#### Parents Information Evening September 2021

# The Warriner School Sixth Form



# **Post 18 Opportunities**

# **Applying to University**

**2022 Entry** 



# > Setting the scene



## More than 500 course providers

# Over 50,000 undergraduate courses



# Are all universities the same?

- **Red Brick:** older, established universities
- **New:** formed from the old Polytechnics
- Russell Group: 20 research-intensive universities (some redbrick, some new):



## > How should students make choices?

Consider:



- What are you good at?
- What career aspirations do you have?
- What skills set / assessment method do you prefer?
- How long do you want to study?
- Will your degree be valuable?
- What are your predicted UCAS grades?
- Have you ticked all the boxes for the type of course you want?
- Are your 5 choices appropriate / narrow enough?



# > The application journey

Potential applicant researches & finds course Registers online with UCAS Apply Completes form Academic reference added by school / college School / college sends form electronically to UCAS UCAS processes form and forwards to chosen HEIs HEIs submit decisions (offer or unsuccessful) Applicant views decisions on Track Applicant replies to offers on Track (Firm / Insurance) HEIs confirm places when results are released



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# How can students find the right courses?

- UCAS Exhibitions
- Open Days / Taster Events
- Prospectuses
- UCAS
- Which? university guide
- Unifrog







Home > UCAS > Undergraduate > Find a course

How to choose between similar courses and unis

#### Find a course

Events and open days

There are over 37,000 undergraduate courses at over 370 providers in the UK. Most applicants choose up to five similar courses to increase their chances of getting a place.

#### UCAS on Twitter

#### about an hour ago &

Share your love for learning – inspire a new generation of students and you could win £3,000! <u>ow.ly/OdgRx</u> @ <u>pic.twitter.com/g8H3vyczWs</u> @

#### about an hour ago &

Start your 2016 <u>#UCAS</u> 문 application now! <u>ow.ly/OdgLr</u> 문 You'll be able to send your completed app in Sept <u>pic.twitter.com/k5SW8HpVcZ</u> 문

#### about 2 hours ago හි

Did you use Apply 2 to get a place on a teacher training programme? Let us know, we'd really like to hear about your experience

Follow us on Twitter

#### How to choose a course

After getting started with what to study, entry requirement number of courses to choose from around the course or you could read our tips on how to choose

> Find an undergraduate course 🏅

You can either search by course, provider or location, or you can brows includes undergraduate performing arts courses at conservatoires academic equivalents, and they're applied to through UCAS

Find a foundation degree

This is a separate search tool just for foundation degrees

#### International and EU students

Flexible and part-time students

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Course: economics	
Provider: Enter a university, college or conservatoire	
Location: Enter a country, county, city or town	Search > Browse >

#### UCAS Search tool

Use our new search to find undergraduate courses and courses at conservatoires.

We'll be adding all our other courses soon – until then, click the links below.

- Postgraduate courses
- Postgraduate teacher training courses
- Foundation degrees





Location: Enter a country, county, city or town

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#### University of Leicester

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Duration	Study mode	Attendance	Qualification	Course code	
3 Years	Full-time	Study on site	BA (Hons)	L100	





Our Economics degrees offer broad coverage of modern micro and macroeconomics with opportunities to specialise in chosen areas throughout the programme. This course is designed for students who have a minimum of a GCSE Mathematics grade B, or equivalent. It equips you for a career in the public and private sector, including financial services, business management and the government economic service.

# What kind of offers can universities give?

- Grades
- Points understand the tariff
- Subject to further conditions...
- You need to check these **VERY** carefully.







GRADE	UCAS POINTS
<b>A</b> *	56
Α	48
В	40
C	32
D	24
E	16



# What else can count as UCAS points?

- Music / ballet exams
- Level 3 qualifications
- Certain vocational qualifications Extended Project (worth 28 points at A\*)
- You must check if your chosen university will accept these!
- What about D of E?



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1. Overview

Tuition Fee Loan

Pay back loans but not grants. You might get extra help on top of this Test only

# Use the unistats course assistant

#### https://unistats.direct.gov.uk/



# Other places to go for help and advice

http://university.which.co.uk/courses 

#### http://www.bestcourse4me.com/

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# Other things students should have done / > be doing

#### Sign up for a MOOC

#### https://www.futurelearn.com/ http://www.southampton.ac.uk/moocs/howtoresearch.shtml



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#### Developing your research project

Undertaking an Extended Project Qualification, IB extended essay or any other research project? This online course guides you through the process each step of the way.

Developed and delivered by research-active academics, this course will support you with every step of the research process, from developing a hypothesis and finding sources to writing up and presenting the findings.

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explore is responsible for many of our proudest achievements.

This free online course is intended for anyone who is currently undertaking or planning to undertake a piece of academic research, be that the Entended Project Qualification (IEPQ). International Baccalaureate Extended Essay, coursework, undergraduate or postgraduate FutureLears Islam GrutureLears Carpore how the web has changed the works in the paint 25 yearst 3rd ner of all unstant runs in Oct 351/s1998 175 Missoriescurse

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# Make full use of Open Days

### **Open day Tips**:

- Book
- Take Personal Statement
- Go on campus tour



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- Know what qualifications you are taking
- Ask Questions!
- http://www.opendays.com/
- <u>https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-</u>

started/events-and-open-days



Most taster courses include lectures, discussions, and tutorial sessions. These give you the chance to meet departmental staff and get hands-on experience of the facilities. This can provide you with important insight into how the university or college works.

www.ucas.com/taster-course



# **Do your homework**

- Online blogs
- Periodicals

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- A quality broadsheet newspaper
- Text books other than your set texts



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#### Unifrog University Shortlist

Matthew Smith		Your Courses: ASPIRATIONAL 🔞 SOLID 🕼 SAFE
<b>O</b> Subject searches	Chemical engineering	
O UCAS Range	120 - 144	
<b>Qualifications</b>	A Level	
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#### Chemical and Energy Engineering - MEng (Hon)

University of Leeds

Leeds, England

📕 Website 🔓 Open Day 🞓 Course page 🗜 Finance page 🖤 Disabilities

University of Leeds: 🖂 study@leeds.ac.uk 💪 0113 343 2336

Main Site, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 9JT

#### Course facts

#### 2021 course description

The energy needs of the world's population keep growing, with the most common source of energy being fossil fuels. These energy sources generate carbon dioxide, which ultimately results in climate change. Fossil fuels need to be burnt more efficiently and cleanly while, at the

same time, renewable and sustainable sources of energy must be developed. This course will equip you with the skills needed to work in the chemical, energy and related industries. You'll learn about fundamental science and mathematical concepts such as process modelling, thermodynamics and materials science, but you'll also gain specialised knowledge and skills in topics such as combustion processes and renewable energy technologies.

#### 2022 course description

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#### This course includes time abroad.

UCAS course code H801

Lectures per week

2021 years of study 4 years full-time 5 years full-time with time abroad 5 years full-time with year in industry

2022 years of study No change

Getting in

Seminars per week

2021 annual fees

Tutorials per week

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#### 2021 A Level entry requirements A.A.A

Full-time 4 Years: AAA, including Mathematics and either Physics or Chemistry. Where an A-Level Science subject is taken, we require a pass in the practical science element, alongside the achievement of the A-Level at the stated grade. Excludes A-Level General Studies or Critical Thinking. Extended Project Qualification - Whilst we recognise the value, effort and enthusiasm applicants make in the Extended Project, we do not currently include this as part of our offer making. We do however encourage you to provide further information on your project in your personal statement and if invited, at interview.

# University facts

Guardian overall rank 18th

Guardian subject rank(s) Civil Engineering: 3rd Chemical Engineering: 19th

Full-time undergrads 23,565

Difficulty Aspirational QS world rank 91st

Student welfare rank Sth

International undergrads 12%

UCAS uni code L23

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#### 2022 A Level entry requirements No change

#### Additional requirements

GCSE: English Language at grade C (4) or above, or an appropriate English language qualification.

#### Last year's successful applicants

79.5% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was:

A Level: A\*AA

Overall application success rate 12%

UK application success rate 14%

#### Further information

Rent £3,328 to £4,971 City or campus Campus

#### Unofficial overview

Leeds is a campus university, a ten minute walk from the city centre. Nightlife and socialising are at the heart of the university experience; Leeds University Union is home to four different bars and over 300 clubs and societies. The Rolling Stones, Arctic Monkeys and Ed Sheeran have all performed at the university. The Edge Gym is one of the largest university fitness suites in the UK. The stunning Brotherton Library, one of three campus libraries, houses many historical artefacts including some of Shakespeare's and Oscar Wilde's original manuscripts. Leeds is a 'redbrick' university, part of the Russell Group and ranked in the QS 2020 Top 100 universities in the world. It's reputation for offering a classic student party experience is matched only by its excellent academic reputation.

Check out the assessment methods for this course

Avg starting salary £28,001

Social life (.../10) 9.1

Higher income spent on Access and Participation 24.1% Student satisfaction 73%

Graduate jobs

95.5%

Distance from home 123 miles

#### University description

The University, established in 1904, is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK and are renowned globally for the quality of our teaching and research. The university's strength of academic expertise combined with the breadth of disciplines we cover, provides a wealth of opportunities and has real impact on the world in cultural, economic and societal ways. The University strives to achieve academic excellence within an ethical framework informed by values of integrity, equality and inclusion, community and professionalism.

A Russell Group University







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# Key features of the UCAS scheme

- Online application and management at ucas.com
- £22 for one choice, £26.50 for two five choices
- Maximum of <u>5</u> choices
- Some choice restrictions:
  - Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry max <u>4</u>
  - Oxford <u>or</u> Cambridge





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# > Application Requirements

Every applicant has seven sections to complete:

- Personal details
- Additional information (UK students only)
- Student Finance (if selected)
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement

Forward to tutor:

- Reference
- ⇒ UCAS

➡ Universities / colleges



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# WHAT EVIDENCE DO ADMISSIONS TUTORS USE?

- GCSE results
- AS results where applicable
- Other academic and vocational attainment
- Predicted grades
- Personal Statement
- Reference
- Admissions tests
- Piece of written work
- Portfolio
- Interview
- Audition



## > Admission Tests

- Applying for Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary Medicine / Law / + Oxford and Cambridge
- Russell Group universities are making more use of admission tests.



# > Further Information

- Go to <u>http://www.studential.com/university/applying/UK-</u> <u>university-admissions-tests</u>
- for information on the tests being used and links to individual websites
- Practice materials can be found on all the main admission test websites eg:
  - <u>http://www.ukcat.ac.uk/</u>
  - <u>http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-</u> <u>takers/bmat/about-bmat/</u>
  - <u>http://www.lnat.ac.uk/</u>



# **Personal Statements – Standing out from the crowd**

• What is it?

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- Word count?
- Expectation and format?
- What makes a really good one...



# **Universities – a good starting point**





# > Questions universities will ask?

- Have they chosen the right subject for the right reasons?
- Can they survive in an intense and pressured atmosphere?
- Do they have a range of interests and aptitudes?
- What are their transferable skills?
- Does the personal statement confirm their depth of interest in the subject?
- What has the candidate studied independently?


#### > The Personal Statement – top tips

- Should be relevant to all choices
- 200 personal statements per tutor per week!

Need to stand out (for the right reasons) <u>SIMILARITY DETECTION TEST</u>

• Get ahead of the game – don't leave it until the last moment



### > The Reference

- Informed and academic assessment of an applicant's suitability for further study
- We are required to give our opinion on their academic potential
- Every reference is read
- Admissions tutors are primarily interested in whether a student can cope with their course and with university
- Tutors can't write their reference if students have not done their 'bit' first!



#### > The process post-application: applicant replies

- When the student has received decisions from <u>ALL</u> of his/her choices, he/she will be asked to make replies (and given a date to reply by on Track)
- UCAS will send reminders but if the student fails to reply by the reply date, the offers will be declined by default!
- The student will be able to hold a maximum of 2 offers (others declined)
  - **Firm** (conditions are met)
  - Insurance (only comes into play if the student is <u>not</u> placed with his/her Firm choice)

#### > UCAS Extra

- Extra is another chance for you to gain a place at university or college, between 25 February and 4 July
- Allows students with no offers at this stage to apply to one university at a time
- Runs along the lines of an 'early clearing'
- <u>https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-</u> <u>track/track-your-application/extra-choices</u>



#### > Clearing

- Operates on A-Level Results Day
- Course vacancies listed on UCAS website
- The student must contact the university to discuss directly
- Applicants eligible for Clearing:
  - Paid full fee (£26.50)
  - All choices unsuccessful, cancelled or offers declined
  - Applied after 30 June (no choices)



# Adjustment

If you've met and exceeded conditions for your firm choice, you might be thinking about looking for an alternative course.

- For applicants whose place has been confirmed at their FIRM choice, and who have
  - MET all conditions of offer and
  - EXCEEDED at least one condition
  - Paid full fee



#### > Gap Years

- Check with the course specific admissions tutor at your chosen university
- Some universities will be against it e.g. science, maths
- Make the gap year activities relevant



Key dates and deadlines 2021

June: students have all registered and started

to complete their application

• Early September: When completed and checked

applications can be submitted to UCAS

• **15 October**: deadline for

Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry

- Oxford <u>or</u> Cambridge
- 30th November: Warriner Deadline



Admissions test *may* need to be completed prior to applying

# How can you support the application process?

- Don't book holidays at key times e.g. results day.
- Check e-mails regularly for updates.
- Use opportunities provided e.g. UCAS Convention, prep day, trips etc.
- Support us on the advice we give and our predictions.
- Support your son or daughter's management of their application by proofreading (but not writing!) for them and making sure they read everything they are sent carefully.
- Prepare them for living away from home: Cost of living – paying bills / Independent living skills – cooking and washing.
- Encourage students to be doing all the 'extra things' they can possible get in over the summer.

Be there... Comforting, proofreading, encouraging, testing, practising etc





#### > Apprenticeships – An Alternative Route

A higher apprenticeship can take from one to five years to complete, and involve part-time study at a college, university, or training provider.

According to government figures, 90% of apprentices in England stayed on in employment after completing their qualification; 71% with the same employer.

## Earn as you learn!

# What are the benefits of higher Competition apprigntic aships is can be tough

•Apprentices are employed and paid a wage throughout the course.

•Apprentices will gain a head start in their chosen profession.

•Training costs are co-funded by the government and the employer.

# How are apprentices recruited?

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Apprenticeships are jobs and so employers are ultimately responsible for recruitment.

# Help and Support Throughout the Year

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Tutor / 6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Warriner	School Health	Counselling	Mental Health
Leadership Team	Learning Centre	Nurse		First Aiders
Form Tutor Daily point of contact and communication for day to day concerns. Head of Sixth Form/Deputy Head of Sixth Form are points of contact. FABS – Focus on Attendance, Behaviour and Safeguarding meetings every two weeks. Referral via Tutors to Head of Sixth Form	Safeguarding Team Mr A.Greenhalgh Mrs S.Phillips Mr R. Gardner Child Protection concerns Mental health referrals Social Care referrals Staff can refer students Based in the WLC building.	School Health Nurse Service Sarah Elsley is the School Health Nurse for The Warriner Office in the WLC	Counselling service – 2 counsellors working In the school. Appointments needed Tutors or other staff can refer with students consent. Students can self refer to this confidential service by contacting Safeguarding team or via tutor. In demand service so we do run a waiting list.	<ul><li>16 staff in school that are Mental health First aid trained.</li><li>Initial point of contact and can signpost further support.</li><li>They are not psychotherapists or counsellors.</li></ul>

#### **Important Dates**

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#### 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October Enrichment Days

- 9<sup>th</sup> November Parental Consultation Evening
  - Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> November PPE1
  - 30<sup>th</sup> November UCAS Internal Deadline





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