# Parent / Carer Information Evening

Schools and Colleges Liaison Team





### **Parent / Carer Information Evening**

- An introduction to HE
- The UCAS application
- Student Finance
- Q&A



#### Introduction to HE

#### Graduate earnings

- Statistics show graduates earn on average £10,000 more per year (Gov.co.uk, 2019)
- More graduate-level jobs in the UK than ever before. Over half of all graduate jobs in the UK are open to applicants from every discipline (highflyers.co.uk 2019)

#### Skills and Experience

- Independence/meeting new people
- Opportunities at University volunteering, societies, travel abroad, student rep, Uniradio/newspaper, SU roles, Social Enterprise
- Transferable skills sought after by employers communication, team work, time management, presenting, project management, budgeting

#### Choosing a course

- Over 35,000 courses to choose from across the UK
- BA/BSc / Single Honours / Joint Honours / Sandwich courses / Placements
- Consider Career Goals
- Skills and Interests
- Consider entry requirements (subject, UCAS Tariff / grades, DBS, vaccinations)
- Research

Qualification and Grade	Tariff
A Level grade A*	56
A Level grade A	48
A Level grade B	40
A Level grade C	32
A Level grade D	24
A Level grade E	16

BTEC Extended Diploma Grade	Tariff
D*D*D*	168
D*D*D	160
D*DD	152
DDD	144
DDM	128
DMM	112
МММ	96
MMP	80
MPP	64
PPP	48

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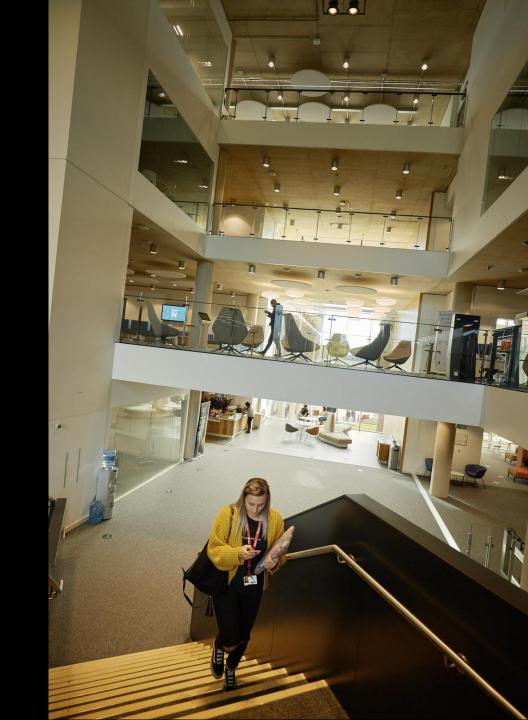
### **Choosing a university**

- Course
- Location
- Facilities
- Open Days / Virtual Events
- Local environment (employment during and after the course)
- Accommodation (location, budget, halls, private house, parents' home)



### **Open days**

- Attend a campus tour
- Meet academics and current students
- Subject talksModules & Assessments
  - Timetabling
  - Placement opportunities
- Finance talks
- Application guidance
- Parent/carer sessions
- Explore the local area



### <sup>7</sup> Steps to applying

- Read UCAS guidance notes/watch the videos online
- Register in the UCAS Hub
  - Nominated access for parents/carers
- School / college buzzword
- Personal Details
  - Ensure name matches exam certificates

  - Is the email address appropriate?Avoid using school/college email address
- Student Finance
- Choices (Max. 5)

  - Will appear in alphabetical order
    Choices not visible to other universities
- The form does not need to be completed in one go
- Payment (£27.50)



### **Application Form**

#### **Education**

- Provide a list of all schools since age 11
- Exam results

#### **Employment**

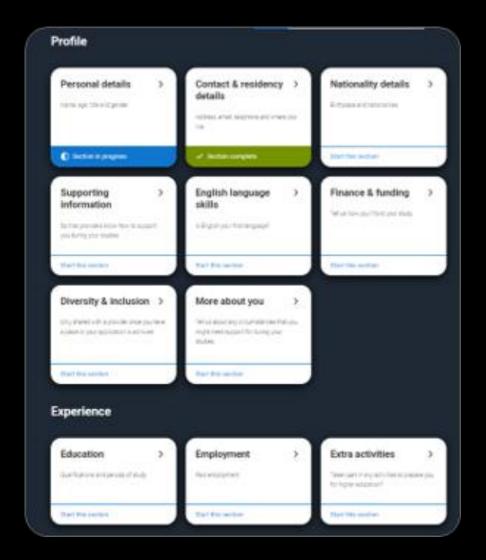
Include all paid work

#### **Personal Statement**

An opportunity to convince the university to offer you a place

#### Reference

To be completed by school/college tutor



#### **Personal Statement**

- Length = 4000 characters (approx. 600 words)
- 5 choices = Only 1 personal statement



- Show commitment/passion for the chosen subject
- Stand out from other applicants
- Highlight work experience/interests and suitability for the course
- Discuss career aspirations
- Show capability for higher level study and ability to write effectively



### **Key Dates**

<u>Date</u>		<u>Details</u>
June	-	Register and begin application
	-	Research course and university choices
September	-	First applications can be submitted
16 October	-	Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary and Oxford or Cambridge University application deadlines
September -December	-	Be aware of school / college internal deadlines
31 January	-	Deadline for majority of other courses
Jan – March	-	Offers: Unsuccessful / Conditional / Unconditional
February - July	-	UCAS Extra
End of March	-	Most students will have received offers by this point
July - September	-	Clearing opportunities

#### **Student Finance England**

- Loans are provided by Student Finance England (SFE) on behalf of UK government
- Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Loans available for Home/Settled EU students\*
- Extra financial help available depending on circumstances
- Taking out a student loan does not affect their credit rating or yours!

<sup>\*</sup>EU nationals must have 'settled' or 'pre-settled' status under the EU settlement scheme to get Student Finance for courses starting on or after 1 August 2021.



#### **Tuition Fees**

The University of Northampton's tuition fees for 'Home' and EU students in **2023/24** are:

- £9,250 full-time undergraduate BA/BSc course
- £9,250 full-time undergraduate HND/Foundation Degree course
- £9,250 Foundation Framework (as part of a 4 year programme)

### **Tuition Fees Explained**

- Students do not have to pay fees up front and the loan is not based on household income.
- This is paid directly to the University.
- Tuition fees are payable for each year of the course and are subject to change in future academic years due to annual inflationary rise.



#### **Maintenance Loan**

- Available to help towards living and course costs
- Partially means tested on household income
- Paid into the student's bank account in three instalments over the academic year
- Students will need to re-apply for their funding for each year of their course

**Full-time Student Maintenance Loan** Living at home Up to £8,400\* Min £3,698 Living away Up to £9,978\* from home, outside London Min £4,651 Up to £13,022\* Living away from home, Min £6,485 studying in London

<sup>\* 2023/24</sup> figures, subject to parliamentary approval.

#### Repayments

- Repayment is 9% on any earnings above the £25,000 threshold
- If earnings fall below £25,000 a year, repayments are suspended.
- Any outstanding balance is cleared after 40 years.
- Interest Rates: RPI

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment (Approx)
£25,000	£0
£28,000	£22

#### **Additional Allowances**

Students with children, adult dependants, childcare and/or disabilities may be entitled to apply for additional non-repayable allowances from Student Finance England:

- Parents' Learning Allowance (up to £1,915)
- Childcare Grant (up to £323.85 per week)
- Adult Dependants Grant (up to £3,354)
- Disabled Students' Allowance (up to £26,291)

www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help





### **NHS Funding**

Additional support will be made available through the NHS Learning Support Fund:

- A guaranteed £5000 per year to help with living costs
- Additional funding of up to £3000 available for eligible students
- Funds will not need to be repaid



#### **Bursaries and Scholarships**

- A bursary is a non-repayable grant from the university you choose to study at, usually based on financial need
- Scholarships are similar, but usually based on ability/achievement
- Do your research offers will vary widely between universities but there is likely to be generous funding available
- Share your details with the university!

- ✓ International Students
- ✓ Care Leavers
- ✓ Young Adult Carers
- ✓ Low Incomes

### Budgeting

#### Budgeting for your living costs at university....

- Maintenance loan
- Bursaries
- Part-time work
- Student Ambassador/Campus jobs
- Parental contributions
- Student Bank account\*

Provider	Interest- free overdraft	Example Incentives
HSBC	Up to £3000	£100 cash
Nationwide	Up to £3000	£100 cash
NatWest  Royal bank of Scotland	Up to £2000	£80 cash
Barclays	Up to £1500	12 month Perlego subscription
Santander	Up to £2000	4 year 16-25 Railcard



#### **Household Income**



SFE will need details of a student's parents' or other sponsor's household (taxable) income and National Insurance numbers.

#### **Taxable earned income includes:**

- wages, salaries, tips, and other taxable employee pay
- long-term disability benefits received prior to minimum retirement age
- net earnings from self-employment

#### **Taxable unearned income includes:**

- interest from savings (only the annual summary is required)
- benefits and pensions
- rent from property or a room

#### Household Income

- Applications online
  - You will be emailed a link within 24 hours of the student submitting their application
- Income information taken from previous tax year (2021/22)
  - 'Current Year Income Assessment' available if income has changed by 15% or more
- No need to provide income information for non-means tested route
  - Only advised for household incomes of over £60,000
- For separated/divorced parents, household income is assessed on the parent that the student is financially dependent on
- Provide details of any other child dependents

## Apply as soon as possible

#### How to apply

- Applications made online at: www.gov.uk/student-finance
- Applications open March 2023 for courses starting Sept 2023.
- Assessments can take approx. 6 8 weeks.
- Before starting an application, have the following to hand:

   Valid Passport or Birth Certificate
   University and course details (You do not need a confirmed place)
   Bank account details and National Insurance number
- Apply by 31 May to ensure funding is paid on time.



#### Parent / Carer Support

- Attend Open Days / Virtual Events
- Avoid putting pressure on the student to pursue a certain degree/career path
- Talk about all options so that your child can make informed decisions
- Encourage the student to think of their achievements, perhaps you remember some that they have forgotten?
- Proofread their application
- Motivate and guide them on how to improve their application
- Send your household income information promptly to SFE

#### Find out more

Course enquiries: <a href="mailto:study@Northampton.ac.uk">study@Northampton.ac.uk</a>

Accommodation <u>accommodation@Northampton.ac.uk</u>

Admissions: <a href="mailto:admissions@Northampton.ac.uk">admissions@Northampton.ac.uk</a>

Financial Guidance <a href="money@Northampton.ac.uk">money@Northampton.ac.uk</a>

Additional Student Support: <a href="mailto:ASSIST@Northampton.ac.uk">ASSIST@Northampton.ac.uk</a>

Social Media @uon\_uninorthants





#### **Any Questions?**





