

# An overview of the UCAS application process.

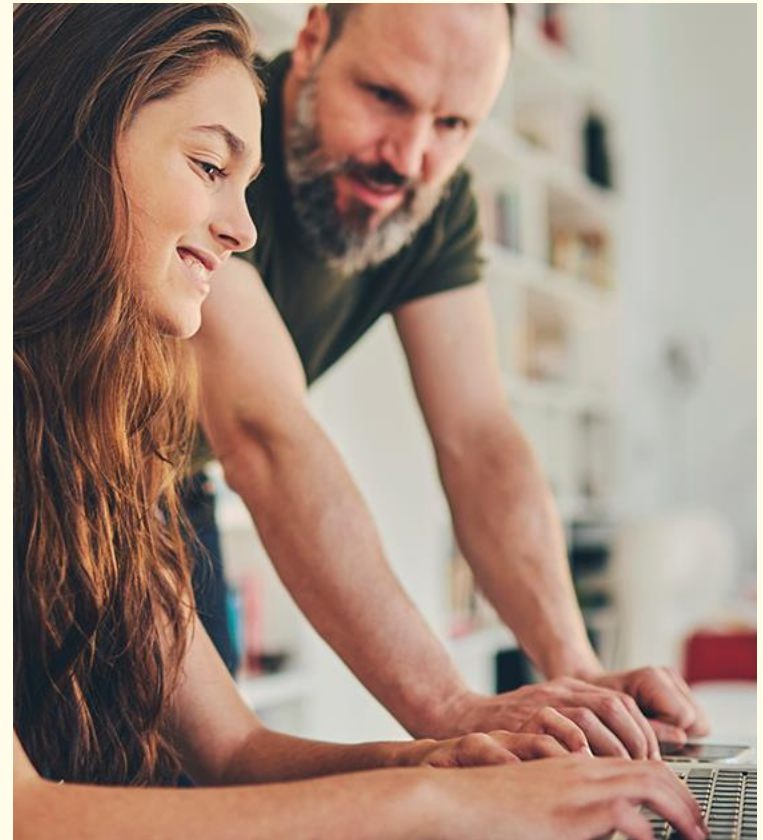
Sarah West  
Student Recruitment and Access Officer

# What is UCAS ?

- UCAS is a central clearing house.
- Responsible for processing applications for all full-time undergraduate studies in the UK.
- The UCAS website has information on all UK Higher Education Institutions and the courses they offer.

# Key facts

- Entirely online.
- You can start, continue and track your application via the UCAS Hub.
- Maximum of 5 choices.
- Some course restrictions:
  - Medicine, Veterinary medicine/science, Dentistry (maximum of 4).
  - Oxford **or** Cambridge.
- Cost - **£27.50.**



# Applying to university: an overview

## Student

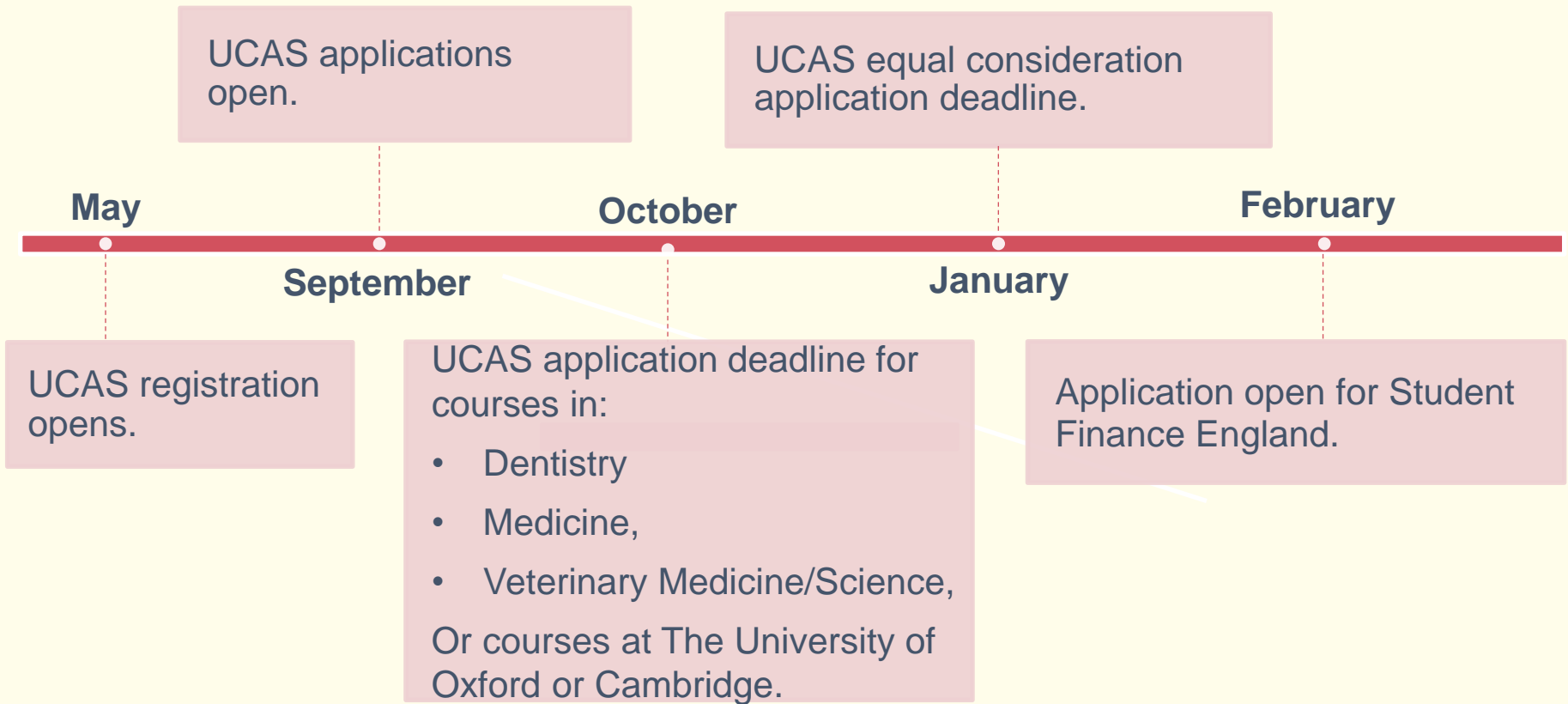
1. Personal details
2. Additional information
3. Education
4. Employment
5. Course Choices
6. Personal statement
7. Referee details

**Tutor**  
Adds  
reference

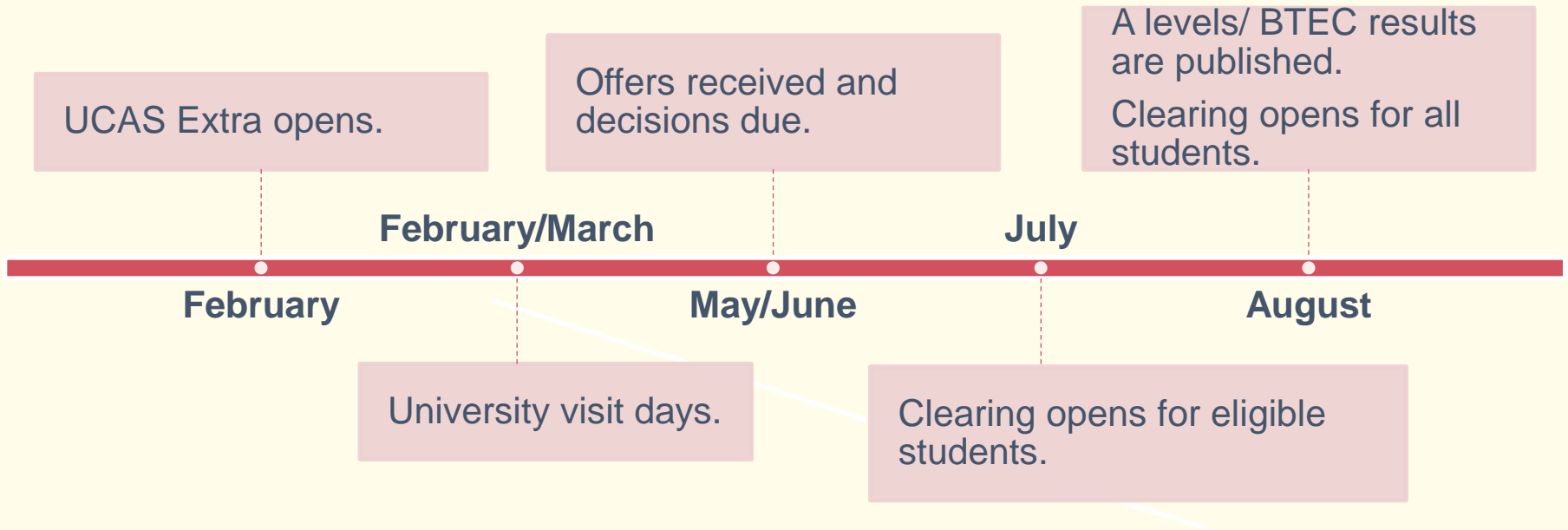
**UCAS**  
Process and  
sends  
applications to  
institutions

**Universities**  
Receive and  
consider  
applications

# Timeline: key dates for 2024 entry



# Timeline: key dates for 2024 entry



# Offers: additional information

## Admission tests

Medical courses, some Law and Mathematics courses, and university specific tests (namely - Oxford, Cambridge and UCL).

## Interview

An opportunity to get to know you better. Remember to prepare and re-read your personal statement.

## Portfolio

Usually for creative subjects, presented during an interview.

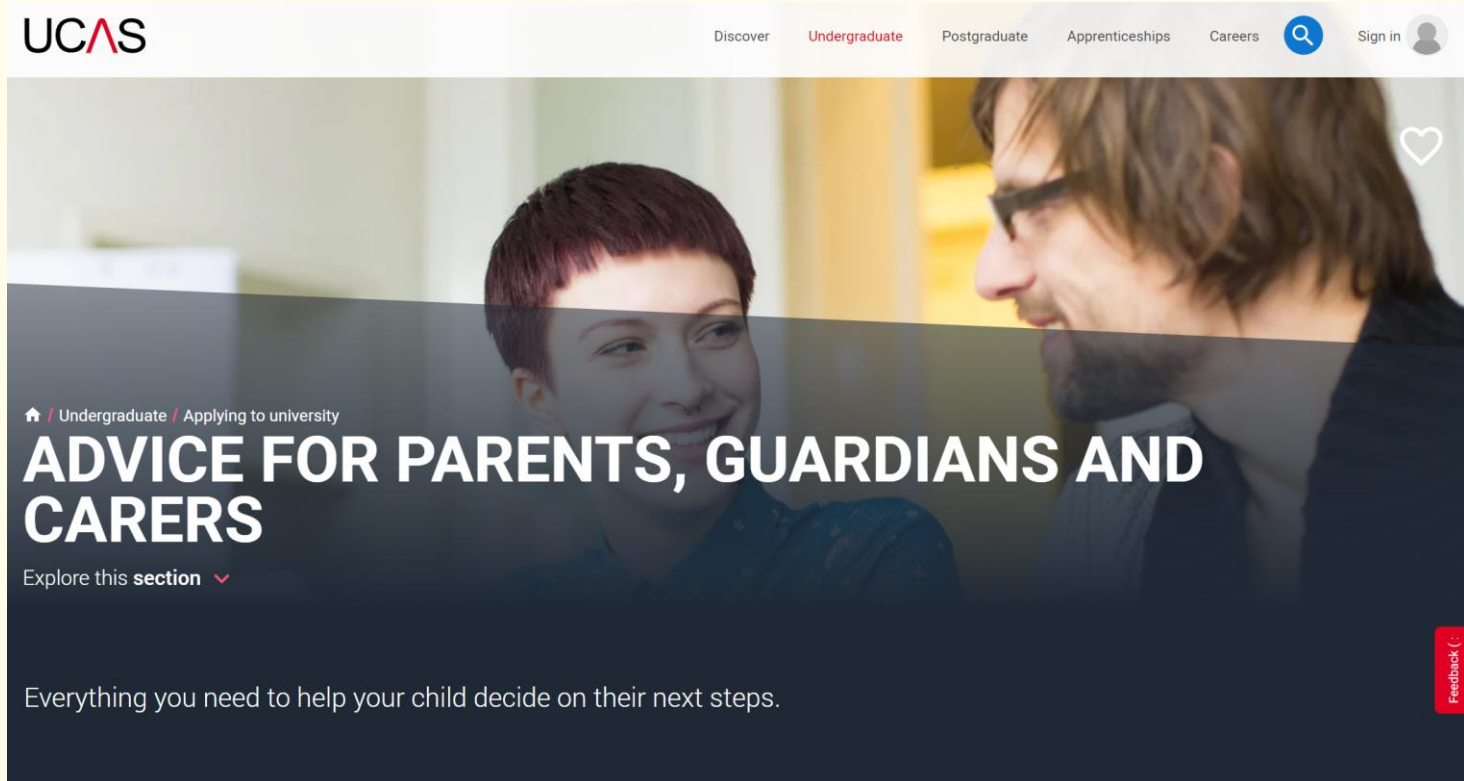
## Visit day

Will not affect your chance of getting an offer, but an opportunity for the university to convince you that their institution is right place for you.



**Finally,**



# UCAS Website




UCAS


Discover Undergraduate Postgraduate Apprenticeships Careers  Sign in 

Home / Undergraduate / Applying to university

## ADVICE FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

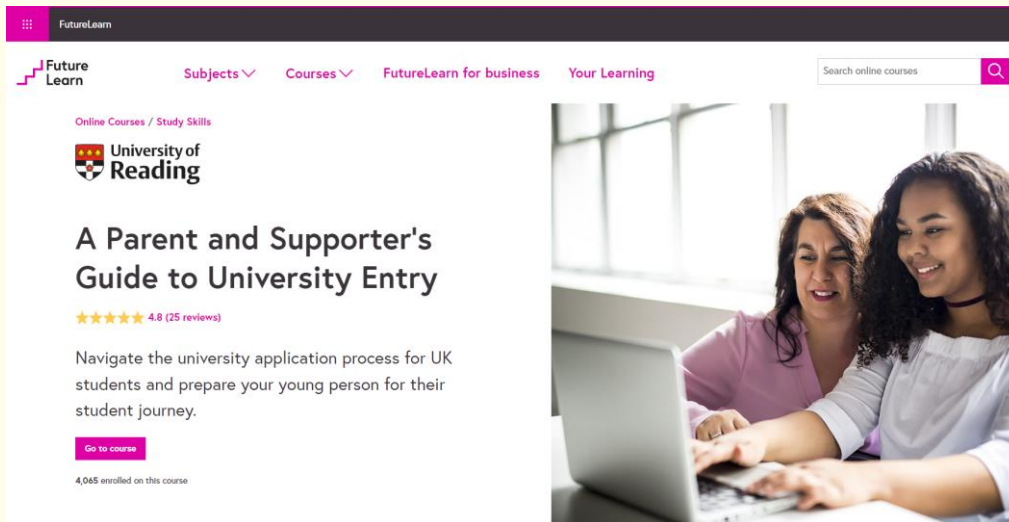
Explore this section 

Everything you need to help your child decide on their next steps.

Feedback 

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/advice-parents-guardians-and-carers>

# A Parents and Supporters' Guide to University entry



The screenshot shows the FutureLearn website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'FutureLearn' on the left and 'Subjects', 'Courses', 'FutureLearn for business', and 'Your Learning' on the right. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation, the course title 'A Parent and Supporter's Guide to University Entry' is displayed, along with the University of Reading logo. The course has a 4.8 rating from 25 reviews. A description states: 'Navigate the university application process for UK students and prepare your young person for their student journey.' A 'Go to course' button is visible, and it notes that 4,065 people are enrolled on this course. To the right of the text is a photograph of two women, one in a pink shirt and one in a white shirt, looking at a laptop screen together.

- 2-week course, 2 hours per week.
- Free upgrade available so can be viewed at any time.
- Information for supporters on a range of topics from researching, applying and student finance.
- Moderated by University representatives at 3 points during the year for a 3-week period.

[www.futurelearn.com/courses/guide-to-university-entry](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/guide-to-university-entry)