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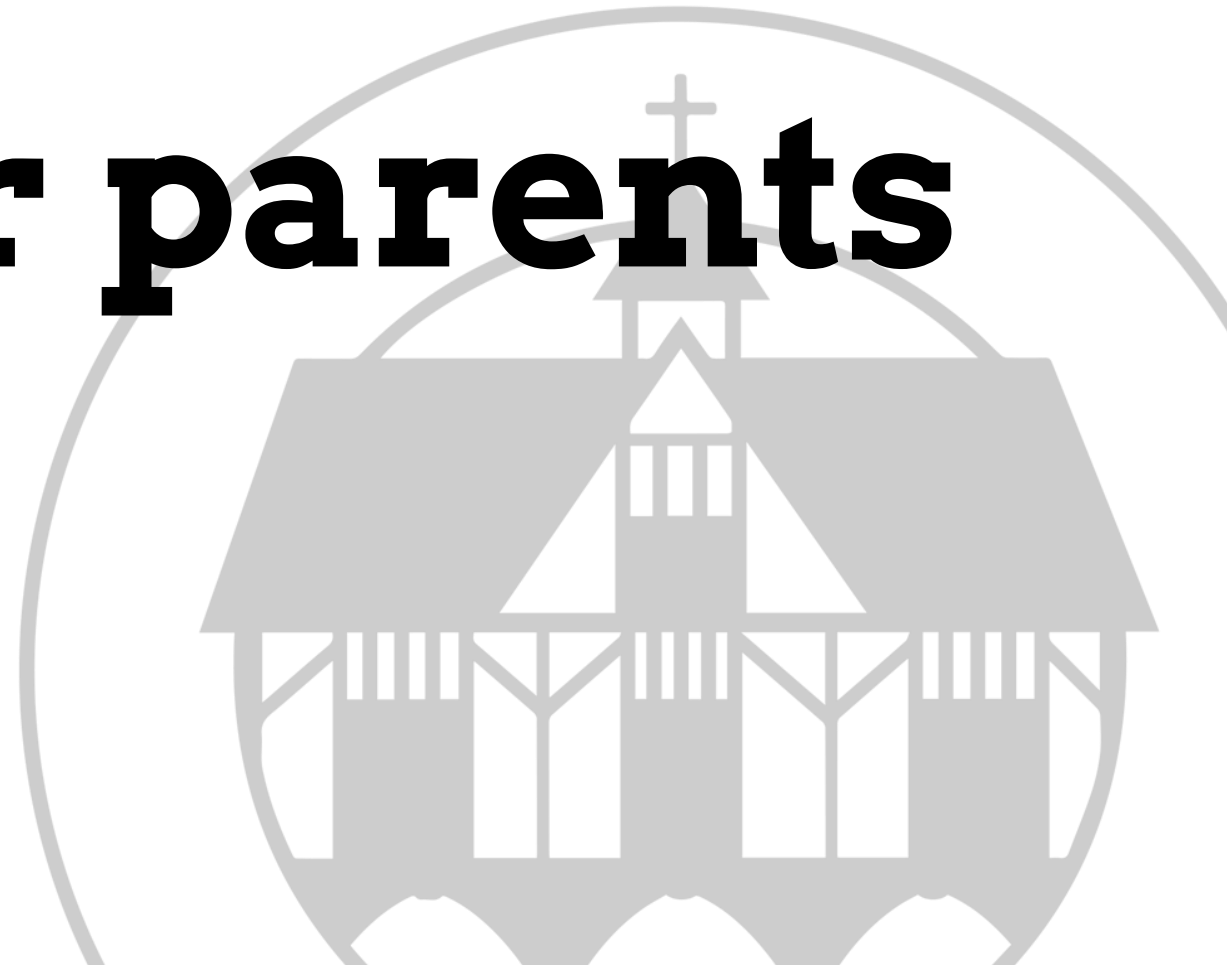


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UCAS

Support for parents



So Far...

- Course searches
- Logging experiences
- Personal statement preparation
- Virtual (and some 'real') Open Days



Key Dates

- **End of summer break** Personal statement
- **Friday 29th September** Early applicants
- **Friday 10th November** Academy deadline
- **Wednesday 31st January** Official UCAS deadline



The Process

- **Choosing courses**
- Filling in the form
- References and checks
- Applicant days / Interviews
- Offers



Choosing Courses

- What to study?
- Where to study?
- Course search tools
- Visits



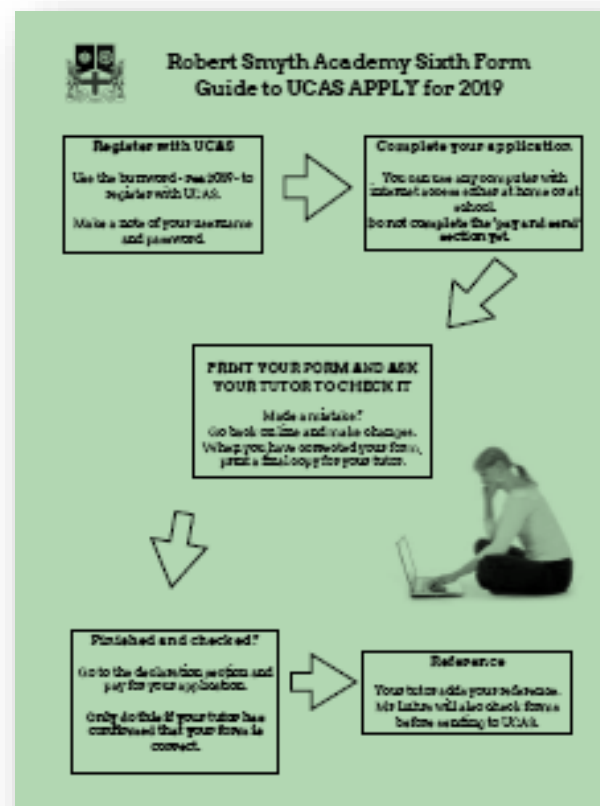
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Filling in the form

- www.ucas.com
- Buzzword: rsa2024
- Accuracy of details



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References & Checks

- Tutor – drafting form and personal statement
- Parents, teachers, friends
- Tutor – reference: extenuating circumstances
- Admin check



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Applicant Days

- A more detailed experience
- Course information
- Meet other students
- Ask questions
- Can lead to lowered entry requirements



Interviews

- Not all courses
- Limited places
- Specific requirements
- Two-way process



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Offers

- Conditional
- Unconditional
- Decision deadline: **firm** and **insurance**





Accommodation

- Students will be contacted
- Separate registration with the university accommodation service





Funding

- Applications to Student Finance England
- A necessary expense?
- Grants, bursaries, scholarships



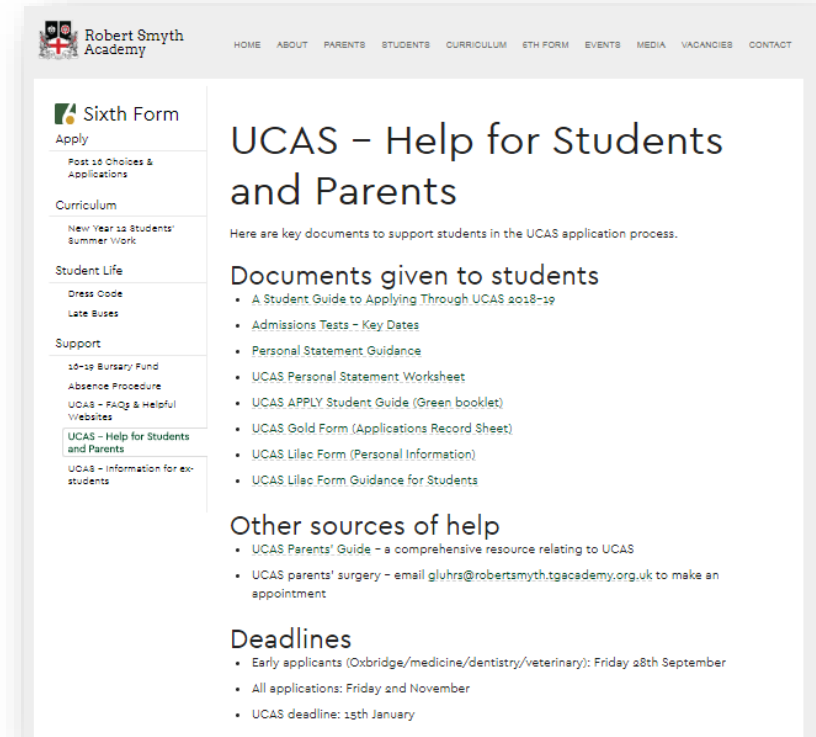
Key Advice

- Email address
- Talking
- Aspiration vs realism
- Contact
- Offers



Guidance

- Website
- Tutor
- Head of Year
- Head of Sixth Form



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University of Warwick





University: Why go? How to apply?

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Post-18 options

- Employment
- Degree Apprenticeships
- University





Why study at university?



What motivates you?



What do you want to study?

What careers can you go on to?

- Auditor
- IT Applications Analyst
- Archives Assistant
- Communication Consultant
- Teacher
- Legal Recruitment
- Languages Assistant
- Gallery Steward
- Publishing trainee
- Civil Service

CLASSICS

- Patent Attorney
- Secondary School Teacher
- Data Analyst
- Psychological Evaluator
- Finance Analyst
- Publishing Editor
- IT Project Manager

CHEMISTRY

- Management Consultant
- Activity Support Worker
- Business Development Assistant
- TV Researcher
- Marketing
- Sales Executive
- Video Production Manager

PHILOSOPHY



Choosing your course

- **Reputation**
- **Teaching style and assessment methods**
- **Careers and work placements**
- **Entry requirements**
- **Structure and content**

ALL STAFF/SENIORS



Course content



Visit law courts



**Follow the news –
any big legal stories**



**Can you assist in
finding work
experience?**



**Attend university
taster days**



**Go to university
debates/public
lectures**



**Ask current students
at Open Days**

ALL STAFF/SENIORS

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Where to study?

TOP 20
IN EUROPE



64TH
IN THE WORLD



8TH
The Guardian
University Guide 2023

5TH

most targeted by top
UK employers



92%

of our research is world-leading or
internationally excellent



9TH



Reputation

Central London

1 hour

(by train from Coventry)

Coventry City Centre

10 min

(by bus from campus)

Leamington Spa

20 min

(by bus from campus)

Birmingham

25 min

(by train from Coventry)

Location





Environment





The vibe



Sports facilities



Arts facilities





Academic spaces





Accommodation

Tools and resources



Taster sessions



UCAS Hub/ Unifrog



Exhibitions and websites



League tables



Webinars/ YouTube



**Student blogs, Unibuddy,
TSR**



Open Days



How to apply?

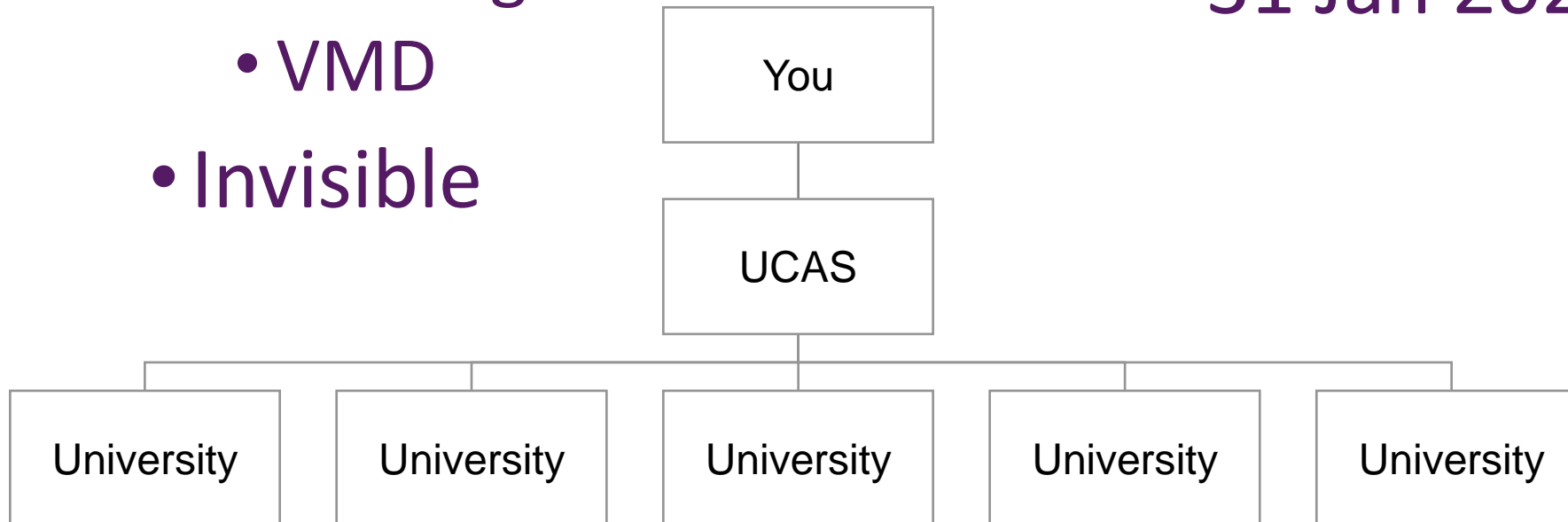
Application process

- **ONE** application
- **FIVE** choices
 - Oxbridge
 - VMD
- **Invisible**

Dates and deadlines

16 Oct 2023

31 Jan 2024



Sensible choices

What to do...


Warwick	MORSE
Exeter	Maths
Birmingham	Economics and Data Science
Durham	Maths and Statistics
LSE	Maths

What NOT to do...

Warwick	MORSE
Exeter	French and Media Studies
Birmingham	Biotechnology
Durham	Chemistry
LSE	English Literature



Personal statement

- 47 Lines of text, maximum of 4,000 characters
 - Opportunity to show suitability for the course
 - **Why do you want to study your course?**
 - **How have you explored and developed the subject?**
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Top tips

- Encourage research around subject choice. There are 50,000 courses.
- Encourage students to verbalise learnings from their experiences
- Book Open Days advance
- Support, but don't do it for them!



Time for
questions

