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Post 18 transition routes

Information for parents





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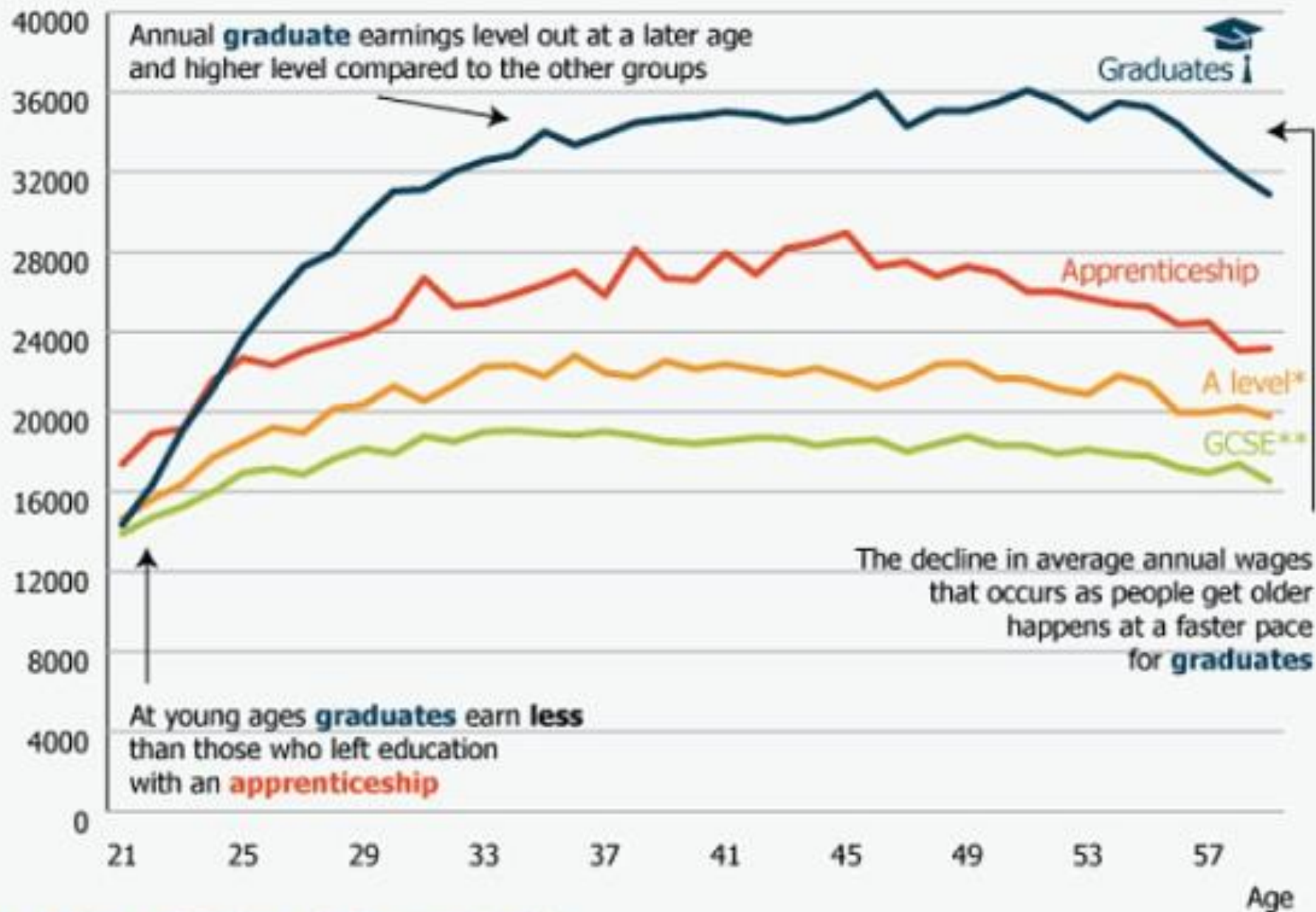
- GAP Year
- Employment
- Apprenticeship
- Degree Apprenticeships
- College HNC,HND, Art Foundation
- University- Foundation degree
- University- Degree (75% of KES Y13s applied to University this year)





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Average Gross Annual Wage (£)





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CIAG – Careers, Information, Advice, Guidance and support is good at KES

Over 90% of applicants from KES got an offer with which they could progress to Higher Education.

Due to support, advice and guidance.

We supported over 250 applicants last year.





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Work experience

We expect that all students will complete at least one week of work experience before the autumn half term of Y13

Leave of absence from school granted to complete work experience. Better in the holidays or as a regular commitment on a weekly basis at a time when they have no lessons.

Support and a list of contacts who might have opportunities from Miss Walker in the Careers Office in the Library: fwalker6@kes.sheffield.sch.uk

If parents have any capacity to host a student on work experience please let us know





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Apprenticeships

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeships>

Competitive entry. You need to apply for vacancies on an individual basis.

There is not a single form that you can fill in.

Also look direct at the following:

AMRC – Boeing, Rolls Royce, Cadbury (Trebor Bassett), Forgemasters

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships>





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Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

3 to 5 years

No student debt

Starting salary **£17k - £29k**

4 days at work **1 day** at university or blocks of study

Typical entry grades - **depends on competition**

Sutton trust - 2019

Degree level apprentices will earn **£50k more** over lifetime than graduate from non Russell Group university.





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Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Architecture and chartered planning
Construction and chartered surveying
Design and creative
Digital and technology
Engineering
Food and drink
Health and social care
Healthcare sciences
Leadership and management
Policing
Supply chain and packaging

These are
offered at
Sheffield
Hallam
University





Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

- Degree Apprenticeship with Foundation Degree
 - University of Sheffield
 - Clinical Psychology
 - Nursing
 - AMRC (Engineering, Product Design, Control Support)
- Top up degrees available.
- HNC in Engineering – Electrical or Mechanical – Sheffield College





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Art Foundation

Hillsborough College, Chesterfield College and
Leeds School of Art.

No tuition fees if completed in Y14 straight after
leaving school.

Really good broad-based study for creative routes.
Seek advice from the Art Dept.





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University

- About 325 institutions offer HE courses
- > 50,000 courses
- Max £9,250 tuition fees fixed to Sept 2024
- Vocational courses popular
- International student numbers will have dropped with Brexit and Covid-19
- 27% of students start university without 3 A levels e.g. BTECs etc.
- Strong application and reference will give more options





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University

Range of entry levels e.g. Chemistry

160 pts (A*A*A) Natural Science, Cambridge

136 pts (AAB) Chemistry 3yrs, Sheffield

112 pts (BBC) Chemistry 3yrs, Sheffield Hallam University

64 pts (DDE) 2yr FT Foundation Degree, Nottingham
Trent





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A level grade	UCAS points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16



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BTEC grade	UCAS points
D*/D*	112
D*/D	104
D/D	96
D/M	80
M/M	64
M/P	48
P/P	32





A typical student UCAS points score

EPQ = B

and

A level = ABB

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} 20 & + & 48 & + & 40 & + & 40 & = & \underline{148 \text{ points}} \\ \text{EPQ} & & \text{A} & & \text{B} & & \text{B} & & \end{array}$$

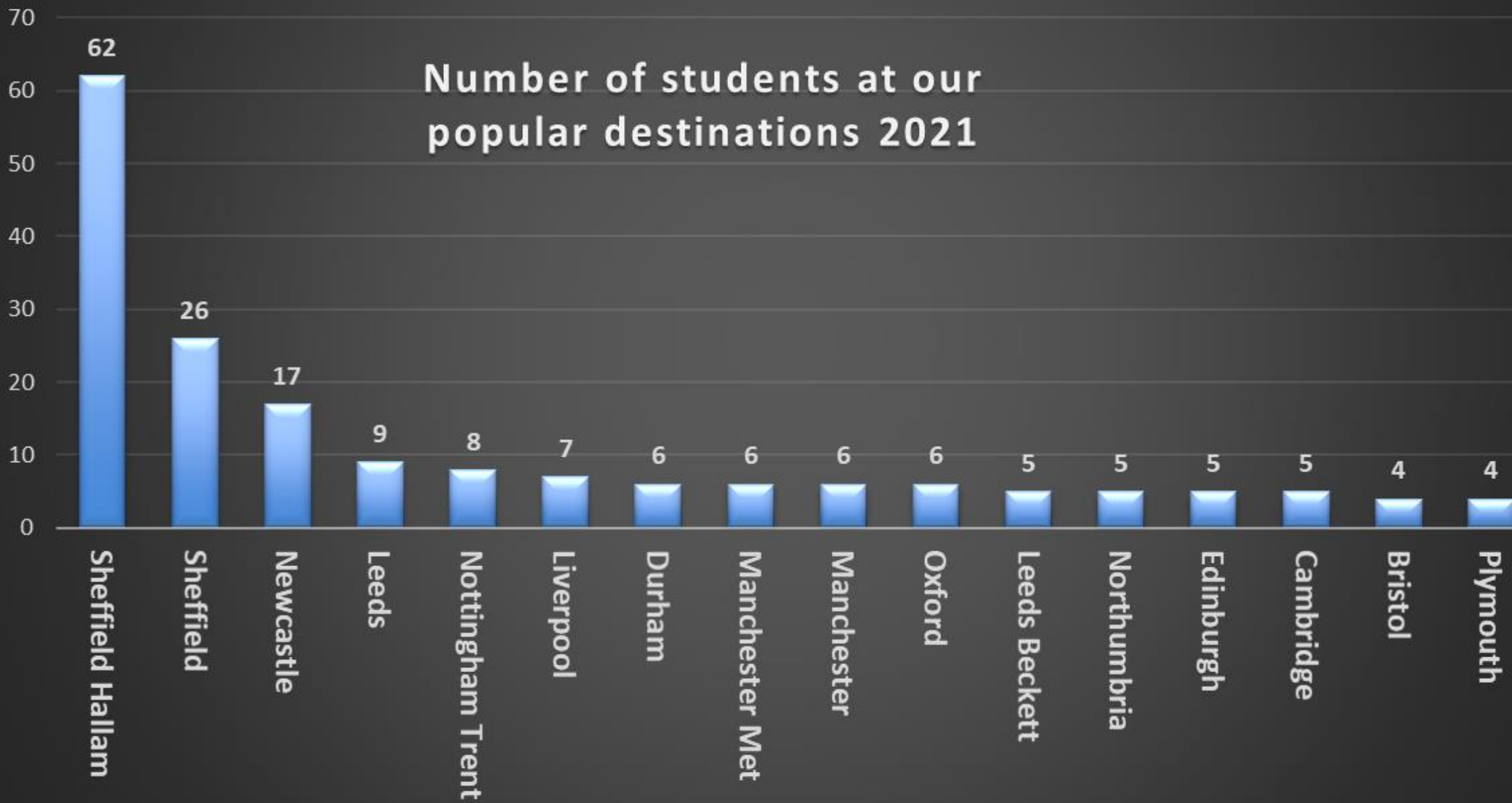
Or just 128 points from A levels





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Number of students at our popular destinations 2021





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Support for 'Early applicants'

Oxbridge (Oxford and Cambridge), Medics,
Vets and Dentists

- Workshops and visiting speakers
- Conferences
- Outreach opportunities
- Mock interviews





How to select a course

- What subject(s) to study?
- Correct subjects?
- Likely to get correct grades? Be honest.
- What's the application traffic like?
- Will it lead to the career you wish to follow?
- Is it worth the debt?
- Visit a **short** list of universities www.opendays.com (many offer online – virtual tours)
- Use www.ucas.com and www.ukcoursefinder.com
- Use the 'Key information sets' or KIS





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How to research options

Unifrog - search and application support tool

Searching for opportunities

UK universities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Apprenticeships

Make your first shortlist

Start >

College /
Sixth Form

You have 1 shortlist
[View shortlist](#)

Start >

Oxbridge

Make your first shortlist

Start >

US universities

Sorry, your school doesn't yet have this tool

European
universities

Make your first shortlist

Start >





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University - How do you apply?

Go to <http://www.ucas.com/> - apply 2023 (live from May 2022)

Personal details

5 choices

Exam results

Personal Statement

Pay online

KES check for validity and errors

Corrections if necessary

School adds reference

Access schemes to support some
students (UoFS, SHU, Leeds, possibly others)





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Advice for parents

www.ucas.com/parents

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/filling-your-ucas-undergraduate-application>

We post useful links and documents in the weekly Post 16 bulletin and also on Google Classroom.





Personal Statements

- 2/3 subject related learning and 1/3 personal interests
- Show motivation, commitment and enthusiasm for the chosen course
- Analyse experiences and skills and relate them to the course or subject
- Focused, interesting but honest
- Well written, no typos etc.





Personal Statement - advice

- Workshop with students in summer term
- Advice on www.ucas.ac.uk and www.ucas.tv and www.thestudentroom.co.uk/
- Use the tool on unifrog
- Plagiarism – don't. It will be flagged up.
- Ask form tutor or P16 Team.
- Build up 'super curricular' experiences.
MOOCs, TED, Journals, volunteering, work shadowing etc.





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Personal Statements – Comments from Admissions Tutors

- I don't look at it!
- Highly important!
- I look for students who will be interesting to teach
- It's the only way to tell those who are really interested in the subject from those who are just good at it
- It provides the information needed for a meaningful interview
- A good Personal Statement can make all the difference for borderline cases





Personal statements -Not so good

I enjoy the theatre and used to go a couple of times a year. *(Drama applicant)*

I would dearly love to become a vet.

Alternatively I would like to work with animals in either veterinary science or one of the associated industries, e.g. dentistry or animal chiropractor.

(Physiotherapy applicant – one personal statement has to cover all applications)





References

- Written by the form tutor (FT)
- Based on reports from subject teachers and in discussion with the student
- Requires engagement with [unifrog](#) so FT can see personal statement and other progression plans
- Includes predicted grades
- Honest but positive
- Time required





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Predicted grades

Optimistic and realistic.

Based on:

- Y12 performance (Y12 exams 3-13 May)
- teacher's professional opinion
- ALPS (from average GCSE score)





Offers - Decision time

- Conditional Offers. Points Offer eg. 120 and/or with specific grades e.g. 120 pts with B in Maths or just BBB
- **Firm** choice - you want to go there AND you have a good chance of getting the A level grades.
- **Insurance** choice - the A level grades are within your capability, lower than your firm choice **AND** you would be happy to go there.
- **Adjustment** or 'trade up'. If results exceed your offer can apply elsewhere.
- **Clearing** – over 70,000 students used this in 2021. Don't delay on results day.





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UCAS deadlines

Deadlines for **early entries** (Oxbridge, Medics, Vets and Dentists):

School – mid September

UCAS – 15th Oct

Deadlines for **all the rest** UCAS entries:

School – mid November

UCAS – 25th Jan





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Finance

Living costs

Accommodation £150 - 170/week

Food

Everything else (travel, entertainment, clothes, social activities, insurance and mobile)

Typically £800/month

Educational

Tuition Fees (£9,250/yr for Sept 2023)

Books, equipment, stationery, photocopying and field trips





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Help with costs

From Student Finance England

Maintenance loan – means tested. With household income of <£25k £7987 (home) or £9488 (living away) down to half of that, when household income rises to £70k. [Calculator](#). Most report the amount is too small

Tuition Fee loan – all get £9,250

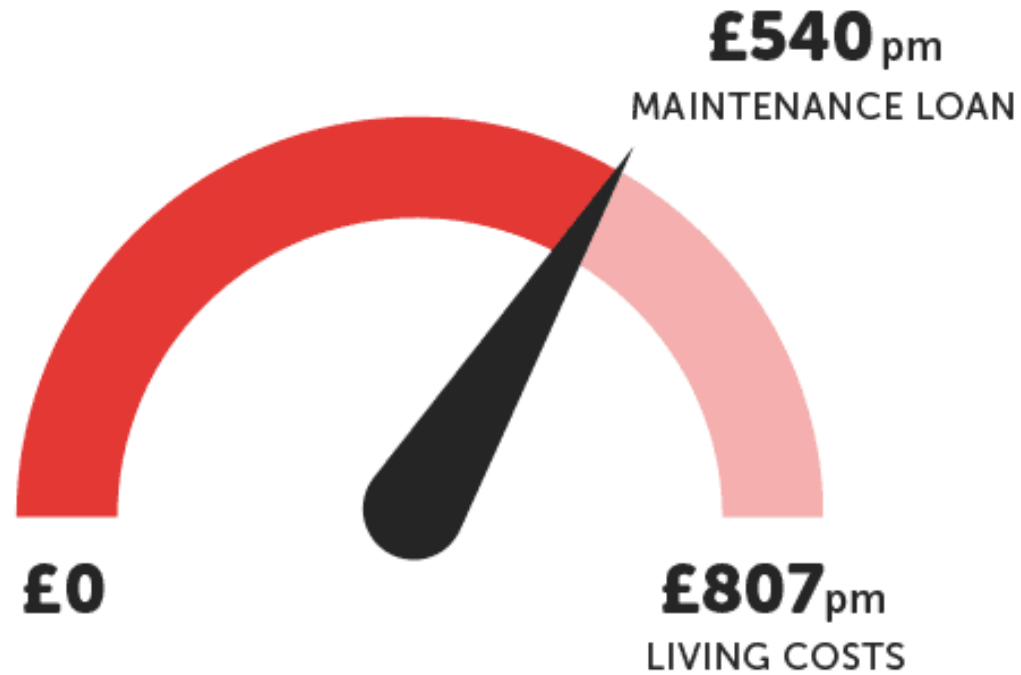
Also for some courses specific students might get:
Grant Bursary, Access Bursary etc. Also see

<https://www.grantfairy.com/>





Closing the gap



Maintenance loan does **not** cover the cost of living.

A challenge for many students.

Finding £270pcm?

- Job
- Parents
- Savings
- Bank loans / overdraft





Student Finance

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview>



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Student finance login

Log in or sign up to student finance online. You can:

- view your statements and letters from Student Finance England
- support somebody else's application if you're the parent or partner of a student
- track an existing application
- check when your payments are due
- update [some of your personal or application details](#)
- reset your password or find your customer reference number
- apply for finance as a new or continuing student

[Start now >](#)

on the Student Finance
England website

Before you start

You'll be given a customer reference number (CRN) and asked to create a password and secret answer when you set up your account. You need these each time you log in. They're sent by post if you don't apply online.

Student finance, loans and universities

[Student finance](#)

[Student finance: how to apply](#)

[Student finance forms](#)

[Contact Student Finance England](#)

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Student Loans – a ‘graduate tax’

- Start repaying at 9% of income:
 - April after you have finished your course.
 - Once you are earning over £25,000 per year (£2,083 per month)
 - Repayment period from 30 to 40 years for 2023 starters

Annual income	Monthly repayment
£25,000	£0
£27,000	£15
£30,000	£37
£33,000	£60
£35,000	£75
£40,000	£112

[DfE announcement](#)





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Student Loans – a ‘graduate tax’

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/>

Interest = RPI (this was RPI +3%)

A ‘graduate contribution’ system

9% extra tax above £25,000 for 40 years

<https://www.itv.com/hub/the-martin-lewis-money-show-live/2a1827a0126>





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Supporting students

Check the weekly bulletin and e-mails from the P16 Pastoral team

Help them engage with **unifrog** preparation material with support from Year Leaders and Tutors

Unifrog [parental log in](#) (your form code is) kingedwardVIIparents





Summary

- Research your options - [unifrog](#)
- If university make a **visit** and discuss your choices
 - so that you know enough about all five choices to be glad you applied to them
 - so that when you have to make your final decision you have all the information you need
- Look at apprenticeship fairs
- Spend time on your CV or Personal Statement - [unifrog](#)
- Maximise your chances by being realistic
- Be organised and respond by the due dates





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Questions?

Please post your questions in the chat and we will try to answer them

