



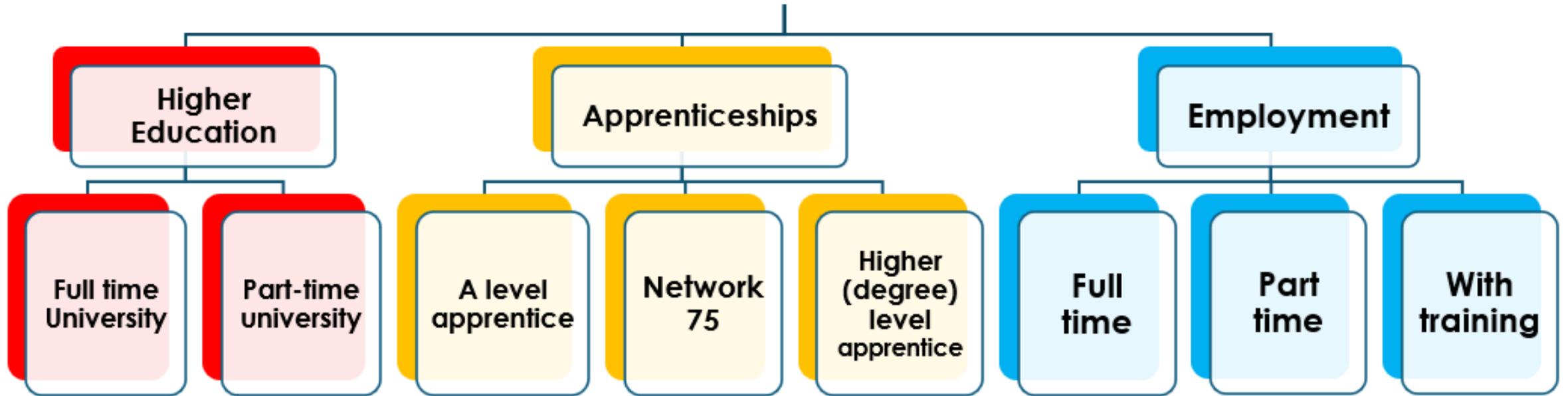
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**Ready – Respectful - Safe**



# Post-18 pathways

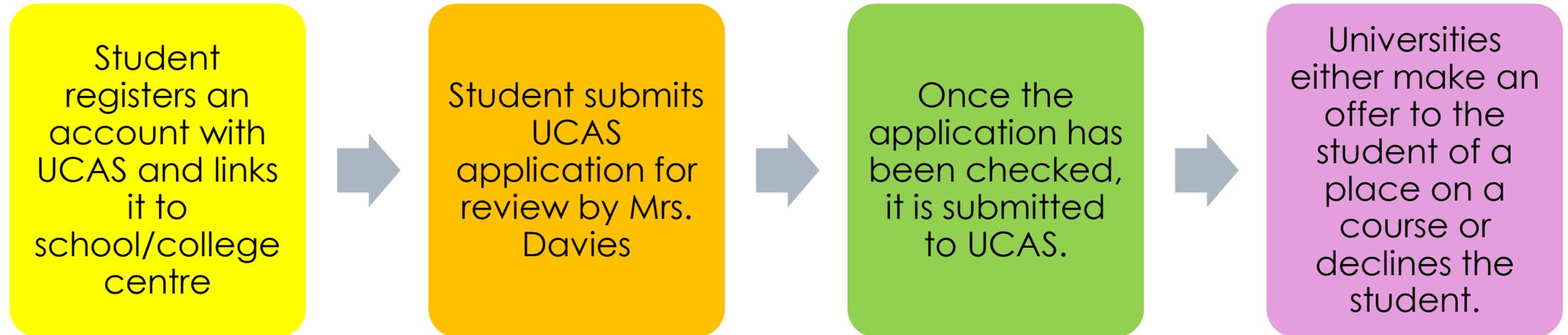


# Who are UCAS?

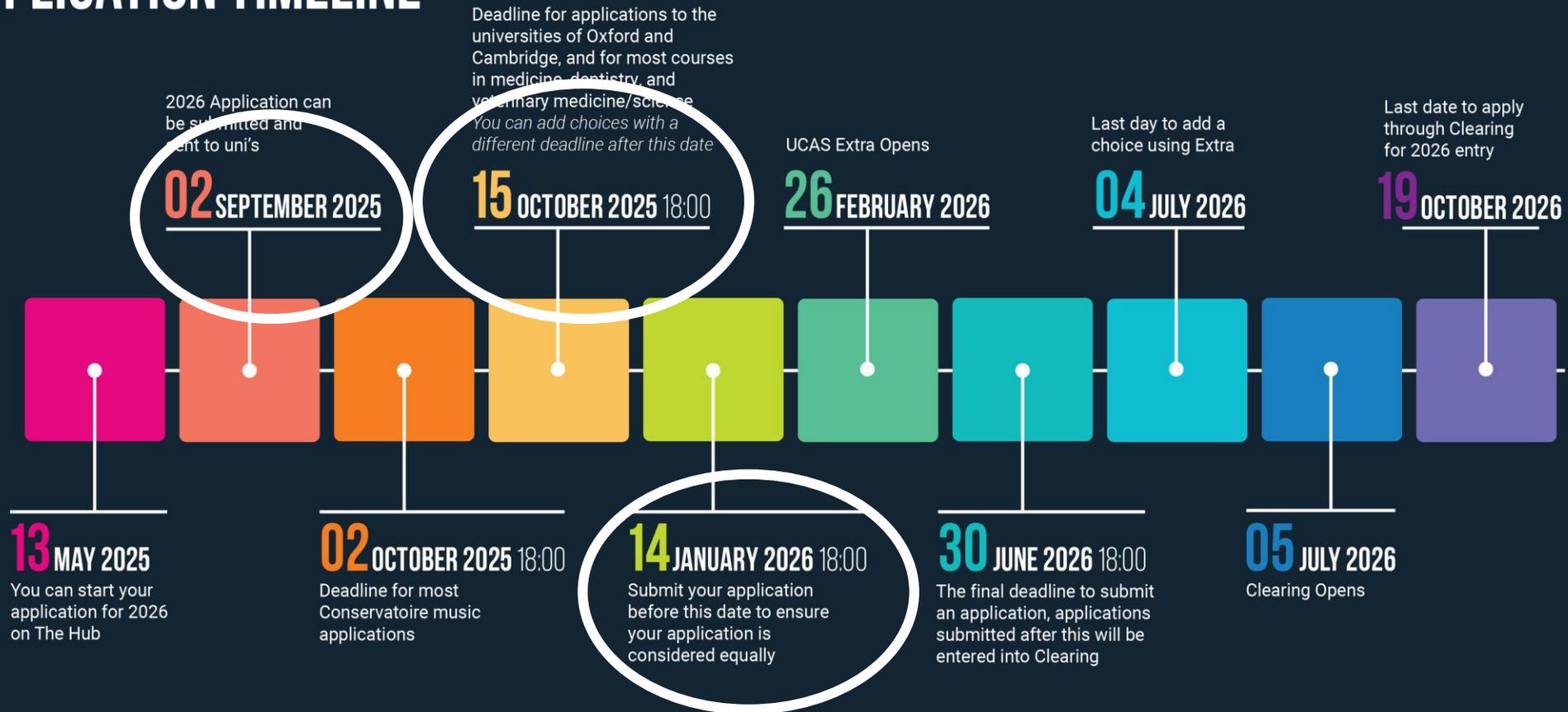


- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, is an independent charity, and the UK's shared admissions service for higher education.
- Applications are typically made through UCAS, who ensure the process is made fair, simple and orderly.
- UCAS provide advice and guidance, course listings and many other services to support progression to higher education (Level 4 and beyond).
- They charge a fee for their services, you'll pay £28.95 to apply for more than 1 choice, £22.50 for 1 choice unless you are a Free School Meals student where UCAS waive the fee.

# A summary of the process



# 2026 APPLICATION TIMELINE



# The Key Points.....



**Maximum of  
5 choices...**

**Except...**

- **Medicine**
- **Veterinary**
- **Dentistry**
- **Oxford**
- **Cambridge**

**Equal  
consideration  
deadline **14<sup>th</sup>  
January 2026****

**Except...**

- **Medicine**
  - **Veterinary**
  - **Dentistry**
  - **Oxford**
  - **Cambridge**
- deadline is **6pm  
15<sup>th</sup> October  
2025****

# The Personal Statement

They will have 4000 characters and need to write a personal statement that stands out and increases their chances of obtaining a place at their chosen university.

They will structure their personal statement by answering:

1. Why do you want to study this course / subject?
2. How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
3. What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

**Do**



**Sell yourself**



**Be enthusiastic**



**Be relevant**



**Be clear**



**Be positive**



**Get feedback**



# Don't



**Be modest**



**Exaggerate**



**Quote others**



**Leave it late**



**Copy & paste**



**Worry**



# Warning!



Generating (and then copying, pasting and submitting) all or a large part of your personal statement from an AI tool such as ChatGPT, and presenting it as their own words, **could be considered cheating** by universities and colleges and could **affect their chances of an offer.**

When they complete their application, **they now have to declare that their personal statement hasn't been copied or provided from another source, including artificial intelligence software.**

If UCAS software detects elements of a personal statement that are similar to others, the universities or colleges it is intended for will be notified.

# The personal statement builder

The personal statement is your opportunity to talk about you, and why you want to enrol on a particular course. But it can be hard to get started, which is where the personal statement builder can really help.

## 2026 personal statement guides



### Business

- Accounting and finance
- Business and management studies
- Economics
- Events management
- Hospitality, leisure, and tourism
- Marketing
- PR and communications



### Engineering and architecture

- Aeronautical and aerospace engineering
- Architecture and planning
- Building and construction
- Chemical engineering
- Civil engineering
- Electrical and electronic engineering
- Engineering and technology
- Manufacturing engineering
- Materials science and engineering
- Mechanical engineering



### Healthcare

- Biomedical science
- Counselling, psychotherapy, and occupational therapy
- Dentistry
- Health
- Optometry
- Paramedic science
- Pharmacy, pharmacology, and toxicology
- Physiotherapy, physiology, and pathology
- Radiography and medical technology
- Social work, childhood, and youth studies
- Veterinary science

# Step 6 - choices

Your choices

 Add choice

**Medicine (A100)**  
University of Oxford (033)

Location: Christ Church  
Start date: 01 October 2022  
Further details: *Not provided*  
Point of entry: 1st year  
Deferred entry: Yes  
Live at home while studying: No  
Criminal convictions declaration: Undeclared

INFO

- You may need to take an admissions test**  
As part of the application process for this course you may need to sit the following admissions tests: Bio-Medical Admissions Test (BMAT)
- There may be an assessment**  
You may be required to attend an interview or audition or provide a portfolio, essay or other piece of work to help the course tutor decide if you're suitable for this course.

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# Making the right choices



When deciding which universities to apply for there are questions that need to be considered and discussed.

- Do you really want to study there for the next three, four, or more years?
- Is the course right for you?
- Have you checked the university rankings?
- Does the course have exams, coursework, or both?
- Have you checked the entry requirements?
- What's the difference between a lecture and a seminar?
- Have you thought about where you will live and how much it will cost?
- Is it a city or a campus university?
- What are the clubs / societies and night life like?
- Have you been to an open day, a virtual open day, or taken a virtual tour?

# University Admissions Tests / Interviews

**They should check the UCAS course search to check whether the course they are applying for requires an admissions test.**

- LNAT – National Admissions Test for Law.
- UCAT - University Clinical Aptitude Test.
- ESAT - Engineering and Science Admissions test.
- Cambridge – additional application
- Oxford – a range of tests!!
- Imperial College – The Engineering and Science Admissions Test (ESAT), The Test of Mathematics for University Admissions (TMUA)

# Offers

- Responses will be through their UCAS account
- They have 24-hour online access

**CONDITIONAL OFFER  
(C)**

**UNCONDITIONAL OFFER  
(U)**

**UNSUCCESSFUL  
(R)**

# Responding to Offers

- They will be responding to offers through their UCAS account
  - if all offers are received by 31.3.26 they need to respond by 6.5.2026
  - if they receive their last decision on or before 13.5.2026 then reply deadline is 3.6.26
- Their offers will have online confirmation
- If all offers are unsuccessful / rejected then they will be eligible for UCAS Extra

**(F)**  
**FIRM ACCEPTANCE**

**(I)**  
**INSURANCE  
ACCEPTANCE**

**(D)**  
**DECLINE**

# In the spring term

We will have a parents support evening looking at

- Accommodation choices
- Student Finance
- Results Day and clearing
- What to expect in September 2026!

