

# AS and A levels

Unit1

Unit2

**AS level**

Unit 3

Unit 4

**A2 level**

**A level**



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<b>A Grades</b>	
Max	600
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Unit 1	150 (A)	297
Unit 2	147 (A)	
<b>522</b>		
Unit 3	125 (A)	225
Unit 4	105 (B)	

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## **New A\* Grade at A level**

- First award is in 2010
- Average of 90% in A2 modules
- Cambridge and Warwick have used A\* this year for offers – others may well follow



# Higher Education Applications



- All University applications go through UCAS
- Deadline for Oxbridge/Medicine is October 15
- Deadline for UCAS forms is January 15
- Deadline for Art Foundation is January 31
- BUT ... THE EARLIER THE BETTER ...



## University Applications – School programme

- February Centigrade questionnaire
- Summer term All students have an individual interview  
Visit to University of Hertfordshire  
Connexions Higher Education Convention.  
Register through the Apply system  
University and Course search
- September Second personal interview, subject area confirmed, reference written
- October 15 Deadline for receipt by UCAS of applications for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine
- Half term All UCAS forms completed
- Mid-November All UCAS forms submitted



## The UCAS Form

- Completed online
- Personal information
- University choice - up to FIVE – in alphabetical order
- Qualifications - those achieved and those still being undertaken
  - GCSE grades
  - Grades for individual modules can be entered (currently voluntary)
  - Declare AS / A levels still being studied
- Personal statement
- School's reference
  - Predicted grades
  - Work attitude and habits
  - Involvement in School life



## Personal statements

Must be the student's own words ...  
all personal statements go through plagiarism software

Points to include:

- Interest in chosen course
- Activities that relate to chosen course
- Extra curricular interests - in and out of School
- Employment - voluntary or paid
- Responsibilities undertaken
- Gap year plans
- Transferable skills



## Which Universities...

- Research...research...research...
- HE - Julie Bolter, William Norris, Dennis Rix, teaching staff
- Art - Mike Clements, Emma Semple
- Careers Room
- Internet
- University Prospectus
- HE convention - University of Hertfordshire – 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- Open Days – July and October
- Upper Sixth (Year 13) students
- Siblings, friends, parents...



## Factors to Consider

- Course
  - subject area
  - type of course
  - popularity
  - entry requirements
- Location
- Campus / City / Collegiate
- Size
- Cost
- Accommodation
- Gap Year



## How can parents help?

- By talking to your son / daughter
- By encouraging them to research possible courses
- By looking through some University prospectuses together
- By ensuring that they visit at least one University Open Day – end of the Summer term / start of the Autumn term

### **BUT remember ....**

- It is THEIR application ...



## **Once an application has been made**

- Interview then offer / rejection
- Offer (Example : AAB; 300 points)
- Rejection
- Universities have to reply by the end of March



## Once all replies have been received..

Students can hold two offers

- Firm offer - First choice
- Insurance offer - In case grades for firm choice are not met

*Grades required for the insurance choice should be lower than those required for the firm choice*



Some of the offers received by our students this year

Cambridge	A*AA	General Engineering
Durham	AAA	Geography
Bristol	AAB	Animal Behaviour and Welfare
Birmingham	AAB	Drama and English Literature
Manchester	AAB	French and Japanese
Imperial College	ABB	Biochemistry
Leeds	ABB	Product Design
Leeds	ABB	Theatre and Performance
Goldsmiths	ABB	Music
Leicester	BBB	History and Int Relations
Aberdeen	CCC	History and Anthropology
Nottingham Trent	240 points	Economics
Leeds Metropolitan	200 points	Photographic Journalism



# University Application - Useful websites

## Courses

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

The official UCAS web-site. The admission profiles for all the courses on offer can be accessed from here.

[www.qaa.ac.uk](http://www.qaa.ac.uk)

Quality Assurance Agency overview on individual university departments.

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life\\_and\\_style/education/sunday\\_times\\_university\\_guide/](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/sunday_times_university_guide/)

The Times University guide

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/universityguide2008>

The Guardian University guide

[www.unistats.com](http://www.unistats.com)

Website with lots of statistics about different courses and Universities – can be used to compare different Universities

[www.studential.com](http://www.studential.com)

Useful for seeing some sample personal statements, also includes a useful template

[www.hotcourses.com](http://www.hotcourses.com)

A database of University courses.

[www.ukcoursefinder.com](http://www.ukcoursefinder.com)

Another web-site to help find the ideal course.

[www.push.co.uk](http://www.push.co.uk)

An alternative guide to Universities.

[www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)

A guide to University Open Days

## Gap year information

(There are many, many gap year web sites; these are just a small selection)

[www.gapyear.com](http://www.gapyear.com)

Web-site of the Gap organization

[www.statravel.co.uk](http://www.statravel.co.uk)

[www.yearoutgroup.org](http://www.yearoutgroup.org)

[www.raleigh.org.uk](http://www.raleigh.org.uk)

Raleigh International – they run environmental and community projects around the world.

[www.vso.org.uk](http://www.vso.org.uk)

Voluntary opportunities for people who have skills to offer to those in the developing world.

## Finance

[www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)

Official web-site of the Student Loans Company.

[www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

Information about loans and other finance