclasses, summer schools and conferences
July - September	UKCAT and LNAT exams	Students who are applying for courses requiring UKCAT or LNAT exams are encouraged to register in a centre and sit the exam early
September 2018	Start UCAS applications in school	Adjustments to personal statements Finalise application, find overall referee
15th October 2018	Deadline for applications to Oxford, Cambridge, and courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science	
November 2018	Oxbridge and BMAT exams	Exams for Oxford, Cambridge and BMAT taken at school
15th January 2019	Deadline for all other applicants	
November 2018 - January 2019	Mock Interviews	Mock interviews offered to students at school
After application is sent off	Offers from universities	Student should visit universities which have made an offer at weekends and decide upon their 'firm' choice and their 'insurance' choice
2nd May 2019	Deadline for accepting 'firm' and 'insurance' offers – for most courses and institutions	
15th August 2019	Receive results and confirm university choice	Confirm university choice with firm or insurance choice (depending on grades). Apply through Adjustment (higher grades) or Clearing (lower grades) as needed

WHAT IS UCAS?

- Central online applications service
- Lists the 37,000 courses that you can choose from over 370 providers
- The only method of entry to UK degree programmes
- Can apply to up to five universities/courses with one application
- Choice restrictions:
 - Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry – max 4 choices
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- Good applicants often apply early!



Examples of entry requirements

For predicted grades below CCC/CCD, majority of courses on offer will include a Foundation Year.
Search for courses on www.UCAS.com or www.WhatUni.com


Biochemistry	King's College London AAA including Biology and Chemistry	University of Lincoln BBB including Biology or Chemistry	University of Wolverhampton CDD including Biology and Chemistry
Business Management	University of Bristol A*AB-AAB no specific subjects required	Birmingham City University BBB no specific subjects required	Bath Spa University CCC no specific subjects required
Economics	London School of Economics A*AA including A* in Maths, Further Maths only as 4 th A Level	Nottingham Trent University BBB no specific subjects required	London Metropolitan CCC no specific subjects required
Engineering	Imperial College A*A*A/A*AA including A* in Maths and Physics	Brunel University BBB including Maths and Physics	University of Bolton CCC including one from Maths, Technology or Science
English Literature	University of Durham A*AA including English Lit	University of Kent BBB including English Lit	York St John University CCC no specific subjects required
History	University of York A*AB/AAA including A in History	Aberystwyth University BBB no specific subjects required	University of Derby CCC including History or Politics
Law	University College London A*AA no specific subjects required plus LNAT	University of Greenwich BBB no specific subjects required	University of Brighton CCC no specific subjects required
Media studies	Newcastle University AAB-ABB no specific subjects required	Kingston University BBB no specific subjects required	University of Westminster CCC no specific subjects required
Medicine	University of Oxford A*AA including Biology and Chemistry and one from Physics or Maths plus BMAT	St. George's University of London AAA including Biology and Chemistry plus UKCAT	Aston University, Birmingham AAB including Biology and Chemistry plus UKCAT
Politics	University of Warwick AAA no specific subjects required	Keele University BBB no specific subjects required	University of East London CCC no specific subjects required
Psychology	University of Cardiff AAA to include at least one science (Biol, Chem, Physics, Maths, Geo or Psych)	University of Plymouth BBB no specific subjects required	University of Wolverhampton CCD no specific subjects required

OFFERS

- Understand the offers that you can receive:
 - **Conditional (C)** – You must meet the requirements of the university these will usually be the entry requirements
 - **Unconditional (UC)** – you have met the offer and have a place at the university regardless of any results
 - **Unconditional/Conditional (UC/C)** – You must meet some requirements
- You may be asked to attend an interview or an audition and you may be made an offer based on this



OFFERS

- Your offers will appear on UCAS Track. This is where you can track your application to your 5 choices
 - The university will send you a confirmation letter/email/pack and any other information that you may need – keep checking UCAS Track
 - You may be invited to an Applicant Day
 - Chance to look around the university and attend subject specific talks
 - Talk to academics
 - View accommodation and the facilities in smaller groups and attend seminars
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UCAS EXTRA

- You might be able to add more courses to your application if you're in the following situation:
 - You've applied for five courses
 - You've received decisions from all five course providers
 - You were not accepted or you decided to decline any offers you received
- The only instances where you won't be eligible are if you haven't used all five choices, or if you have accepted an unconditional offer

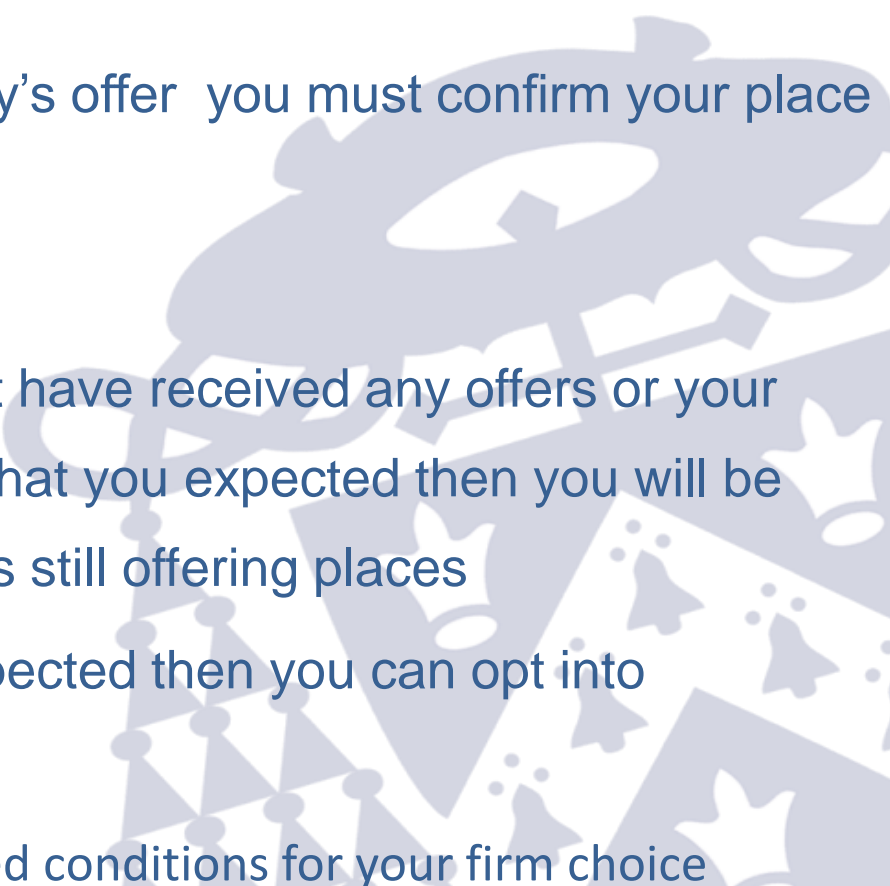


FIRM OR INSURANCE

- Once you have received your offers and the deadline has passed you must decide on your Firm (1st) and Insurance (2nd) choice universities
- This is all completed via UCAS
- Be realistic:
 - **Your insurance should be lower entry requirements**



RESULTS

- UCAS Track will update as soon as the university has received your results
 - Once you have met the university's offer you must confirm your place via UCAS
 - Clearing
 - This is where you may not have received any offers or your results were not exactly what you expected then you will be able to look for universities still offering places
 - If you have done better than expected then you can opt into Adjustment
 - If you have met and exceeded conditions for your firm choice
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Remember

- You can access UCAS from anywhere
 - UCAS Track can update as early as midnight on the day of your results
 - Do not take a holiday during results – be prepared
 - Choose the university that is right for you
 - Attend Open Days, Applicant Days and ask as many question about the university as possible
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