



UCAS Update

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What has already happened?

- ▶ Talks and presentations on applying for university since Christmas – PUSH/Sussex trip/ UCAS convention/ DDD/ Individual opportunities and relevant experiences
- ▶ Events
- ▶ UCAS days in June/July
- ▶ Student visiting open days
- ▶ Summer holidays – drafting personal statements

What is happening now?

- ▶ One to ones with tutors/ mentors and myself with personal statements.
- ▶ Feedback given.
- ▶ Students will need several drafts
- ▶ Reviewing course choices and university choices
- ▶ Checking qualifications and applications
- ▶ Flexible journey
- ▶ [links](#)

UCAS Tariff

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

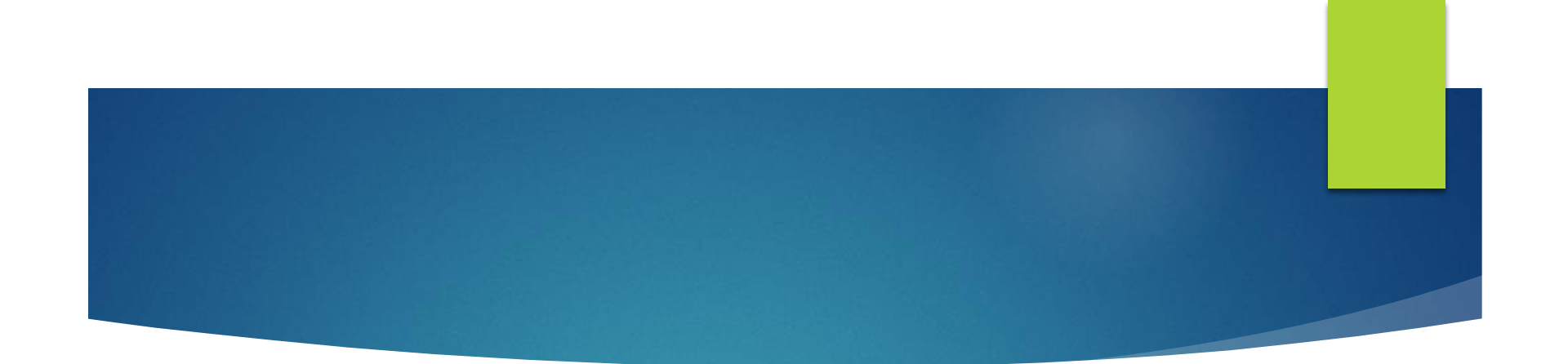
Personal statements – a few rules

What to do...

- ▶ Show enthusiasm and passion for your subject
- ▶ Show wider knowledge and experiences
- ▶ Say what you have gained from these experiences
- ▶ Clear written communication

What not to do...

- ▶ Don't list your skills
- ▶ Don't list your experiences
- ▶ Don't list basic information about yourself already in your application
- ▶ Avoid lots of details about activities you have been involved in.

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- ▶ I have a passion for all sports such as football, handball, cricket, athletics and rugby. I like to play football and each Sunday morning with my friends I play for a local team. This shows that I have teamwork.
 - ▶ I am a keen sportsman and train and play regularly for my local football team. We work well together on the pitch and last year came second in our league.
 - ▶ I went to a lecture at the University of Surrey where I learnt a lot about Geography. This was an interesting because it was about climate change.
 - ▶ At a lecture on the Impacts of Climate change, I was intrigued to find out more about the positive economics impacts for agriculture and resource exploitation in the Arctic.

What happens next ?

- ▶ Students complete application (all sections)
- ▶ Add in final personal statement
- ▶ Students then Pay/Send (bursary students in school)

- ▶ Reference comments are already collected with predicted grades
- ▶ Tutors put together an overall reference and predicted grades and add to UCAS website
- ▶ Final reference checked

Once whole application is complete then sent to UCAS

Students need to allow time for checks and references.

School deadline- Monday 28th November for students to complete and Pay and Send (allows time for them to be processed by school before end of term)

Then what....?

- ▶ Wait for offers
- ▶ Some interviews (ask for mock interview)
- ▶ Some applicants days (both before and after offers)
- ▶ Work hard!
- ▶ Spring term – apply for student finance
- ▶ March/April – respond to offers – One Firm/One insurance – **in consultation with school**
- ▶ Work hard!
- ▶ Results day – August – Be available (Thursday 17th)
- ▶ Clearing?