

Welcome to the Class of 2027 Destinations Assembly



“You will be secure because there is hope.” Job 11:18

Destinations in 2025

Aim high, be aspirational.



Early applicants / Russell Group Universities

- Architecture at Cambridge & Sheffield
- Maths at Oxford
- Medicine at Lancaster
- Dentistry at Dundee
- Chemistry & Urban Planning at Birmingham
- Languages, History, Theatre, Sciences at Bristol
- Midwifery, Law, Politics, Engineering at Cardiff
- Teaching at Durham
- Languages, Politics, Sociology, Law at Exeter
- Maths at UCL
- Languages and Theatre at Warwick
- Chemistry, Maths, Actuarial Science at York

Public Services

- Chiropractic
- Midwifery
- Paramedic Science
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Primary Teaching
- Social Work
- Speech & Language Therapy

Performing & Creative Arts

- Acting
- Commercial Music
- Dance
- Fashion Design
- Graphical Design
- Interior Design
- Jazz

Intended Destinations in 2026

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Top 10 & Russell Group Universities

- Theology & Philosophy at Oxford
- Veterinary Science & Law at Nottingham
- Nursing & Midwifery at King's and Southampton
- Linguistics & Language at Edinburgh
- Economics & Finance at Newcastle
- Historical Archeology at York
- History & Politics at Warwick
- Criminology & Business Economics at Liverpool
- Bio-medical Science at Manchester & Sheffield
- Civil Engineering & Sports Science at Bath
- International Relations, Economics... at Bristol
- Classics, Business, Geography, Mechanical Engineering, Sports Science... at Exeter
- Physiotherapy at Cardiff
- Golf Scholarship to American university

Public Services

- Chiropractic
- Midwifery
- Mental health nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Primary Teaching
- Social Work
- Speech & Language Therapy

Performing & Creative Arts

- Musical Theatre
- Commercial Music
- Product Design
- Fashion Design
- Graphical Design
- Interior Design
- Model Making
- Film & TV

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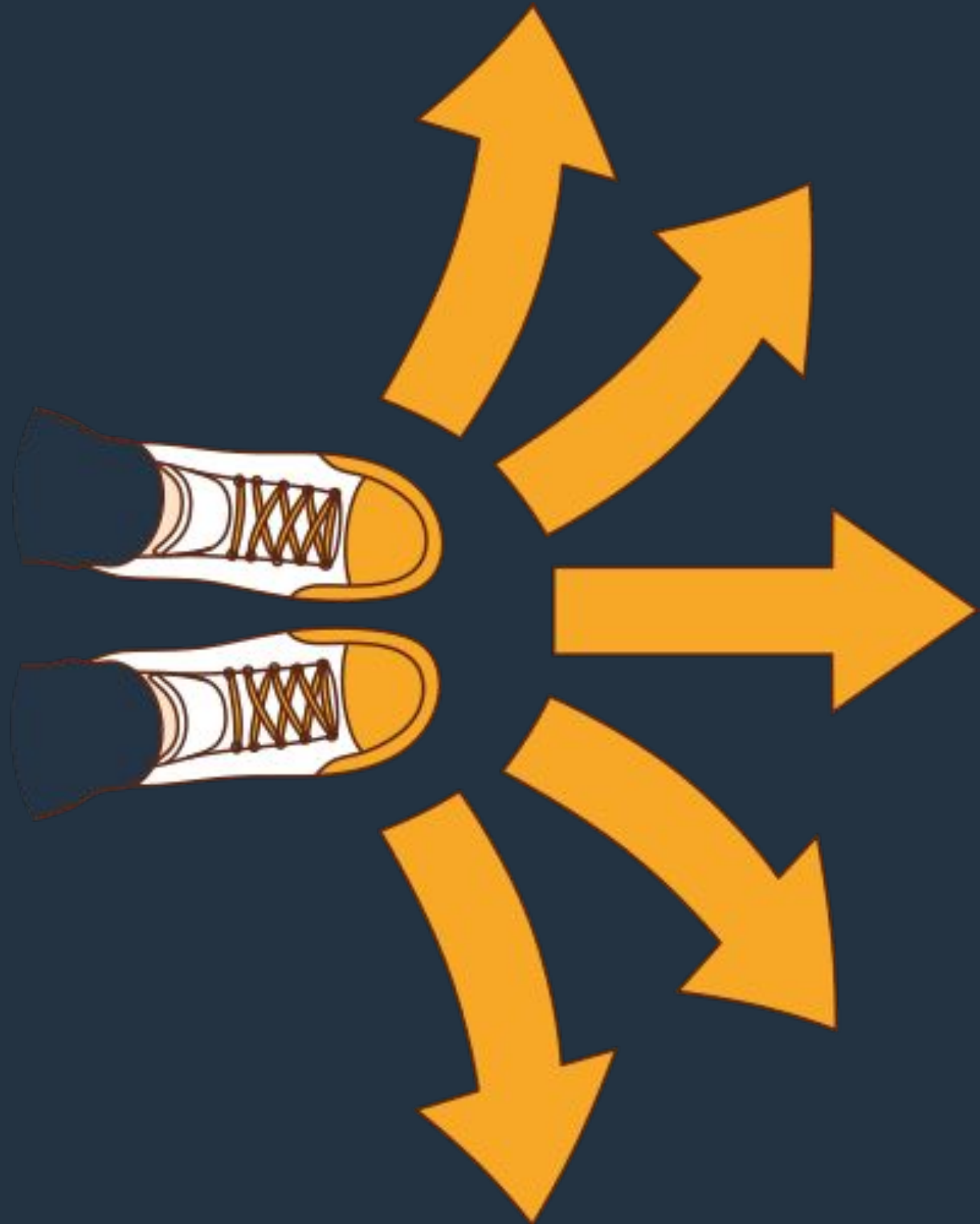
Apprenticeships

- Dibbens Solicitors
- **Barbering**
- Pre-school Apprenticeship
- **Hairdressing**
- JP Morgan
- **Greene King Management**
- British Army
- **RNDA**
- Clarke Rowe Solicitors
- **Knights Brown Chartered Surveying**
- Forvis Mazars
- **Goldman Sachs**

Gap Year /Volunteering/Employment

- Missionary work
- **Playing professional cricket in New Zealand**
- Ski / snowboarding season in Canada
- **Camp Canada**
- Marines
- **Army**
- RAF
- **Farming**
- Travelling in South East Asia

What options do you have Post-18?



FURTHER EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

APPRENTICESHIP

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT WITH TRAINING

GAP YEAR OR VOLUNTEERING



**Your destination is
your
responsibility!**

Apprenticeships

How to secure an

Apprenticeship

& Degree Apprenticeship

Presented by Harry Patience

Global Finance Apprenticeship at JP Morgan

Start Early · Apply Smart · Land the Offer

Apprenticeships — Is It Right for You?

✓ Advantages

Earn while you learn/Avoid student debt

Get a salary from day one - no student debt.

Degree/industry related qualification included

Graduate with a full BSc/BA, or qualification fully funded by your employer.

Real work experience

3-4 years of professional experience before peers even graduate.

Graduate-level roles

Many lead directly into graduate schemes at top firms like JP Morgan.

Structured training

Mix of on-the-job learning and academic study - best of both worlds.

⚠ Disadvantages

Highly competitive

Top firms receive thousands of applicants - you need to stand out early.

Less of a 'university experience'

You'll miss out on the social side of full-time campus life.

Less flexibility

Your degree path is tied to your employer/industry so could be harder to switch direction.

Intense workload

Balancing a full-time job and academic study simultaneously is demanding.

Fewer course choices

Not all degree subjects are available as apprenticeships yet.

The Application Journey

What to expect — and how to ace each stage

1

Application

Fill in via company site or trackr.com. Answer competency questions — use STAR method (Situation, Task, Action, Result).

2

Aptitude Tests

Numerical, verbal & logical reasoning. Practice on JobTestPrep or SHL Direct.

3

HireVue Interview

Pre-recorded video interview. You'll see a question and record your answer. Dress smart, look at the camera, and STAR your answers. Practice out loud beforehand.

4

Online Interview

Live 1-on-1 with a recruiter. Research the company, prepare 5+ STAR stories, and have 2–3 questions ready to ask them.

5

Assessment Centre

Group exercises, case studies, and interviews in-person. Be collaborative not dominant. Show commercial awareness and communicate clearly.



Not every firm uses every stage — but being prepared for all of them gives you a huge edge.

My Top Tips — From Someone Who Just Did It

Finance Apprenticeship · JP Morgan · 2026



Start in Year 12

Don't wait until sixth form is over. Applications for Sept entry open the autumn before.



Use trackr.com

Track every application, deadline, and stage in one place. It's a game changer for staying organised.



Master the STAR method

Every answer — written or spoken — should follow Situation, Task, Action, Result.



Practise HireVue

Record yourself on your phone. Watch it back. Cringe. Improve. Repeat.



Assessment Centres

Be yourself. Listen actively. Support teammates. Assessors watch HOW you work with others.



Rejections are normal

I got rejected before JP Morgan. Every rejection teaches you something. Keep going.

Any questions? Come find me after — happy to help! 

Apprenticeships Essentials

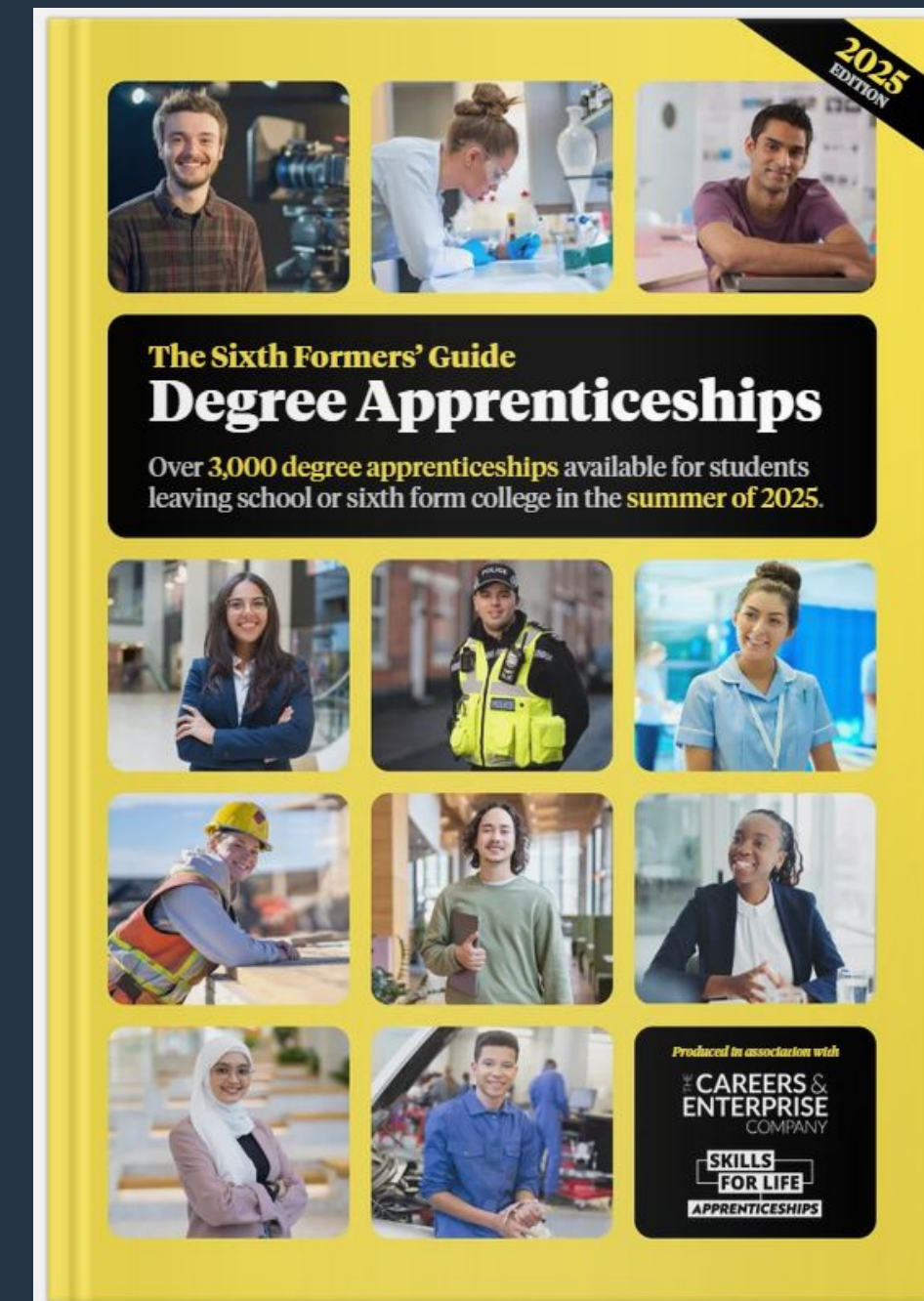


- It is highly competitive to get a (degree) apprenticeship
- You are employed as an apprentice = wages!
- You are released for study
- You don't get student holidays
- Your training is paid for by the company
- You gain relevant experience as you work and learn
- It can take longer to get your academic qualifications, but you are earning as you do - so no student debt

Apprenticeships support at QE



- Access to Careers advice
- Work Experience guidance –VERY important for applications
- I'll be running Apprenticeship Application workshops for Year 12
 - Applications
 - Aptitude tests
 - Interview skills
- 2026 Degree Apprenticeships guide – all students have access to this



Apprenticeships support at QE



- Directories on Unifrog
 - How to tools
 - Listings updated daily
- National Apprenticeship

Service

- UCAS Directory
- Alumni links

This tool help students find the best apprenticeships for

Apprenticeships support at QE



- **Meet ex-students that are completing apprenticeships**
 - JP Morgan
 - Eatons
 - KPMG
 - more to follow.
- If you are interested in attending a small group meeting please look out for the invites this term.

What about University?



The basics

- You will have to pay tuition fees (sponsor)
- There are 1000s of places compared to Apprenticeships
- You can stay at home, we have great local unis
- Or you can study anywhere in the UK or beyond
- It can be expensive, but you earn more in the long run as a graduate
- You don't have to go in 2027, (apply now, then you can defer)

What about University?



The basics:

- You get 5 choices of course (4 + alt course for Med, Dent, Vet)
- You don't have to pick all 5 (best to have options)
- You can choose 5 different unis or all at 1 uni
- You can choose 5 different courses or all the same course
- You all have to complete an application
- You all have to write a personal statement
- Early applicants apply by **15th October**
- Other unis you apply by **13th January (Christmas)**

Early Applications

Oxbridge

Conservatoires

Medicine

Dentistry

Veterinary



Oxbridge Applications





Oxbridge applications

Gully Mount

Personal Statement

1

Lead with a specific idea

Skip the "I've always loved..." opener. Start mid-thought - a book, a question, a contradiction that hooked you.

2

Go deep, not wide

One text analysed properly beats five name-dropped. Show them how you engage, not just what you've read; it's not a 'box-ticking' exercise.

3

Academic > extracurricular

Roughly 80/20. Extracurriculars only count if they connect back to your subject and how you think.

Think about essay competitions; e.g John Locke Essay Competition

4

Get 3+ people to tear it apart

Teachers, family, friends. Get them all to proofread and give suggestions



Admissions Tests



Know the format

Find your exact paper (TMUA, LNAT, PAT, etc.). Structure, timing, marking. Don't walk in blind.



Time yourself writing

Most people run out of time, not ideas. Practice under strict conditions from week one.



Past papers > textbooks

Don't use textbooks, read books around the subject, the exams are different to A level essays, and require different thinking



AI/GPT usage

Make use of AI, not to write, but to mark the work you submit
Blurt into AI your rough argument and counter and ask it to critique.

Individual freedom and the rule of law are mutually incompatible.

Explain what you think is meant by the statement.
Give a reasoned argument against the statement.
To what extent do you agree with the statement?



The Interview

✓ Think aloud, don't perform

They're not after polished answers - they want to see your reasoning. Narrate the process, even the dead ends.

✓ Adapt in real time

If they push back or offer a new angle, engage with it: "That's interesting - let me think about how that changes my view."

✓ Changing your mind = strength

Don't defend your first answer at all costs. Spotting a good objection and revising shows intellectual flexibility.

✓ Clarity over confidence

Nerves are fine. Slow down, be clear, work through the idea carefully. That beats a smooth-but-empty answer every time.

✓ Curiosity, not rehearsed speeches

Skip the pre-prepared mini-essays. Read around topics that genuinely interest you and let the conversation unfold.

UK Conservatoires



What is a Conservatoire?



- **A specialist institution which trains students in music and performing arts.**
- **Have a full time practical focus**
- **They are also industry-focused, which means the environment mirrors the experience of working within the arts.**



What is the difference between a Conservatoire and University performing arts course?

Conservatoire

University

Primary Focus	Intensive <i>practical</i> training; performance-driven.	Broad <i>academic</i> study; mix of theory, analysis, and practical modules.
Teaching Style	One-to-one lessons, rehearsals, masterclasses; “train like a professional” environment.	Lectures, seminars, academic research, plus performance/composition modules.
Course Content	Performance, technique, ensembles, pedagogy, aural skills; all academic work supports performance.	Musicology, theory, history, analysis; can tailor toward performance or composition depending on institution.
Class Size	Small, highly focused groups; intensive individual attention.	Larger cohorts, especially in first year; smaller seminars for advanced modules.
Facilities	Purpose-built performing-arts spaces: practice rooms, studios, performance venues.	Varies widely; often fewer specialist facilities unless a strong music department.

What is the difference between a University and Conservatoire?

Conservatoire

University

Industry Connections

Strong links to orchestras, opera houses, casting directors; showcases for agents.

More academic networks; performance opportunities via societies and ensembles.

Weekly Schedule

Highly variable; can be 20–30+ contact hours, especially during project weeks.

More structured timetable; balance of lectures, seminars, and independent study.

Entry Requirements

Extremely competitive; audition-based; emphasis on skill and experience.

Based on academic grades, personal statement, and sometimes performance submissions.

Best For

Students committed to a performance-first career and intensive training.

Students wanting academic depth, flexibility, or a mix of theory and practice.

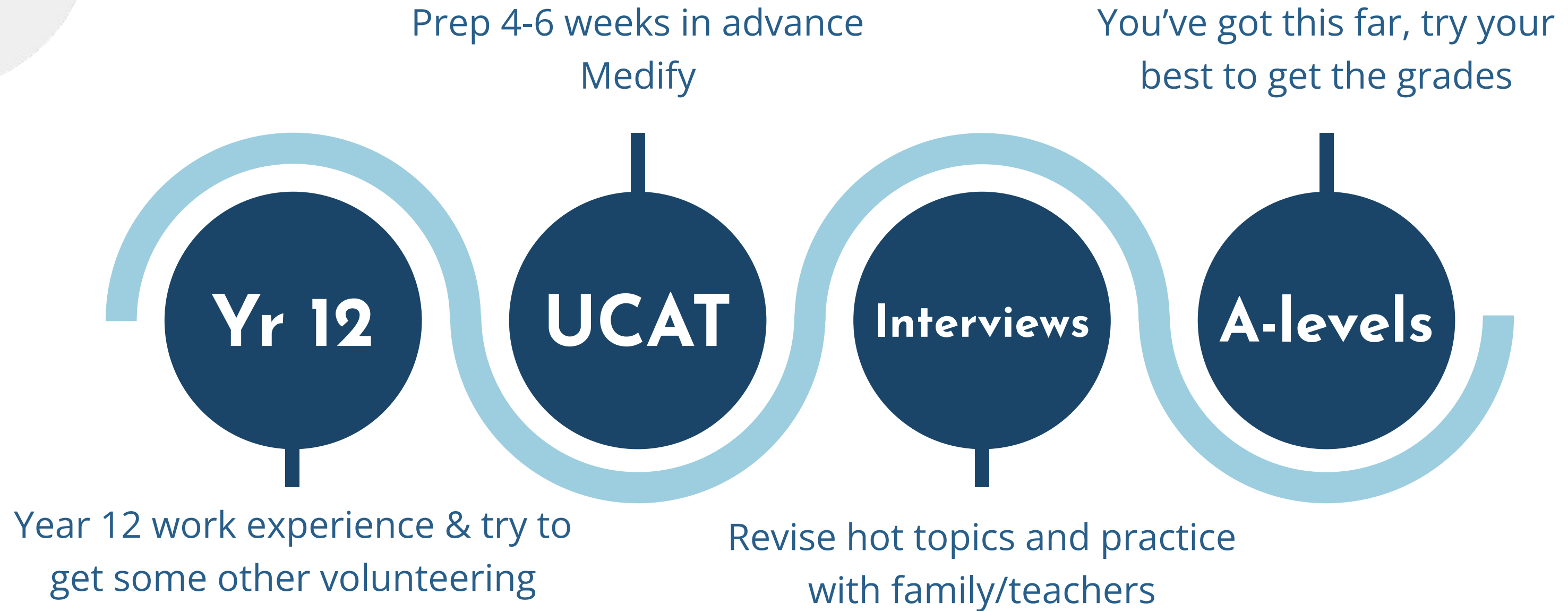


Studying Medicine

By Emilie Regnart

Currently travelling on a gap year
Starting at Lancaster Medical School in September

Timeline



Choosing medicine

Key aspects

- 5 year degree - may be off putting but lots of people say its their favourite years
- Scientific foundation
- Patient centered care
- Can be 6 if you do a gateway year (don't have to be getting As)

You have to want to do it - just the application process is very difficult so being passionate about it will keep you motivated

Emily's journey

Did her GCSEs and picked Chemistry, Biology and History A-levels

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EPQ on the effect of COVID-19 on the NHS

↓
Year 12 **work experience** in Salisbury Hospital

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Volunteering at local community hospital - more exposure to healthcare

↓
UCAT - 4-6 weeks preparation - she used Medify

↓
Strategically applied - personal statement centered around Medicine (+5th choice)

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Interviews - Multiple Mini Interviews online and in person

↓
A-levels

Essentials for Early applications



Deadlines:

- **2nd October: Conservatoire Music Applications**
- **15th October: Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary applications.**

Check entry requirements for GCSEs, A levels and work experience

Check what exams you may need to register for or materials you may need to submit

Look at all your extra curriculars – what is relevant to the course you are applying for – you've time to work on these now

STEM Applications



PMT Courses

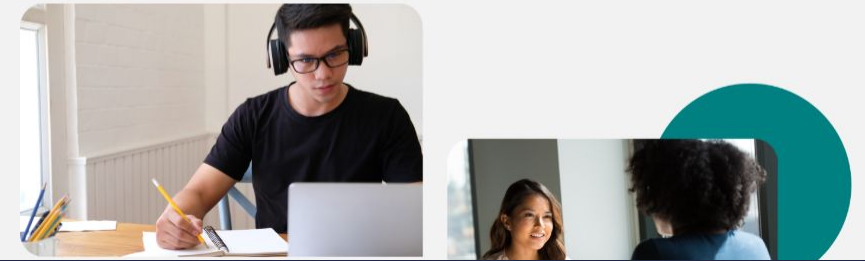
- GCSE
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- Uni Admissions
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Bursary Scheme

PMT Education began as a website for students to access physics and maths resources for free. Six years later, we now offer study materials for eight subjects and guidance for university admissions tests. We believe that by offering resources for free we are helping students of all abilities and backgrounds achieve the grades they need to succeed, whatever their ambitions.

Accessible Education



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Advice on Personal Statements, Admissions Tests and Interviews

Our Webinars are designed to help students learn about and prepare for competitive admissions at world-leading UK universities

REGISTER FOR FREE ACCESS

In these live sessions, our in-house admissions experts will share advice on how to decide on your course and university choices, and how to make sense of the complexities of the application process.

eFinancialCareers
<https://www.efinancialcareers.com/news/goldman-sac...>
Goldman Sachs interview questions: the definitive list

2 Sept 2025 — 20 Goldman Sachs questions from 2025 interviews. Why Goldman Sachs, and not a boutique? Tell me about a time you failed and how you handled it. [Read more](#)

Glassdoor
<https://www.glassdoor.co.uk/interview/Goldman-Sa...>
Goldman Sachs Interview Questions (2026)

Goldman Sachs interview details: 12695 interview questions and 11561 interview reviews posted anonymously by Goldman Sachs interview candidates.

Goldman Sachs
<https://www.goldmansachs.com/discover/virt...> PDF
Interview Preparation

Q: WHAT KINDS OF QUESTIONS WILL I BE ASKED? A: Our goal is to learn about you. Our interviews tend to focus on real-world problems – we want to hear how ... [Read more](#)
 5 pages

Career Principles
<https://www.careerprinciples.com/resources/goldma...>
Top 11+ Goldman Sachs Interview Questions

Q: Why Goldman Sachs and why the division you are applying to? · Q: Describe a current event or recent transaction that you find interesting. · Q: Why have you ... [Read more](#)

IGotAnOffer
<https://igotanooffer.com/blog>
Goldman Sachs behavioral interview (questions, answers, ...

8 Apr 2026 — Detailed guide on how to answer behavioral interview questions at Goldman Sachs. Includes sample answers and a list of 21 practice questions ...

Videos

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TEST OF MATHEMATICS FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION PAPER 2
 November 2021 75 minutes
 Additional materials: Answer sheet
 INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES
 Please read these instructions carefully, but do not open the question paper until you are told that you may do so.
 A separate answer sheet is provided for this paper. Please check you have one. You also require a soft pencil and an eraser.
 Please complete the answer sheet with your candidate number, centre number, and your name and initials.

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Programme content

On this programme, you'll study 12 units over three years, plus LSE100.

Year	Units														
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Key information

Study mode / Programme availability
Home full-time students (Three years)
 Open from September

Overseas full-time students (Three years)
 Open from September

Academic year

2027/28

Start date

27 September 2027

Location

Houghton Street, London

Application deadline

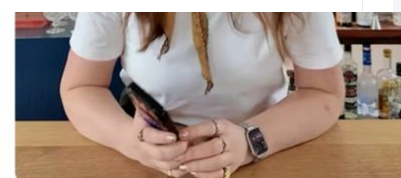
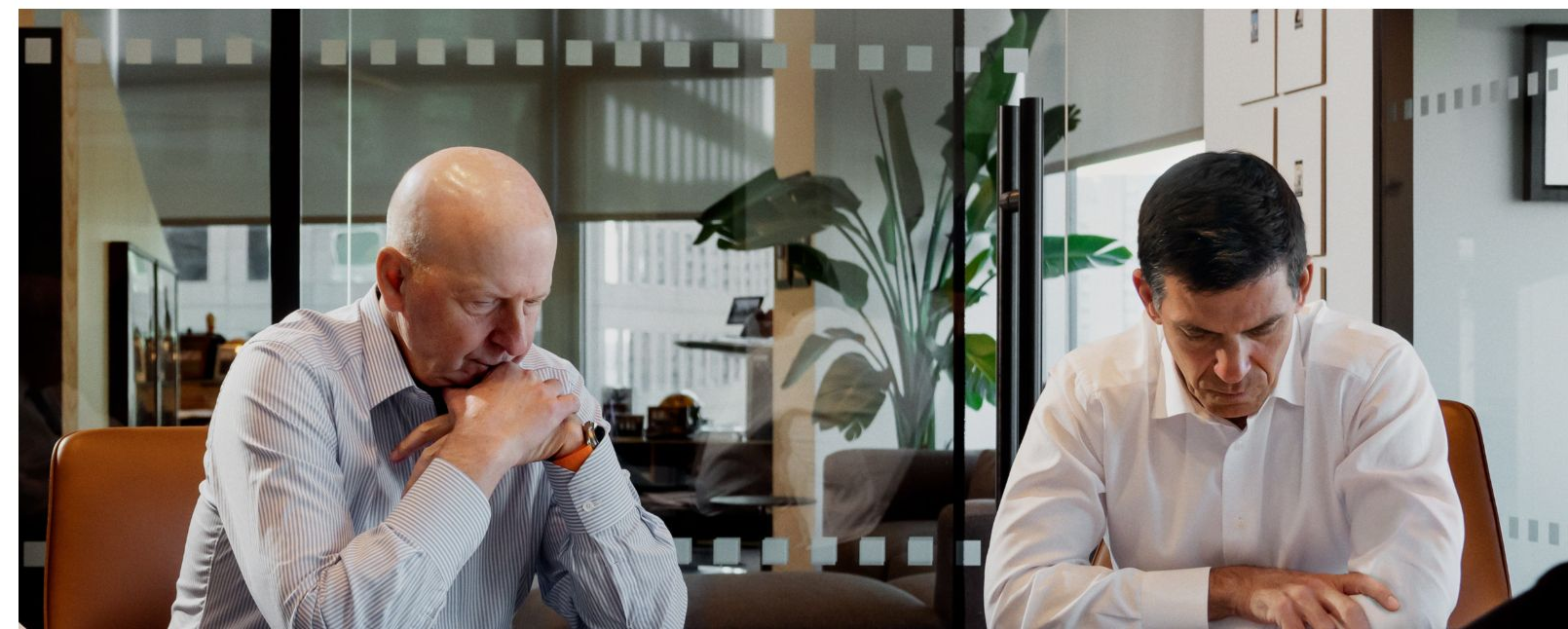
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Our Purpose

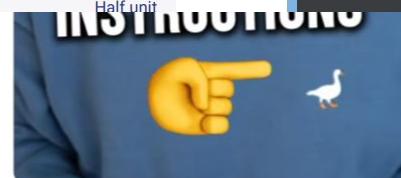
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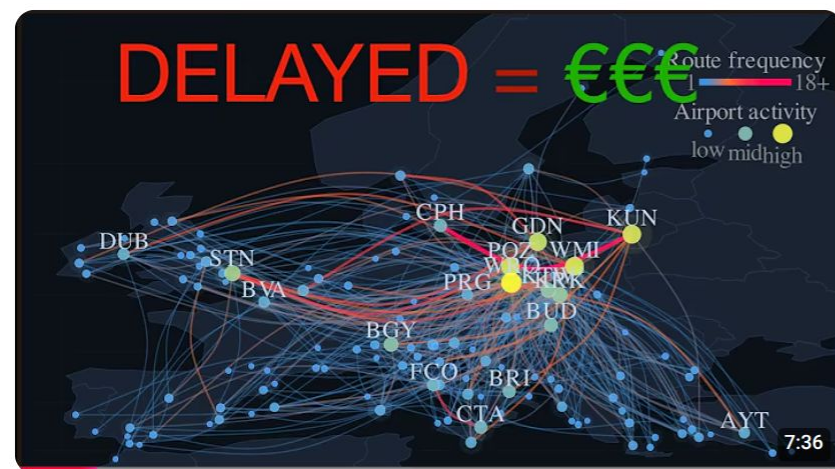
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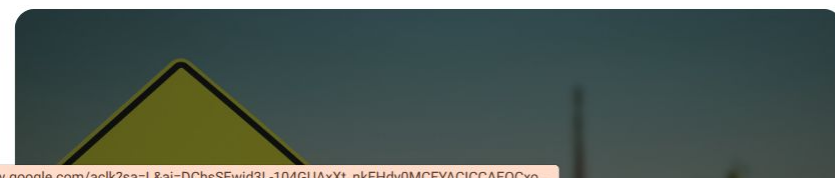


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FLBrown.Resume

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Quantitatively trained Student with a strong analytical foundation, experienced in applying data-driven reasoning to financial problems. Passionate about FICC markets and decision-making under uncertainty. Comfortable with communicating insights to senior stakeholders and leading automation-orientated efficiency initiatives. Excited to enter the dynamic world of investment banking.

EDUCATION

- Queen Elizabeth's, Wimborne, A levels
- Maths, Further Maths and Economics. Predicted 3 A*.
- The Gryphon, Sherborne, GCSEs
- 11 GCSEs, including a grade 8 in Maths, with a grade 6 in English literature and language

EXPERIENCE

Plumber Manor. Sturminster Newton, Junior Chef July 2024 - Current

- Independently manage and run a food station
- Assist team-members with food prep and kitchen operations
- Maintain strong organisation and time-management through busy service

Barclays Investment Bank. London, Work Experience July 2025

- Shadowed and engaged with FICC and derivatives teams
- Observed risk management techniques and regulatory practices

Deloitte. Southampton, Aspire Programme July 2025

- Cooperated with peers to tackle industry relevant case studies
- Presented strategic presentations to senior Deloitte members

PASS Accountants. Wimborne, Accounting Apprentice September 2024 - June 2025

- Used complex formulas in Excel to create full sets of service charge accounts
- Maintained client relationships by providing status reports

PROJECTS & EXTRACURRICULARS

- Implementing AI strategies - Developed AI automation workflows in N8N, reducing pressure

Senior Mathematical Challenge

Competition date: Thursday 9th October 2025

First Round Challenge: A 90 minute, 25 multiple choice question first round Challenge aimed at students year 13 or below. The problems on the Senior Maths Challenge are designed to make students think. Stimulating problems for both beginners and experienced problem-solvers.

PLEASE NOTE: From the 2024 - 2025 academic year, online Competitions will not be available. All UKMT Competitions will need to be sat in paper format.

- Register & Purchase entries
- Competition Handbook
- Past papers
- Awards & scoring
- Video Solutions

- Time limit**
90 minutes
- Price**
£16 per pack of 10 posted papers.
£15 per pack of 10 download and print in school.
- Age group**
England, Wales and Overseas: Year 13 and below
Scotland: S6 or below
Northern Ireland: Year 14 or below
- Deadline for Braille/Large Print paper order**
Thursday 11th September 2025
- Deadline for physical paper purchases**
Thursday 18th September 2025
- Deadline for downloadable**

Minds Underground

- 1-1 Masterclasses (15+)
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- Clubs & Courses
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2026 Minds Underground™ STEM Essay Competition

The **Minds Underground™ STEM Essay Competition 2026** invites students in **Year 12** (and ambitious entrants in Years 10–11 or university re-applicants in Year 13) to engage critically with scientific ideas shaping our world. Across five disciplines - **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Science** - students are encouraged to explore questions that cross traditional subject boundaries, combining creativity, logic, and research to develop insightful arguments.

Open to **UK and international students**, this competition is ideal for those considering university degrees in **STEM or related fields**. Entrants must choose **one question** from any of the categories below and submit a well-structured essay that demonstrates curiosity

Challenge yourself.

TMUA

- **75 minutes per paper**
- **2 papers**
- **Youtubers like r2drew2 can help teach topics you've not met before**



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The Test of Mathematics for University Admission

Test Sitting 1

12th-16th
October
2026

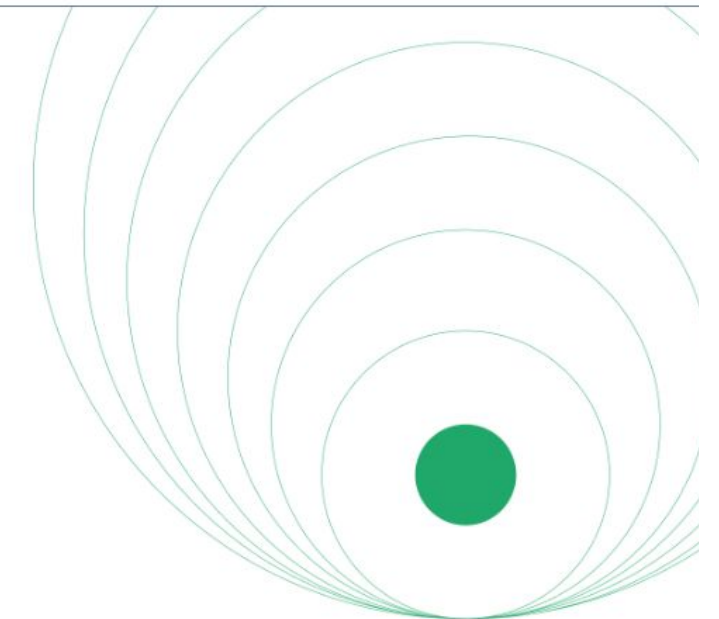
Applicable
to all
candidates
for 2027
entry

Test Sitting 2

4th-8th January 2027

Not applicable for Cambridge or Oxford applicants unless you are applying to a mature college with a January admissions deadline at Cambridge, or an Oxford Foundation Year programme also with a January deadline.

[Register for the TMUA \(create an account from 1 June\)](#)



Law: LNAT





LNAT and Law Admissions

By Ewan and Lillia



The Law National Aptitude Test

WHAT AND WHY?

- The LNAT is the Law National Aptitude Test - you will need to take it to study law at certain high level universities
- It is used alongside your UCAS application and academic qualifications when you apply
- However - you do not need any knowledge of the world of law prior to taking the test
- As an aptitude test, it primarily assesses your comprehension, verbal reasoning and deductive reasoning skills - all key aspects of a law degree

TEST FORMAT?



Consists of 2 separate sections:

1. Multiple choice - 42 questions on 12 passages of text with 3 / 4 questions on each - 95 minutes to answer
 - Only section contributing to your official LNAT score
2. Essay - choose 1 of 3 topics with 30 minutes to write an argument supporting / disagreeing with the statement
 - No formal grade for the essay - sent directly to the university for admissions teams to review

PREPARATION?

- Neither Section A or B of the test requires any existing knowledge of law - and as an aptitude test there is no 'content' to revise like an A-Level
- Therefore the best way to prep is through practice questions - the LNAT has a specific way of testing ability
- Completing as many past papers as possible under timed conditions is a good way of familiarising yourself
- Free official test papers are available on the LNAT website and Oxbridge Mind
- Keep up to date with current affairs - essay topics are often focussed around recent news

WHO REQUIRES IT?



Here is a list of the 9 universities currently requiring the LNAT:

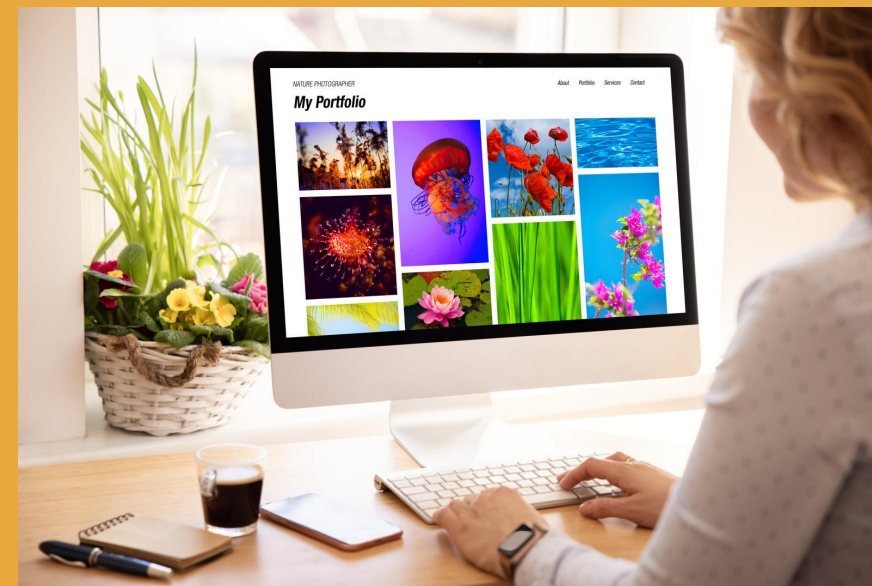
- University of Oxford
- University of Cambridge
- University of Bristol
- Durham University
- University of Glasgow
- King's College London
- LSE
- SOAS
- UCL

FINAL TIPS?



- Start practicing and book early - registrations open on the 1st of August and places go quickly
- Make sure you select which Uni's you want your score to be sent to
- Takes place at Pearson VUE centres - same as the driving theory test with a similar multiple choice style for section A
- The test is difficult - questions are designed to trip you up
- The average score is around 50% (21/40) - don't be disheartened if you find the first few practice tests tricky
- You won't get your results back straight away - February is often when they are released
- The test does not define whether you get an offer - if you have a strong application you may still be offered a place at your chosen uni

Portfolio applications





APPLYING FOR A CREATIVE COURSE

WILLOW WATKINS AND HANNAH CHURCHILL

PERSONAL STATEMENT ADVICE

- Make sure to check university websites and course specific pages for advice for what to include
- Discuss specific interests - do you feel inspired by a particular artist or design movement?
- Talk about your passions - what inspires you and what your favourite creative outputs are
- You can also talk about non-creative aspects of your life - it creates a more rounded view of yourself and often you can link this back to your creative interests!





MAKING A PORTFOLIO

- Portfolios should be specific to each university and course - make sure you know each course's portfolio requirements
- Try to include your best work, however, it's ok to include older work to show improvement in your creative journey
- Show the process towards your final outcome not just the finished product
- Present your work clearly
- Make your portfolio unique - stand out!
- Tailor the projects that you include to your course
- Universities don't expect you to be an expert in the course that you are applying for so don't worry too much, just make sure you show off your creative potential!

PREPARING FOR AN INTERVIEW

- Make sure you know how to access the interview if online, if in person make sure you allow yourself time to find the location
- For prep, make sure to look over your portfolio and personal statement as they will want to ask in depth questions behind the project and challenges/successes you faced.
- Make sure to know 'why' you think the course is a right fit for you to really sell yourself!
- Make sure to keep an eye out on your applications and emails as some courses wont require an interview.
- Also don't stress out, take a few seconds to prepare for an answer if need to be to truly get your point across.



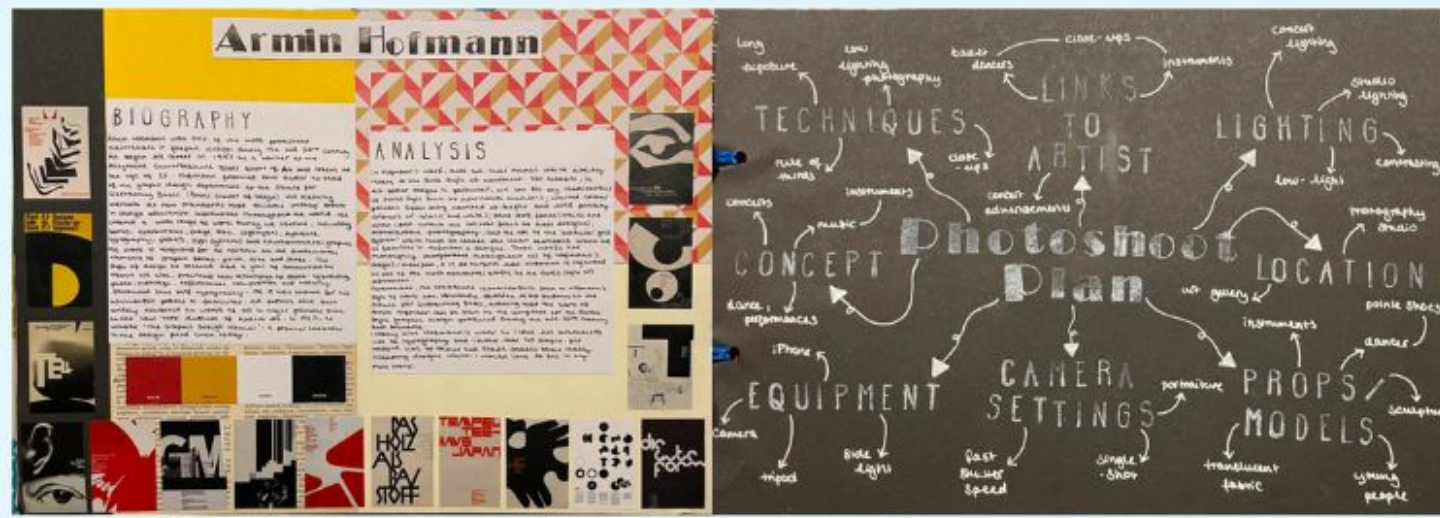
An illustration of various art supplies. At the top left, a teal lid is partially open, revealing a white interior. Below it, a brown lid is shown in a similar open position. In the bottom left, there is a yellow glue stick with a red cap and a white label featuring a simple line drawing of an oval. To the right of the glue stick is a black marker with a white body and a black cap.

TIPS FOR DESIGN TASKS

- Read the design brief carefully, take time to explore several outcomes
- Research themes thoroughly to create a strong understanding of topics
- Use your creative skills to create an outcome that is unique to you
- Present your thought processes and work to show how you create your designs
- Present your designs clearly and add some interest to your presentation - your work should stand out!
- Ask for support from your creative teachers or friends if you need advice or inspiration

EXAMPLE PORTFOLIO

BA Graphic Design



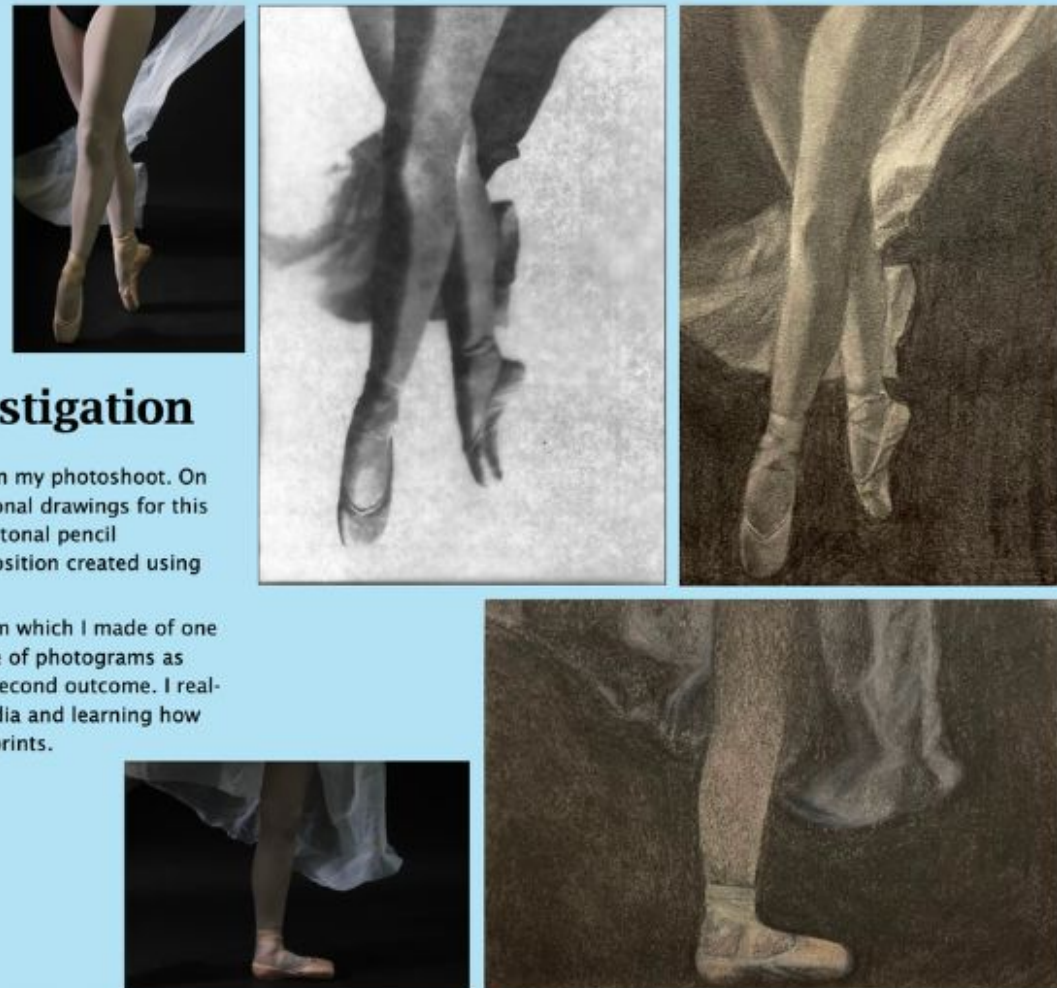
Personal Investigation

Here is the start of my work for my second artist - Armin Hofmann. I felt particularly inspired by this Swiss Style designer and his use of typography and photography. These are some of my favourite photographs from my photoshoot. I experimented with low-light photography and shutter speed to create an idea of movement in some of these photos.

Personal Investigation

Here are some developments from my photoshoot. On the right are two of my observational drawings for this artist's developments. Above is a tonal pencil observation and below is a composition created using tinted charcoal pencils.

On the top (centre) is a photogram which I made of one of these images. I created a range of photograms as one of my developments for my second outcome. I really enjoyed getting to use this media and learning how to use the darkroom to produce prints.



Typography

These examples are taken from a mini project on typography and hand-lettering from last year.

I was encouraged to experiment with a range of media including letter press, collage, paint, fineliner, graphic marker and both coloured and tonal pencils.

During this project, I also learnt about technical features of typography such as kerning, leading and different styles of fonts.



A-Level Mock Exam Unit

Here are my three final designs for this project and a brand board that I created to bring together my branding for 'Planter's Teas and Infusions'. I think that the bold colours and alternative use of shape and composition (inspired by Wassily Kandinsky) are particularly thought provoking and the use of typography (inspired by Tom Phillips) convey the strong messages in these designs.



EXAMPLE PORTFOLIO

BA Modelmaking & Interior Design



Interior Design Trends: Final Outcome - Model

After my previous outcomes and developments this was my final outcome in response to my personal brief of interior design trends. I explored this through a 3-D model, acting as an exhibition for the museum of the home, out of plywood connected by hinges furnished by using materials like fabric and foam board. I wanted to convey how people should design for themselves not to follow trends through the interior designer Matthew Williamson wallpapers and Louise Lockhart's illustrations.



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Comission

Festival Promotion

Graphic Design & Digital Illustration

This was a very personal project for me as I was commissioned to create a poster and lanyard design for a micro festival for my parent's 25 anniversary. This design was important as I wanted the illustration to reflect them and the graphics had to be noticeable but not overwhelming. To illustrate I used procreate.



Design on a lanyard



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Extra

Costume props

Creating with paper and felt

For Halloween this year I decided to be Paddington bear, a character who is one of my favourites, and in doing this it came with recreating some iconic elements to the bear. I created a miniature suitcase out of paper that was fully functional containing a 'marmalade sandwich'. I also created ears out of felt to go on a red headband to help show the bears iconic red hat. Overall I am really pleased with this project as not only did it elevate my costume but also allowed me to be creative rather than buying something online.



How do you get started?



Actually you've already started!

- **CV creation**
- **Mock interviews**
- **Careers fair**
- **Enrichments: EPQ, MOOCs, Sports Leaders, Mentoring**
- **Your Work Experience Placement – IMPORTANT**
- **UCAS Discovery Day**

All of these activities are designed to support you in making your decisions

How do you get started?



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ABOUT BLOG EVENTS CASE STUDIES JOBS CONTACT

JOIN

Quizzes

Interests profile
✘ Quiz not taken
[Start >](#)

Personality profile
✘ Quiz not taken
[Start >](#)

Work environments profile
✘ Quiz not taken
[Start >](#)

Skills profile
✘ Quiz not taken
[Start >](#)

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Hello Tom, here's a summary of your progress so far...

92% complete

Want to move things forward? We recommend you...

Finish recording examples for at least 5 of the key Skills 5.1%

[See all your tasks](#)

Exploring pathways

Careers library
✘ Careers favoured

Subjects library
✘ Subjects favoured

Know-how library
✔ Guides favoured

How do you get started?



The screenshot shows the UCAS dashboard interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for 'Students', 'Providers', 'Advisers', and 'Employers'. Below this is the UCAS logo and a menu with 'Discover', 'Applying', 'Money & student life', and 'International'. The main heading is 'Your Hub' with the subtitle 'Your personalised homepage and discovery hub'. A navigation bar below the heading includes 'Hub', 'For you', 'Favourites', 'What to do', 'Where to go', and 'Search'. A welcome message says 'Welcome back Tanya' with a sub-message 'You're applying for Undergraduate courses in 2026 - Change year' and a 'Start application' button. A large card for '2026 Application' features a pink arrow icon, the text 'Start an application', and a description: 'Apply to universities and colleges to study degrees, HNDs, and HNCs and dance, drama and music at conservatoires.' Below this is a blue banner with the text 'GET READY FOR UNI LIFE SPEAK TO CURRENT STUDENTS TODAY! CHAT NOW' and a 'CHAT NOW' button. At the bottom left, there's a 'Your feed' section with the text 'Your personal content feed'.

Applications support at QE



- **Discovery trip** ✓
- **Destinations Assembly** ✓
- **Destinations time in tutortime every week**
- **Step by step guides on how to complete applications**
- **Tutor training on new Personal Statements**
- **Unifrog tools**
- **UCAS Hub personal statement builder**
- **Destinations Lead 1-2-1s**
- **Oxbridge & early applicant preparation team**
- **UCAT, LNAT, TMUA & entrance exam support**
- **Interview practice**
- **Careers appointments**

Next Steps: Actions and dates before September



Now: Register for UCAS HUB & National Apprenticeship Service

Now: Update Unifrog & use the search tools

Now: tell Mrs Ridley about early applications

Now: Start visiting Open Days

28th April: 2027 live course search opens on UCAS

12th May: UCAS Applications can be started

22nd June: Work Experience week

June: Register and book UCAT exams

20th July book TMUA

1st August: LNAT Law exam booking opens

Give yourself the *respect* to aim high

Be *resilient* in your destinations journey

Use the QE *community* to help you to get to your destination.



“You will be secure because there is hope.” Job 11:18

Next Steps...

Brainstorm...

- What are you interested in and what motivates you?
- What are your strengths and qualities – what are you good at?
- What is your preferred method of study or career progression?

Research...

- Take the career profile quizzes on Unifrog & UCAS
- Use the relevant links on the Next Steps resource list
- Use QE's professional guidance and support
- Ask as many questions as you can – ask students, staff and parents....

Plan your attack...

- What is my preferred destination – do I have a rank order?
- What do I need to do next and what is my application timeline?
- What do I need to get me there?



The Next Step: Research



The 'Next Step' Destination Resources

University	Apprenticeships & Employment	Gap Year & Enrichment
<p><u>National Careers Service</u></p> <p><u>UCAS</u></p> <p><u>UCAS Youtube</u></p> <p><u>UCAS Hub</u></p> <p><u>UCAS Parents/Guardians</u></p> <p><u>Unifrog</u></p> <p><u>Which?</u></p> <p><u>The Russell Group Universities</u></p> <p><u>StudentStream</u></p> <p><u>SUN Outreach</u></p> <p><u>The Complete University Guide</u></p> <p><u>The Student Room</u></p> <p><u>Student Finance Calculator</u></p> <p><u>Zero Gravity</u></p>	<p><u>National Careers Service</u></p> <p><u>National Apprentice Service</u></p> <p><u>Unifrog Apprenticeship database</u></p> <p><u>UCAS Apprenticeships</u></p> <p><u>NHS Apprenticeships</u></p> <p><u>Zero Gravity</u></p> <p><u>SUN Outreach</u></p> <p><u>Ultimate Guide for school leavers</u></p> <p><u>Career Pilot</u></p> <p><u>Prospects Apprenticeships</u></p> <p><u>CV Library</u></p> <p><u>Find an apprenticeship</u></p> <p><u>SACU Spartan Test</u></p>	<p><u>Camps International</u></p> <p><u>Volunteer Vacations</u></p> <p><u>Real Gap Experience</u></p> <p><u>Camp America</u></p> <p><u>Go Overseas</u></p> <p><u>The Student Room</u></p> <p><u>Season Jobs</u></p> <p><u>Plan my Gap Year</u></p>