

Preparing your child for University- 2027



Dear Parent/Carer

Please find enclosed some information designed to help you make an informed decision about your child's next steps. We have compiled resources from a variety of trusted sources, and relevant links are embedded throughout the document for your convenience.

For any specific questions please do not hesitate to email Mrs Devanney (Head of Sixth Form); edevanney@grange.bucks.sch.uk or our Careers Advisor Mrs Kittles: Skittles@grange.bucks.sch.uk

How to start preparing for university?

To find and apply to universities for 2027 entry, it is important to begin with thorough research and preparation. UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) is the central platform through which you will apply.

Key links to help:

1. UCAS Search tool (*To help find relevant courses, universities, and apprenticeships*): [Choose your future | UCAS](#)
2. UCAS Hub (*Encourage your child to sign up to the UCAS Hub*): [UCAS Hub - Why should you sign-up?](#)
3. UCAS events: [UCAS Events | Speak to Universities and Employers](#)
4. Step by step guidance on how to choose the right course: [How to choose the right undergraduate course for you](#)
5. UCAS Social media links:
 - Facebook facebook.com/ucasonline
 - Instagram instagram.com/ucas_online
 - TikTok tiktok.com/@ucas_online
 - X twitter.com/ucas_online

What should my child's next steps be?

1. Research Universities and Courses

- **Explore Your Options:** Visit university websites and review course brochures to find programs that match your interests, academic strengths, and career goals.
- **Consider Key Factors:** Think about location, campus environment, course content, student support, and opportunities like placements or research.

2. Prepare Your UCAS Application

- **Register with UCAS:** Create an account at ucas.com.
- **Your child must link their account with The Grange School.** This is achieved by using the buzzword: WECANDOIT27
- **Enter Your Personal Information:** Include your full name, address, contact details, and other relevant details.
- **List Your Education History:** Provide details of your academic qualifications, including subjects, grades, and predicted results if applicable.
- **Select Your Courses:** You can apply for up to five courses.

- **Write Your Personal Statement:** The format for personal statements include;
 - **Motivation:** Why you are interested in the course and university.
 - **Skills and Experiences:** Relevant academic, work, and extracurricular experiences.
 - **Future Plans:** How the course connects to your career aspirations.
- **Request a Reference:** Ask your school or college for a reference, usually provided by a teacher or tutor.
- **Pay and Submit:** Once your application is complete, pay the fee and submit it before the deadline.

Personal statement writing class:

In the Summer Term 2; students will be offered a UCAS personal statement writing class. It is important that students sign up to this to be as prepared as possible.

3. Tips for a Strong Application

- **Start Early:** The process takes time, begin researching and drafting early to avoid stress.
- **Proofread Carefully:** Check your application and statement for spelling and grammar mistakes.
- **Get Feedback:** Ask teachers, career advisors, or mentors to review your personal statement.
- **Attend Open Days:** Visiting campuses can give you a better feel for the environment and help you make more informed choices.
- **Track Deadlines:** Some courses (like medicine, veterinary, or Oxbridge) have earlier UCAS deadlines, so plan accordingly.

Support and guidance will be delivered to students via our pastoral programme.

Year 12 timeline:

May-July

- Research universities and courses, start writing your personal statement.

Summer of
Year 12:

- Begin working on your UCAS application.

End of year
12 summer

- First draft of personal statement to be completed.

September-
January(
Year 13):

- You will submit your application to UCAS between September and January (2027)