

# Belfairs Academy Post 16 University & UCAS Information Evening

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# Key Staff

- **Mr Bakonyvari**

Director of Post 16

- **Mrs Rabone-King**

Assistant Director of Post 16

- **Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Talbott**

Post 16 Learning Mentors

- **Tutor team**



# Objectives

- **To explain the application process to university**
- To understand what resources the students have in the application process
- **To identify the issues students should be considering in their search for a university course**
- To explain the current system regarding student finance – **by ‘Make Happen’**



**To answer questions you may have**



# University – Setting the Scene

- 167 higher education providers in the UK and over 200 more alternative providers
- Over 50,000 undergraduate courses



# UCAS – University and Colleges Admissions Service

- Manage majority of all higher education applications in the UK

UCAS



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# The Application Process

- Step 1 Choosing courses
- Step 2 Applying
- Step 3 Offers
- Step 4 Results
- Step 5 Next steps
- Step 6 Starting university or college



# Step 1 – Choosing Courses

- Which course?
- Where?
- What are their entry requirements?
- How much will it cost?
- What is the actual qualification you receive?
- How is the course structured?
- What modules do you study?
- What employment history is there for graduates of the course?



# Resources for Students

- Thursday after school sessions
- Unifrog
- University Superfair
- Personal Statement writing session
- University outreach teams
- The Post 16 Team





# Entry Requirements

- Graded e.g. BBC
- Tariff points e.g. 120 points
- Subject combinations specified
- Additional requirements



<b>A Level GCE Qualifications</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points for Full A Level</b>	<b>Points for AS Level</b>
A*	56	-
A	48	20
B	40	16
C	32	12
D	24	10
E	16	6

<b>Vocational (BTEC / Cambridge Tech) Qualifications</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points for Introductory/Subsidiary Diploma</b>	<b>Points for Certificate</b>
D*	56	28
D	48	24
M	32	16
P	16	8

<b>Vocational (BTEC / Cambridge Tech) Double Award Qualifications</b>	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points for Diploma</b>
D*D*	112
D*D	104
DD	96
DM	80
MM	64
MP	48
PP	32



# Advice for Students

- Go to open days
- Enrol on taster courses and summer schools – most are free
- You can find open days on [ucas.com](https://www.ucas.com)
- Get relevant work experience
- Ask family, friends, professionals
- Wednesday workshops in school



# Step 2 - Applying

- All applications are made via UCAS website
- £20 for 1 course choice, £25 for 2 or more
- Universities do not see details of other institutions the students have applied for
- Students to register with us in the weekly workshops



# Choices

- **Can apply for up to 5 courses**
- Only 4 choices allowed for medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine/science
- Only 1 choice can be Cambridge **or** Oxford
- If you apply for less than 5, additional courses can be added up to 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Recommend:
  - 2 aspirational
  - 2 realistic
  - 1 insurance



# Things to consider

- Campus or City?
- Accommodation
- Distance to lectures
- Social life
- Distance home
- Cost of living, i.e. food
- Resources – ICT, libraries etc.
- Extra curricular



# Extra information

- League tables e.g. The Guardian or The Times
- The Student Room [www.thestudentroom.co.uk](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk)
- Unistats <http://unistats.direct.gov.uk>
- The Complete University Guide  
<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>
- Facebook and twitter – most universities have official sites



# Deadlines

- UCAS deadline **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**
- Belfairs deadline **15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**
- Applications for medicine, dentistry, veterinary/Oxford/Cambridge and some NHS and Art/Design courses is **15<sup>th</sup> October 2019**
- Late applications are considered up to 30<sup>th</sup> June if there are vacancies
- The earlier you make the application the better – our advice is aim for the end of October / beginning of November





# Specialist Courses

- Some specialist Music courses have an early application deadline – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019
- If you're interested in applying to a Conservatoire, please see Mr Bakonyvari
- Art foundation courses – local SEEVIC/SEC courses do not require a UCAS application



# Personal Statement

- Key aspect of application
- Must be honest and a true reflection of the student
- Should focus on why they want to study this subject and what skills they can demonstrate that make them a suitable candidate
- Consider prior achievements, voluntary work, work experience etc.
- If you haven't done anything – think now about how you can change that, you have the summer ahead of you!
- Students will receive guidance at school via UCAS workshops and will have 1-1 support from their tutors



# Applying Continued

- Once the application is complete and the payment is made it is returned to us within the Belfairs application system for final checking and the addition of the teacher reference
- We then submit it to UCAS
- This takes time – the earlier you organise yourself, the more efficient the process is.



# Applying Continued

- You must remember to update your details if anything changes over the year
- Deferred applications – students should discuss with individual universities and not assume this will be ok
- Make sure you have checked the details of the courses thoroughly (e.g. for finance)
- Disabilities, SEN and medical conditions – contact should be made early to the university



# Step 3 – Offers

- Students will receive offers any time from submission to the end of March
- Offers are usually conditional – either points or grades
- Students must then select their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice and submit these to UCAS by the deadline given in their UCAS track page
- They should do this in consultation with their tutor, Mr Bakonyvari and their tutor... and you!
- UCAS **Extra/Clearing/Adjustment**



# UCAS Extra

- For students that do not get any offers, or for those that withdraw from all offers (or a combination of the two)
- Rolling application to one university at a time
- If this is accepted by the university, they must withdraw or accept that offer



# Step 4 - Results

- On results day, places are automatically confirmed by UCAS
- You do not get a choice between your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices – if you get the grades to the 1<sup>st</sup>, you are committed to taking up the offer
- If you do not get the required grades or wish to not take your choices, you are released into **Clearing**



# Step 5 – Next Steps

- **Clearing** – for students who have not met the requirements for entry to either their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice
- **Adjustment** – for students who have exceeded their entry requirements and would like to try to get into a higher entry course – *your place at your firm choice is held until you have exhausted this process*





# Time Scales

- Research Starts now
- Register with UCAS This Week
- Personal statement July – Oct
- Final application Oct – Dec
- Offers By March
- Acceptance By May
- Results August 2020
- Start University September 2020!



# Next Steps

- Start thinking and researching – you need 5 choices for your final application
- **Plan visits to open days on weekends and in holidays – they are starting now**
- Tutor discussions in registration
- Plan for the summer to boost your application – work experience, jobs, extra skills etc.
- **The UCAS website has lots of information and advice on all aspects of the application process**



# Don't Forget

- UCAS offer information on other aspects of your future
  - Degree Apprenticeships
  - Careers
  - Apprenticeships
  - Internships
  - Gap Years



# Guest Speaker

- Lucy Moir from '**Make Happen**', an organisation that represents the higher education providers of Essex
- Will talk to you about student finance

