



Dear Parent/Carer

Re: UCAS Applications

I am writing to you with further information concerning the UCAS application process within school.

Students are currently working with me to complete their personal statements, this process usually takes three to four drafts and once completed they will have a one-to-one meeting with me to discuss the five courses that they wish to apply for. They will then need to complete their on-line application and make the required fee payment before I can complete their school reference, predicted end grades and make the final submission. Applications to university are made through an on-line application system (UCAS).

Once the application has been made it is a matter of waiting to hear back from the different institutions. At this stage, the important aspect is to encourage your child to wait until all their offers are in before replying. Once all offers have been made (usually by the end of February at the latest), I will begin meeting with the students again and discuss with them their offers before they narrow down the choice to their final two.

Additionally, I would also like to share some dates regarding the application process:

- September-December 2020 - Students complete their personal statement and applications. In many cases there is an advantage to submitting earlier than the final deadline.
- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Final deadline for the submission of UCAS applications for 2021 entry.

Financing the cost of university is an important consideration. Please note that currently, most universities charge up to the maximum amount of £9250 per year for a full-time course with accommodation and living costs to be added to this bill. Although these costs might seem daunting, the assistance that is offered makes it more affordable than it might appear; students are entitled to apply for loans but the shortfall has to be met by them and their families. Further information about finance can be found at: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/advice/cost-studying-university-uk#survey-answer>

I shall write to you again in December, with some more details about what will happen as your child receives offers. In the meantime, should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at: [daniel.moore@hylands-tkat.org](mailto:daniel.moore@hylands-tkat.org)

Yours faithfully

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