



The Winchester School , Jebel Ali

OPTION ORIENTATION FOR YEAR- 11 MOVING TO YEAR- 12 FEBURARY 2024



To prepare students for an effective transition and guide in making right subject choices at A levels.

“Not limiting your beliefs opens pathways to infinite potential.”



A level (Year 12
and 13 –
Minimum 3
Subjects)

BTEC (Year 12
and 13 –
Minimum 2 BTEC
or 1 BTEC with 1
or 2 A levels)



OR



Under Graduation Degree
(Typically required 3 A level grades
or 2 BTEC for entry)



A level Pathways

- **Pathway 1 –A level Only**



Students can study three A levels over Year 12 and 13. Students at the end of year 12, will take the AS exam in the subject and A Level exam at the end of Year 13.

Requirement for this pathway

- A student must have a minimum of B grade in the subject he/she wants to pursue at A Levels.

- **Pathway 2- Btec Level 3 Qualification Pathway**

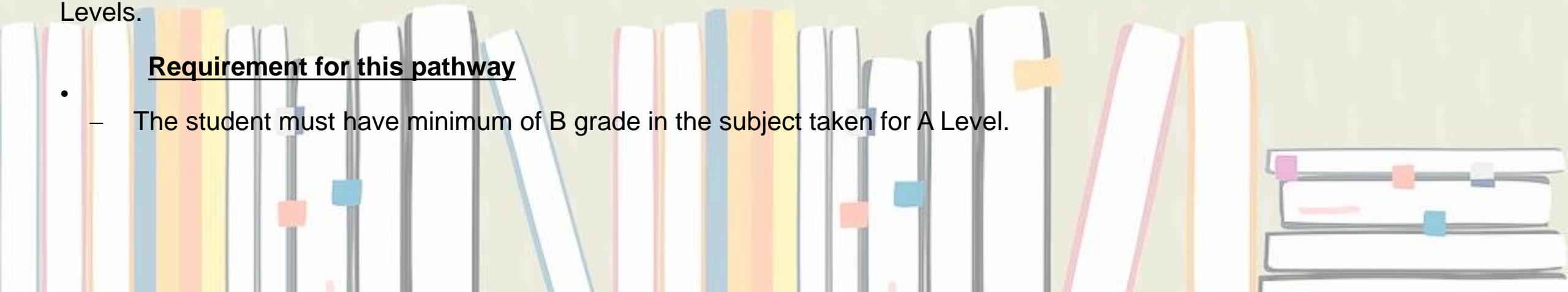
Students can choose to study two BTEC courses. Winchester currently offers Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business (equivalent to two A Levels), BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science and BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma Information Technology (equivalent to two A Level).

- **Pathway 3- Hybrid A level and Btec Pathway**

The Winchester School has developed its option blocks to suit a combination of BTECs and A Levels. Students can select one A Level and BTEC Diploma. Both routes will give the equivalent of three A Levels.

Requirement for this pathway

- - The student must have minimum of B grade in the subject taken for A Level.





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for 5 to 19-year-olds

A community of over



10 000
schools
in **160** countries

Established
in **1858**

- CAIE prepare school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning.
- Nearly a million students in over 10 000 Cambridge schools in 160 countries.
- They have a 150-year history of providing international exams.
- They are part of the University of Cambridge.

Structure and Benefits of CAIE A level



- Exams taken at the end of Year 12 for AS level and end of 13 for A level.
- The final grade of A level is cumulative of AS and A level exams
- Each subject receives a separate grade.
 - ▶ Grades are from A* to E, with A* being the highest.
 - ▶ Grades of A level is highly recognised and accepted for Universities across the world

Your child's needs as a learner are at the heart of our approach to education. We encourage students to become:

- **confident** in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others
- **responsible** for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others
- **reflective** and developing their ability to learn
- **innovative** and equipped for new and future challenges
- **engaged** intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference...





- Alongside A levels, BTEC Nationals are the most widely-recognised qualification for admission to higher education. They are level 3 vocational qualifications that provide specialist, work-related learning across a range of sectors. BTEC Nationals are designed to equip students with the specialist knowledge, practical skills and understanding they need to progress along their chosen learning and career paths.

BTEC Applied
Science

BTEC Information
Technology

BTEC Business

One BTEC is equivalent to 2 A level and double graded from D*D* to PP



Requirements of A level Admission

1. Ministry Arabic is compulsory for all Arabs. Islamic Studies is compulsory for all Muslim students. These are not option subjects for A levels.
2. Arabic is compulsory for Arabs and Non- Arabs who wish to attend any UAE University (International/local) in the future.
3. Please note that EMSAT examination is the ministry requirement for admission into local UAE University both National and International students. Further details can be found on the individual university websites.
4. **A student must achieve a minimum B grade in the IGCSE examination in all subjects that he/she wants to pursue at A levels (Year 12 and 13).**
5. English and Mathematics are not compulsory.
6. Students can take only one subject at A levels based on English IGCSE grade. Please note that for A level , Psychology, Sociology, Business, T&T, the requirement is IGCSE First Language English, if they have not taken Psychology, Sociology, Business, T&T as IGCSE subject. First Language English is required if the student wants to take English at A level.
7. IT and Computer science cannot be written in the same sitting as per CAIE.
8. **An option will be considered viable and offered only if, at least 10 students sign up for it.**
9. BTEC is a 2-year programme. BTEC can be studied alone or in combination with A levels. One BTEC is equivalent to 2 A levels. Students can choose either 2 BTEC Options or hybrid option: 1 BTEC and 1 A level.

A level Options Form 2024 -2026

Option1	Option2	Option3	Option4
Accounting (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Economics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Travel & Tourism (Grade A*-B in IGCSE TT or A*- B in English 1 st or 2 nd Lang)	Business (Grade A*-B in IGCSE Business or A*-B in English 1 st or 2 nd Lang)
Psychology(Grade A*-B in IGCSE Psychology or A*-B in English 1 st or 2 nd Lang)	Biology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Chemistry (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Computer Science (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
Physics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
English Language (Grade A*-B in IGCSE English 1 st Language)	Art and Design (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Sociology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE TT or A*- B in English 1 st or 2 nd Lang)	Information Technology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
BTEC ICT	BTEC Business	BTEC Applied Sciences	Physics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)

Example
Scenario-1

Student wants to pursue a Career in Engineering, Technology or Computer



Year 12 and 13
with
3 or 4 Subjects

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Accounting (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Economics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	*Travel and Tourism (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Business (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
Physics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Biology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Chemistry (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Computer Science (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
Psychology	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
English Language (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Art and Design (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	*Sociology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Physics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
BTEC ICT	BTEC Business	BTEC Applied Sciences	Information Technology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)

Universities
Typically need 3 A
level with
Mathematics and
Physics

University



Example
Scenario-2

Student wants to pursue a Career in Business, Marketing Finance and accounting

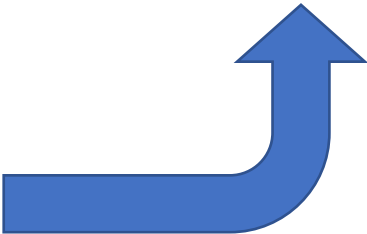


Year 12
and 13
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3 or 4
Subjects

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Accounting (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Economics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	*Travel and Tourism (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Business (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
Physics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Biology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Chemistry (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Computer Science (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
Psychology	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	*Sociology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
English Language (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Art and Design (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics	Information Technology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
BTEC ICT	BTEC Business	BTEC Applied Sciences	Physics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)

Universities Typically need 3 A level with Mathematics or economics

University



Example
Scenario-3

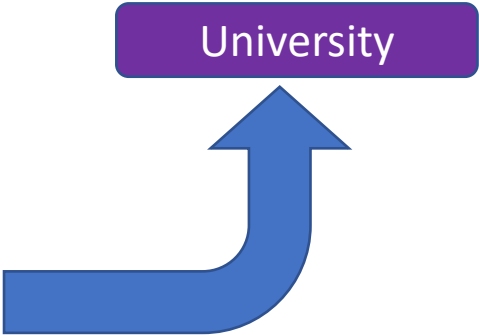
Student wants to pursue a Career in Medicine/Bio/Dentistry/Psychology



Year 12
and 13
with
3 or 4
Subjects

Universities Typically need 3 A level with Chemistry, Biology, Physics/math

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Accounting (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Economics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	*Travel and Tourism (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Business (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
Physics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Biology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Chemistry (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Computer Science (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
Psychology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	*Sociology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
English Language (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Art and Design (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Mathematics	Information Technology (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
BTEC ICT	BTEC Business	BTEC Applied Sciences	*Physics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)



Example
Scenario-4

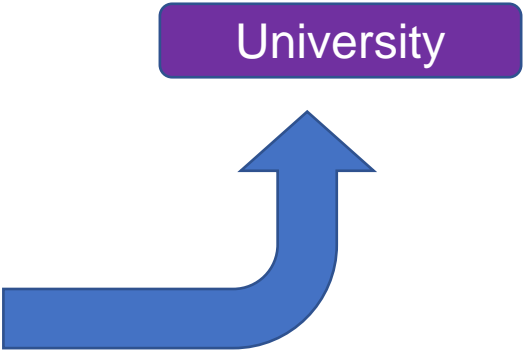
Student wants to
pursue a Career
Law/Media/Politics



Year 12
and 13
with
3 or 4
Subjects

Universities
Typically need 3 A
level

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Accounting (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Economics (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	*Travel and Tourism (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)	Business (Grade A*-B in IGCSE)
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Common Career Path and subject Requirements



Course	Mandatory	Additional Requirements	Preferable
Engineering	Physics, Mathematics	Chemistry	Computer Science, ICT
Computer science	Mathematics	Physics, Computer Science	
Medicine/Dentistry	Chemistry, Biology	Physics, Mathematics	Psychology, Sociology
Biological Sciences/Bio technology/Bio medical etc	Biology, Chemistry	Physics	Psychology, Sociology
Psychology	Biology, Psychology	Sociology, Chemistry	
Economics	Mathematics, Economics	Business studies	Computer Science, ICT
Accounting	Accountancy, Mathematics	Economics	Business, ICT



EDUCATION

Common Career Path and subject Requirements



Course	Mandatory	Additional Requirements	Preferable
Business Management/marketing/Finance	Economics	Business studies, Accounting	Mathematics, ICT
Law	English	Sociology	Psychology, Economics,
Media	English	Sociology	Psychology, Economics, ICT
Mathematics, Actuarial Science & Statistics	Mathematics	Accounting, Economics	ICT, Computer Science
Hospitality management, Culinary Management, tourism		Mathematics & 1 Science Subject	Travel and tourism, Business studies, Sociology

University Application Requirement



- ✓ Starting Application to universities through UCAS, Common-App and other platform
- ✓ Preparing Personal Statements
- ✓ Preparing and appearing competitive test like SAT, UCAT etc



- ✓ Attending language test like IELTS
- ✓ Participating in Volunteering works and other activities
- ✓ Preparing for interviews and admission tests



What Do Universities Look For...

- Grades
- Test Scores
- Applications
- Essays
- Recommendations
- Activities
- Interviews





Grades

- Grades are the top factor of admissions
- Universities provide conditional and unconditional offers
- Conditional offers are based on predicted grade
- Universities also look in to consistency of performance and grades from grade 11 onwards



Recommendation Letters and References



- University wants to Know what school authorities have to say - specifically, from teachers and counselors in their letters of recommendation.
- Teachers write about your academic strengths and interests, your personal qualities, your attitude towards self, school and community and your potential direction in the future.
- These letters offer a great deal of insight into who you are and how you'll fit in and work with others at University.

Test Score, Interviews and Admission Test



- Some Universities and course required to consider admission tests like subject SAT, BMAT, UCAT etc
- University may schedule interview with the candidate and Interview score will consider for the admission
- There are some internal admission tests conducted by Universities for some courses.



Support from School



- Regular Career Assemblies and fairs
- Opportunities for various extra and co- curricular activities in school and beyond.
- One- to-One meeting with Career Counselor.
- Personalized Application submission support by counselor on UCAS, Common App and other University Portals
- Support to write Personal Statements.



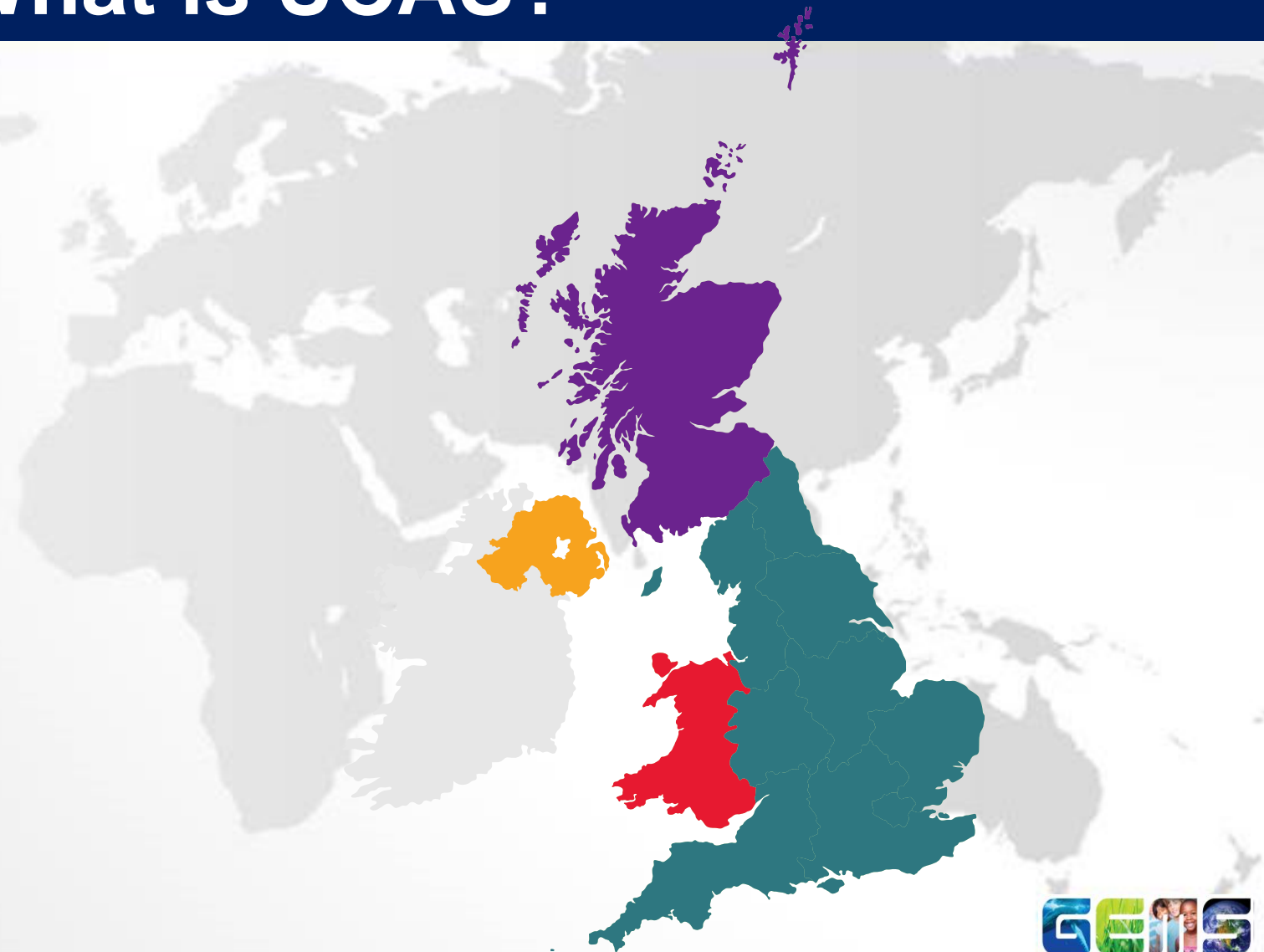
What is UCAS?



350+ universities and colleges:

- **4** in **Northern Ireland**
- **15** in **Wales**
- **18** in **Scotland**
- **316** in **England**

35,000+ courses available



UCAS – an independent charity



UCAS

UCAS does:

- ✓ process applications
- ✓ provide information, advice, and training
- ✓ have a Fraud and Verification Team
- ✓ take part in education sector engagement

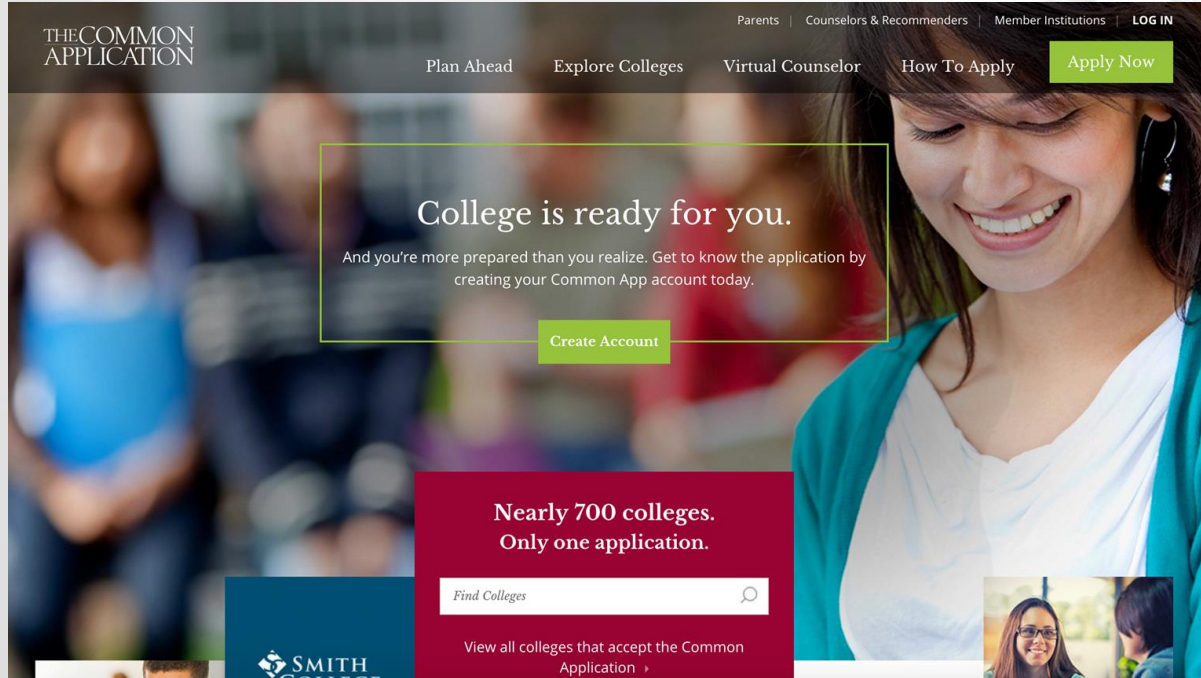
UCAS doesn't:

- ✗ suggest courses or universities
- ✗ make decisions or offers
- ✗ advise on finance, immigration, or visas for individuals





COMMON APP- US APPLICATIONS



The Common Application (Common App) is a non-profit [membership organization](#) representing nearly 900 diverse institutions of higher education. We connect applicants and those who support them to a wide array of public and private colleges and universities across all 50 U.S. states, and 20 countries.





CANADA



- 495,000 international students studied in Canada in 2017
- Typical UG degree is 4 years, and considered equivalent to an American qualification
- Co-op experiences are a hallmark of Canadian degree programs
- According to Statistics Canada, the average tuition fees for international students in 2021/22 are CA\$27,159 per year.
- More information: [EduCanada](https://www.educanada.ca)



Netherlands

- Higher education in the Netherlands is divided by research-oriented (3 year bachelor's) and profession-oriented institutions (4 year bachelor's).
- The Netherlands hosts more than 122,000 international students annually.
- Compared with other western European locations, the cost of living in the Netherlands is relatively low. The tuition fee in the Netherlands for the European Union (EU) students is about **1800-4000 Euros each year** while Netherlands university fees for international students is about 6000-20000 Euros each year
- <https://studylink.com/>





German



- Germany has 427 state-accredited universities; 120 of these are private
- UG programs are very structured and can be completed in 6-8 semesters.
- At German private universities, tuition costs can reach 26,000 EUR/year for a Bachelor's degree
- More information: [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#)

Eastern European Countries



• Poland

- [Warsaw University of Technology](#)
- [University of Gdansk](#)
- [Poznan University of Technology](#)
- [University of Wrocław](#)
- Fees and Living cost in Poland are very well balanced.
- While tuition fees start at around 2,000 EUR for English - taught Bachelors,

Czech Republic

- [Masaryk University](#)
- [Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University](#)
- [Faculty of Medicine, Charles University](#)

The fees start at 3,000 EUR/year and go up to 15,000 EUR/ year.

Hungary

The average cost for Bachelor's programmes for foreigners is 1,000 - 3,000 EUR/ year. Living costs are around 350 - 500 EUR/month.



UAE

- UAE has both Private and Public Universities.
- Private Universities do direct admission.
- UCAS is not required to study in UK universities of UAE.
- Fees structure are relatively lower compare to European and US universities.

A level Admission Procedure



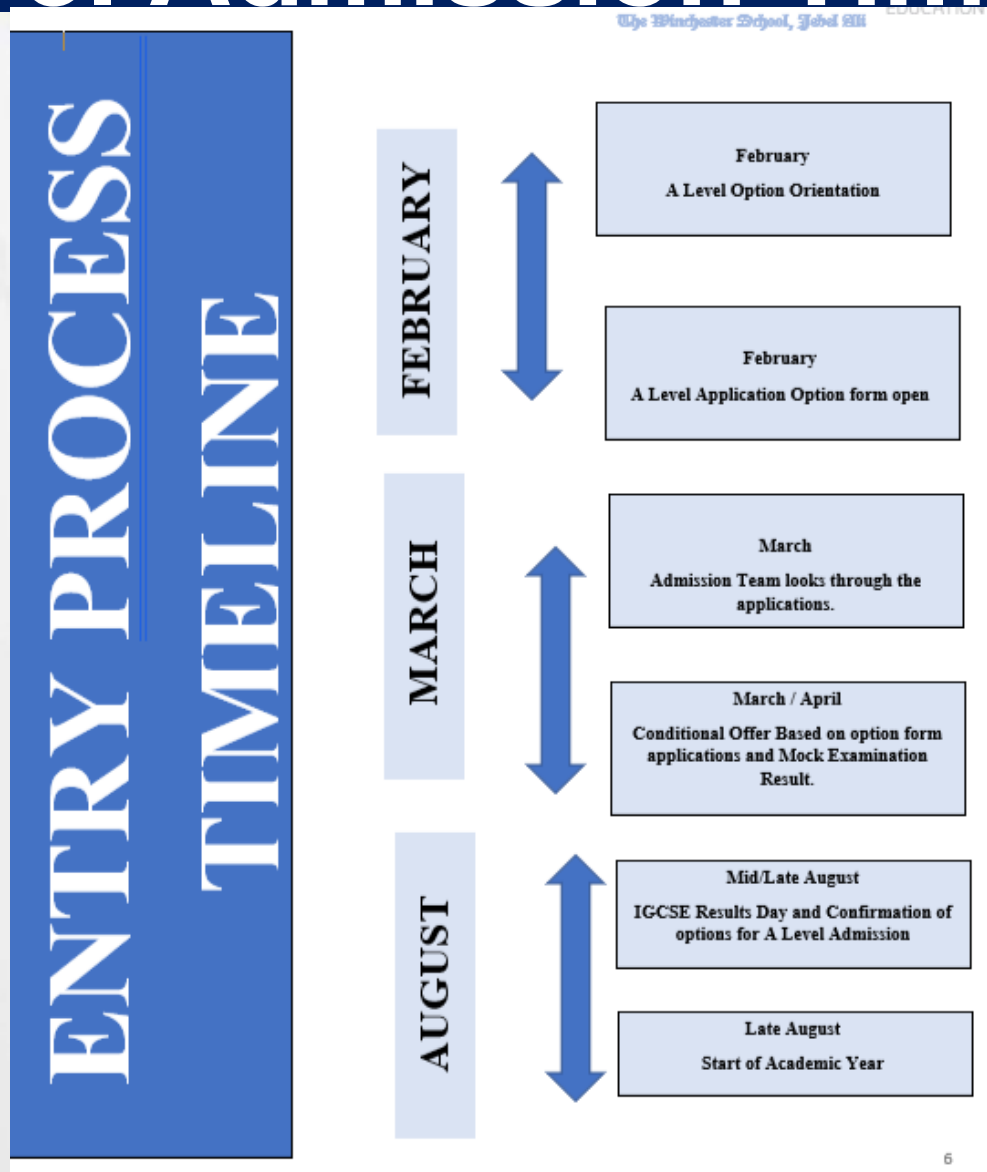
Provisional admission for Year 12

- We are conducting **Provisional admissions for Year 12** .
- The letter and conditional admission forms will be sent shortly.
- The student will complete admission forms in the link shared, in the mean time the admissions team will look into the options and begin the process.

Final admission for Year 12

- Admission will be confirmed only after the final IGCSE results are declared and you meet the grade requirement in the selected options.

A level Admission Timeline





Q & A session

Thank You!

