



Central Futures Bulletin



Congratulations to all Year 13 students who have received offers from universities!

You have your university offers! Now what?

If you have received all of your offers before March, you will have to make your final firm and insurance choices by the beginning of May 2015.

Do not confirm your final choices until 2nd February 2015, for the reasons below. The CFBS deadline for making your final choices is 3rd April 2014.

You must speak to the Central Futures team before that date to confirm your choices.

Firm choice

Your firm choice can be aspirational but it **must be realistic**. This is the university and course you want to attend **and** are confident you can achieve the grades for.

If it's an unconditional offer the place is yours! That university will expect you as their student.

If the offer is conditional the place is yours if you meet the entry requirements in August 2014. You **must** go to this university if you meet the offer (see **adjustment** below for the only exception to that).

Insurance choice

This is your back-up choice.

If you don't meet the requirements of your firm choice, but you meet those of your insurance choice then you take up the place **and must attend the university**.

Your insurance choice should be **lower** than the firm and, **if you are an A-level candidate, must be at or below your AS-level achievement**. At the same time, **make sure you actually want to attend that university or course!**

Adjustment: *if your achieved grades on Results Day are higher than your firm offer, you can shop around for a better course on the day while your firm offer remains safe. This process is called Adjustment*

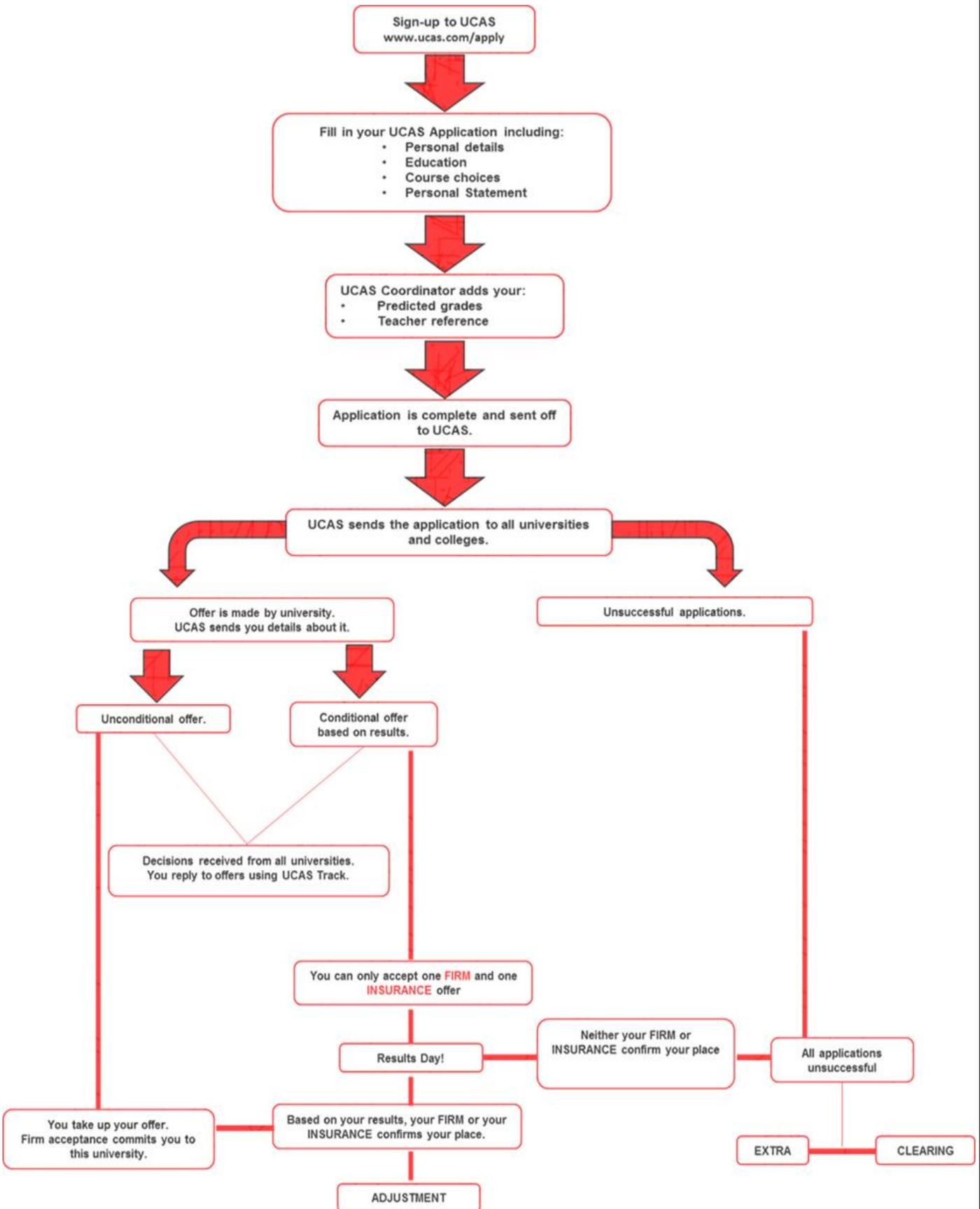
Clearing: *if you don't meet your insurance offer, you can still find a university place on Results Day. This process is called Clearing.*

After choosing your Firm and Insurance Choices, you must decline all other offers you received. That is why you think carefully about your choices!

Before deciding, make sure you do **ALL** of the following:

- * Visit all the universities you received offers from, **particularly if they are out of London**. Please let the Central Futures team know of the dates you are doing these visits on.
 - *You can sign up to Open Days and Evenings but even if they are all booked up, you can still visit the campus on your own.*
 - *Make sure you try to have a look at their accommodation arrangements as well as other facilities (sports, science etc.)*
- * Research funding opportunities of each university: scholarships, bursary, grants – can they offer you any “free” money?
- * Talk to students who go there – contact the admissions office and ask to be put in touch with a student, they will be very happy to make the link.
- * Research the courses again – how many hours of 1 to 1 or small group seminars will you have? Which course has the more interesting modules? What are the career prospects?
- * **Talk to the Central Futures Team! You must sign-off your decisions and reasons with them.**

The UCAS Process



Year 12

Summer Schools



Sutton Trust US Programme

Applications are now open - perfect for those who want to study abroad!

IC6 students have successfully applied and been selected to take part in his programme in the past. They are currently applying to study in the US.

As you are probably already aware, the Sutton Trust US programme provides bright, state school students a taste of life at an American university. The initiative is centred on a one-week summer school at a leading US university with introductory events and application support in the UK before and after. Host campuses last year were the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University and Yale University.

Students will be able to find out what a US university can offer them and receive US admissions support by participating in the Sutton Trust US Programme. Successful students will take part in a range of activities to help them make the right decisions about American higher education. The Sutton Trust will also provide other benefits to participants, such as covering costs for all residential events, accommodation and travel.

The programme is open to students currently studying in Year 12 (or S5 in Scotland) at state schools or colleges, interested in learning about US culture and higher education, in particular undergraduate study in the US.

<http://www.suttontrust.com/programmes/us-programme-outline/>

Applications will close on Tuesday, 27 January by noon.



Social Mobility Foundation

Year 12

Are you in year 12?

Have you been eligible for free school meals during secondary school at any time?

Are you the first generation of your family to attend university?

Did you get 5 As at GCSE? or get 4 As at a school with below 50% pass rate?

Are you predicted ABB or higher at A Level?

Then you are eligible to become part of a fantastic programme which offers internships with top employers, mentoring from people who are top in their field, tailored careers support and additional training to help you become a desirable university candidate.

Apply at www.socialmobility.org.uk

The deadline for applications is Monday 22nd December

University Open & Taster Days

London University Taster Day Events

Over a hundred FREE University Taster Courses in numerous subject areas for prospective undergraduate students at universities in and around London

Choose from over a hundred taster courses in multiple subject areas at numerous universities in and around London. The Taster Course Programme provides year 12 sixth form students with a taste of what life at a university in London is like. Through your chosen taster course you will experience the different teaching methods used by university academics and gain an insight into the additional facilities available, whilst meeting students from across the UK.

Full list of taster courses and details including dates at <http://www.london.ac.uk/tasters>

Make sure to book your place as soon as bookings open or you might miss out!

Hilda's College, Oxford Taster Day

Monday 16th February 2015 - **Law Study Day**
Wednesday 18th February 2015- **History Study Day**
Friday 20th February 2015 - **French Study Day**



Students in Year 12 can experience life as an Oxford University Student for a day filled with exciting taster activities. Days will include a lecture and tutorial, opportunities to ask admissions questions to subject tutors, and time with current students. Lunch will be provided free of charge. Students will be expected to have completed some preparatory reading that will be set by our tutors in advance to assist with discussions in our tutorials.

Applicants must complete the booking form (linked below) by noon on Monday 8th December 2014.

Applicants will hear before 10th January 2015 whether their application has been successful. For more information, and to book a place, please visit: www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/study-days-0
If you have any questions about the day, please email the Outreach Officer, Miss Martha Baskerville, using: outreach@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

Higher education conventions 2015

Over a quarter of a million students attended a UCAS HE Convention this year! With 51 Conventions taking place across the UK in 2015, there's absolutely no reason to miss out!

You will come into contact with representatives from HE and FE providers from around the country, gap year companies, commercial graduate recruiters and more... as well as get under the skin of what it means to apply to university.

Best of all, attendance is FREE. **Visitor booking goes live from October 2014.** For more information visit www.ucas.com/conventions

FREE Courses & schemes

The Organ Lottery: Why access to more and better transplants matters

King's College London

Location Henry Wellcome Auditorium
 Category Lecture, Public Talk
 When 10/12/2014 (18:00-19:00)



Registration URL <https://theorganlottery.eventbrite.co.uk>

Should we give him this kidney? Is she the right recipient for this organ? Questions and answers in the world of organ donation are far from black and white. Yet for those not immersed in this world daily, who are thrust into situations they are unprepared for when a loved one falls ill, it's almost impossible to see medical decisions from every angle and understand the possible benefits of transplant research.

It's far more complex than a yes or no, and in this interactive debate, we will explore multiple points of view, considerations and medical opinions that come together at this crucial point to make a life or death decision.

Join Jonathan Dimbleby and a panel of experts as they reveal what lies behind a transplant decision, and why access to more and better transplants matters.

Panel:

Andrew Bradley: Professor of Surgery, University of Cambridge;

Claire Fox: Director of the Institute of Ideas, panellist on BBC Radio 4's The Moral Maze, and columnist for TES (Times Education Supplement);

Sue Fuggle: Professor of Transplant Immunology and Consultant Clinical Scientist, University of Oxford;

John Harris: Lord Alliance Professor of Bioethics and Director, Institute of Science, Ethics and Innovation, University of Manchester;

Richard Horton: Editor-in-chief, The Lancet;

Eleanor Updale: Writer and historian. Lay member of the UK Donation Ethics Committee.

1-1 Career Mentoring - Media

We're looking for young people, aged 18-24 with a passion for writing, producing, presenting or anything else media related for our one-to-one mentoring scheme.

If you'd like to turn your passion into a career, but have no idea how, we'd like to help!

We will provide you with your very own mentor to help kick-start the media career you have always dreamed about! This is an opportunity to be mentored by media professionals, gain exposure to big name media companies and focus your career path.

The mentoring sessions are FREE and spaces are limited so apply here now:

<http://www.mediatrust.org/our-projects/youth-media/career-mentoring/>

More free events!

Digital Storytelling workshop for NCS (National Citizenship Service) Students

Are you a graduate of the NCS? This is a great opportunity for you to be your own director and producer. You will learn how to make, edit and publish films with your smartphone! We want to inspire you to be creative and imaginative through the films you create. We are working in partnership with Sky News who will feature all content filmed at the workshop onto their digital platform Stand Up BE Counted. Not only will your content be seen by an international audience, but it will look fantastic on your CV and personal statement.

For those of you thinking about a career in the media and film-making, this will be a great way for you to learn valuable skills without the need of expensive equipment. You will also be offered a chance to have career mentoring with a media professional after the workshop.

Please email or text (with your name and the area which you live in i.e. "Manchester") to Nina Vicera to reserve your place: ninav@mediatrust.org or 07814239432.

UniMentors scheme at City University



The UniMentors scheme pairs City students with year 12 students in sixth forms and colleges for one to one mentoring support over 10 weeks. This scheme is suitable for those students who require support in building their confidence, to improve their academic performance, to raise aspirations and to achieve their personal goals. Students must also fall into our general widening participation criteria: in receipt of free school meals, no family history of attending university or are disabled. Priority will be given to students in care.

There are some key topics that will be covered in the mentoring sessions: UCAS process, personal statements, and revision techniques. The remaining sessions will be more personalised to suit the needs of individual students. They will be planned beforehand but can be altered as the session's progress.

All students will be required to fill in a log book for each session which can be used to monitor their progress by their UniMentors and teachers to ensure targets, goals and objectives are being met. Upon completion, Year 12's will be invited to the University for an informative day with the opportunity to meet others on the scheme, go on a campus tour, and have a question and answer session with current City student ambassadors.

Join by filling in this questionnaire: <https://webapps.city.ac.uk/forms/36229>

CAREERS

Career Insight Sessions

Slaughter & May will be hosting a number of career insight sessions giving students a taster of what it is like to work in different business areas.

Sessions confirmed are:

Careers in Marketing - Friday 30th January 2015 2-3pm

If you wish to sign up to attend these sessions please see Ms Shaw to book a place. There are limited spaces so book early!

SLAUGHTER AND MAY

KPMG Accountancy

Year 13



Are you currently considering their post sixth form options? KPMG are currently offering an excellent opportunity which gives students the chance to attend university, you have your degree paid for, and earn a competitive salary. If you are ambitious and are looking to be challenged, we have an exciting opportunity for you to share with them.

KPMG offer a six year programme which provides students with a chance to gain the following:

An accountancy degree from the University of Birmingham or Durham University Business School paid for by KPMG

Work towards becoming a Chartered Accountant

Earn up to £21,500 per year

Gain valuable industry insight and learn from leading professionals

To find out more, visit our page:

<http://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/school-leavers/school-leaver-programme>

Applications now open!

CAREERS

Year 13

Deloitte Bright Start Scheme



The Deloitte Bright Start scheme offers school leavers a structured five-year programme that provides all the exposure, experience, training and support needed to forge ahead in the world of business.

With opportunities for September 2015 start within Audit, Risk Consulting, Tax, Consulting or Corporate Finance, the BrightStart joiners can explore all the fantastic opportunities within the world's leading professional services firm.

As well as strong academics and an interest in business and finance, they're looking for people who will work well in teams and can thrive in a fast-paced environment.

Visit the website to find out more and apply:

<http://www2.deloitte.com/uk/en/pages/careers/articles/brightstart-school-leavers.html>

Applications now open!

Year 13

Jaguar Land Rover Higher Apprenticeships *Engineering or Finance*

Lasting six years, our exciting Higher Apprenticeship Scheme is divided into two business areas: Engineering and Finance (Accountancy).

Regardless of the business area or pathway you follow, you can be sure of gaining enviable commercial, professional and managerial experience as you work within our expert managerial teams, contributing to projects that have a real impact on our global success. You'll also be supported to achieve academic and vocational qualifications, fully funded by Jaguar Land Rover. Higher Apprentices entering an engineering-related pathway can expect to achieve an NVQ2, NVQ3 and NVQ4 qualification in subjects specific to their role, as well as a **BEng degree in Applied Engineering** from the prestigious **University of Warwick**.

Those embarking on the Finance (Accountancy) Higher Apprenticeship will complete a CIMA professional qualification (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) – making them a **fully-qualified Chartered Accountant** – and have the chance to undertake a top up degree, earning them a BSc in Professional Accounting.

Applications now open!

Deadline: 31 January 2015



<http://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/jobs/job/1289006/higher-apprenticeship-scheme>

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 12

Slaughter and May Work Experience

The Slaughter & May work experience programme is one of our most popular and most successful. There are a number of opportunities within a wide range of business areas including:

- Legal
- Business Development
- HR
- Office & Facilities
- Knowledge and Information

Deadline for applications: Wednesday 17th December 2014

If you wish to have your application checked before sending please give to Ms Thain or Ms Shaw by Wednesday 11th December 2014.

Useful Websites

www.ucas.com

www.unifrog.org

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

<http://techcitystars.com/>

Central Futures Calendar

	Year 12	Year 13
SEPTEMBER	Central Futures Induction Assembly	Central Futures Induction Assembly
	Central Futures Bulletin	Central Futures Bulletin
	Introduction to BTEC work experience programme	Oxbridge and Medicine preparation
		UCAS application support
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OCTOBER	Assesment Point 1	Wednesday October 1st - Medicine & Oxbridge Application Deadline
	Central Futures Parents Evening	Central Futures Parents Evening
	Central Futures Bulletin	Central Futures Bulletin
	Launch of Get Ready for Work Programme	Assesment Point 1 - predicted grades are finalised
	Slaughter and May Power Hours	UCAS application support
	Oxbridge/Medicine mentoring	
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NOVEMBER	Central Futures Smart Choices Workshop	Friday, November 14th - General UCAS Application Deadline
	Central Futures Career Talks	Central Futures Bulletin
	Tech City Initial Assembly	Get Ready for Work Programme
	Slaughter and May Power Hours	Oxbridge and Medicine preparation - interviews
	Oxbridge/Medicine mentoring	
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DECEMBER	Central Futures Bulletin	Central Futures Bulletin
	Oxbridge/Medicine mentoring	Oxbridge and Medicine preparation - interviews
	Recruitment Process for Easter Work Experience Placements	Get Ready for Work Programme
	Ernst & Young Career Insight event	
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JANUARY	Assesment Point 2	Assesment Point 2
	Central Futures Bulletin	Central Futures Bulletin
	Recruitment Process for Summer Work Experience Placements	All students - university admission interview preparation
	Slaughter and May Power Hours	Get Ready for Work Programme
	Oxbridge/Medicine mentoring	
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FEBRUARY	Central Futures Mock UCAS Month	Central Futures Bulletin
	Central Futures Bulletin	Get Ready for Work Programme
	Get Ready for Work Programme	All students - university admission interview preparation
	Slaughter and May Power Hours	
	Oxbridge/Medicine mentoring	
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MARCH	Assesment Point 3	Central Futures Bulletin
	Central Futures Bulletin	Apprenticeship Application Workshops
	Oxbridge/Medicine mentoring	
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APRIL	Central Futures Bulletin	Central Futures Bulletin
	Oxbridge/Medicine mentoring	Apprenticeship Application Workshops
	Year 12 Easter Work Experience	Assesment Point 3
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MAY	Central Futures Bulletin	May 5th - Deadline for confirming firm and insurance university offers
	Oxbridge/Medicine mentoring	May 31st - Deadline for applying for Student Finance
		Central Futures Bulletin
		Apprenticeship Application Workshops
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JUNE	AS Exams	A-level/BTEC exams
	Central Futures UCAS Workshops	Apprenticeship Application Workshops
	Queen Mary Higher Education Fair	Central Futures Bulletin
	Oxbridge Application Support	
	Central Futures Bulletin	
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JULY	Central Futures Bulletin	Apprenticeship Application Workshops
	Year 12 Work Experience	Central Futures Bulletin
	Oxbridge Application Support	
	Personal Statements 1st draft deadline	
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AUGUST	Results Day	Results Day, Clearing and Adjustment