

UCAS Guide 2022 Entry

UCAS is used to complete applications to university, conservatoires, and for apprenticeships.

For all university applications you will need to register and complete the application form, detailing all of your previous qualifications and present ones. UCAS will also ask you for information regarding personal details, course choices and will finally require you to write a personal statement.

For 2022 entry, UCAS is now open for registration. You will be able to create an account and complete most of the form, but not your personal statement, and you won't be able to send the form until later in the year. You need to register through UCAS.COM, and keep a record of your credentials. Go to UCAS.COM to register for 2022 entry and follow the steps. This will then take you to UCAS HUB which will be the central point for all aspects of your application.

The website has loads of sections to help you, including apprenticeship advice and guidance, and you should spend some time exploring the 'When to apply' and 'How to apply' sections before beginning.

Remember you will need to apply under 2022 entry - not 2021. If you are applying for specific courses, you may need to sit an additional exam—BMAT/UKCAT for medicine or dentistry, LNAT for law - and it is your responsibility to check for this and register with the appropriate agency to complete the exam. If it needs to be completed in school (mainly BMAT and Oxbridge entry exams) then you must inform Mrs Allen (aallen@sjhs.newport.sch.uk) so that she can arrange this for you. Many of these exams have multiple past papers online which will help in preparation, but you must also look carefully at the dates for these - UKCAT and LNAT are available for a long period, but others are on specific dates - do your research!

Important dates: for anyone considering applying to Oxbridge or for medicine or dentistry your application must be with UCAS by 15th October, however we will need a completed application by the end of September in order to write your reference. The official deadline for all other applications is 26th January 2022, but you must aim to complete your application by the end of November. Anyone applying to a Conservatoire has an even earlier application deadline. Please let me know ASAP if you think you may follow this route.

First Steps: The first thing you will need to do is create an account, and then verify your email—it is important you do this quickly—AND USE AN EMAIL ACCOUNT WHICH DOESN'T HAVE A DODGY OR WEIRD ADDRESS!! It is also essential that you keep and record any usernames/passwords/PINs which UCAS give you as you will need these to access your application.

Once you have registered, you can start to complete your form and I would suggest you do as much of this now, so that you don't have to worry about it later. You will need to link your application to the school group so that we can access your application to check, enter your reference and ultimately sent it to UCAS for you. To do this you will be asked for a buzzword—you will need to use the buzzword SJHS22 and this will link your application to us. Remember—UCAS charge £26.50 for this service (for 2-5 choices and £22.00 for just 1 choice), but you won't pay until you finally submit.

Try to complete the Personal Details section first. Some questions don't need responses, but the vast majority do. You don't need to worry about the 'Reference Numbers' section.

You will need to enter 02 for the Fee Code question.

Under 'Nominated Access' can you please put my name, as this means I can speak to UCAS on your behalf if needed. If you would rather put someone else then that is fine. The rest of this section is straightforward.

Then comes 'Choices'. You need to start to think about your choices and research the courses using the main UCAS website, so I wouldn't recommend filling this section in yet unless you have absolutely made up your mind where/what to do.

Under 'Activities in preparation for higher education' you can enter any Future Learn/Open Learn courses completed/Conferences or Workshops attended etc, but this information is not essential.

You then need to enter your Education details and you can complete as much of this as you can now. You will need to find the school from the list or enter it manually. The centre Number is 68363. Enter all of your GCSE subjects and grades, separating them out into Applied, Double, Short Course or Full Course, along with the date awarded (August 2020) and the examination board. You can then enter your Advanced Subsidiary subjects but leave the grade blank. You will also need to enter your Advanced Level subjects (those you will follow in Year 13) and under result you need to enter 'Pending'. Don't forget to enter your WBQ Advanced skills challenge. Under 'highest level of qualification before start of course question' please put 'Below honours level' as your response.

And that's basically as much as you can do for the form at the moment, but it is going to be really helpful to you to complete as much of this as you can now.

Make sure you SAVE as you go so that you don't waste time having to re-enter details. I will be able to check on your progress and you can email me with any questions.

Good luck!