



UCAS

PARENTS' INFORMATION

What is UCAS?

- ▶ UCAS is the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service.
- ▶ This body processes admissions for anyone wishing to enter Higher Education (at degree level).

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Key Submission Dates

- ▶ **October 15th** for Veterinary and Medicine applicants. Mr Bennett and Mrs Crookston will oversee.
- ▶ All other degrees: **15th January, 2020.**
- ▶ School-based dates will be earlier to enable proof reading of the Personal Statement and final Reference.

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Costs

- ▶ The fee for applications is **£18 for a single choice** or **£24 for multiple courses**.
- ▶ Payments must be made directly to UCAS itself, using **credit or debit card**. Mrs Crookston and Mr Bennett can assist students with this part of the process.
- ▶ Students are recommended to choose the £24 option: it allows **up to five** different courses (at different universities) to be applied for.
- ▶ Students' Personal Statements should be **tailored** towards the **specific courses/fields of study** to which they are applying.

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Students' In-School UCAS Journey

- ▶ **Monday 26th August:** first assembly, introducing UCAS and LEAPS.
- ▶ All of this information is now accessible on **Microsoft Teams** – the exclusive S6 Team page.
- ▶ **Thursday 5th September:** second assembly, reinforcing the above and reminding students to write down their preferred course of study in order to be assigned a specialised **Link Teacher**.
- ▶ **Thursday 12th September:** all students will be assigned their Link Teachers.
- ▶ **Tuesday 17th September:** UCAS fayre at Ingliston from 9:30am-12:30pm. Cost - £5. Please pay via iPay.
- ▶ Every S6 assembly will have a “**UCAS spot**”, reminding pupils of the process/timeline.

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Personal Statement

- ▶ **First contact:** academic week beginning Wednesday 18th September. The sooner the better!
- ▶ **Completed Personal Statements** due no later than Friday 11th October (medics and vets aside).
- ▶ **References** will be completed by teachers within a week of students' completion of their Personal Statements.
- ▶ Mr Bennett and Mrs Crookston will process finalised UCAS application forms, starting the moment students and teachers have completed Personal Statements and References.

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LEAPS

- ▶ What is LEAPS?
 - ▶ Lothians Equal Access Programme for Schools
- ▶ *“LEAPS is a widening participation programme which aims to encourage and advise students who are traditionally under-represented in higher education.” – LEAPS website*

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Eligibility Criteria

Any one (or more) of the following:

- ▶ Student who is **first generation in family to apply to higher education** or whose parents do not already have a degree.
- ▶ Student from a **low-income background** (for instance, where a student is entitled to EMA, free meals in school, or where the family is on income support).
- ▶ Student who has **spent time in care or being looked after**.
- ▶ Student who is **a young carer** - by this we mean a young person who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction.
- ▶ student who **lives in one of Scotland's 20% most disadvantaged communities** as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD20). You can check your postcode on the LEAPS website.

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How to Apply for LEAPS Assistance

- ▶ You need consult just one web address:
 - ▶ <https://leapssurvey.org>
- ▶ One-to-one LEAPS interviews will take place at St Margaret's on the **8th, 9th and 10th of October.**
- ▶ All LEAPS eligible pupils **MUST** attend.

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Closing Remarks

- ▶ Thank you for attending this evening.
- ▶ Myself and my colleagues will be glad to answer any questions you may have.
- ▶ Good luck, S6 – class of 2020 – and parents!



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