Applying to university timeline

Year 12

January

Start exploring your options. Research courses, entry requirements, modules, scholarships, placements, and campus life using UCAS and university websites.

www.ucas.com

February

UCAS exhibitions kick off—often arranged through your school or college. These events bring together a wide range of universities under one roof, giving you the chance to explore courses, ask questions, and discover exciting opportunities all in one place.

March

Creative courses often require a portfolio. Start curating pieces that showcase your skills and personality.

April - May

Look into work experience, especially if it's required for your course. Volunteering also helps build transferable skills for your application and interviews.

June

Visit open days at your top choices. Every university is different—check out the campus, course structure, and teaching style.

Book your place at our open day – tees.ac.uk

July

Take part in a university residential to get a true taste of campus life—stay in student halls, join academic sessions, and immerse yourself in the full university experience.

August

Time to draft your personal statement. Use your notes to tell your story—highlight your skills, subject interest, and career goals.

Use our personal statement template to get started

Year 13

September

UCAS is open! If you're ready, submit your application early.

Tip: Save your UCAS ID—it's often needed when contacting universities.

October

Prepare for interviews if your course requires one. Practice questions and examples that show your skills and subject knowledge.

15 October: Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, dentistry, and veterinary courses.

November – December

Check your school's internal deadline for personal statements. Still unsure? Attend another open day or campus tour to help finalise your decision.

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Didn't get offers from all five choices?
UCAS Extra lets you apply to one university at a time.

March – April

Revision time! Create a timetable and find a method that works for you.

May – June

Exam season—give it your best!

July

Clearing opens. If you don't have a place yet, explore available courses and act fast.

August

Results day! Fingers crossed—we hope to welcome you to Teesside University ☺