



University as an option

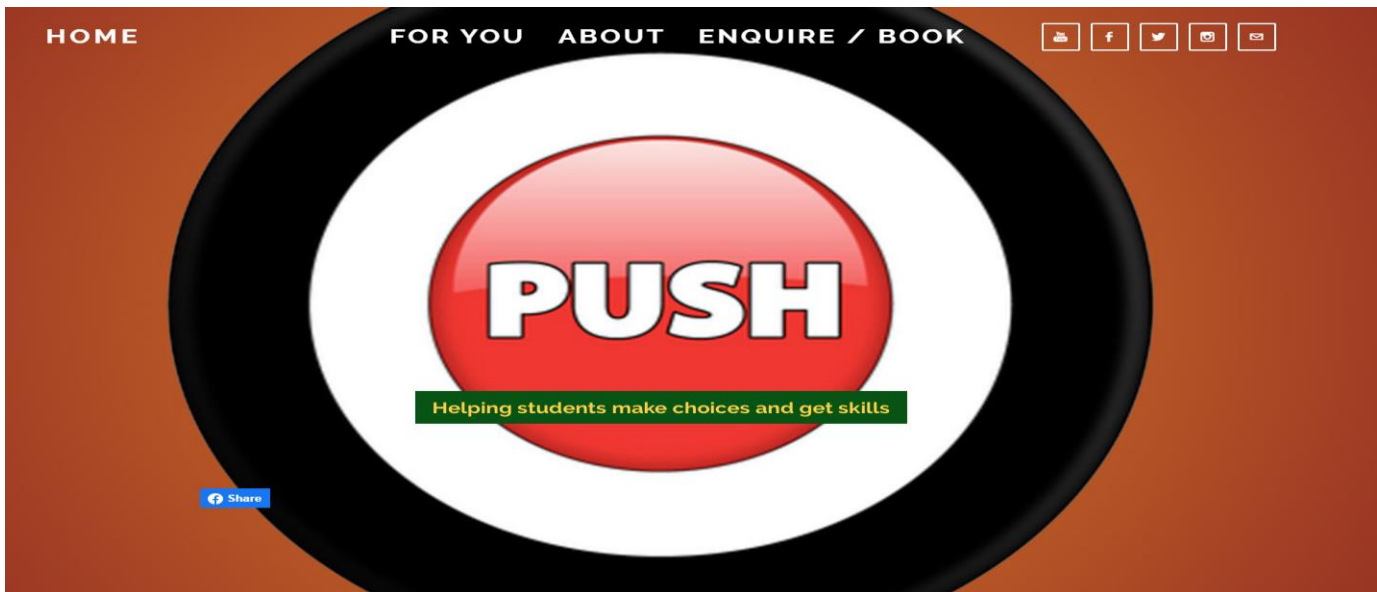
For some parents or guardians, the university process can feel scary and an unknown, even for parents or guardians who have been through the process before, it can also be an unknown as things change and develop. Your child will receive support with this when they are at 6th form or college but in the meantime, there are a number of useful sources of information for you to access.

UCAS, which is the organisation your child will apply through to get a university place, have put together a free to download guide for parents and guardians. It can be accessed at:

[Advice For Parents And Guardians | UCAS | Parent Guide To University](#)

Also there is the Complete University Guide www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

This is an excellent website for general information on all areas of the University application process. Also you can find out about a variety of other things such as open days, search for courses and find out about fees and careers linked with different subjects.

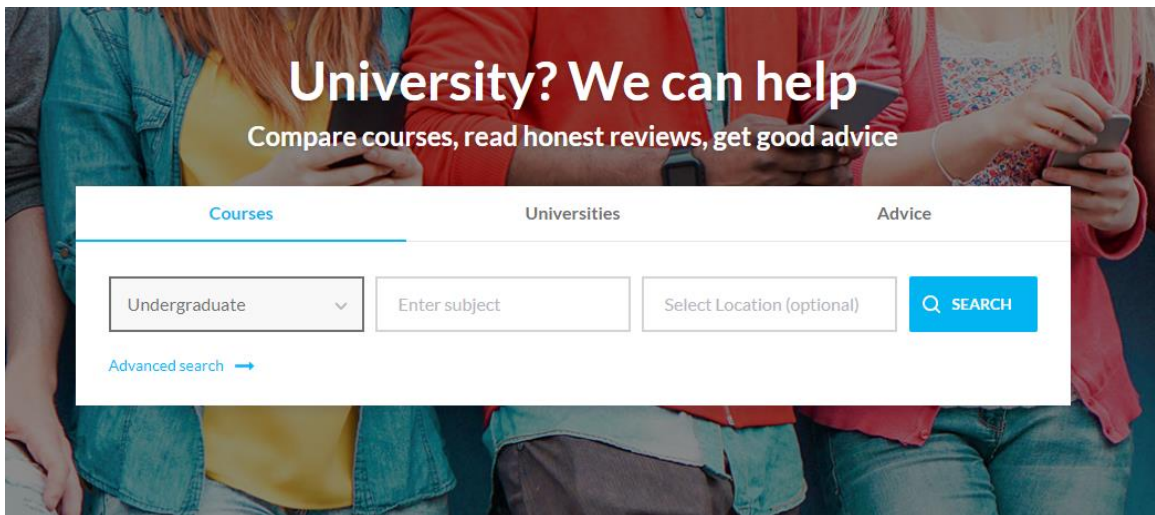


<https://www.push.co.uk/>

The UCAS page on the Push website will give you a good overview of the process, but it also has lots of good tips and advice about student finance, picking accommodation and budgeting.

UCAS Course Search <https://digital.ucas.com/search>

This an excellent starting point to search for courses across the UK. It will allow you to search for courses you might be aware of and courses you didn't know existed. It will allow you to research entry requirements and universities who offer the course you are interested in.



www.whatuni.com

The Whatuni website contains lots of useful information for all aspects of the University application process. On their main page you will find a course search tool which will show you all the courses in the country who offer the courses you are interested in. It will also show you employment rates, drop-out rates and entry requirements for each course.

If you would like to know how to write a personal statement for your CV or an application, for example to a university, read on

your ambitions, skills, and experience to university and college admissions staff.

UCAS - Personal Statement

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement>

UCAS have some excellent writing frames, advice and videos which should reduce the uncertainty and 'scary' side of writing a personal statement.

Top tips for writing the perfect personal statement

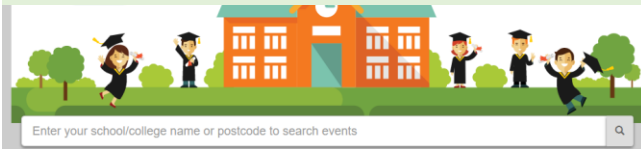
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A high-quality personal statement is a vital part of your UCAS application. Grades and academic references alone are not enough to differentiate between students so your personal statement is your chance to show universities why they should offer you a place.

The Complete University Guide <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/universities/applying-to-university-and-ucas-deadlines/top-tips-for-writing-the-perfect-personal-statement>

The Complete University Guide's Personal Statement page gives some great top tips about writing a great personal statement. After visiting the UCAS page, this would be a useful page to read over.

If you would like to find out about university open days and taster days, then read on



www.unitasterdays.com

Unitasterdays.com is a great site to search for taster days and open days. You can book through the website and search for upcoming events.

opendays.com
university and college open days

Opendays.com is an excellent site to search for all upcoming open days so you can plan your trips in advance see what's happening soon.

If you would like to know how the student finance system works, then read on

FINANCE FOR STUDENTS

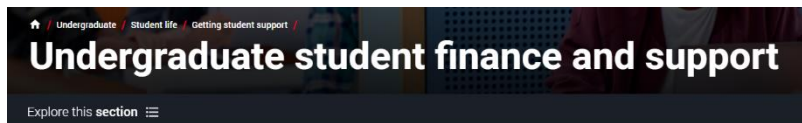
Everything you need to know about student maintenance loans



Have you ever thought: When will I get my student maintenance loan? How much will I receive? How do I pay it back and how much interest will I owe when I graduate?

<https://www.futurefinance.com/blog/what-you-need-to-know-about-student-maintenance-loan/>

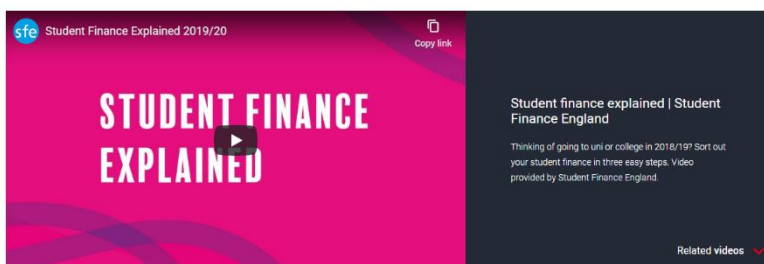
This website gives excellent information about the main loan students receive – the Maintenance Loan. It explains how to apply, how much you might be entitled to and how it is repaid.



UCAS Student Finance

For a general overview of the student finance system, UCAS have some really information videos and information.

Not sure how to pay for uni, or how you'll cope during your studies? Don't worry, there's a range of finance and support available.



<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/student-life/getting-student-support/undergraduate-student-finance-and-support>