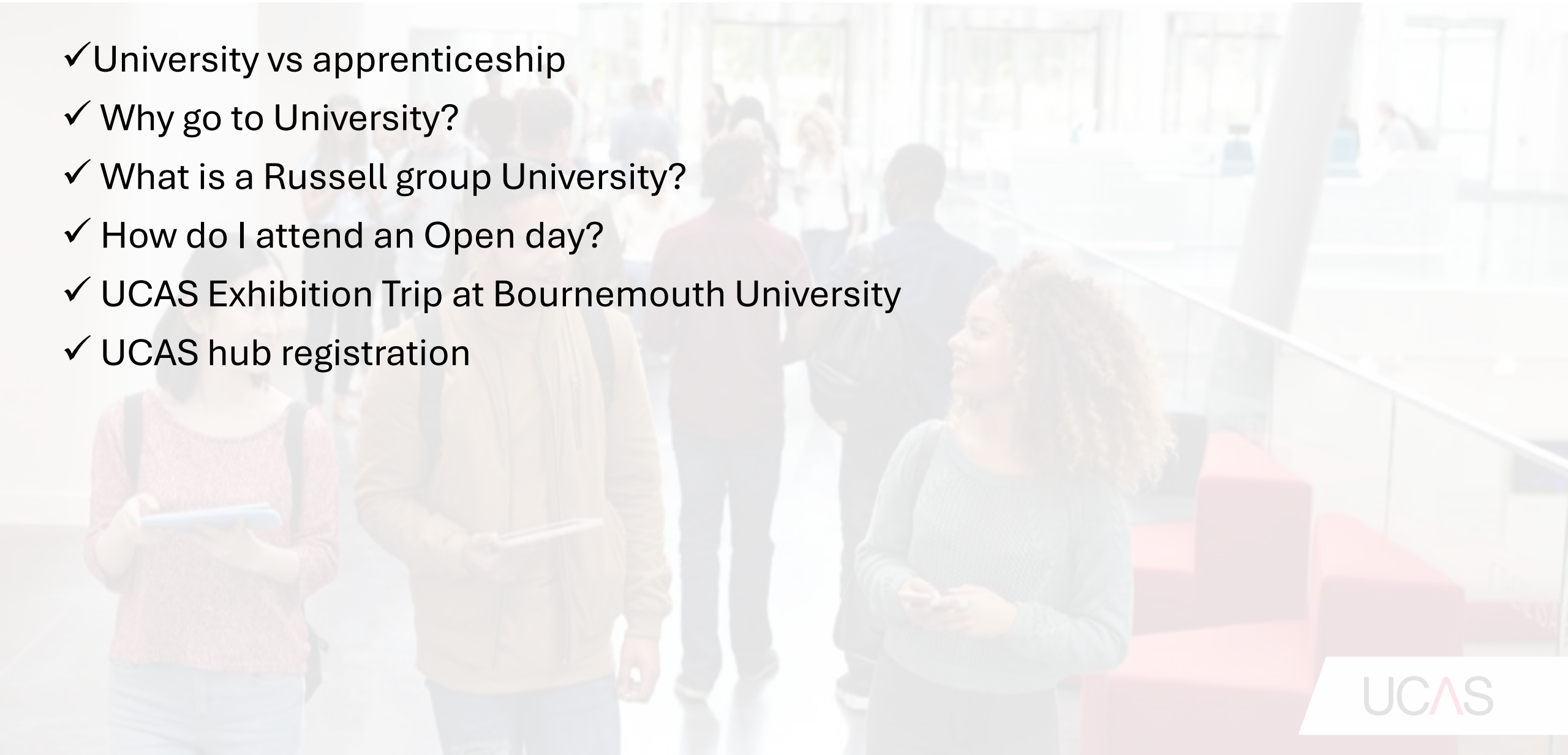
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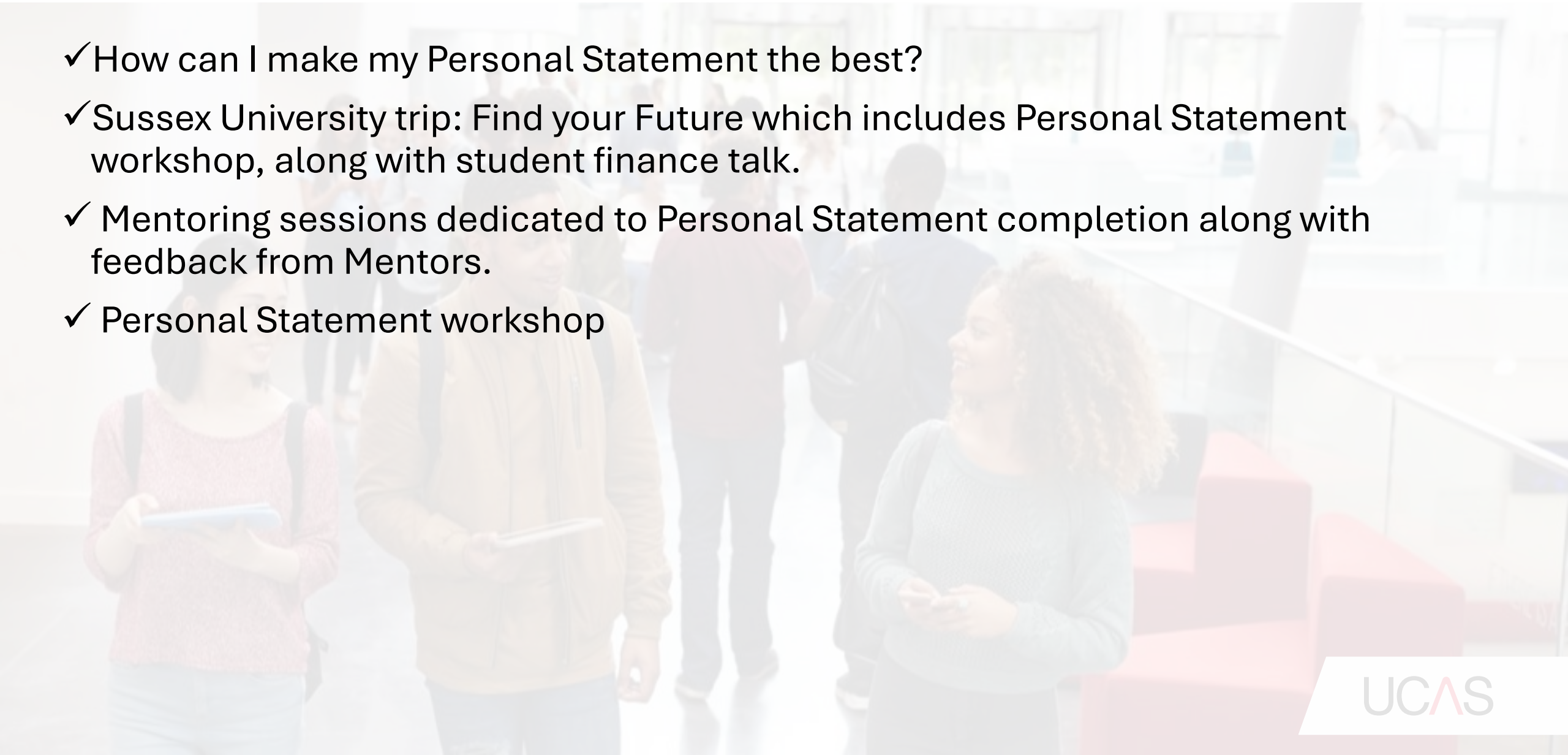
The Year 12 journey so far…..



- ✓University vs apprenticeship
- ✓ Why go to University?
- ✓ What is a Russell group University?
- ✓ How do I attend an Open day?
- ✓ UCAS Exhibition Trip at Bournemouth University
- ✓ UCAS hub registration

The Year 12 journey still to come.....

- ✓How can I make my Personal Statement the best?
- ✓Sussex University trip: Find your Future which includes Personal Statement workshop, along with student finance talk.
- ✓ Mentoring sessions dedicated to Personal Statement completion along with feedback from Mentors.
- ✓ Personal Statement workshop



The UCAS journey…..

YEAR 12 SUMMER TERM:

RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH

FIRST DRAFTS OF PERSONAL STATEMENT

SEPTEMBER AUTUMN TERM:

FINAL DRAFTS COMPLETED WITH TUTORS

OCTOBER AUTUMN TERM:

PERSONAL STATEMENTS FINISHED
APPLICATIONS SENT

YEAR 12 INTO 13 SUMMER BREAK:

VOLUNTEERING
SUPER CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO BOOST YOUR CV/ PERSONAL STATEMENT

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER AUTUMN TERM:

ONE TO ONE MEETINGS WITH MRS POTTER
EARLY ENTRIES SENT!

YOUR HUB JOURNEY

UCAS



1 GET STARTED: REGISTER ON THE HUB

2 BUILD YOUR PROFILE

Explore your favourite subjects, universities, employers, courses, apprenticeships, and more. Create a list of all your options.

3 TAKE THE CAREERS QUIZ

What would you like to do? Find careers that match your personality, interests, and skills.

4 TRY SUBJECT TASTERS

Grab the popcorn and hear real lecturers covering topics you would actually study. Try before you apply. You even get a certificate at the end!

5 EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORK

Get work experience with top employers like Airbus, the Met Office, and Amazon Future Engineer. Perfect for CVs, applications, and personal statements.



6 FAVOURITE YOUR TOP CAREERS

Click or tap the heart to save what you love as favourites. Not sure which is right for you? We'll show you what's out there.

7 UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR APPRENTICESHIP?

Compare all your options side-by-side. Take a closer look at apprenticeships, courses, and job opportunities.

8 DIVE INTO SUBJECT AND INDUSTRY GUIDES

Discover what it's like to study a subject, the career and salary opportunities available, and see what current students and apprentices think.

9 CHAT TO CURRENT STUDENTS

Get messaging! Ask questions, get advice, and see if the university, subject, and location are a good fit for you.



10 ATTEND A LOCAL UCAS DISCOVERY EVENT

Chat with people from different universities and companies. Open your eyes to new options and grab some giveaways.

11 KNOW YOUR FINANCE OPTIONS

Learn about potential study costs and funding options, including student loans and scholarships.

12 BOOK AN OPEN DAY

Get ready for a great day out! You'll get to see the facilities on campus, speak to current staff and students, and explore the local area.

13 MAKE A SHORTLIST

Shortlist your favourite options: university courses, apprenticeship pathways, and further education. Use the Historical Entry Grades Tool to understand the grade profiles previously accepted by universities.

14 STILL DECIDING?

See if a gap year or internship is the best choice for you.

15 START YOUR APPLICATION

Clear on your next step? Then it's time to start applying!

EXPLORE THE HUB: UCAS.COM/HUB

Start your discovery journey

Your Hub

Your personalised homepage and discovery hub

Hub | For you | Favourites | What to do | Where to go | Search

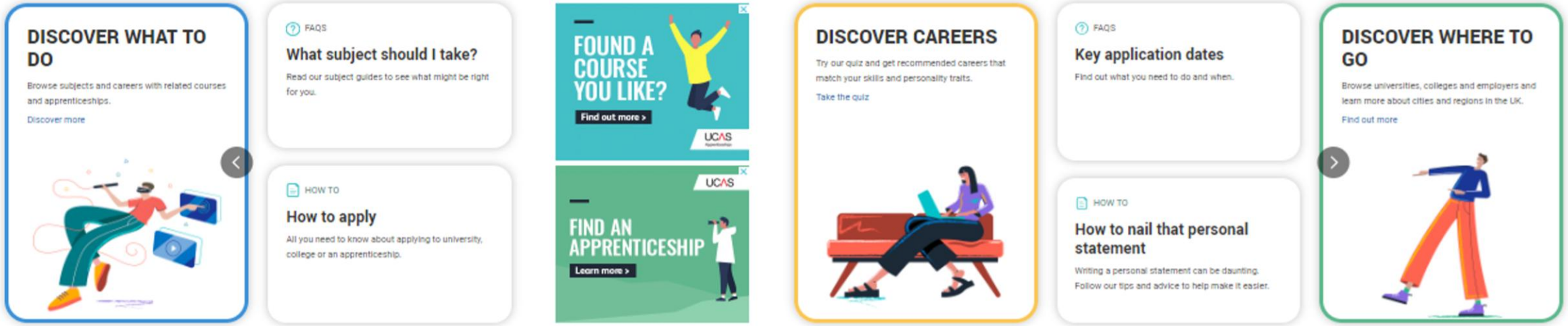
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You're applying for Undergraduate courses in 2027 - Change year

Start an application

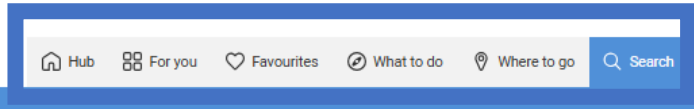
Apply to universities, colleges, or conservatoires to study degrees, HNDs, HNCs, masters degrees, postgraduate diplomas, and doctorates.

Start an application



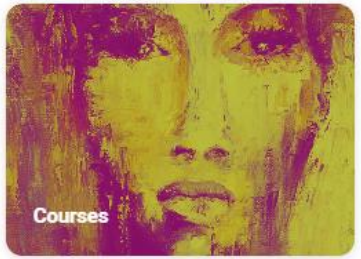
Search

Courses, apprenticeships, information guides and more





Browse by













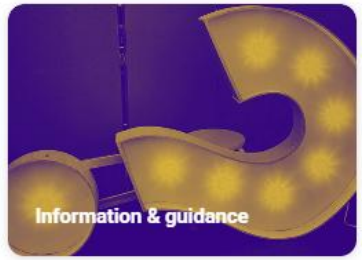












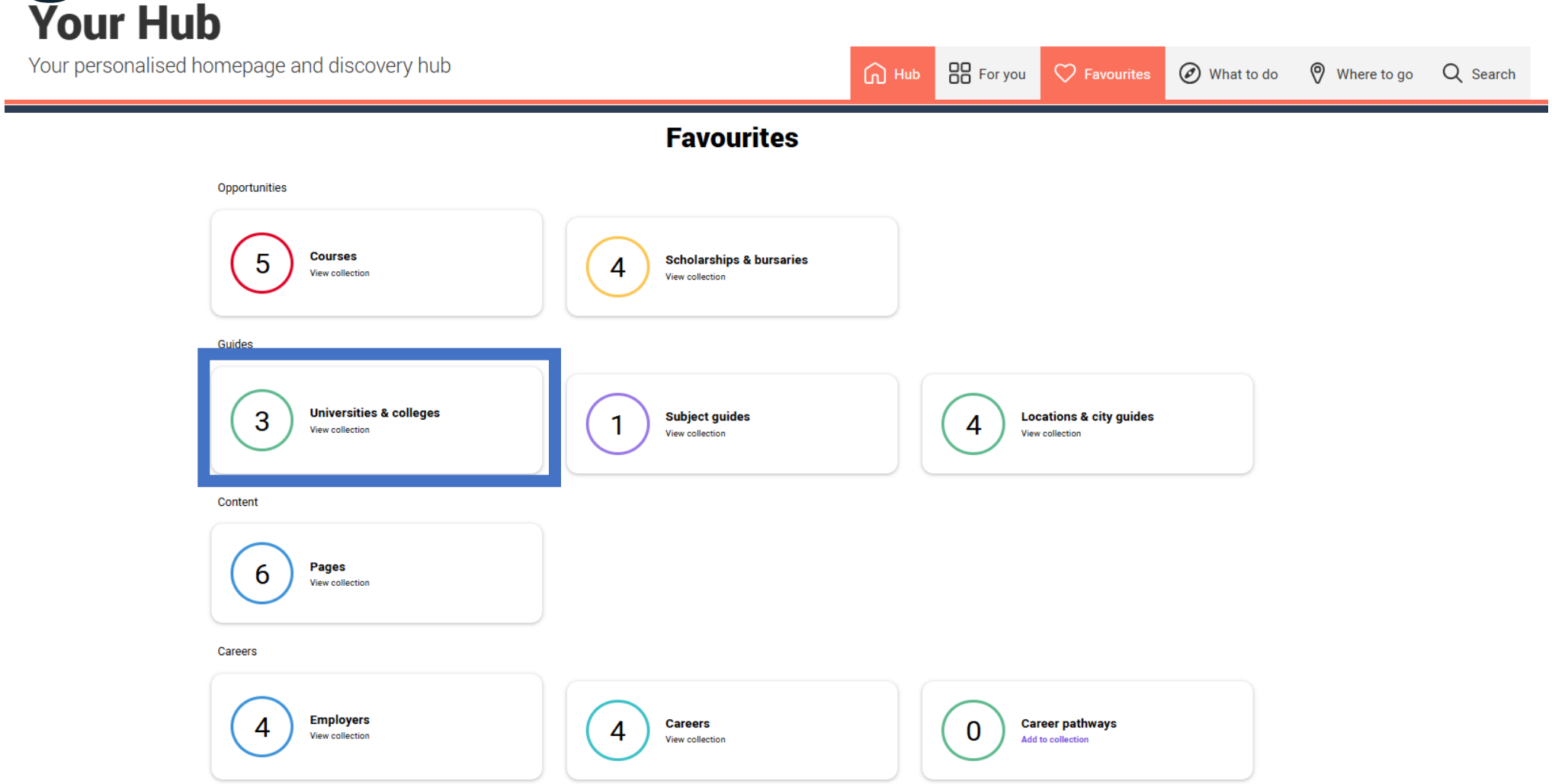








Build your profile. Favourite as you go.



Favourite courses

List Grid

You can shortlist up to 5 courses



Animal Bioscience and Management

University Centre Askham Bryan

BSc (Hons) · 3 Years · Full-time · York · 2025

UCAS Tariff: 84 points

Add to Shortlist



Accounting and Finance

University of Plymouth

No option selected, please visit the course details page to review and favourite the available options.

UCAS Tariff: N/A

Add to Shortlist



3D Animation and Visualisation

Glasgow Caledonian University

BSc (Hons) · 4 Years · Full-time · Glasgow · 2026

UCAS Tariff: N/A

Add to Shortlist



Accountancy and Business Law

University of Stirling

BAcc (Hon) · 4 Years · Full-time · Stirling · 2026

UCAS Tariff: N/A

Add to Shortlist



Close

Subject spotlights

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- Anglia Ruskin University
- Bangor University
- Bournemouth University
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- City St George's, University of London
- Coventry University
- Coventry University London
- Edge Hill University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Leeds Beckett University
- Liverpool Hope University
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- New England Institute Of Technology
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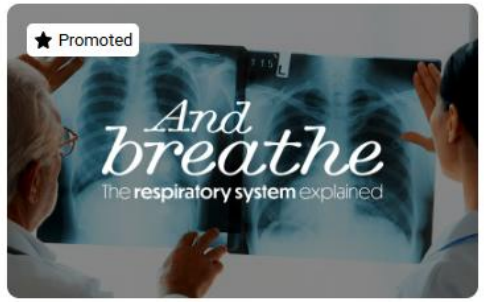
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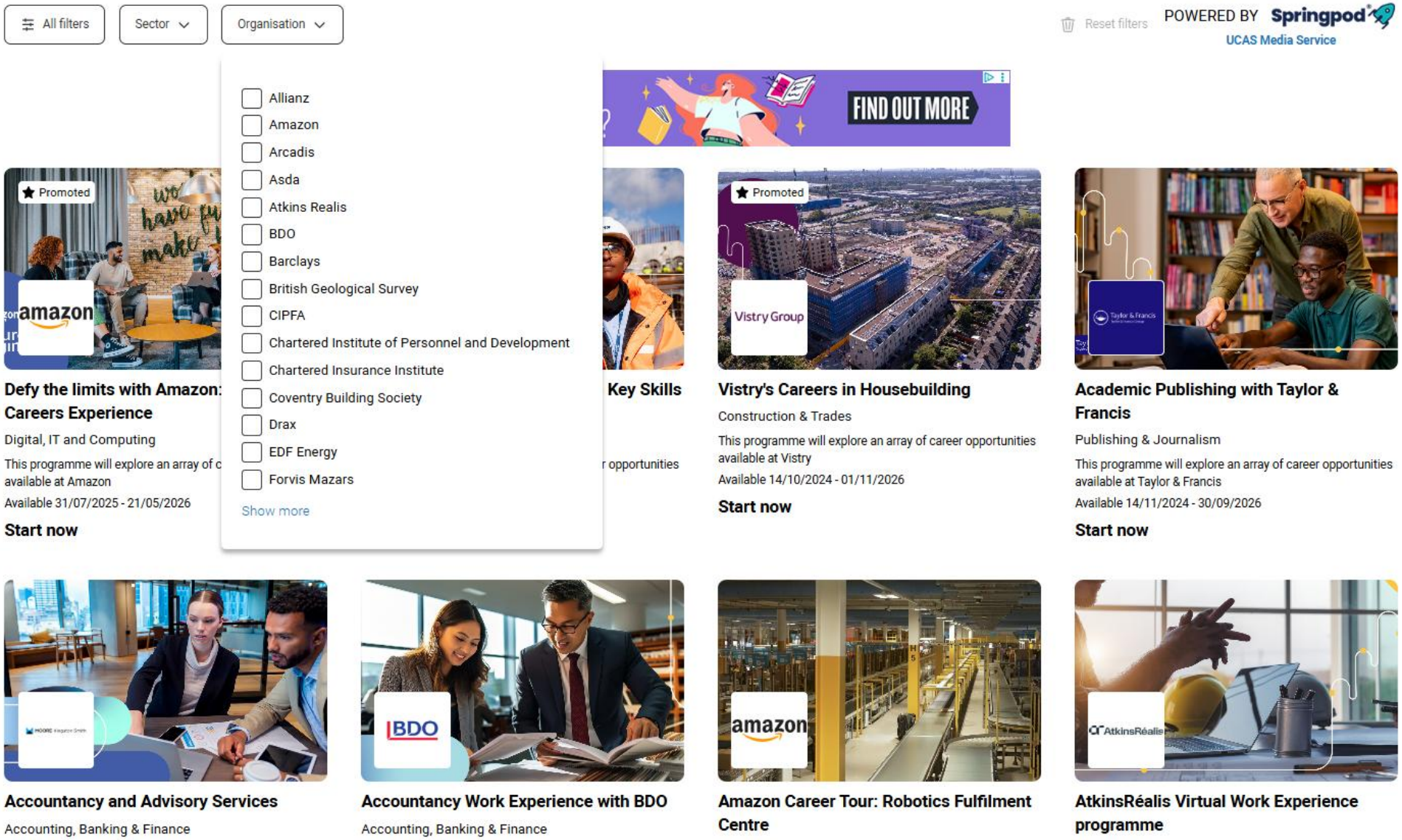
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with Mike Meehan from University of Law

Virtual work experience



Which University? Which Course?



How many Higher Education providers are there in the UK?

How many different courses do you think there are in the UK?

What do they need to consider when looking at university and course options?

Higher Education

There are over 37,000 courses and 395 providers in the UK.



Many different routes available including:

Foundation Degrees

Joint/Combined Courses

Sandwich/Placement Courses

Degree Apprenticeships

They can also…

Continue a current subject

Develop a personal interest

Start something completely new



Research

There are a number of things applicants must consider when researching Universities, such as:

- Ensuring it is a subject they **enjoy** – investing time, money, and effort.
- Do they have the **correct entry grades, including GCSEs?**
- Ensuring it is right for their **career path** – check with employers and check graduate jobs.
- Location – city/rural, transport links, accommodation, shops.
- Location- city vs campus? *For example UCL vs Sussex*.
- Location – course? *For example Exeter (Devon vs Cornwall)*.
- Extra-curricular activities?
- Finances? Cost of living?



Choosing the right course

How is the course taught?

- Most courses combine lectures, seminars, tutorials, and practicals. They should research this.
- They should think about their preferred learning styles – structured teaching or more time completing research?
- How much group work will be done in seminars?
- How many lectures are there?
- Who are the tutors?
- What subject areas do tutors specialise in?

Universities use a whole range of assessment methods including exams, project work, presentations (individual or in groups), practical assessment, and dissertations.



Choosing the right course

Course subject area	% time in lectures / seminars – ranges from	
Business	12%	44%
Engineering	19%	36%
History	12%	26%
Law	14%	39%
Physics	20%	45%
Psychology	13%	28%

Course subject area	Lowest % coursework	Highest percentage coursework
Computing	47%	91%
Engineering	10%	74%
English	34%	86%
Law	16%	60%
Physics	22%	72%
French	21%	82%

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Open Days

University open days are a valuable experience because they help students make informed choices about where and what to study.

These can be found here: opendays.com university and college open days

- Visiting the campus in person helps students judge whether the environment, facilities, accommodation, and location suit their preferences and lifestyle.
- Open days also provide opportunities to ask specific questions about entry requirements, careers, support services, and student life, which can increase confidence and reduce uncertainty when applying.
- Overall, they help students decide not just which university looks good on paper, but which one feels right for them.



UCAS Apply



Key facts

- Application is entirely online.
- Maximum of five choices.
- Some choice restrictions:
  - Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry (maximum of four)
  - Oxford or Cambridge
- Simple application cost:
  - Up to five choices – £34.50 *(*Students in receipt of free school meals will have this fee waivered. They must include this on their application form and notify Mrs Potter.)*



When to apply?

- **15 October 2026 for 2027 entry** at **18:00 (UK time)** – any course at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later, but don't forget you can only have five choices in total.

- **13 January 2027 for 2027 entry at 18:00 (UK time)** – for the majority of courses.

Some course providers require additional admissions tests to be taken alongside the UCAS application, and these will have a deadline.



When to apply?

Because they are applying through Sixth Form, they are strongly advised to follow the internal deadlines.

This gives us enough time to read their application, check they have entered their qualifications correctly, write and attach their reference, and submit your application to UCAS in plenty of time.

All applications must be considered before the national deadlines, however this does not stop Universities giving out offers beforehand.



Now…	UCAS research tutor sessions with support and guidance from mentors.

Now…	UCAS tutor sessions with support and guidance from mentors. Personal statements.
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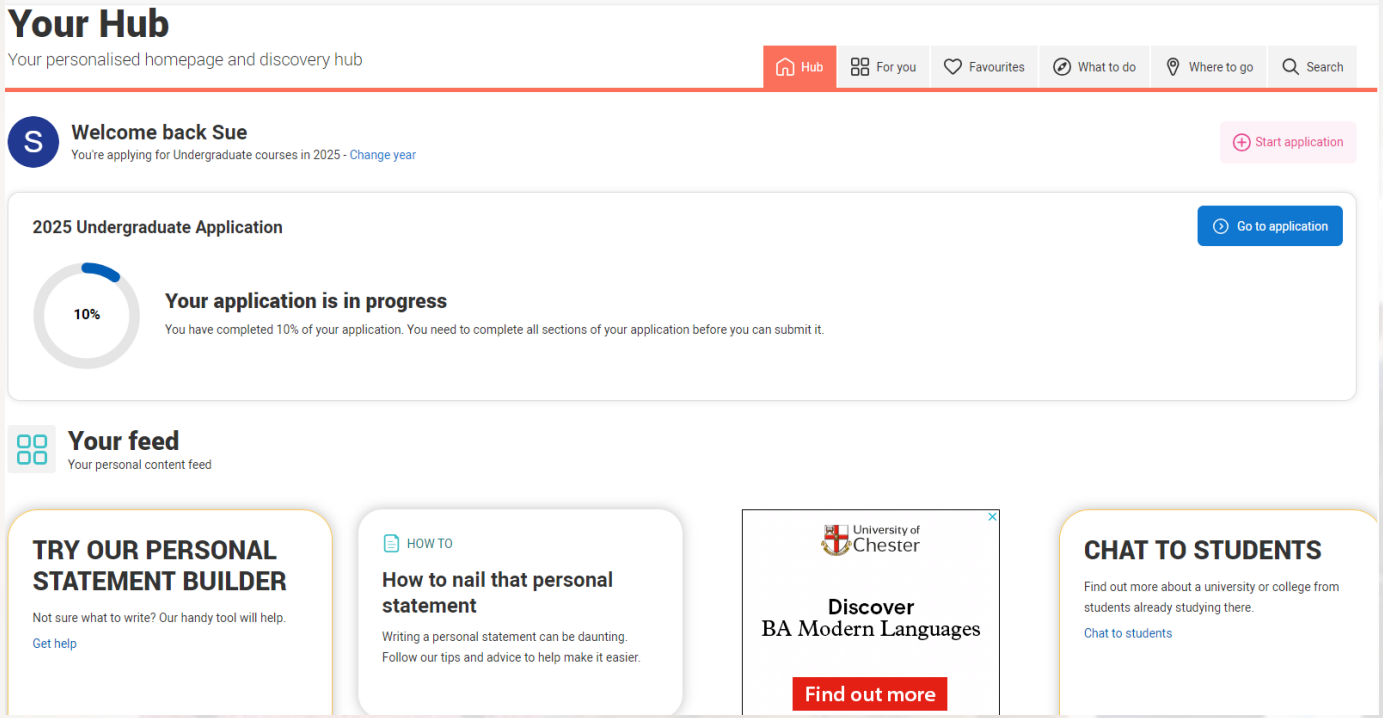
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Completing the UCAS application



Six sections to complete:

1. Personal details
2. Additional information
3. Choices
4. Education
5. Employment
6. Personal statement

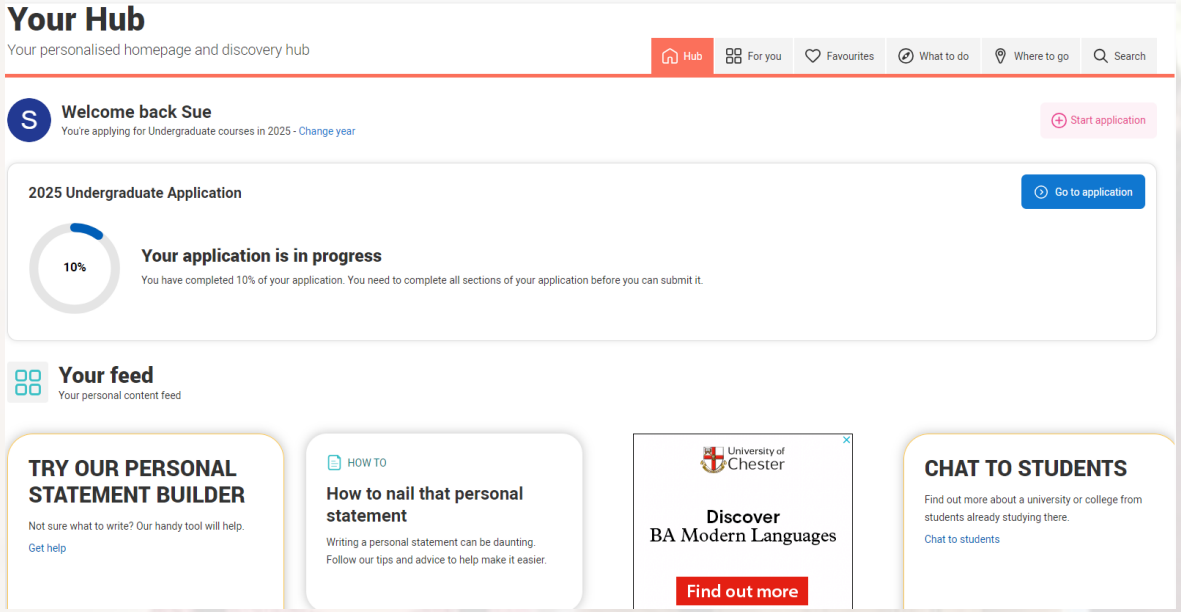
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Tutor, subject teachers and Head of Sixth Form adds reference

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UCAS → Universities/colleges

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Personal Statements

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Completing the UCAS application

Every student receives a bespoke reference, written by subject teachers, tutors and Head of Sixth Form.

Predicted grades are informed by the End of Year 12 Summer exams.

These exams begin **Monday 15th June**.

Offers from universities will be based on these grades.

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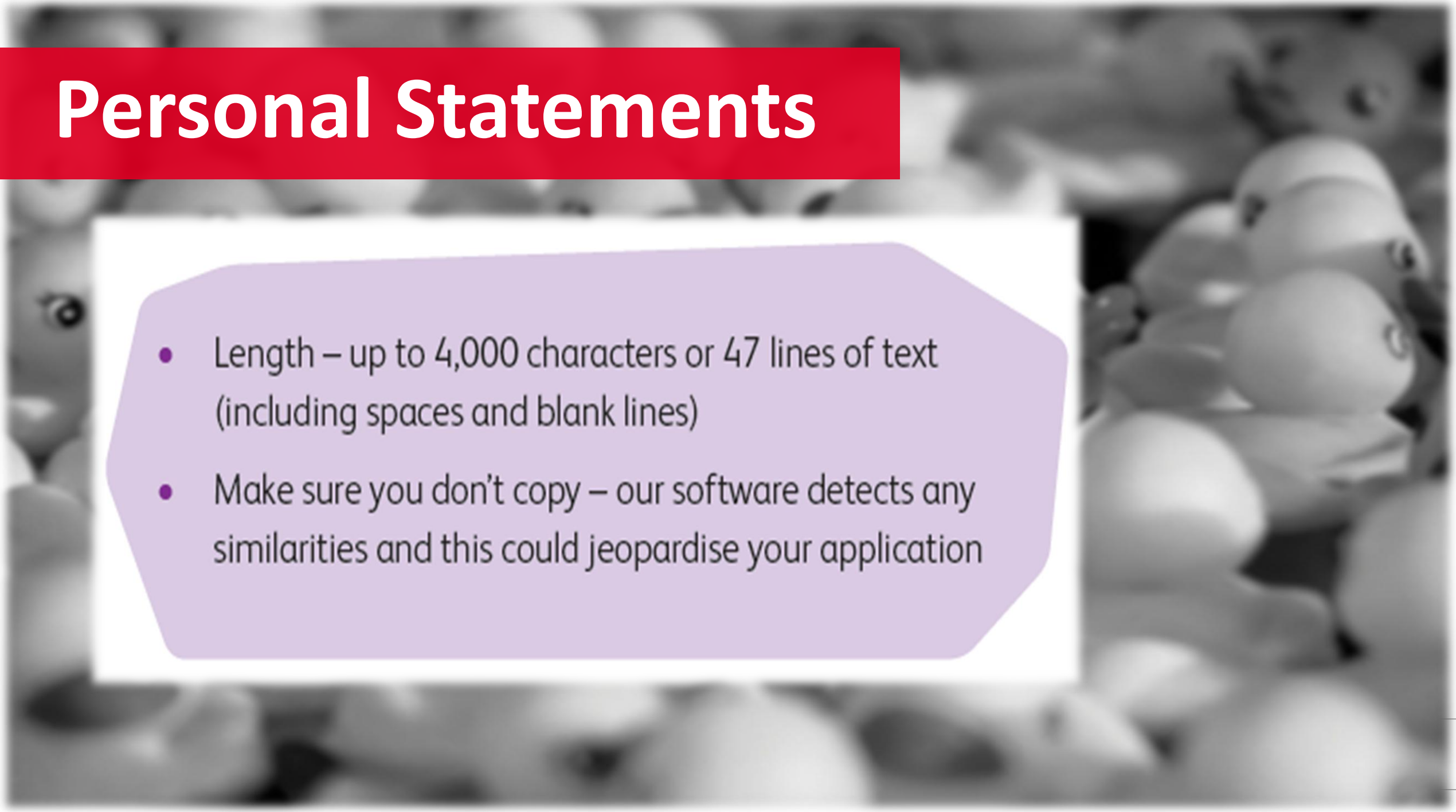
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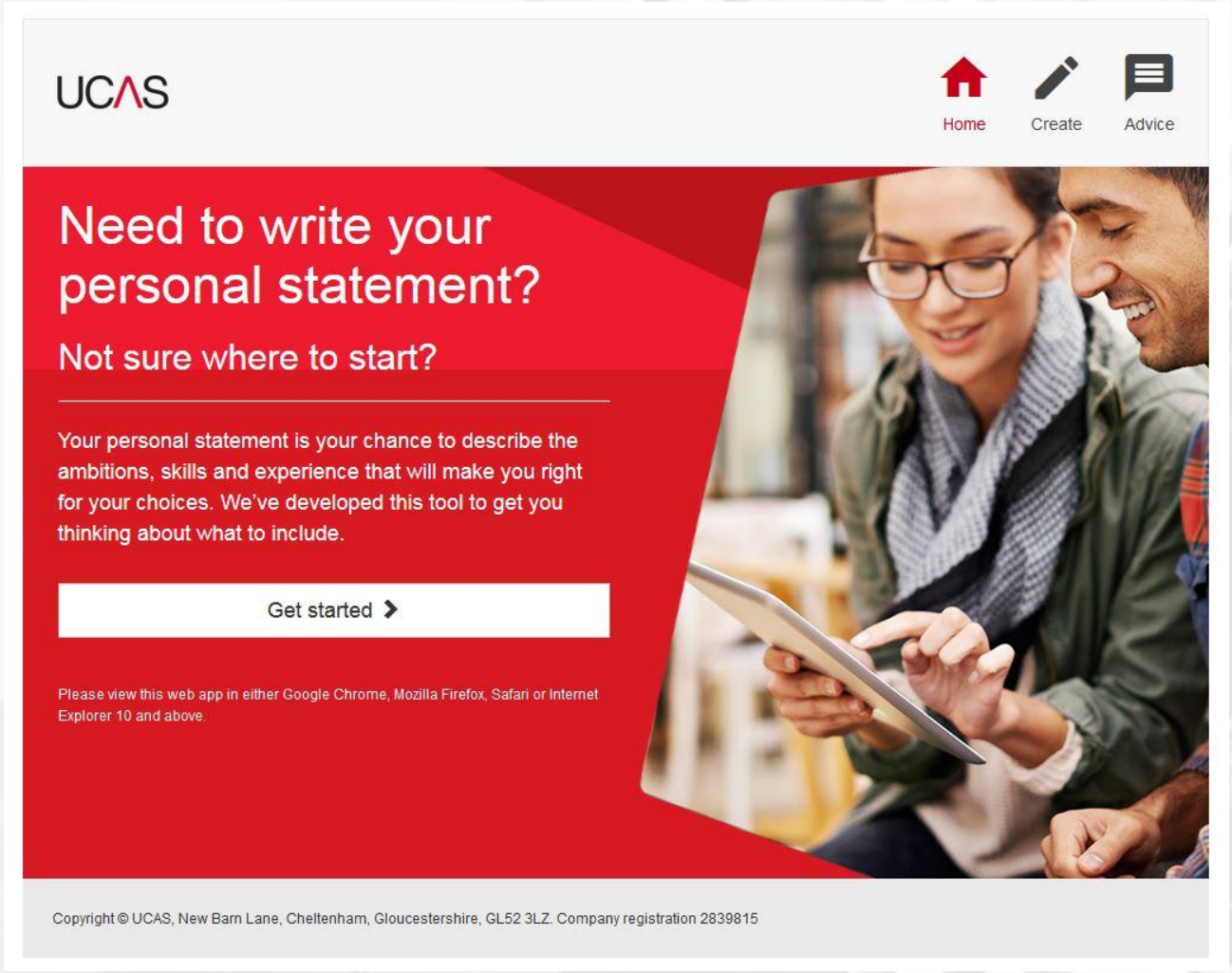


Personal Statements



- Length – up to 4,000 characters or 47 lines of text (including spaces and blank lines)
- Make sure you don't copy – our software detects any similarities and this could jeopardise your application

Guidance


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Home
Create
Advice
Need to write your personal statement?
Not sure where to start?
Your personal statement is your chance to describe the ambitions, skills and experience that will make you right for your choices. We've developed this tool to get you thinking about what to include.
Get started
Please view this web app in either Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari or Internet Explorer 10 and above.
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Guidance

Personal statements use a new, three-question format, replacing the previous single-page text to provide structure and clarity for applicants.

The questions are:

1) Why do you want to study this course/subject? (focus on specific motivations and interests),

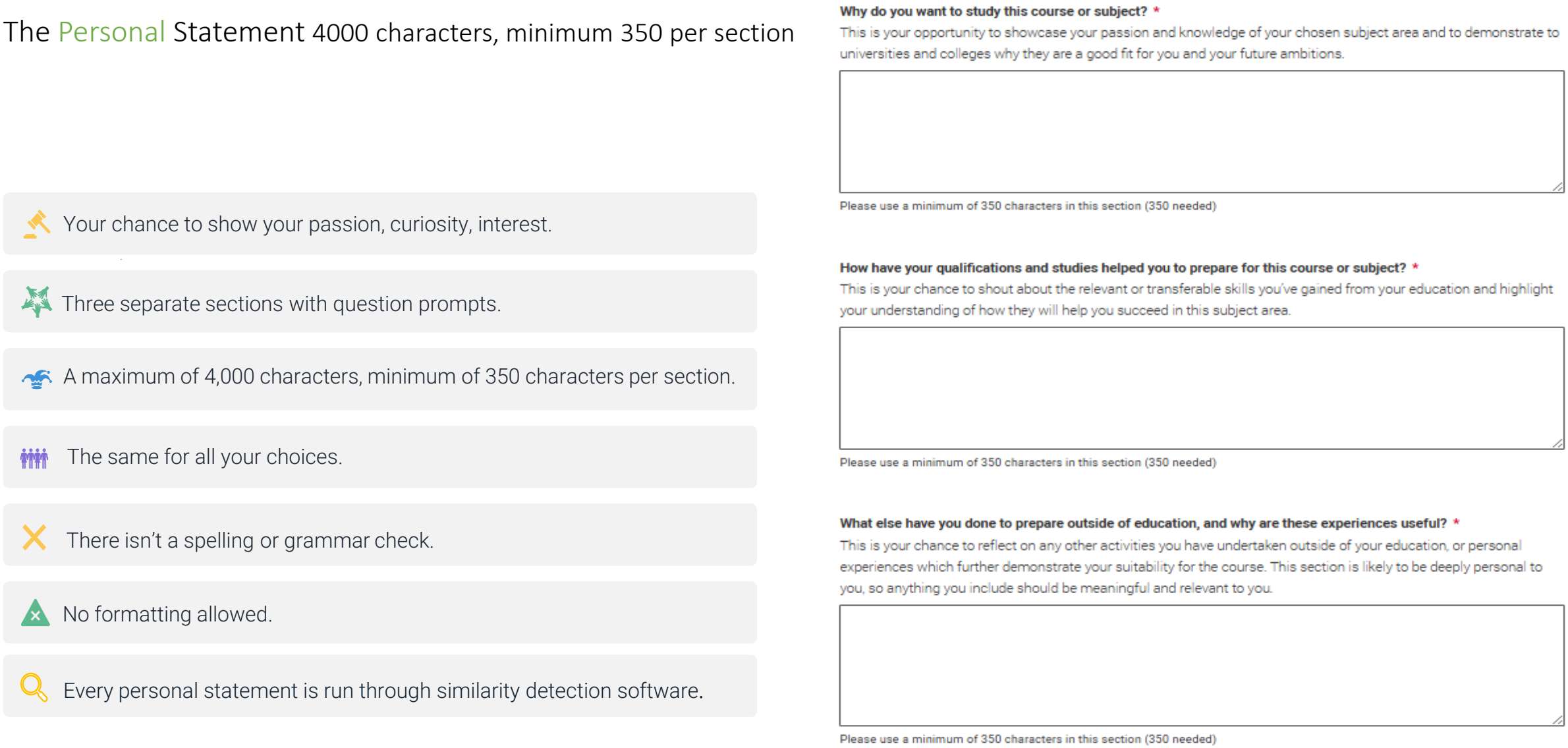
2) How have your qualifications and studies prepared you for this course? (demonstrate relevant skills and knowledge gained from your academic work), and

3) What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why is it valuable? (discuss relevant work experience, volunteering, or hobbies).



The Personal Statement 4000 characters, minimum 350 per section

- Your chance to show your passion, curiosity, interest.
- Three separate sections with question prompts.
- A maximum of 4,000 characters, minimum of 350 characters per section.
- The same for all your choices.
- There isn't a spelling or grammar check.
- No formatting allowed.
- Every personal statement is run through similarity detection software.



Why do you want to study this course or subject? *

This is your opportunity to showcase your passion and knowledge of your chosen subject area and to demonstrate to universities and colleges why they are a good fit for you and your future ambitions.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)

How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject? *

This is your chance to shout about the relevant or transferable skills you've gained from your education and highlight your understanding of how they will help you succeed in this subject area.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)

What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful? *

This is your chance to reflect on any other activities you have undertaken outside of your education, or personal experiences which further demonstrate your suitability for the course. This section is likely to be deeply personal to you, so anything you include should be meaningful and relevant to you.

Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)

Points to remember

- They will need a strong opening paragraph which shows excitement, understanding and reasons for studying the course.
- Their research into the course will help them link their skills, qualities and interests.
- 80% academic, 20% extra curricular. Volunteering is vital: especially for certain course like nursing.
- Be honest- they are likely to be found out if they are not!
- Don’t use AI!
- It will take time- they will need to draft, redraft, and proof read.



Most common opening lines

1. From a young age, I have (always) been [interested in/fascinated by]... [1,779]
2. For as long as I can remember, I have... [1,451]
3. I am applying for this course because... [1,370]
4. I have always been interested in... [927]
5. Throughout my life, I have always enjoyed... [310]
6. Reflecting on my educational experiences... [257]
7. Nursing is a very challenging and demanding [career/course]... [211]
8. Academically, I have always been... [168]
9. I have always wanted to pursue a career in... [160]
10. I have always been passionate about... [160]



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Encourage good habits

Get into the habit of being ~~very~~ critical with the ~~number of~~ words you use ~~in each sentence~~. Once you have written something, ~~go back and~~ decide if ~~each and~~ every word ~~you recently wrote~~ deserves to be there.

Decisions



Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:

- personal statement
- reference
- qualifications
- admissions test result
- interview
- portfolio
- audition

Students will get one of three decisions:

- **unconditional** offer
- **conditional** offer
- **unsuccessful**

Decisions

Some institutions may give grade offers e.g. AAB, BBC or, ABC.

Some institutions may specify a particular grade in a particular subject e.g. ABC (with A in History)

Some institutions may ask for a certain number of points.

Grade	UCAS Points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Applicant replies

Wait for all decisions from all choices, then they can choose one:

- **Firm** – if all conditions are met, where they will be **placed**
- **Insurance** – usually lower conditions in case firm conditions are not met

Any other offers must be **declined**.

They don’t have to have an **insurance**.

Gap Year?

- Make it worth while, ensure it has a purpose.
- Many organisations, many opportunities
- Universities do value Gap Years

- **However, apply now!**



Track

English Cymraeg

Hello Rebecca Chen [redacted] Log out

UCAS

Track | Your choices | Your application | Your details | Help | Contact us

Welcome back Rebecca

Today's date: 13 March 2013

Waiting for offers › **Reply to your offers** › Waiting for confirmation › Confirmation of place

Your status

You've received offers from all your choices.

Next steps

Reply to your offers
(by 6 June)

If you don't reply on time, you'll lose your offers.

Frequently asked questions

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On A Level results day

Thursday 12th August 2027 *TBC*

Students will get an email from UCAS that morning confirming if they have either:

- met their 1st choice,
- met their insurance or
- are in clearing.

The email won't tell the students their A Level grades.

Results are available from 8am. This is to support students who may go into clearing.



Finance

Myth 1: ***"You will be in debt for the rest of your life“***

Myth 2: ***"The student loan will affect your credit score.”***

Myth 3: ***"You have to pay your tuition fees to your university yourself"***



Finance

University is an investment in yourself.

Student loans do not go on your credit file.

You repay 9% of everything earned above the (currently £26,065) threshold. They work more like a tax than a loan.



Finance

Example

You have an income of £33,000 a year, meaning you get paid £2,750 each month.

Calculation:

£2,750 – £2,172 (your income minus the threshold) = £578

9% of £578 = £52.02

This means the amount you'd repay each month would be £52.



More support and guidance

Visit www.ucas.com/advisers to:

- understand more about the application process
- access Apply for advisers
- download guides and resources
- access information on training and conferences
- access Adviser Track and reports guidance
- see examples of applicant letters

STUDENT FINANCE:
Government scheme
March
Visit their website for more information

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