

# S6 Session 1:

Applying to Higher Education



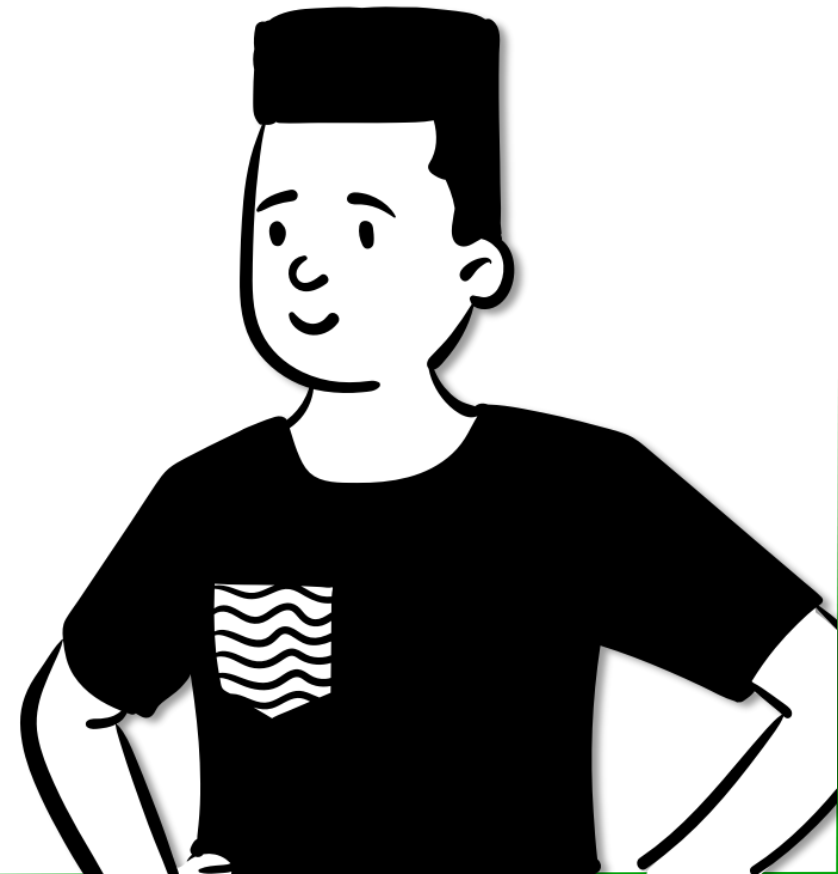


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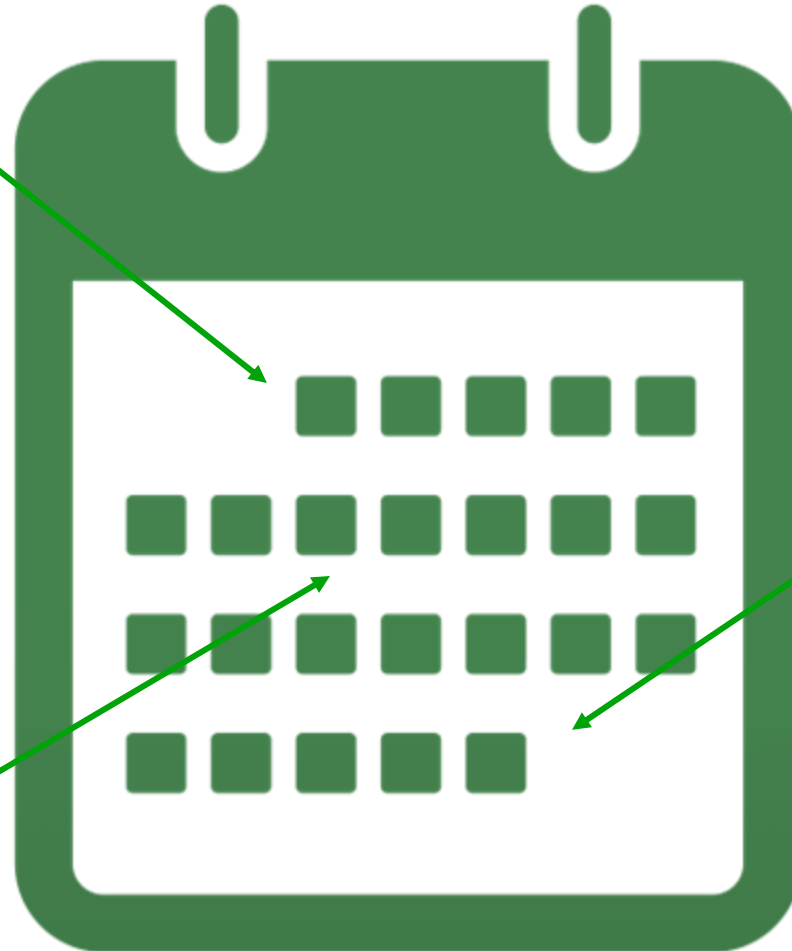


# S6 Transitions Programme

Session 1: Applying to  
Higher Education  
(Aug-Sept)

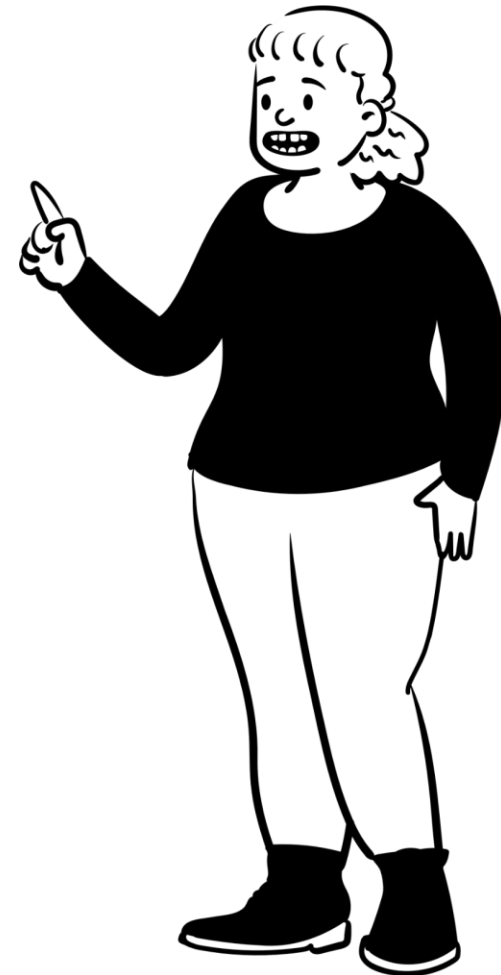
Session 2: Your  
Personal Statement  
(Oct-Nov)

Session 3: Taking the  
Next Steps  
(March-April)



## Session 1 outline:

- How to search the right course for you.
- How to apply to your chosen course.
- Key dates for you to remember.



True or False?

You only need a personal statement for university applications.

True or False?

You can apply to college and university.

True or False?

All university and college applications have to go through the online system called UCAS.

College?

University?





# Levels & Frameworks




scottish credit and  
qualifications framework



**THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK**

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs	
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship	
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5	
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship	
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ 3
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ 1
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				

# Levels & Frameworks



# Choosing the right course for you

What does the course cover?

How is the course taught?

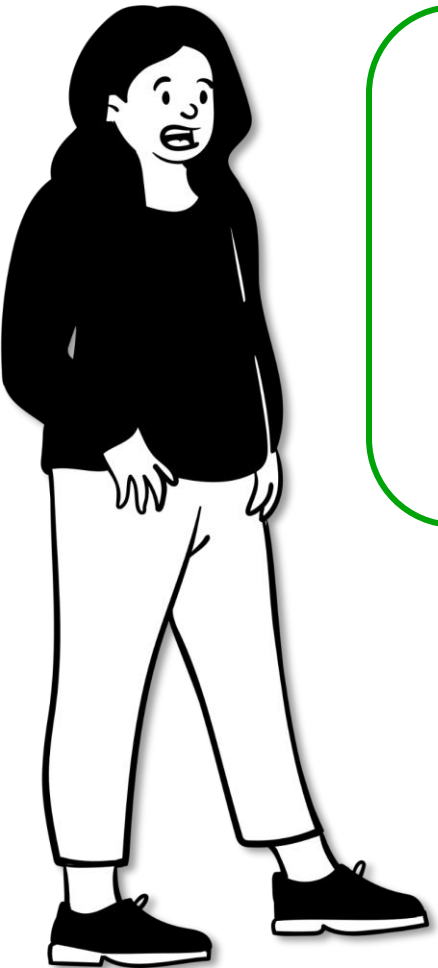
How is the course assessed?

Optional studies / modules available

Placements? Study abroad opportunities?



## Choosing the right place for you



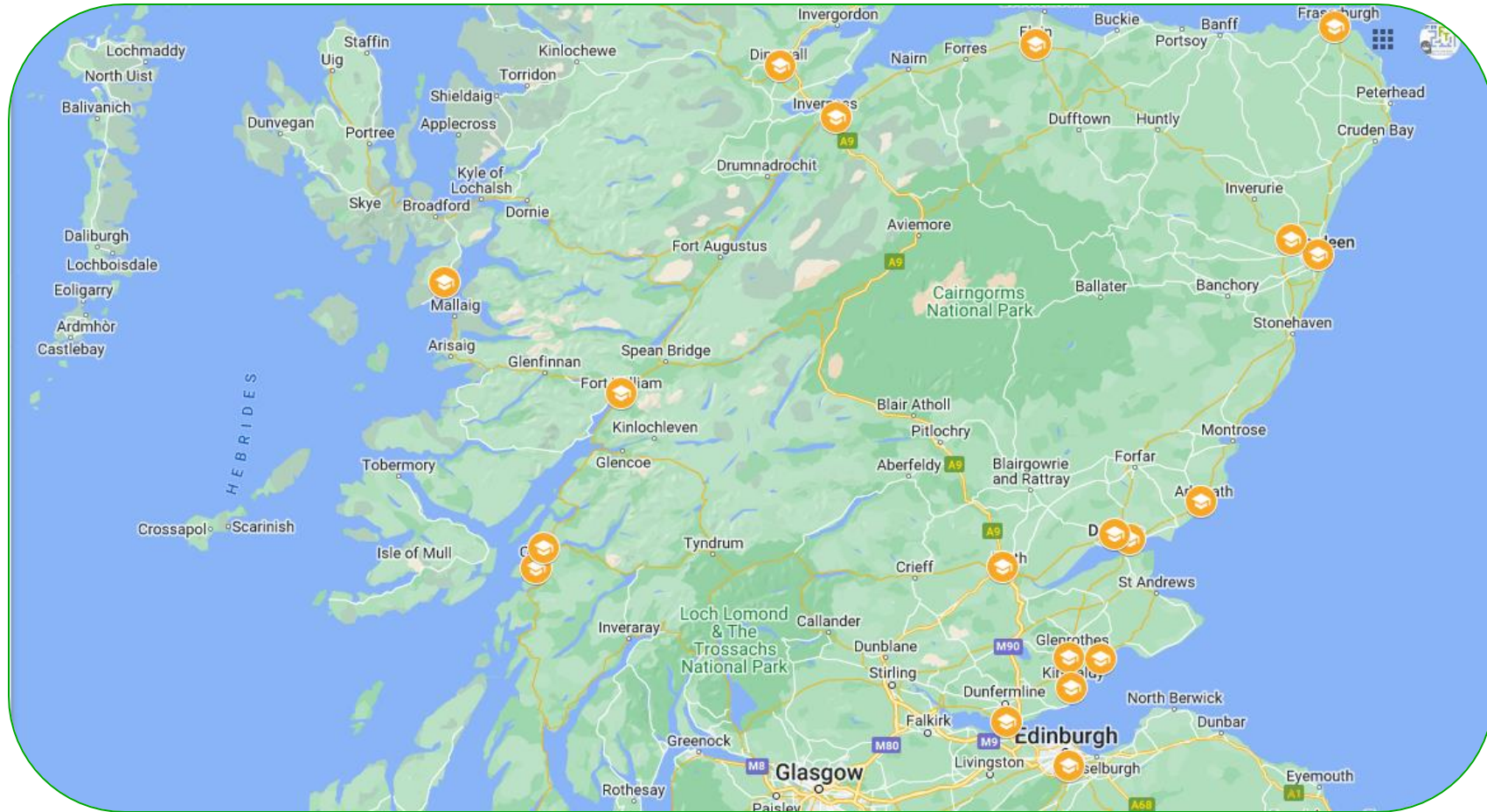
Do they offer your chosen course?!



College?



# Locations in Scotland..





# Finding courses at college



Search for a course or browse our courses by entering a keyword and/or using the search filters

I want to study...

History

394 courses found

Use the filters below to refine your search...

[Reset filters](#)

Area of interest

All subjects ▼

Level of qualification

All levels ▼

Location

All locations ▼

Way to study

All modes ▼

All levels

National Qualifications

Highers

HNCs

HNDs

Degrees

Professional Development Awards

All locations

Kirkcaldy

Dunfermline

Glenrothes

Levenmouth

Rosyth

All modes

Part-time

Full-time

Evening

Distance Learning

## Social Sciences – HNC SCQF Level 7

2022 2023

This is an excellent course that offers routes into a range of degree courses, employment, and vocational training.

Where **Dunfermline** **Kirkcaldy**

How **Full time**

**SCQF Level 7**

What's this?

### WHAT YOU STUDY

- Sociology
- Psychology
- History
- Research methodology
- Politics
- 'Big Data'
- Graded unit one exam



# Applying to College

## Entry Requirements:

- Two Highers at Grade C or above – one of which must be English
- In addition, two National 5s at Grade C or above.



**APPLY NOW**



- Register and set up an account, add personal details including personal email
- Check Personal /Supporting Statement length limit in application system
  - Dundee & Angus College: no more than 47 lines and **4000 characters**.
  - Fife College: Supporting information: 150 characters min-500 max.

# Interviews for college

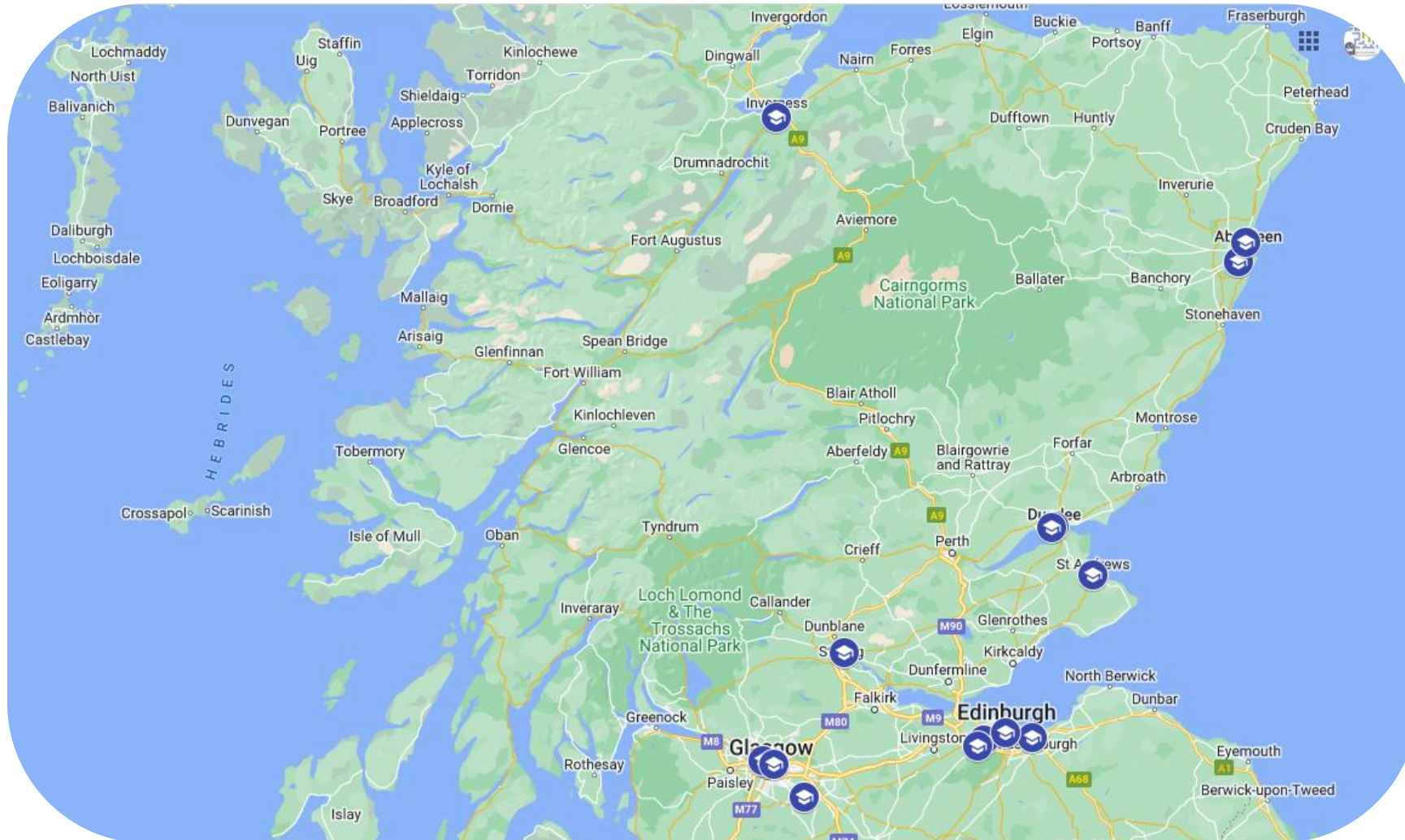
- Chat about you and your interests
- Demonstrate you are ready to take this next step
- Show your enthusiasm for the course and the college
- Demonstrate your knowledge of the course
  - Could bring a piece of work that you are proud of
  - Could bring a portfolio (Art & Design courses)
  - Read through Personal Statement beforehand
  - MyWoW has some good tips!





University?

# Locations in Scotland



UCAS

Search for **Courses**

History

Study level

Undergraduate ▾

Entry year

2023 - 2024 ▾

Go

# UCAS Course search

UCAS

What are you looking for?

Filters

Undergraduate

2023-2024

History ×


Scotland ×


Clear filters

227 courses from 11 providers







# Course search





 UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

**Archaeology and History**  
University of Aberdeen  
Main Site



 MA (Hons)  4 years



 Full-time  11/09/2023





 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

**BA (Hons) History and Heritage**  
University of Stirling  
Main Site



 BA (Hons)  4 years



 Full-time  11/09/2023



 Edinburgh Napier UNIVERSITY

**Marine and Freshwater Biology**  
Edinburgh Napier University  
Sighthill

 BSc (Hons)  4 years

 Full-time  04/09/2023

Course summary

How to apply

Entry requirements

[Visit our course page](#) 

# Entry requirements

## SQA Highers

Standard Entry Requirements

**AABB**

Minimum Entry Requirements

**BBB**

Adjusted Entry Requirements\*

**BB**

## Required Subjects

- SQA Highers: no specific Higher subjects required
- National 5s: English at C or above

\*Applicants who have achieved BB, and who meet one of the **widening participation criteria** are encouraged to apply and will be considered. Good performance in additional Highers/Advanced Highers will be required.

# Minimum entry/Widening Access/Widening Participation

Some examples of students who may be eligible include those who:

- have successfully completed a pre-entry programme
- live in a target postcode area. For example, in a low participation area as measured by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)
- attend a target school or college where attainment is typically below average
- have experience of being in care
- are estranged from their family (not supported by their family)
- have refugee status, or are an asylum seeker
- are responsible for the unpaid care and wellbeing of a dependant (e.g. a relative, partner, or friend).
- have parents who serve in the armed forces – or who have done so in the past (service children)
- are from a Gypsy, Roma or Traveller background

UCAS

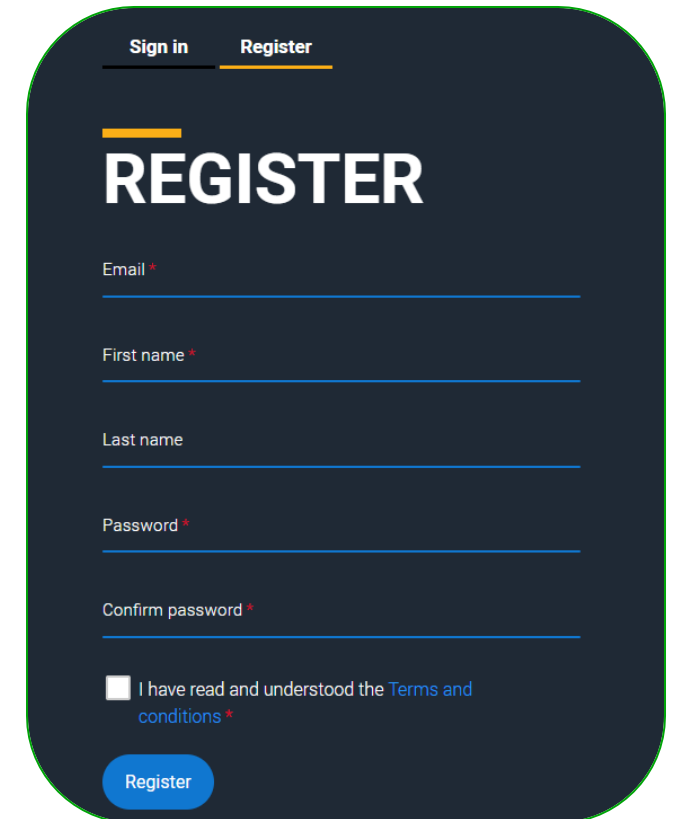




# Applying to university

- All University applications are made through the paid service UCAS
- Register with UCAS to create your Hub account
- Students can add up to 5 choices\*
- **£27.50** application fee
- Apply by the appropriate deadline!

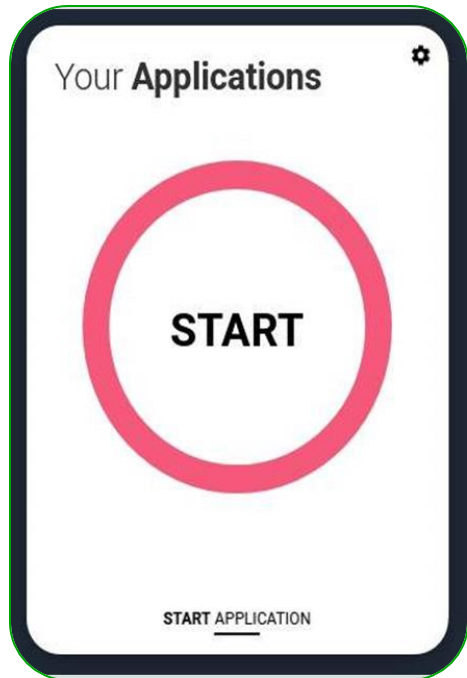
UCAS



The image shows a screenshot of the UCAS registration form. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Sign in' and 'Register', with 'Register' being the active tab. Below the tabs, the word 'REGISTER' is displayed in large, bold, white capital letters. The form contains several input fields: 'Email \*', 'First name \*', 'Last name', 'Password \*', and 'Confirm password \*'. Each field has a blue underline. At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox with the text 'I have read and understood the [Terms and conditions](#) \*'. Below the checkbox is a blue button labeled 'Register'.

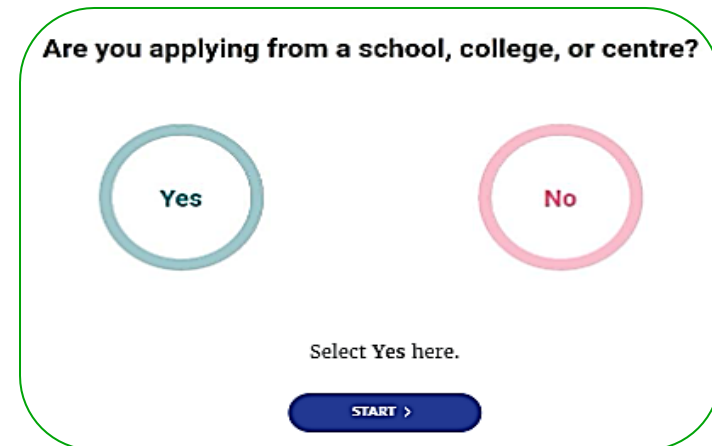
\*4 choices for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry, 5<sup>th</sup> choice is a back up

# Applying to university



- Select **YES** when asked “Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?”
- Enter your school ‘buzzword’ to link your application to them
- By linking your application you give your school permission to view and track your application
- Your school will provide you with a teacher reference, and send your application to UCAS on your behalf

# UCAS



# Sections to be completed

UCAS

## Profile

Personal details

Contact &  
Residency details

Nationality details

Supporting  
information

English language  
skills

Finance &  
Funding

Diversity &  
Inclusion

More about you

Choices

Personal  
statement

## Experience

Education

Work experience

Extra activities

# UCAS Key dates

Oxford & Cambridge  
Universities



16<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
18:00 (UK time)

Medicine, Veterinary  
& Dentistry



Majority of courses



31<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
18:00 (UK time)

If your application is submitted by the  
deadline, it is guaranteed to be considered

# Levels & Frameworks



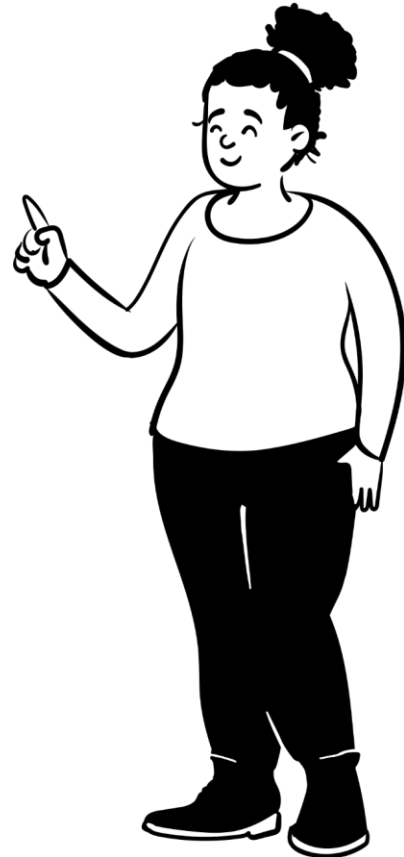
# Articulation

- Articulation is a pathway between full time HN courses at college, into a degree at university. The pathway will have been identified and agreed between the college and the university.
- You could potentially get direct entry into year 2 at university with an HNC, or direct entry into year 3 at university with an HND.
- The PATHWAYS website allows you to search for Articulation routes.
- Borders College, Edinburgh College, Fife College, Forth Valley College, Newbattle Abbey College, Scotland's Rural College, West Lothian College
- Check college and university websites for availability and requirements as well.



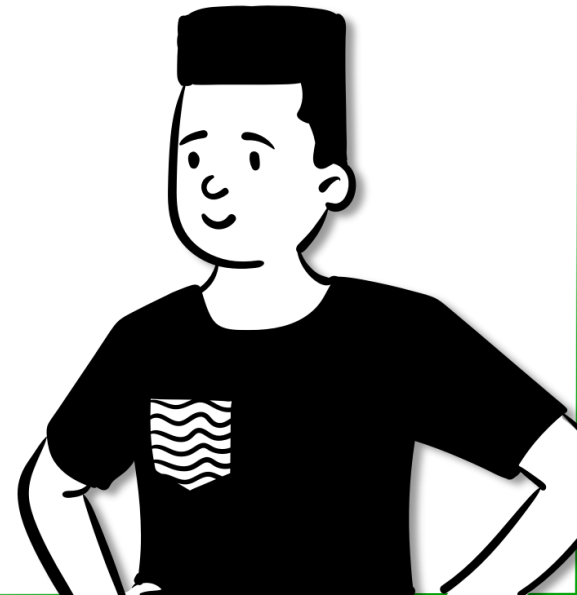
## Next steps:

- Check the UCAS and/or college deadline for your course(s)
- Check Open Day dates/opportunities
  - It's not just the academic side, look at facilities and activities
  - Where would you like to study and live?
- Get researching courses!
  - Check entry requirements, including N5s
  - How is it taught? How is it assessed?



## Things to remember...

- Make your applications to College and University using a personal email (NOT GLOW!)
- Please disclose if you are care experienced, young carer or estranged. These are all positive disclosures and are there to provide you with more support
- Check your in-school deadlines for UCAS and Personal Statements!



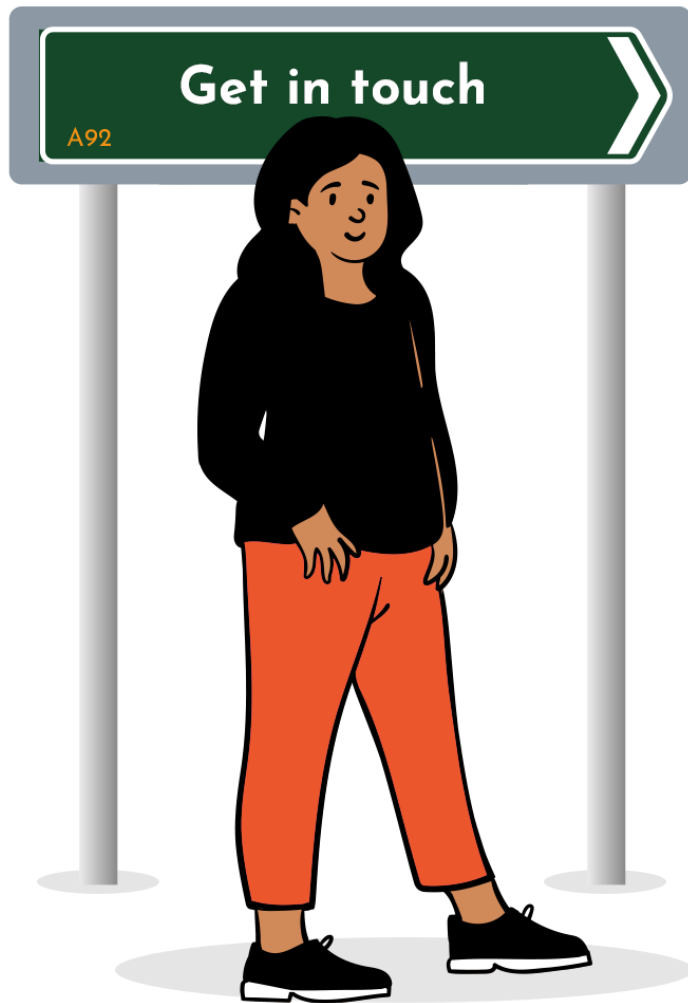


## This Session:

- How to search the right course for you.
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## Next Session:

- Understand the importance of a personal statement.
- What admissions officers are looking for.
- How to begin structuring your statement.



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Any  
Questions?

