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> The UCAS journey

- 1 Research
- 2 Register online with UCAS Apply
- 3 Complete the application form and pay
- 4 Form is checked and reference will be added by school
- 5 School sends form electronically to UCAS
- 6 UCAS processes form and forwards to universities
- 7 Universities submit decisions (unconditional, conditional or unsuccessful)
- 8 You can view decisions on Track
- 9 You reply to offers on Track (Firm / Insurance)
- 10 Universities confirm places when SQA results are released

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/ucas-undergraduate-getting-started>



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> **Key features of UCAS**

- **Maximum of 5 choices**
- **One personal statement**
- **No first choice!**
- **Some choice restrictions:**
 - **Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry – max 4 choices**
 - **Oxford or Cambridge**
- **‘Invisibility’**
- **Fee for 2018 - £24 for 5 choices**

> What should I do now?

- **Research, Research, Research!**

Things to think about.....

- you can apply for up to 5 courses
- entry requirements – do you have or can you get the minimum?
- location
- relevant experiences
- open days



> What's happening in school?

Now

- Fill in your details on the sheet going around just now

Sept

- Computer workshops – registering with UCAS Apply
UCAS exhibition 19th September 2018

- Personal Statement workshops

Oct

- Meetings with your Pastoral PT/mentor to discuss applications

Nov

- Applications will be sent by the end of November

Whenever

- Parents info evening, SAAS info sessions etc.

> Important dates

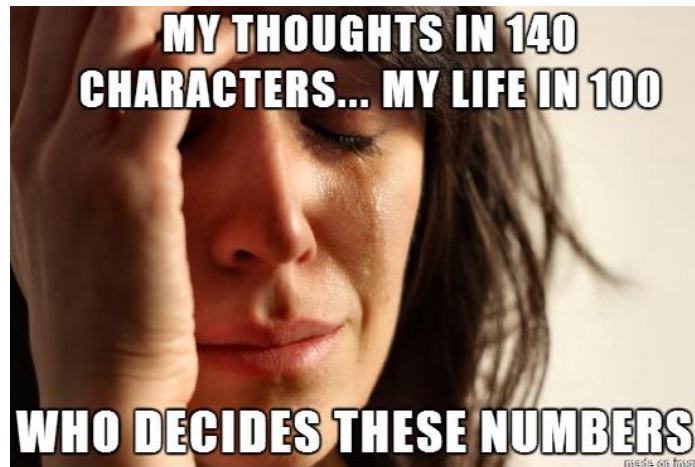
- **15 October:**
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary and Cambridge/Oxford applications
- **15 January:**
Deadline for all courses except those with 15 October and 24 March deadline
- **24 March:**
Deadline for some art and design courses



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> **Personal Statements**

- **First draft due by end of September**
- **Final Draft by end of October**
- **Max of 47 lines/4000 characters**
- **Use pupil booklets for help – these will be issued at the computer workshops.**

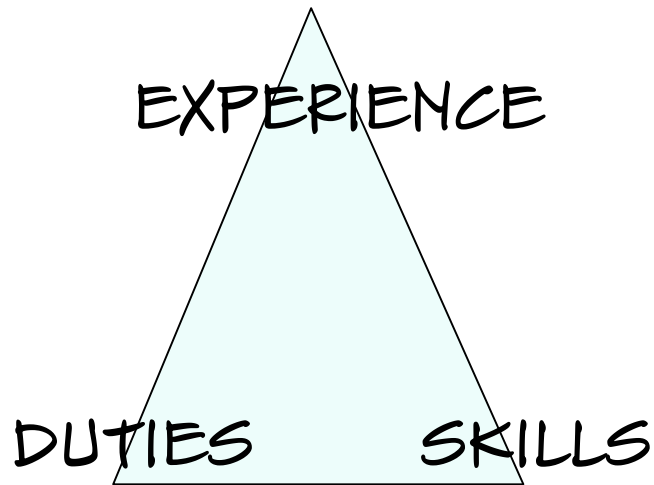


> **Personal Statements**

- **Start with a plan!**
- **Personal Statements should demonstrate MACK!**
- **M**aturity-show that you are ready for university
- **A**bility-show that you have the academic and personal skills and ability to go to university
- **C**ommitment-show that you have the dedication, reliability and suitability to go to university
- **K**nowledge-show that you have an awareness and familiarity with the subject area and courses that you are applying for

> **Personal Statements**

- School experiences e.g.. Captain, prefect, helping in classes, awards, YPI, etc
- Outside school e.g.. Job, Volunteer work, work experience, scouts/guides etc.
- Triangulate!



Example

Experience – Prefect

Duties – hall monitoring, assisting at parents evening

Skills – organisation, timekeeping, reliability.

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