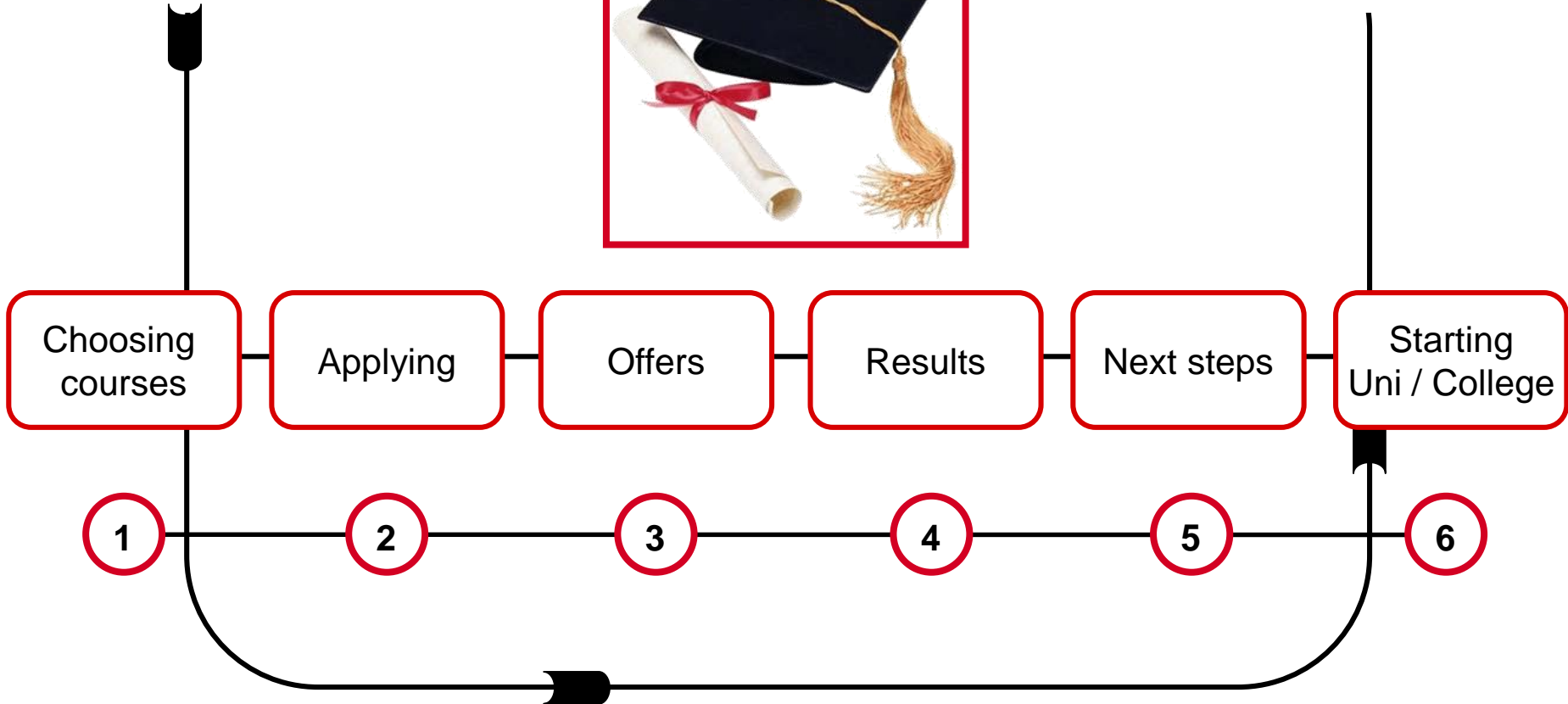


> **Brighthouse Sixth Form College**
Helping students through the
UCAS 2021 application cycle



UCAS

The Applicant Journey



UCAS 2021 Applications

- Weekly UCAS tutorials
- Students to use personal time for Personal Statement & Application
- You have to be totally committed, organised & proactive. It is your UCAS application, the support and guidance will be there but you have to drive the process

Monitor application via UCAS online system 'Track'

Make a Firm Choice & an Insurance

August 12th Results Day

Receive Offers

Clearing

2020 - SEPT OCT NOV DEC 2021- JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG 2021

w/c 12th Oct 2020
–UCAS application deadline
*(Oxbridge
Medicine/Vet
Met/Dentistry)*

w/c 11th Jan 2021
UCAS application deadline
Cost: £25

UCAS Extra opens
If you decline your offers or do not receive any offers

Student Finance application deadline

Pack up your bags & enjoy!

STEP 1
Choosing courses
1

STEP 2
Applying
2

STEP 3
Offers
3

STEP 4
Results
4

STEP 5
Next steps
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STEP 6
Starting university or college
6

> Virtual Higher Education Week 2020

- In June and July we continued to offer all students support with a 'virtual tutor' and access to a UCAS Google Classroom with detailed resources and weekly tips/advice and tasks.
- All students now have a dedicated UCAS tutor to support with their application process. It is important that they attend each week to gain the advice needed.
- **Work in tutorial will cover:**
 - Registering online for UCAS 2021
 - How to choose a university & course? Best search tools
 - Understanding the process- from now until results day August 2021
 - The importance of thorough research
 - Personal statement writing

> Expectations of students

- Attend all tutorials
- Take advice from experienced tutors/subject staff-use support systems
- Be proactive & organised
- Hand in a good quality draft personal statement before end of term
- Course search in detail/course content
- Attend Virtual Open Days
- Aim to send well before UCAS deadline
- College deadline is Mid November



> **Universities selection tools**

- Qualifications & Predicted grades
- Personal statement
- References
- Work experience
- Admissions tests
- Interviews
- Portfolios & Auditions



> Online research

We recommend students do their research from a variety of sources:

- Institutions' sites
- UCAS
- Subject specific sites
- Unistats
- Journals
- Social media websites
- Government sites e.g. GOV.uk,
Student Finance England

> **Key features of the UCAS scheme**

- Only 1 x application each year with a **maximum of 5 course choices for most applicants**
 - Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry – max 4
 - Oxford or Cambridge
 - Can apply to more than one course at an institution
- Online application and management at ucas.com
 - Apply and Track
- **2021 fee - £25**
- Once the form has been sent it cannot be amended
- **Extra, Adjustment & Clearing**

A level and Level 3 qualifications

A*/Distinction*	56
A	48
B	40
C/Merit	32
D	24
E/Pass	16

> The process post-application

- When applicants have received decisions from **ALL** of their choices, if they have offers they will be asked to make replies (and given a date in early May to reply by on Track) **We do not advise students reply to offers until March 2021 and we will support with this**

If an applicant does not receive any offers they can make an additional choice through **UCAS Extra**

If a student does better than they expect on results day they can use a system known as **UCAS adjustment**

By **May 2021** students will hold a maximum of 2 offers (others the student declines) **Firm and Insurance**

> The next stage....

- UCAS predicted grades- as these will impact upon course choices. They will be given to students in late October. *Oxbridge and medicine applicants will receive their predicted grades earlier.*
- Send application- up to 5 choices
- Receive offers keep up to date with 'UCAS track'
- Make a Firm & Insurance choice May 2021

How can
parents
help?



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How can you support the application process?

- Use the Parents section of the UCAS website where you can sign up to the quarterly Parents' Newsletter
- Look at the University virtual tours and open days– you may have a different perspective & see different things!
- Ask questions all the time regarding deadlines and ask to look at their personal statement
- Support your son/daughter's management of their application-help them keep a UCAS filing system
- Make sure they read everything they are sent carefully
- Apply for student finance by deadline **May 31st 2021**



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> How can you support the application process?

- Don't book **holidays** at key times such results day
- **Prepare** them for living away from home:
 - Cost of living/budgeting – paying bills
 - Independent living skills – cooking & washing
- **Be there:** Comforting, proof reading, encouraging, testing, practising.....





If you have any queries regarding the UCAS
process please do not hesitate to contact

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