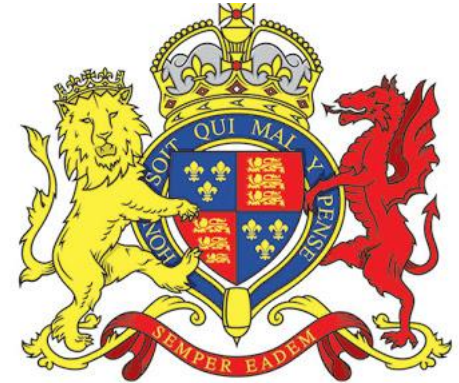


# Higher Education Information Evening

The Ladies' College and Elizabeth College



# Purpose of this presentation

- To give parents and students the information to make an informed choice about university
- Overview of the application process
- Unifrog and UCAS – resources





# Choosing the right course.....

## .....Use 'Unifrog':

All Lower 6 students have signed up to this careers platform which is a fantastic tool to research careers, university courses, produce application documents and enhance their career portfolios.

You, as parents, can also sign up to see what is available – more details later.

# The Unifrog tools

 Pathways	 Opportunities	 Applications	 Management
PERSONALITY QUIZ	USA UNIVERSITIES	ACTIVITIES	PLANNING
CAREERS	CANADA UNIVERSITIES	COMPETENCIES	TEACHING RESOURCES
SUBJECTS	UK UNIVERSITIES	COMMON APP ESSAY	INTERACTIONS
GOALS	EU UNIVERSITIES	PERSONAL STATEMENTS	DESTINATIONS
KNOW-HOW	AUSTRALASIA UNIVERSITIES	RECOMMENDATIONS	DOWNLOADS
MOOCS	ASIA UNIVERSITIES	REFERENCES	
	MIDDLE EAST UNIVERSITIES	CV / RESUME	
	APPRENTICESHIPS	DOCUMENT SUBMISSION	
	COLLEGE & 6TH FORM		
	OXBRIDGE		
	SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES		

# Careers Library

- Over 1000 career profiles
- Presents information from a range of sources
- Includes qualifications and skills needed, interviews with industry professionals and labour market information
- Explores progression opportunities and what a working week really looks like

## Architect

Architects design new buildings and the spaces around them, and work on the restoration and conservation of existing buildings.



# Know-how library

Hundreds of resources linked to FAQs about careers and university applications.

Students can watch video tutorials and get useful hints and tips

## Know-how library

✓ Guides favouredited

[Go to tool >](#)

Browse everything here  
620 guides and videos

UK universities  
125 guides and videos

[Go >](#)

US universities  
101 guides and videos

[Go >](#)

European universities  
100 guides and videos

[Go >](#)

Useful stuff  
58 guides and videos

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Canadian universities  
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Citizenship  
15 guides and videos

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Oxbridge  
14 guides and videos


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**UK university Open Day checklist** ❤️

A guide to help you get the most out of open days


[Read the guide >](#)



**What does 'wider reading' mean?** ❤️

The 'what' and the 'why' explained

[Read the guide >](#)

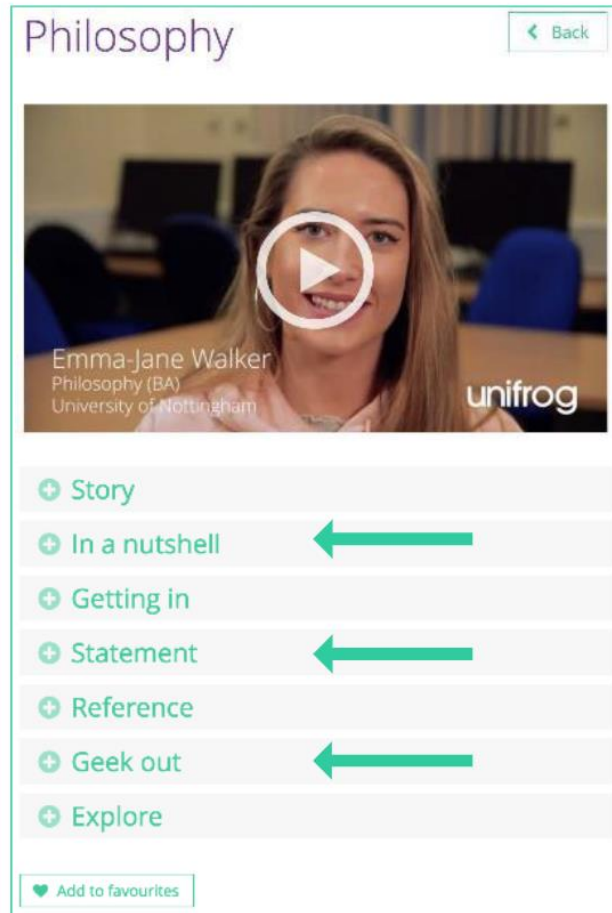


**Summer schools** ❤️

6 tips for making the most out of summer schools


[Read the guide >](#)


# Subjects library





Watch interviews with university students, read up on their experience and advice, have a look at their annotated personal statement, or browse the 'Geek out' section for books, articles, podcasts, TED talks and current issues related to your subject.

# UK Universities

 English Literature - 3FT/6PT BA (Hons)

 Oxford Brookes University

 Safe - YEF Silver



English Literature offers the opportunity to study an exciting range of modules, blending the study of classic texts and literary traditions with current theoretical models for understanding literature as a dynamic, global phenomenon. Our course is renowned for its inspirational teaching and research excellence. In the 2013 National Student Survey (Source: Unistats), 93 per cent of students agreed that staff had made the subject interesting.

Full-time undergrads at the uni: 13505 Domestic / Int'l undergrads at the uni: 84% / 16%

[Website](#) [Open Day](#) [Course page](#) [Finance page](#) [Disabilities](#)

### Getting in

Overall Application success rate  
21%

UK Application success rate  
22%

Entry requirements A Level

Full-time 3-Years: Grade B in A-level English Literature or English Language required.

Entry requirements UCAS points  
112 points

**IMPORTANT:** check the [course page](#) to see if your qualifications are accepted.


**Additional requirements**  
GCSE: GCSE English - Grade 5.2 x further GCSE - Grade 4, normally to include Maths.

**Last year's successful applicants**  
89.8% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was:  
A Level: C

### Unofficial overview

"Oxford Brookes is spread across three suburban campuses in Oxford and the small university city has a friendly feel. Oxford Brookes pioneered the modular system of study and the academic year is split into two semesters rather than three terms. The university has a strong reputation for sport, and there are also strong links with industry. Despite the fact that the city is tiny, nightlife is lively and students enjoy studying here."

Campus or City: CAMPUS



- Students can enter subject of interest and projected grades to see all relevant university courses available in the UK
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like hours of lectures, price of accommodation and graduate job rates
- Get direct links to university information pages, with impartial information on courses and institutions
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later

# Special Opportunities

- Includes £5 million-worth of grants, bursaries, scholarships, contextual offers and extracurricular activities
- These can be filtered by circumstances or characteristics, depending on the access requirements of the opportunity
- Includes direct links for applying
- Unlimited shortlists can be created and referred back to

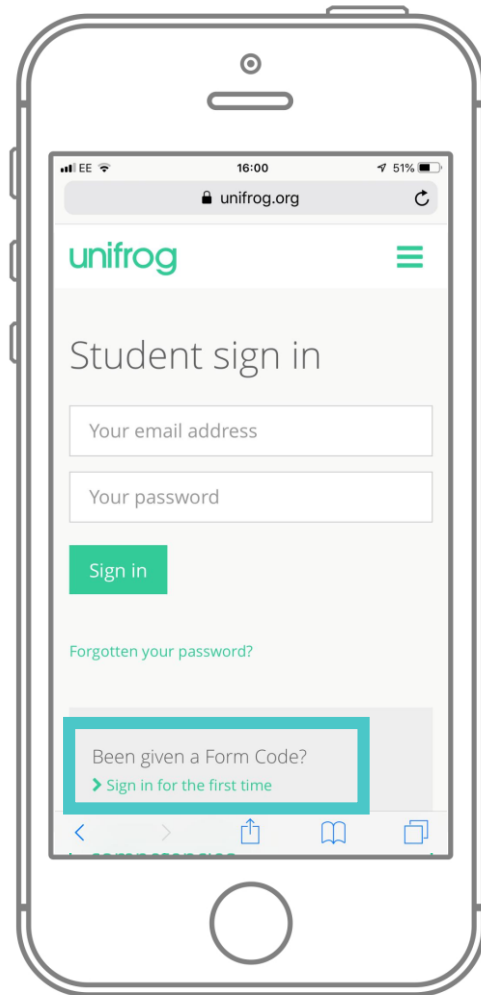
Select special opportunities below

Pick the best opportunities for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.

✓ Rank ▼ Filter ▼

Scholarships (690) Money you don't have to pay back	Activities (13) Summer schools, mentoring, extracurricular	Contextual offers (54) Lower entry requirements
100 Year Anniversary Of The Great War Award University of Bolton Country: UK	Action Tutoring Action Tutoring Country: UK	Aberystwyth University Contextual Offers Aberystwyth University Country: UK
A Level Entrance Scholarship Competition Queen's University Belfast Country: UK	BGU Open Days Bishop Grosseteste University Country: UK	Aston University Contextual Offer Aston University, Birmingham Country: UK
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# Parents & guardians, get signed up!



There are many more useful applications on Unifrog.

Go to [www.unifrog.org/student](http://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a form code.  
The form code is:

## **ladiesparents**

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

Please note this only allows you to see what your daughter has access to. It does NOT allow you access to your daughter's account!

# Other KEY resource

- UCAS

<https://ucas.com>

- Sign up for information designed for parents <https://www.ucas.com/parents-signup>



# The Application Process

- UCAS Apply
- Opens in May 2020



# Apply key facts

- Application is entirely online.
- Maximum of five choices of degree courses
  - - usually at different universities
  - - but you can choose different courses at the same university
  - - your course choices need to be similar subjects
  - - You only write one personal statement for all of your choices
- Some choice restrictions:
  - medicine, veterinary medicine/science, dentistry
  - maximum of four plus a non-medical insurance choice
  - e.g. Biomedical Science
  - You can only apply to Oxford **or** Cambridge, not both!

# Apply key facts

- Simple application cost:
  - one choice – £20 (changed for 2020 cycle)
  - two to five choices – £25
- Equal consideration:
  - all applications received before Jan 15<sup>th</sup> are treated equally
  - After Jan 15<sup>th</sup> places are very limited!
- 'Invisibility' – universities can not see your other choices

# When to apply for 2021 entry

<b>21 May 2020</b>	UCAS Undergraduate Apply opens for 2021 entry
<b>4 September 2020</b>	First day for receipt of completed applications.
<b>15 October 2020</b>	Deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary and dentistry, and Oxford <b>or</b> Cambridge.
<b>15 January 2021</b>	Equal consideration application deadline.
<b>25 February 2021</b>	Extra opens (see slide 21)
<b>30 June 2021</b>	Last date for applications before Clearing.

# Completing the UCAS application

Students will do this in Careers lessons in September. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS OUT OF LESSON TIME as we need to ensure it is correct

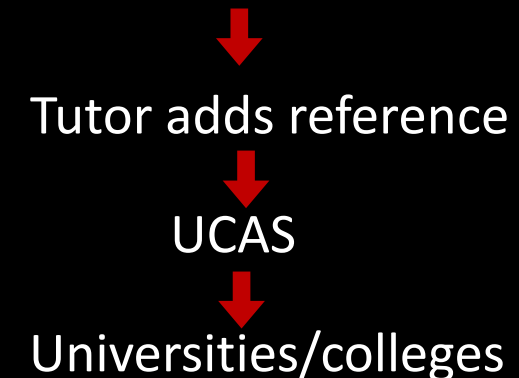
The screenshot shows the UCAS Apply 2020 website. At the top, there's a red banner with '2020 apply' and 'Welcome' text, and a '<Log out' link. Below this is a sidebar menu with sections: 'Welcome' (highlighted), 'Personal details', 'Choices', 'Education', 'Employment', 'Statement', 'Reference', 'View all details', 'Pay/Send', 'Help', and 'Options/Opsiynau'. Each item has a checkbox indicating its status. A 'Key' section below the menu shows: a red checkmark for 'Completed', a green dashed line for 'In progress', a grey box for 'Not started', and a red question mark for 'Help'. The main content area shows a 'Welcome' message to 'Alan', his Personal ID '145-010-8968', and a note to keep this ID handy. It also features a video player titled 'Apply 2020 HOW TO GET STARTED APPLY' with a play button. Below the video is a link to watch videos at [www.ucas.com/connect/videos](http://www.ucas.com/connect/videos). A red warning icon and text state: 'Verify your email address. Your email address needs to be verified as valid before you send your application to us. Please click here to verify your email address'.

Before starting your application, please read through the relevant information below regarding:

- [completing your application](#)
- [applicants applying through a school, college or organisation](#)
- [applicants applying as an individual](#)
- [deadlines for submitting your application](#)

## Sections to complete:

1. Personal details
2. Additional information
3. Student finance
4. Choices
5. Education
6. Employment
7. Personal statement
8. Referee details



UCAS

Universities and colleges will review:



**personal statement**



**qualifications**



**reference**

They may also ask for:



**Portfolio/audition**



**Admissions test**



**Interview**

And make one of three decisions:

**Conditional offer**

**Unconditional offer**

**Unsuccessful**

# Unconditional Offers

This is when a university offers you a spot on a course regardless of the final grades you achieve.

**Accept with caution!**

Takes the pressure off

BUT

- Grades stick with you for the rest of your life .
- The work you are doing now is preparation for what you can expect to be doing at University.

## What should I do if I get an Unconditional Offer?

- **Don't rush your decision**
- **Review all your options**
- **Weigh up that guaranteed offer**
- **Accepting an unconditional offer:** you are committing to go to that university. So you can't select an insurance choice or enter [Clearing](#)

**SPEAK TO STAFF AND GET THEIR ADVICE!**

# Tracking applications

Track allows applicants to:

- follow the progress of their application 24/7
- see their choices and personal information
- view their offers
- reply to offers online



In Track, a student can hold up to two offers:

- **firm** – their first choice. If they meet the conditions of the offer they will be placed here
- **insurance** – acts as a back-up choice if they are not placed with their firm choice

# Other options

## **Extra** (25 Feb – 5 Jul)

Used all five choices and had no offers (or declined all offers/withdrew).

Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time via Track.

## **Clearing** (6 Jul – Oct)

Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, or not met conditions.

Find vacancies from 6 July, and add one choice via Track.

## **Adjustment** (up to five days in Aug)

Placed with firm choice, and did better than conditional offer.

Register in Track, then find another university or college. The new university or college adjusts the record.

## **Self Release** (from 6 July)

If holding a firm unconditional place, you can use online self-release into Clearing, by using the 'decline your place' button in Track.

# What should your child be doing now?

- **Research** – Use UCAS and Unifrog to research courses
- **Creating university shortlists** – Unifrog ‘Applications’ tool
- **Open days?**
  - There are virtual open days being set up by many universities
- **Go beyond the syllabus**
  - Extra reading, Moocs etc
  - use the ‘Geek out’ sections in the ‘Subject library’ on Unifrog
- **Focus on this year’s studies.**

# How can you support them?

- Use the parents/guardians' section of the UCAS website at [www.ucas.com/parents](https://www.ucas.com/parents).
- [Sign up for updates from UCAS](#), and get everything you need to know about the application process direct to your inbox.
- Offer to attend open days (hopefully)— you may have a different perspective.
- Don't book family holidays at key times.
- Make sure they read everything carefully that is sent to them.

# LC Timeline 2021 Entry

- **May 2019** UCAS apply goes online
- **15th June 2020** Virtual UCAS day\*
- **Summer 2020-Easter 2021** Encouraged to attend open days\*
- **1st Sept 2020** UCAS begins accepting applications
- **8th Oct 2020** Internal LC deadline for Oxbridge, Medics & Vets
- **15th Oct 2020** UCAS deadline for Oxbridge, Medics & Vets
- **11th December 2020** Internal LC deadline to complete applications
- **15th Jan 2021** UCAS Applications official deadline
- **6th May 2021** Deadline to decide Firm & Insurance places
- **12th August 2021** Exam Results! Places confirmed/clearing
- **End Sept 2021** Higher Education term begins

*\* subject to travel constrictions*

*ALL DATES ARE CURRENT AT TIME OF PUBLICATION (if UCAS adapt their deadlines so will we!)*

- Please contact Miss Dudin with any questions  
[edudin@ladiescollege.ac.gg](mailto:edudin@ladiescollege.ac.gg)

**We aim to hold a question and answer session for parents on 14th May at 8pm. To join this session please log in via your daughter's Teams account. If this is not possible please email and we will set you up as a guest for the evening.**

# Funding for University

For more information on this I encourage you to contact:

Student Finance, Route Des Coutanchez, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 2TT (Tel. 706560 or email [studentfinance@gov.gg](mailto:studentfinance@gov.gg))

Or visit the student finance website <https://www.gov.gg/studentfinance>

# Costs of Higher Education

## Maintenance Expenses and Tuition Fees

### Tuition Fees

All subjects apart from

Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary

and other healthcare courses

£ 9,250

BUT maximum anyone pays is

£ 9,150

# Costs of Higher Education

Maintenance Expenses and Tuition Fees

**NO STUDENT LOANS!**

# Costs of Higher Education

## Maintenance Expenses and Tuition Fees

### Maintenance Expenses (2018/2019)

#### Living Costs

In London

£7,923 (for 31 weeks =  
£255.58 per week)

Elsewhere

£6,508 (for 31 weeks =  
£209.94 per week)

#### Travel (Guernsey - UK), 3 return trips

South of England

£462

Rest of UK

£576

# The Future

- Guernsey, Jersey and IOM have negotiated 'home' fees (approximately £9,250) with most universities. Exceptions are Cambridge, and Imperial College.
- From September 2013 Cambridge College fees, currently about £6500-7,000, have been assessed for parental contribution.
- The States debated student grants/loans again in March 2014 and agreed this structure

# Costs of Higher Education

## How it works

The parental contribution is assessed against the **GROSS** parental income – the students' income from holiday jobs or work whilst at university, or from any bursaries is **NOT** taken into account (unless the latter is more than £3,950)

£38,224 is subtracted from the gross total; the balance is called the 'residual'.

This 'residual' is then divided by 4

This is then the parental contribution

# Costs of Higher Education

## How it works

Total gross parental income: £80,000.00

£38,224.00 -

Residual: £41,776.00 / 4 =

Parental contribution: £10,444.00

This is initially assessed against the maintenance & travel total of £7,084, leaving a balance of:

£3,360.00

which would go towards tuition fees, leaving  
Education to pay £9,250 - £3,360.00 = **£5,890**

# Costs of Higher Education

## How it works

Total gross parental income: £40,000.00

£38,224.00 -

Residual: £ 1,776.00 / 4 =

Parental contribution: £ 444.00

This is initially assessed against the maintenance & travel total of £7,084 leaving a balance of:

£6,640

to be paid by Education and

Education to pay £9,250 tuition fees, making a total grant of:

£16,140

# Costs of Higher Education

## How it works

The maximum parental contribution towards **fees** is £9,150 (ie everyone gets £100!)

Thus:

Fees contribution: £ 9150

Maintenance & Travel: £ 7,084

Maximum Parental contribution: £ 16,234

No grant if parental income is over: 4x

£ 64,936

£ 38,224

£103,160

# Costs of Higher Education

## How it works

There is also a further assessed contribution where the parents hold capital assets in excess of £100,000; this is assessed at 2.1%

There are further allowances if more than one child at university and for additional dependent children (about £4,000 per child, dependent on age), single parents etc.

If in doubt – telephone Education and speak to them – they are actually very helpful!