

# Your Year 13 Timeline

The timeline below outlines what the next year will look like, so you'll know what to expect every step of the way.

## 8th September 2020 - UCAS Apply Opens

University applications open and can now be submitted through the UCAS website at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## 15th October 2020 - First UCAS Deadline

Deadline for applications to Medicine & Dentistry and Oxbridge

## 15th January 2021 - Main UCAS Deadline

Deadline for all undergraduate courses (except those with 15th October deadline- see above)

## Early Feb 2021 - Student Finance Applications Open

Students from England can apply: [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance) Students from Wales, Scotland and NI apply via their government funding bodies in March/April

## 25th February 2021 - UCAS Extra Opens

If you've used all five choices on your application and haven't been made any offers, you could still find a place through [UCAS Extra](#).

## Late May 2021 - Student Finance Deadline

Exact date will be confirmed nearer the time. Be sure to apply before the deadline to ensure you get your payments on time for the start of your first year.

## 19th August 2021 - A Level Results Day

Time to get your results! If you don't get the grades you were hoping for, you can consider applying for a university place through [Clearing](#). If your results are better than expected, you can choose to apply to a different course through [Adjustment](#).

## September 2021 - University Term Starts

# Glossary

## Terminology that you might hear throughout the application process:

**Adjustment** - This allows students who receive higher grades than they were predicted to potentially swap their place for one on another course they prefer.

**Clearing** - If you don't get the grades you were hoping for on results day, you can still look for a place at university through Clearing.

**Maintenance Loan** - This student loan goes straight into your bank account for you to use to cover everyday costs e.g. rent, food, clothes etc. How much you receive is dependent on your household income- this will usually be based on your parent/carers' income. You can work out how much you are entitled to by using the Student Finance Calculator:  
[www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)

**Tuition Fee Loan** - This loan is paid directly to your university to cover your tuition fees. You apply for your tuition fee loan and your maintenance loan at the same time through the Student Finance England website.

**UCAS** - The University and Colleges Admissions Service. In the UK, you apply to university through the UCAS website.

**UCAS Extra** - If you've used all five choices and you're not holding any offers, you'll be able to add another choice using UCAS Extra, which opens in February. If you're eligible, during this period you'll be able to apply to additional universities, one at a time.

**Undergraduate Course** - An undergraduate course is for students who haven't yet completed a university degree. If you apply to university straight from college or sixth form, you'll be applying to an undergraduate course.