

UCAS DAY 2016 - PART 1

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BACKGROUND

- ◉ 2009 applicants - 18
 - ◉ 2010 applicants - 23
 - ◉ 2011 applicants - 32
 - ◉ 2012 applicants - 42
 - ◉ 2013 - applicants - 49
 - ◉ 2014 - applicants - 44
 - ◉ 2015 - applicants - 55
 - ◉ 2016 - applicants - 78
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- ◉ Impact of Aimhigher?
 - ◉ Improving results at GCSE and A level?
 - ◉ Growth and development of Sixth Form?
 - ◉ Whole school widening aspirations?

TIMELINE

- ◉ January 2016 - introductory session
- ◉ March 2016 - UCAS convention trip
- ◉ May - UCAS goes live
- ◉ June - PUSH talk and UCAS day 1
- ◉ Jan - July - summer schools, taster days, open days and school visits
- ◉ July 8 - Sussex University visit
- ◉ July 12/13 - UCAS day 2
- ◉ Sept - Dec - School deadlines
- ◉ 15 October - Oxbridge/ medical deadline
- ◉ 15 Jan 2017 - final deadline
- ◉ *25 Feb - EXTRA opens*
- ◉ *March - deadline for some Arts course*
- ◉ *6 May - all offers received*
- ◉ *4 June - students must respond to offers*
- ◉ *11 August - Results, confirmation and clearing*

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT?

- ⦿ GCSE results?
- ⦿ AS results?
- ⦿ Predicted grades?
- ⦿ Personal statement?
- ⦿ Reference?

WHY?

- ◉ To study further in a subject of your choice
- ◉ Keep your choices open. Even if you change your mind, at least you will have had a choice!
- ◉ To increase your choice of jobs and the control you have over your life (you may now need to consider the financial investment v long term prospects)
- ◉ To develop as a person, both academically and personally
- ◉ Because it really is a life-changing experience

◎ The right
university and
the right course
for you!

TO STUDY....?

- ◉ You can study one subject ('single honours')
- ◉ Or you can combine subjects ('joint honours')
- ◉ Do you need to study a particular subject to get a job? Don't assume that you do; for example, in law, to be a solicitor or barrister - you can do a law conversion course after your degree
- ◉ 70% of all graduate jobs want you to have a degree, but don't mind which subject
- ◉ Study something you love and are interested in. Three years (or more) is a long time to study one subject, full-time

WHERE...?

- ◉ At home?
- ◉ Or away from home?
- ◉ Staying at home can be cheaper; but most people would say it makes university a very different and less beneficial experience
- ◉ Down south? Out west? Up north? The far North?
- ◉ Campus or collegiate?
- ◉ You **must** visit

HOW...?

- ◉ You must choose a course for which you can meet the grade requirements - not just Level 3 (ie what subjects? GCSE? Relevant experience?)
- ◉ You need to research the course and university as much as possible
- ◉ You **must** visit (did I say that before?)
- ◉ Spend time on your application and personal statement
- ◉ Meet all deadlines
- ◉ Communication!!!!!!

IMPORTANT CHECKLIST

- ◉ Grade requirements (subject specific/BTECs/GCSEs/combinations)
- ◉ The course - what does it involve? Units?
- ◉ The institution - have you visited and looked at the factors discussed by PUSH.

THE UCAS WEBSITE

www.ucas.com

The starting place to find out everything

‘Half-way between a postal service
and a photocopier’

APPLY - SOME TIPS!!!

- ◉ Spell name correctly - capital letters!
- ◉ Sensible email address
- ◉ Not Surrey (usually Sutton or Merton or Croydon)
- ◉ Fee code - 02 student finance
- ◉ Mailings Nominated access - ideally - no one
- ◉ Activities in preparation for university - should be filled in - AimHigher etc (not open days)
- ◉ Choices - Five!

- ◉ Education - check, check, check!

OTHER USEFUL STUFF

- ◉ Cost to student is £23 - they pay when they submit application which is before reference is added. Pay/Send
- ◉ References- what happens?

UCAS TARIFF

<https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/tariff-2017>

The following shows how A-Level grades are converted into tariff points for students starting their course in 2017:

AS	A2	UCAS Tariff Points
-	A*	56
-	A	48
-	B	40
-	C	32
-	D	24
A	-	20
B	E	16
C	-	12
D	-	10
E	-	6

FINANCE

- ◉ Everyone pays tuition fees - these will be paid in the form of a loan - you pay these when you start working
- ◉ Maintenance - living costs - means tested - lucky if parents can help - but if not don't worry
- ◉ Part time jobs - most unis only 30 weeks of the year - jobs on campus
- ◉ Scholarships and Bursaries - check these out for your course and institution . National Scholarship Programme
- ◉ You do need to consider money as this is a big investment in your future and it could be expensive

USEFUL SITES

- ◉ <https://unistats.direct.gov.uk/>
- ◉ <http://university.which.co.uk/>
- ◉ <http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>
- ◉ <http://www.theguardian.com/education/2011/may/17/university-guide-student-advice>
- ◉ <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

TODAY

1. Enter your qualifications so far (you will add more after results day in the summer)
2. Enter pending qualifications e.g. those being taken summer 2018.
3. Research some courses- at this stage about 8.
4. Book some open days.
5. Review what else you need to do over the summer!
6. Personal statement writing - last week of term.