

Higher Education Information.

“Be who you want to be”



Ribston Hall
High School



Higher education - the basics



- Each student applies through UCAS via the electronic system (available at home)
- Choose up to five different courses
- These are usually similar subjects at 5 different universities
- All students should have started their application
- All students should have already started visiting university open days

Courses

Over 900 different subjects and 60,000 different degree, diploma or HE and HND courses available.

Sandwich Courses

Year in industry or abroad
Often in Languages,
Engineering, Business

Course Duration

Most degree courses are three years
Sandwich courses are four years
Medicine is five years, six with a foundation year
Art usually requires a foundation year first
HNDs are two years

Same courses at different Universities will offer different programme of study- make sure you check the course content.

Single Subject
Combination



The Institutes



- Oxbridge
- Russell Group
- Campus universities
- Specialist Colleges
- New Universities- Former Polytechnics

The Russell Group



University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

University of Cambridge

Cardiff University

Durham University

University of Edinburgh

University of Exeter

University of Glasgow

Imperial College London

King's College London

University of Leeds

University of Liverpool

London School of Economics

University of Manchester

Newcastle University

University of Nottingham

University of Oxford

Queen Mary University of London

Queen's University Belfast

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University College London

University of Warwick

University of York

University League Tables

Who tops the tables for 2019

See the latest [UK University League Tables](#).

The top ten universities in 2019 are:

1. Cambridge
2. Oxford
3. London School of Economics
4. Imperial College London
5. St Andrews
6. Durham
7. Loughborough
8. Lancaster
9. Warwick
10. University College London



consistently deliver outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students.



deliver high-quality teaching, learning and outcomes for its students, and consistently exceeds "rigorous national quality requirements" for higher education in the UK.



deliver teaching, learning and outcomes for its students that meet "rigorous national quality requirements" for higher education in the UK.



meet "rigorous national quality requirements" for higher education in the UK, but which do not currently have enough data to be fully assessed.

Gold Standard



1. Birmingham,
2. Cambridge,
3. Exeter,
4. Imperial College London,
5. Leeds,
6. Newcastle,
7. Nottingham
8. Oxford.

How to Apply- UCAS system



- Make 5 choices
- Complete online form with help from tutor & Sixth Form Team
- Teachers write references and predict grades
- Student writes their personal statement
- Tutor writes the final reference
- Final version is checked by Head of Sixth Form
- Student pays by credit/debit card once given the go ahead from the Sixth Form team (£24)

5 sections to complete

1. Personal details
2. Choices
3. Education
4. Employment
5. Personal Statement



<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/filling-your-ucas-undergraduate-application>

Admissions tests

Students applying for some courses are required to sit an admissions test as part of the application process.



Law

[Cambridge Law Test](#)

[LNAT – National Admissions Test for Law](#)

Mathematics

[Mathematics Admissions Test \(MAT\)](#)

[Sixth Term Examination Paper \(STEP\)](#)

[Test of Mathematics for University Admissions](#)

Medical courses

[BioMedical Admissions Test \(BMAT\)](#)

[Graduate Medical School Admissions Test \(GAMSAT\)](#)

[Health Professions Admission Test \(HPAT Ulster\)](#)

[UK Clinical Aptitude Test \(UKCAT\)](#)

Thinking Skills Assessment

[Thinking Skills Assessment Cambridge \(TSA Cambridge\)](#)

[Thinking Skills Assessment Oxford \(TSA Oxford\)](#)

[Thinking Skills Assessment University College London \(TSA UCL\)](#)

- Individual Universities may also have their own Admissions Tests so students must check the websites and dates.
- Admissions tests can be run here in school- this falls in Half Term.
- The LNAT & UKCAT can not be sat at school

Timeline – Universities



21st May 2019

UCAS Undergraduate Apply opens for 2020 entry.

4th September 2019

Applicants can pay and send their applications to UCAS, and universities and colleges can start making decisions on applications.

13th September

All students need to have finished their Personal Statements and have them uploaded on to UCAS ready for checking.

15th October 2019

Applications for Oxford, Cambridge or most courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time). The reference needs to be completed before the application can be sent to us.

15th January 2020

Applications for the majority of undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) on this day (check course details in our search tool for the correct deadline). The reference needs to be completed before the application can be sent to us.

25th February 2020

Extra starts for eligible applicants.

30th June 2020

If an application is sent to us by 18:00 (UK time) on this day, we'll send it to the chosen universities or colleges. Applications received after this date will automatically be entered into Clearing.

5th July 2020

Last date for applicants to add an Extra choice.

31st August 2020

The deadline for any remaining conditions to be met – otherwise the university or college might not accept the applicant. Adjustment ends on this date.

21st September 2020

The final deadline for applications to 2020 courses. Applications must arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time).

20th October 2020

The deadline for adding Clearing choices, and for universities or colleges to accept applicants in Clearing

Timeline – Conservatoires



- **18th July 2019**
- UCAS Conservatoires Apply opens for 2020 entry. Applicants can pay and send their applications to UCAS, and conservatoires can start making decisions on applications.
- **1st October 2019**
 - Closing date for music applications is today at 18:00 (UK time) – applications received after this date will be classed as 'late' and are not guaranteed to be considered by the conservatoires.
 - Dance, drama or musical theatre courses may have different deadlines – applicants should check conservatoires' websites for information.
 - If a course deadline has passed, applicants must contact the conservatoire to check they have vacancies before applying.
- **15th January 2020**
- Applications for most undergraduate dance, drama, or musical theatre courses, should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) today.
- Check conservatoires' websites for information.
- **13th August 2020**
- A level results day.
- **28th August 2020**
- Final deadline for 'late' 2020 applications. Applications must arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time).

The UCAS System



- Many universities still using grades e.g. A B B
- There may be an additional requirement in addition to the points e.g. “And a B in mathematics”
- Points are more flexible
 - University 1 offers 120 points
 - University 2 offers ABC
- Apparently the same but BBB would be good enough for the first university, but not the second.

Grade	A-level points	AS-level points	Extended Project Qualification points
A*	56	N/A	28
A	48	20	24
B	40	16	20
C	32	12	16
D	24	8	12
E	16	4	8

The UCAS System



- Most offers will be conditional, very occasionally they will be unconditional.
- If you get two or more offers : you can keep only two - one firm and one insurance
- If you get five rejections : You can then apply to “UCAS Extra”
- Some courses will interview; Oxbridge, Medicine, Education, Law, London Universities, Teaching, Veterinary, Dentistry, Physiotherapy.
- Offers and rejections will be sent informally from the University via “Track” online



What's next?

Acknowledgement Letter

- List of choices
- Password and details of 'Track'

An admissions tutor may make one of three decisions:

- Unconditional offer (U)
- Conditional offer (C)
- Unsuccessful (R)

or

A place on a different course

- Deferred entry

A maximum of two offers may be held after final decision has been received

Choice of three reply options:

- Firm acceptance
- Insurance acceptance
- Decline

UCAS Extra

Extra operates from late Feb, to early July. Courses which have vacancies in Extra are listed during this period at www.ucas.com

- Eligible Applicants:
 - No offers made
 - All offers declined
- Student Driven:
 - Available courses listed
 - Self-referral
 - Application sent to relevant University



Adjustment

- If results are better than the conditions of their firm choice
- 5 Day Adjustment Period
- Look at available courses and contact University
- Receive new offer or stick with firm choice

Clearing

- Matches available applicants to vacancies
- Students will need to find a course & University using the UCAS website
- Contact the University
- Send the University the Clearing Entry Form (CEF)
- University makes the offer

What do students need to do now?



- Register for UCAS
- Buzzword = ribstonpippin
- Personal statements need to be completed and on Unifrog by 13th September
- Personal statements need to be completed and checked by tutors and at least 2 other people.

How can you help?



- Super- Curricular skills
 - Podcasts
 - Journal articles
 - Ted Talks
 - Books
 - Lectures
- Early revision is key
- Exam paper questions
- Folder organisation
- Attending revision sessions
- Revision timetable

How can you help?



Read their Personal Statements!
Manage expectations!

1. Introduction
2. Super-curricular
3. EPQ
4. 3 x A Levels
5. Extra Curricular and Volunteering
6. Paid Work
7. Final statement

- **A= Activity**
- **B = Beneficial skills**
- **C= Consequence to course**

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PRACTICAL WAYS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



TALK
ABOUT YOUR
FEELINGS



EAT
WELL



KEEP IN
TOUCH



TAKE A
BREAK



ACCEPT WHO
YOU ARE



KEEP
ACTIVE



DRINK
SENSIBLY



ASK FOR
HELP



DO THINGS
YOU ARE
GOOD AT



CARE FOR
OTHERS



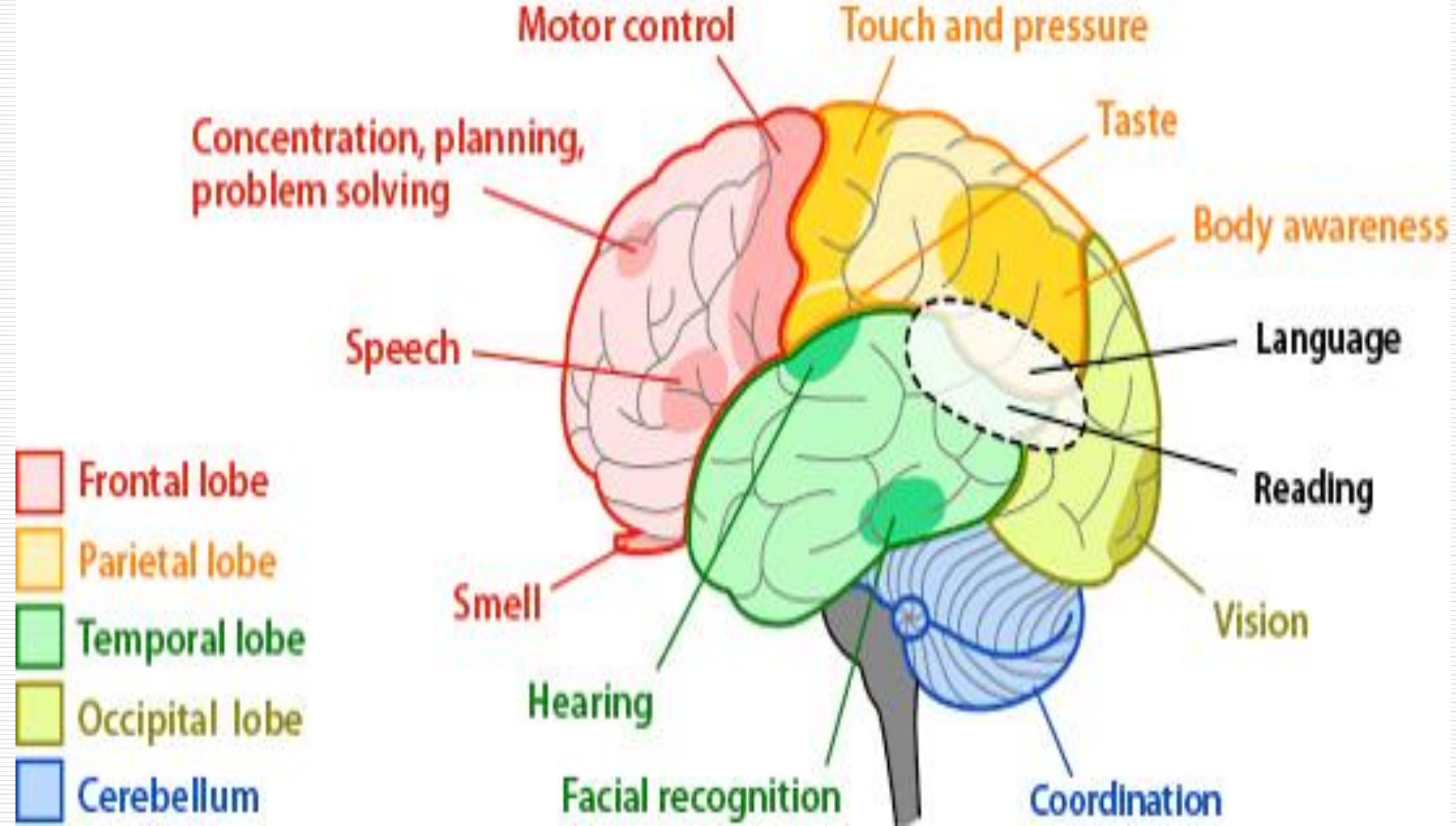
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How parents sign up

First time registration with Unifrog

unifrog.org/code

Parents go to this website to sign up with the
formcode: [parentsribston](#)

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ABOUT BLOG CUSTOMERS CONTACT SIGN IN

Student sign in

Your email address

Your password

Sign in

[Forgotten your password?](#)

Been given a Form Code?
▶ [Sign in for the first time](#)

Are you a teacher?
▶ [Sign in as a teacher](#)

Your school hasn't joined yet?
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When parents sign in for the first time, they will need a Form Code which will link them with their Form Tutor. The code for parents is: parentsribston

Complete the Signup page

Signup page

To create your own account, please fill in the following form.

* Form code

* Title

* First name

* Surname

* Email address

* Retype email

UK postcode

* Password

* Retype password

Put your Form Code
in here

We recommend
parents use a
personal email not a
school email
because they access
it more regularly

Logging in to Unifrog again

unifrog.org/student

Go to this website to sign in **every other time** after their first time

Every time students login to Unifrog from now on, they sign in here:

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➤ If you'd like it to, please contact us

If they forget their password, they use this link to reset



HOW TO CONTACT US

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Dates for your diary



- 26th September -Next steps evening 6-7pm
- 13th January - Mock exams
- 6th February - Parents evening
- 5th May - Immersion day
- 15th May - Last day
- TBC- (2nd) July Prom