



Sixth Form

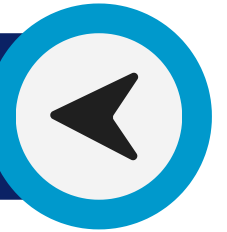
The right choice for post - 16 learning



University of Salford



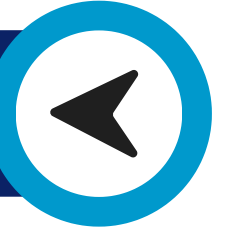
Queen Mary University of London



University of Westminster



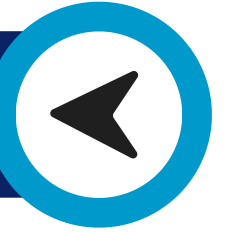
University of Manchester



University of Essex



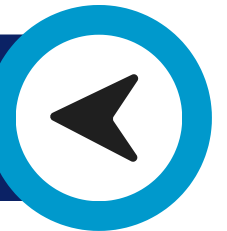
Technical University of Denmark



University of Bath



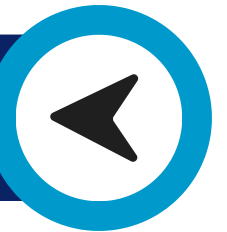
Universidad Europea Orotava



University of Warwick



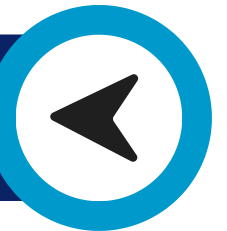
University of Groningen Netherlands



European School of Economics



DeAnza College Silicon Valley USA



And many more....

International Advanced Levels	Pass Rate % A-E (2022/23)	Number of Students (2022/23)
Mathematics	100	12
Further Mathematics	100	1
English Literature	100	4
Biology	100	9
Chemistry	100	10
Physics	100	4
Business	100	4
Spanish	100	8
Psychology	100	3
Russian	100	7
Fine Art	100	1
EPQ	100	2



Study Centre

- An environment of excellence for advanced learning
- To facilitate and support academic study
- We are a school and not a College
- Year 12 is an extension of Year 11 with a dress code
- Close community

Completely Selective

- Punctuality
- Attendance
- Work ethic and attitude towards study
- Behaviour

Success at IGCSE is required

- Equivalent of 5 levels 9 to 5 to include English as a First Language and Mathematics
- Equivalent of levels 9 to 7 for Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics IAL

Choosing Subjects

- Think carefully about which subjects to choose
- Enjoyment, ability and requirements for University



Year 12 Options Table - Equivalent to 4 AS Levels

BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3	BLOCK 4	BLOCK 5
Maths	English Lit	Biology	Psychology	Geography
Spanish	Chemistry	Business	Physics	History

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

- ART and DESIGN
- IT

Equivalent to 3 Advanced Levels - a two year programme



Non-contact study time

- Extension to lessons
- Further study
- Develop independent study skills
- Research career options
- Take online courses
- Undertake school-based work experience

Getting to University

- Mentoring - a one to one approach
- Extra courses for developing skills such as First Aid
- Additional activities in school
- Supercurricular activities
- Extracurricular activities
- University fairs - UNITOUR

Unifrog

THE UNIVERSAL DESTINATIONS PLATFORM

We help students compare every university course, every apprenticeship, and Further Education courses - then apply successfully.

We also empower teachers and counselors to manage the progression process effectively.

Where to study

- UK - UCAS
- Ireland - CAO
- Netherlands - Studylink
- Europe
- USA - Common App
- Rest of the world

Additional Entrance Requirements

- UK - for example UCAT
- Europe - Maths
- USA - SATS



UCAS – an independent charity

UCAS does:

- ✓ process applications
- ✓ provide information, advice, and training
- ✓ have a Fraud and Verification Team
- ✓ take part in education sector engagement

UCAS doesn't:

- ✗ suggest courses or universities
- ✗ make decisions or offers
- ✗ advise on finance, immigration, or visas for individuals

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Apprenticeship advice

UCAS has [apprenticeship advice](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process

Go to ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships.

25%

of applicants declining all offers in 2018 told UCAS they had chosen an **apprenticeship** instead.

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What is UCAS?

350+ universities and colleges:

- 4 in Northern Ireland
- 15 in Wales
- 19 in Scotland
- 324 in England

35,000+ courses available



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Why higher education?

Opportunities while studying:

- Chance to study a subject they are passionate about.
- Achieve a qualification that could lead to their chosen career.
- Grow in confidence, make lifelong friends, and gain independence and important life skills that will widen their prospects.

With a degree, they'll have:

- the opportunity to follow their career path
- better job prospects, as many employers target graduates
- higher earning potential

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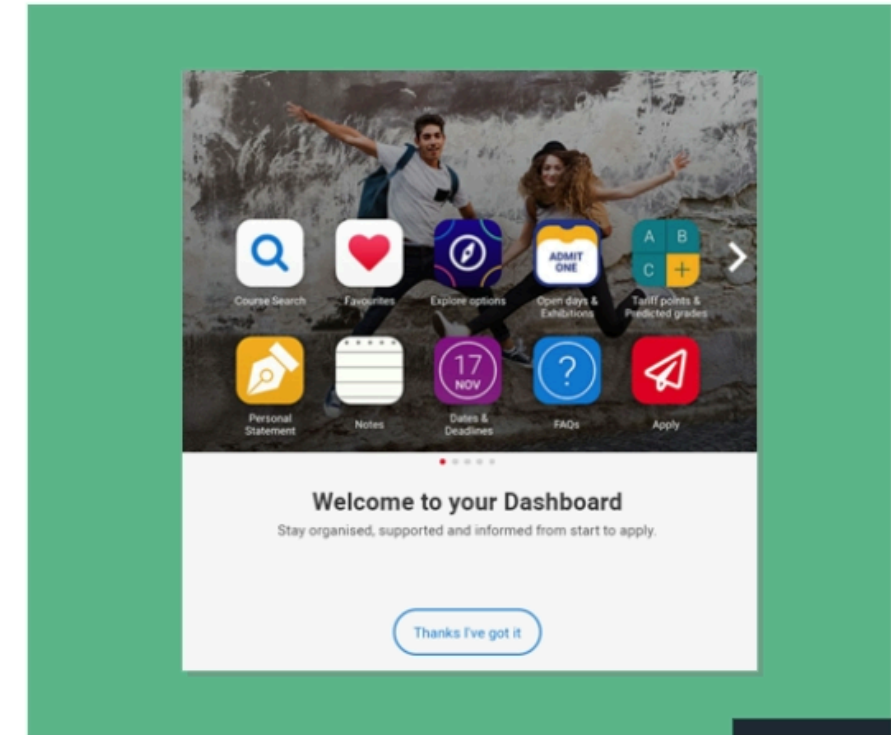
Choosing the right university for you

- **Style** – from the traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are based in large cities, others in smaller towns - a major influence on the environment and lifestyle.
- **Size** – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics. It can be interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

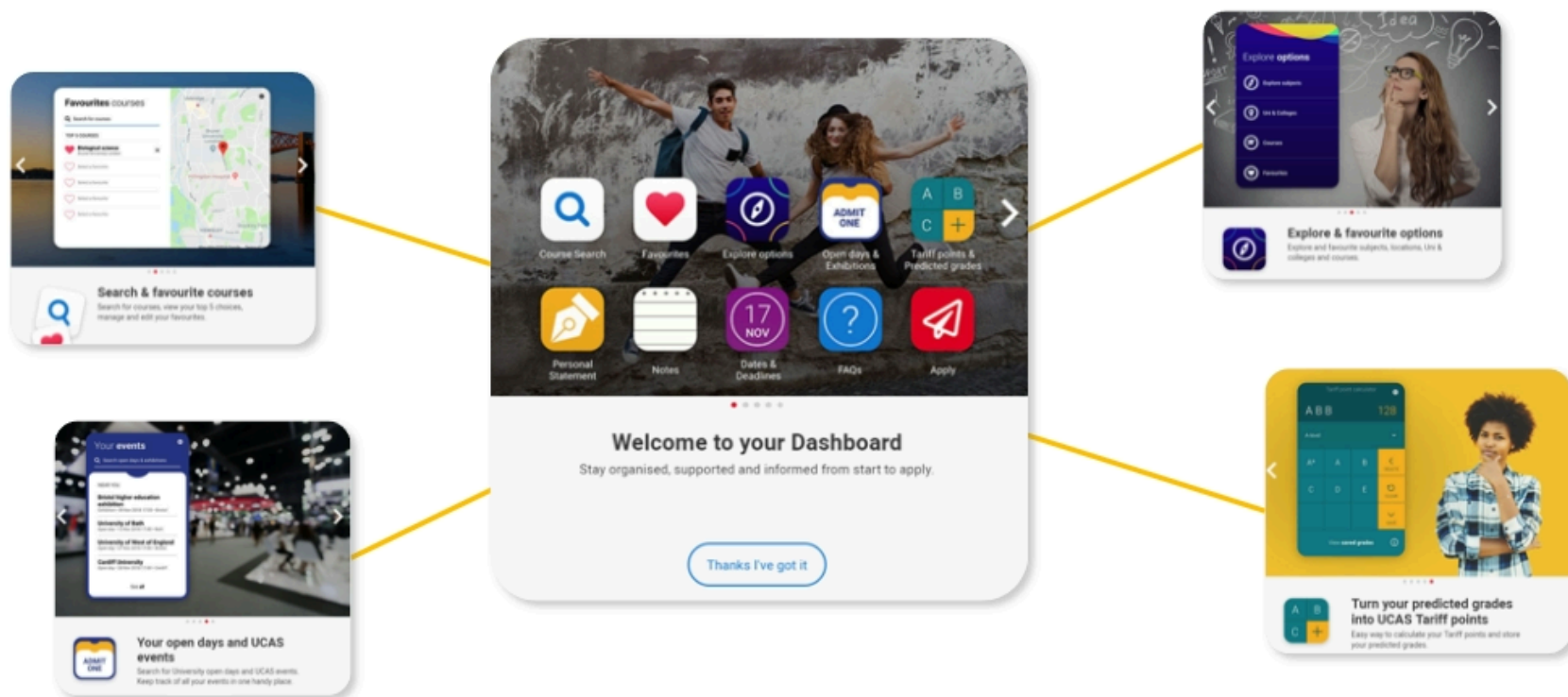
Before you apply...

Register in the UCAS Hub to explore your options, such as:

- explore careers, subjects, universities and apprenticeships
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)



UCAS Hub

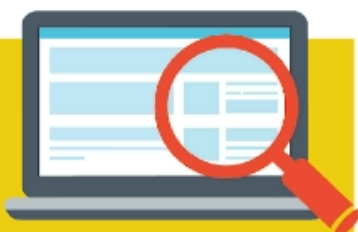


Apply key facts

- It's an online application
- 5 Maximum of five choices.
- Choice restrictions:
 - medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry (maximum of four)
 - Oxford or Cambridge
- Simple application cost:
 - one choice – £20
 - two to five choices – £26
- Equal consideration.
- 'Invisibility'.

Your role as a parent/guardian

Help your child to research their courses



Encourage your child to apply early



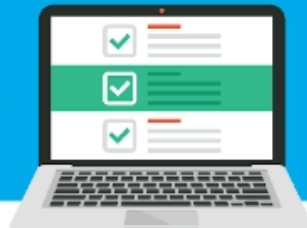
Make sure your child lists their courses in genuine order of preference



Watch out for important deadlines



Remind your child to review all CAO correspondence carefully



Accept offer online by the reply date



The application deadlines

Date	Deadline
Early November	Online application facility opens
20 January 5pm	Discounted online application fee deadline – €30 fee
1 February 5pm	Change of Course Choices closes
1 February 5pm	Normal closing date for online and paper applications - €45 fee
Early February	Online facility to amend course choices opens – fee of €10
1 March 5pm	Closing date for amending course choices – fee of €10
1 March 5pm	Closing date for final completion of HEAR/DARE forms
15 March 5pm	Closing date for HEAR/DARE documentation to be received by CAO
1 May 5pm	Closing date for late applications - €60 fee
Early May	Online Change of Mind facility becomes available
End of May	Statement of Application Record sent to all applicants
1 July 5pm	Change of Mind closes
22 July 5pm	Exceptional closing date for those attending a participating HEI

Completing the application form

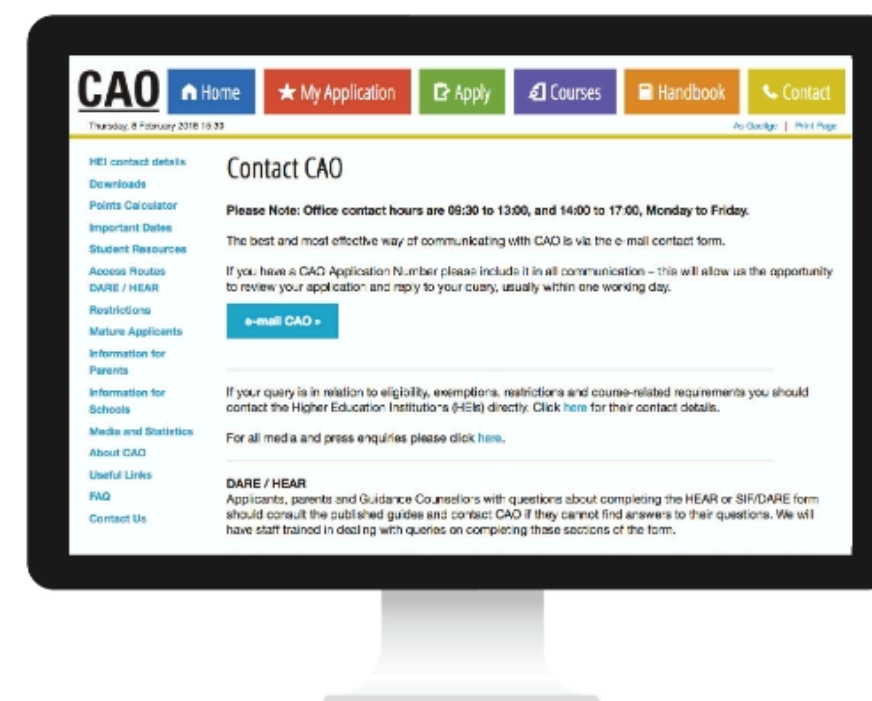
Use the Demo Application facility in the Applicants section of the website to become more familiar with the process before starting an application (www.cao.ie/demo)

- Apply online via www.cao.ie
- Enter personal details carefully, particularly **date of birth** and **email address**.
- Once registered on the system, applicants will receive an application number which must be kept safe. This number will be needed for all future correspondence with CAO.
- Applicants should check emails regularly for correspondence from CAO and/or the HEIs.
- Applicants must remember to place course choices in genuine order of preference.



Communicating with CAO

- The easiest and most efficient way for your child to communicate with CAO is by using the Correspondence Section of their CAO Account. They should give us as much information as possible and they will receive a reply to their query usually within one working day.
- Applicants should always quote their CAO application number in any communication with CAO.
- If you post something to CAO always obtain a certificate of posting at the post office. This is a free service and it offers you peace of mind.



Useful resources

Please visit www.cao.ie and click on the 'Parents' page to view some of the useful resources available, including:

- The Demo Application Facility www.cao.ie/demo

- Video Guides www.cao.ie/video

- A guide to the CAO for parents and guardians

- Timetable of Events

- The CAO Handbook www.cao.ie/handbook



Top reasons to study in Europe

- Financial
- Historical
- Language
- Prestige

Finance

- Student loans in the UK
- Free fees scheme or fee grants IRE
- Dutch student finance for non-dutch nationals
- Free courses for EU students
- Scholarships worldwide

Homologación

- 2 IAL or 1 IAL and 2 IAS minimum
- Must have Year 11 Homologación
- Spanish Universities all have different requirements
- BTEC - "acreditación por la vía de Estudios Profesionales o Técnicos"

