



# Year 12 Post 18 Options Information Evening



# Format of evening



- Overview of post 18 options
- Outline of UCAS process for applying to UK universities
- Student Finance Presentation
- Apprenticeships
- How you can help and resources
- Questions?

# Post 18 options



**UK  
universities  
2025 or 2026  
start  
(deferred)**



**Other courses  
eg  
conservatoires,  
art foundation**



**Apprenticeship  
or employment**



**Gap year -  
travel, work  
or  
volunteering**



**Overseas  
university**

# Key Information

- UCAS: centralised electronic system ([www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) )
- Applicants may select a maximum of 5 university courses: not ranked, 'blind' application.
- Pupil fills in application including personal statement, school adds predicted grades and reference
- Pupils receive conditional offers of places –based on grades or points
- Required to identify a Firm choice and an Insurance choice (Spring year 13)
- If applying for medicine or other clinical courses limited to 4 choices plus an alternative (e.g. biomedical science, anatomy). You can only apply to either Oxford or Cambridge



# Timelines

Key deadlines:

- Conservatoires: early October deadlines
- Early applicants – Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry, veterinary - 15 October. **There will be an internal deadline in early October.**
- Main UCAS deadline – last Wednesday in January  
**BUT there will be an internal deadline in early December**



# Choosing the right place



- Style – from traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities/colleges, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- Location – some are in large cities, others in small towns, by the coast or in the countryside – it's all a major influence on the environment and lifestyle.
- Size – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.

# Choosing the right place (cont)



- Culture and facilities – influenced by a range of factors, look at facilities for academic and extra-curricular activities.
- What graduates do – all universities collect destination statistics; it can be useful to find out what jobs or further study students go on to.
- Tuition fees – can vary between universities and colleges; check if there are scholarships or bursaries available.
- Living costs – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

# Choosing the right course



- What does the course cover? Courses with the same title may be very different. Look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to your career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.

# Choosing the right course (cont)



- How is the course taught – structured teaching, or more independent research?
- How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars? How is the course assessed?
- Foundation years

# Types of University

## **RUSSELL**

University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol  
University of Cambridge  
Cardiff University  
Durham University  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
Imperial College London  
King's College London  
University of Leeds  
University of Liverpool  
London School of Economics  
and Political Science  
University of Manchester  
Newcastle University  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
Queen Mary University of London  
Queen's University Belfast  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton  
University College London  
University of Warwick  
University of York

## **GROUP**

'Typical' offer A\*AA - AAB  
at A Level

**Most certainly not the be-all and end-all!**

**There are many good universities which  
are not members of the Russell group**

**Some universities have specialisms in vocational courses**



# UCAS form

What it includes



## Student Profile

Contact details  
Educational  
Qualifications  
Contextual data



## Personal statement

More about this later



## Choices

Up to 5 choices

The School then adds in predicted grades and reference

# Will you get an offer?



- A-Level predicted grades, may be specific subject requirements
- GCSE grades –may be subject/grade requirements
- Personal statement
- Admissions tests (UCAT, LNAT etc)
- Interview
- Work experience
- Offer may be in grades or tariff points
- Some students may be eligible for contextual offers.

# The Higher Education Landscape

Figure 1: English and Welsh 18-year old population 2009-2036

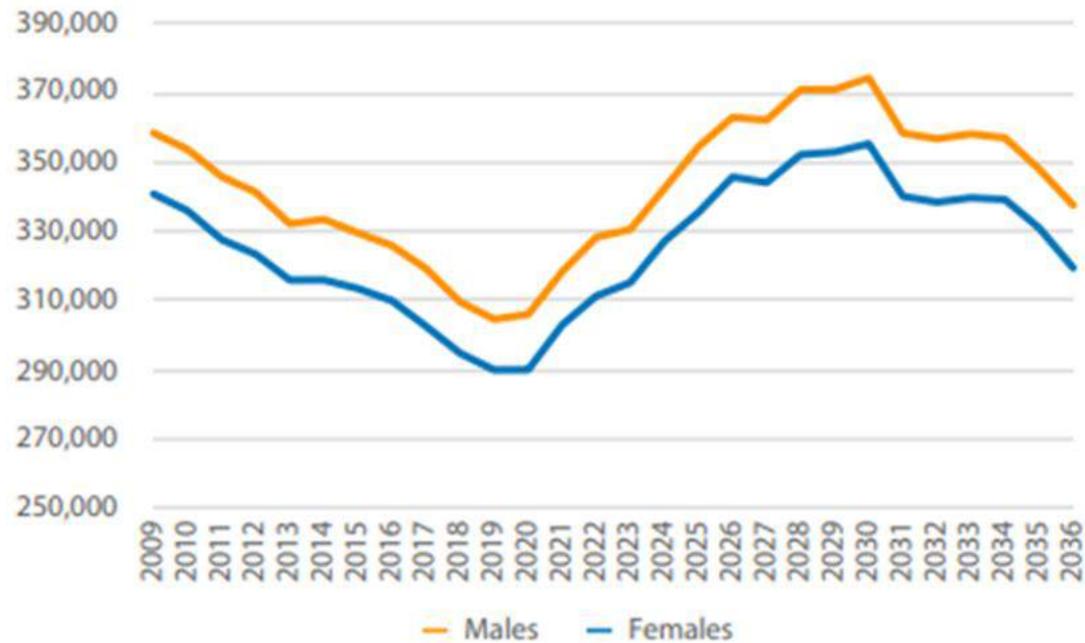
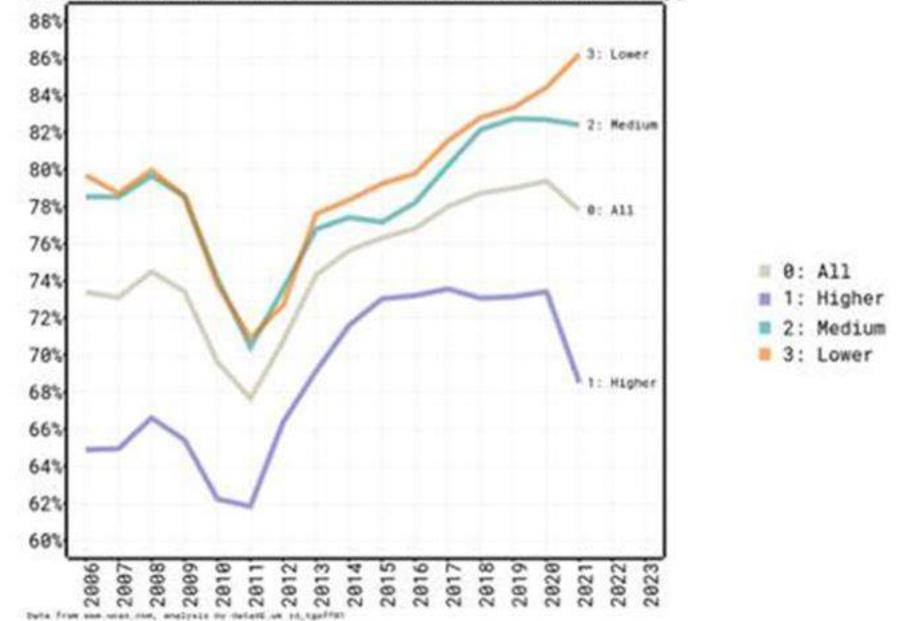


Figure 1 Offer rates to UK 18-year-old applications

Offer rates to UK 18 year olds by provider tariff group  
June deadline applications at June deadline [pre-2017 adj]



# What does this mean?

- Competition for places at selective universities is tough
- Having the right predicted grades is not a guarantee of an offer for some courses at some universities
- Important to spread risk across the five choices— particularly competitive at Oxbridge, Durham, LSE, Imperial, Warwick, UCL, St Andrews, Edinburgh, Manchester, Leeds
- Particular pressure on Computer science, Economics, healthcare courses
- We suggest a strategy of a spread of entry grades – look at predicted grades when deciding where to apply.

# Student Finance talk

Nicola Rushby



UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN



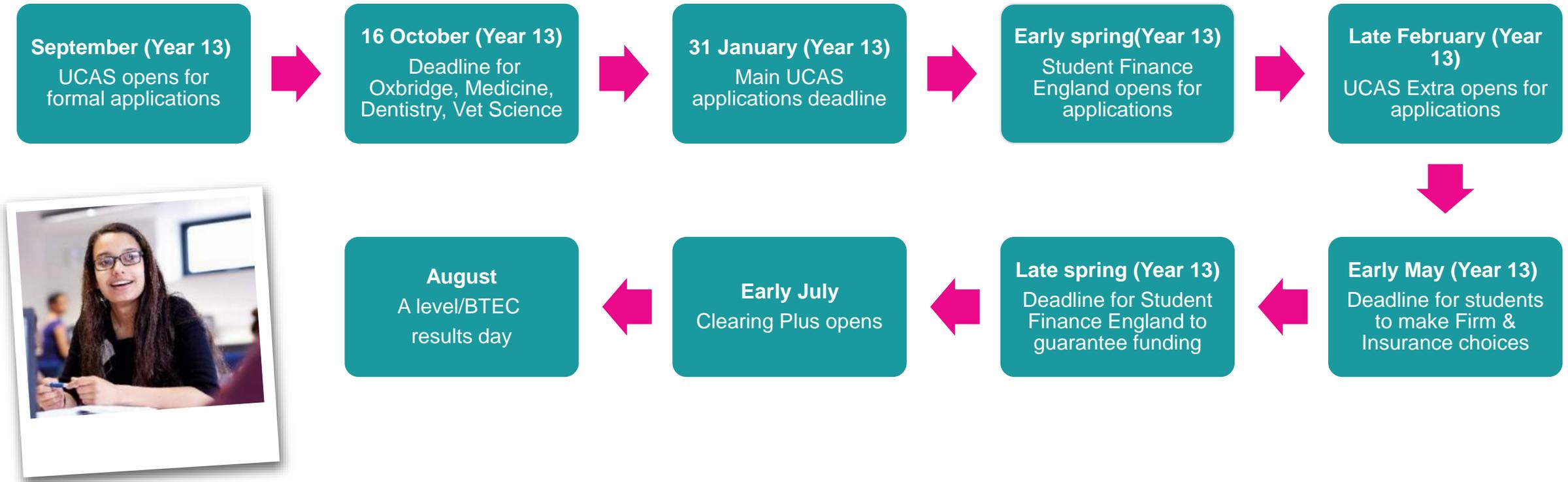
UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN

# Student Finance 2024

Education Liaison Team



# UCAS Timeline – Year 2/Year 13



**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**



UNIVERSITY OF  
**LINCOLN**

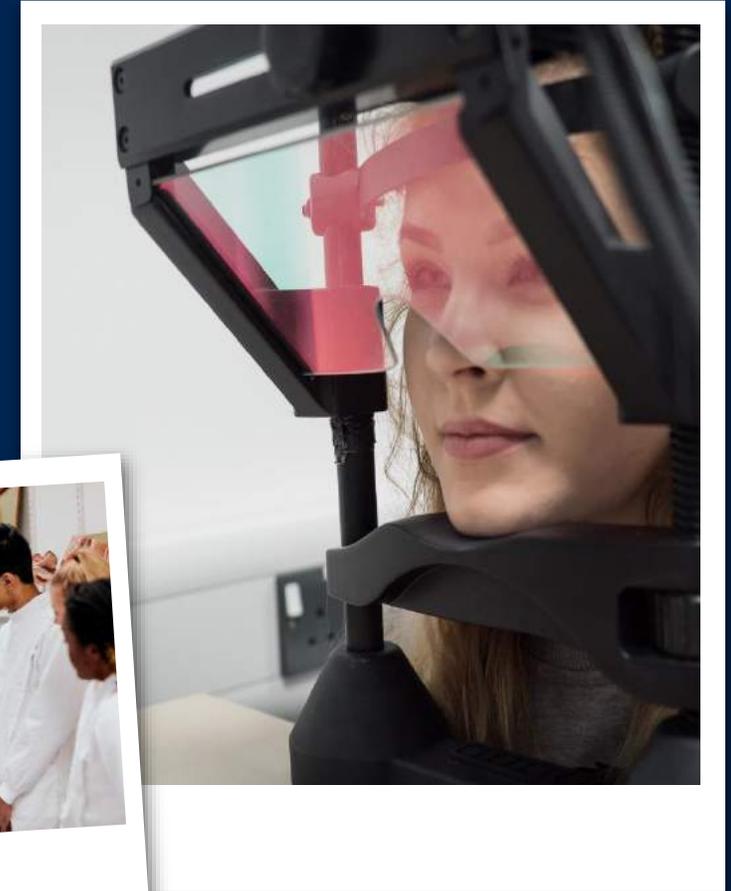
# Your Loans

## Tuition Fee Loan

- Teaching
- Facilities
- Learning resources

## Maintenance Loan

- Accommodation
- Food and bills
- Social life
- Extra curricular



**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN**

# Tuition Fee Loan

- Up to £9,250 per year of study
- Not means tested
- Straight to the university



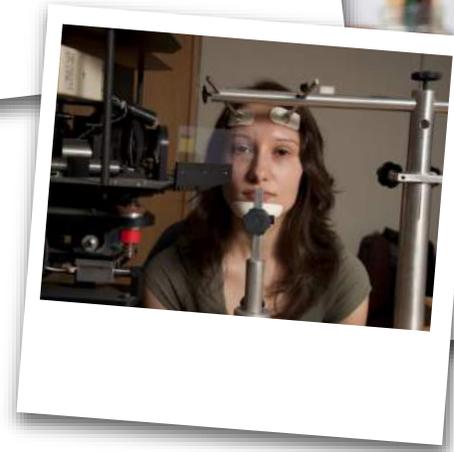
**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN**

# Maintenance Loan

- The amount a student receives depends on three factors:
  - Where you study
  - Where you live
  - Household income
- Student bank account
- Long course loans
- Studying overseas as part of your course (Full year)



# What Are You Entitled To?

Studying locally and  
living at home

£8,610  
↑  
£3,790

Studying away from home  
outside of London

£10,227  
↑  
£4,767

Studying away from home  
in London

£13,348  
↑  
£6,647



**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**

**TEF**  
2023  
Teaching Excellence Framework

Overall: **Gold**  
Student experience: **Gold**  
Student outcomes: **Gold**



UNIVERSITY OF  
**LINCOLN**

# Additional Funding

- A wide range of sources, including additional grants from SFE
- Additional loan for study abroad year
- University scholarships and bursaries
- Nursing, Midwifery and some allied health courses (NHS Learning Support Fund)
- It's all yours except the loan given by SFE for studying abroad



# Applying – Top Tips

Accuracy

Don't rush, be methodical

---

Evidence

Provide ALL first time

---

Supporters

Ensure ALL providing evidence know too

---

Deadline

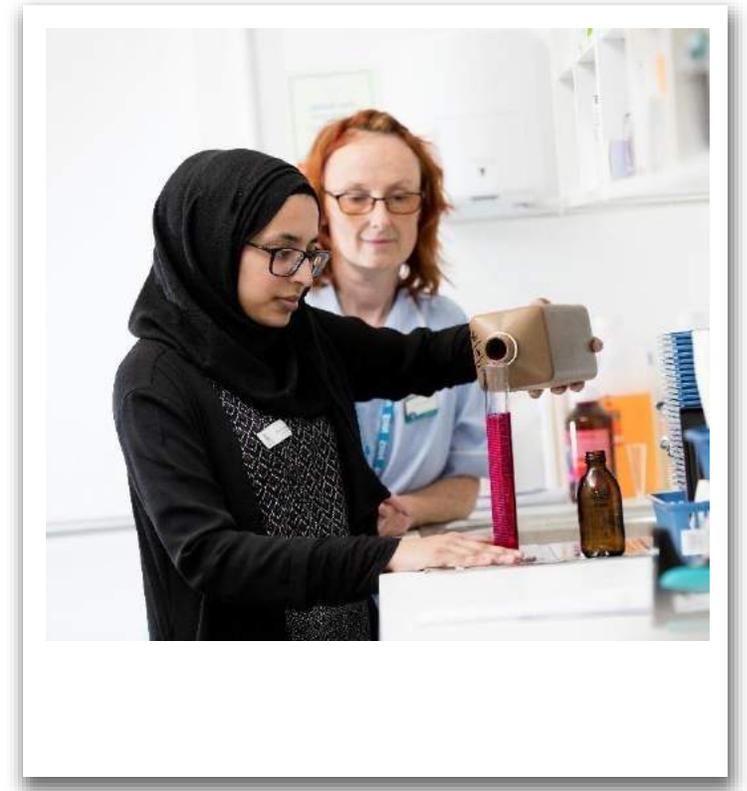
Don't forget it

---

Starting

Don't leave it until the last minute

---



**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**

**TEF**  
2023  
Teaching Excellence Framework

Overall: **Gold**  
Student experience: **Gold**  
Student outcomes: **Gold**



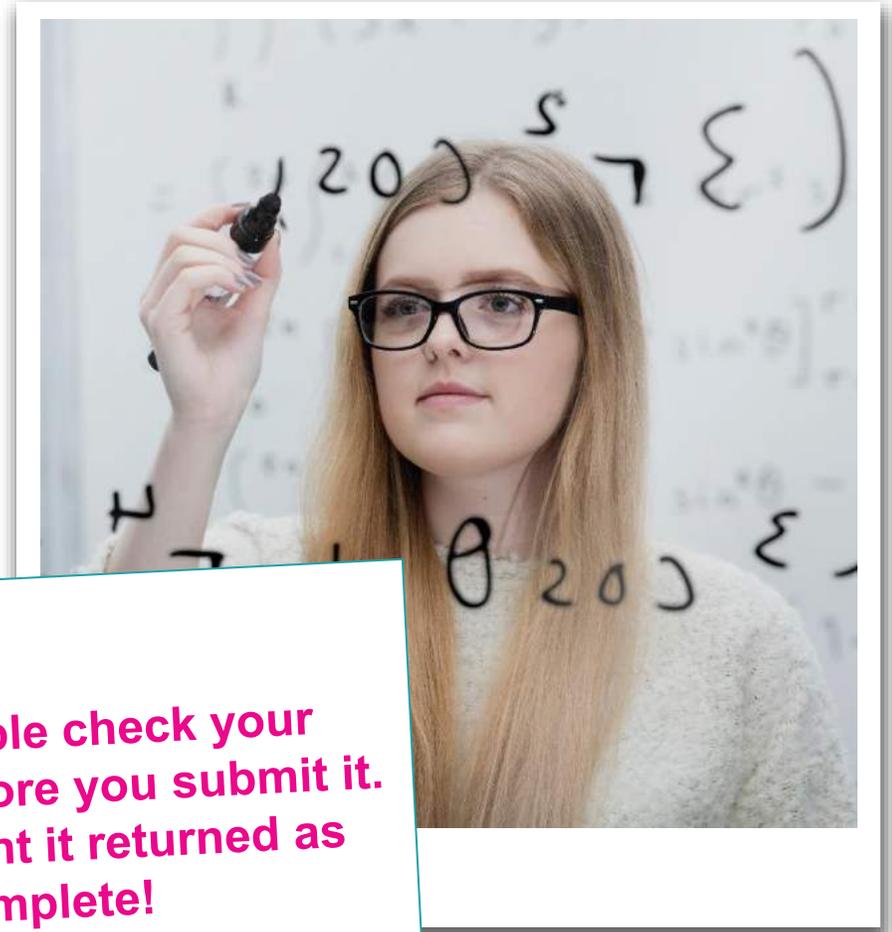
**UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN**

# How to Apply

Through the [www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) student finance site

Your first year- 4 easy steps:

- 1) Register online
- 2) Fill in the application
- 3) Provide evidence
- 4) Submit



## Top tip

**Always double check your application before you submit it. You don't want it returned as incomplete!**

**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN**

# Repaying Your Loan

- UK tax system
  - PAYE if employed by someone else
  - Yearly tax return if self employed
- Repay at 9% of your earnings over £25,000
- Drop below £25,000 payments stop
- Finite payment period



**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**

**TEF**  
2023  
Teaching Excellence Framework

Overall: <b>Gold</b>
Student experience: <b>Gold</b>
Student outcomes: <b>Gold</b>



**UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN**

# What Do You Pay Back?

Remember you repay 9% of what you earn above the threshold, which is £25,000 a year, £2,083 a month or £480 a week

£30,000

or

£2,500

Per Month

$$£2,500 - £2,083 = £417$$

£417

above threshold

x 9%

Your Repayment

£37.53

Per Month

GREATNESS IS WITHIN



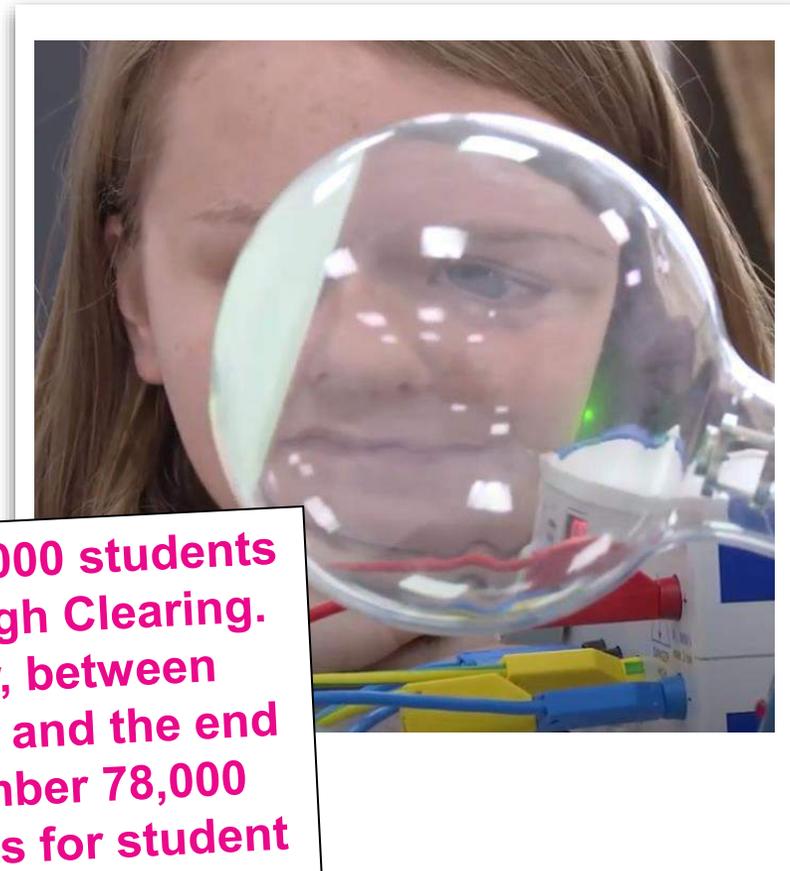
Overall: **Gold**  
Student experience: **Gold**  
Student outcomes: **Gold**



UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN

# What Else Do You Need To Know?

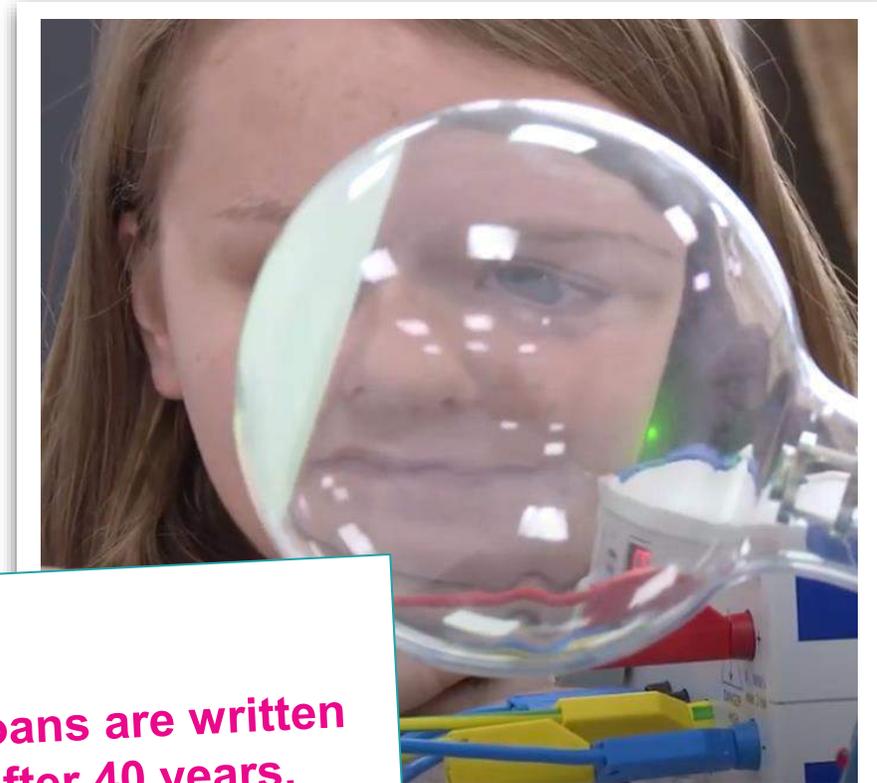
- 8-10 weeks to process your application
- No money is released until you enrol
- Payment released the first Wednesday in October
- Initial tuition fee payment made before October half term on your behalf



**In 2022, 77,000 students went through Clearing. However, between results day and the end of September 78,000 applications for student finance were made.**

# What Else Do You Need To Know?

- Moving universities
- Interest
- Credit files
- Mortgage applications
- Working abroad



## Top tip

**Your loans are written off after 40 years, regardless of how much is left to pay.**

# Three Key Points

There is a lot of information available on student finance, from applying to repayment, but it is vital to understand what it will mean to **YOU** and remember three key points...

Research **ALL** the **Support** available to you  
Make **THE RIGHT** University/College choice for you

#1  
**RESEARCH**

Apply **ON-LINE** and **ON TIME**  
You **DON'T** need to **WAIT** to confirm offers

#2  
**APPLY**

Not until you **EARN OVER** a set threshold  
Based on **WHAT YOU EARN** not owe

#3  
**REPAY**

**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**



UNIVERSITY OF  
**LINCOLN**

# Visit Us

## Open Days:

Friday 5 July

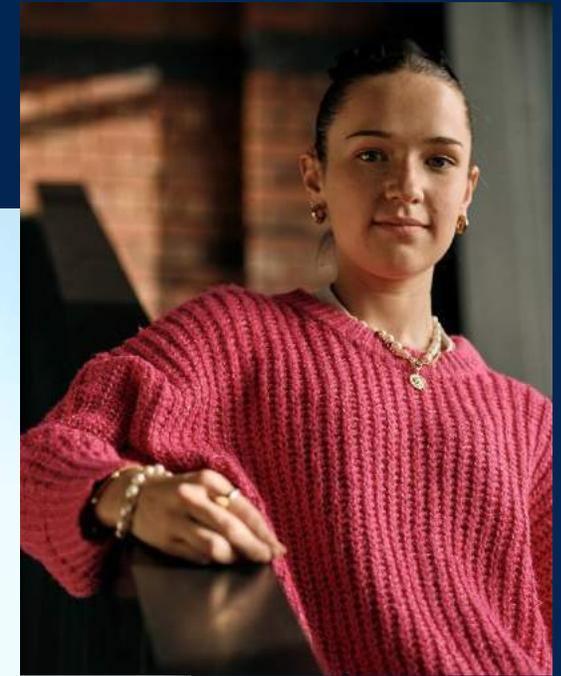
Saturday 6 July

Saturday 21 September

Sunday 6 October

Saturday 9 November

Saturday 7 December



**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN**

# Keep in Touch Wherever You Are

Online: [www.lincoln.ac.uk](http://www.lincoln.ac.uk)

Email: [enquiries@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@lincoln.ac.uk)

Phone: 01522 886644



Unibuddy



University of Lincoln



@UniLincoln



@UniLincoln



University of Lincoln

**GREATNESS IS WITHIN**



UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN

# Apprenticeships

- Give you the opportunity to gain on-the-job-experience
- Earning and no student debt
- Do they have a preferred career path?
- Are they okay with not having a 'traditional' university experience?
- Do they have good time management skills?
- Less straightforward to apply for and selection can be lengthy and demanding
- Less straightforward to find vacancies and different timescales
- Need to apply for more than one
- We always recommend a UCAS application as a back-up

# Apprenticeships

- There are different levels and they can go up to degree level.
- Researching opportunities - look at company websites and vacancy lists. This can start in year 12 although application windows will vary.
- For degree apprenticeships opportunities are sometimes on the university website but you will apply to the company rather than through UCAS - you can therefore in most cases have 5 choices plus your degree apprenticeships.
- Do check though eg University of Leeds/PWC Computer Science Degree apprenticeship - application is through UCAS

# Apprenticeships



Bloomberg



UCAS



pwc

vodafone

Goldman Sachs



Government  
Economic  
Service



nationalgrid



AstraZeneca



# How you can help

- Encourage them to attend university open days – either in person, or virtually.
- Discuss different courses with them to help them narrow down their area of interest.
- Check that they are using Unifrog regularly to conduct research, log their activities and are starting their personal statements.
- Make sure that they know that they can contact myself or anyone in the Sixth Form team for help with anything – no matter how small

# How you can help

- Make yourself familiar with the UCAS timeline, so that you can keep them on-track. In order to meet UCAS deadlines, the School has to set internal deadlines by which the student has to submit their application for the school to review.
- Make sure that they are checking both their school and the personal email account that they have used for their application daily.
- If they are applying for apprenticeships they need to be even more proactive. If you are able to, support them in learning to drive so that they can access more opportunities.
- If they are applying for clinical courses they will need to devote a significant amount of the summer break to preparing for UCAT

# Useful resources- University applications

- <https://www.ucas.com/>
- Use the careers library, subject library, University search tool on Unifrog
- <https://www.opendays.com/>
- <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>
- Subject league tables: Guardian, The Complete University Guide
- <https://aspire.upreach.org.uk/>

# Useful resources- Apprenticeship applications

- [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)
- [www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk)
- <https://targetcareers.co.uk/search/jobs>
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/apprenticeships-223>
- <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>
- <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-the-uk>
- <https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/jobs>
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships>
- <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/apprenticeships>
- <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies>
- <https://www.springpod.co.uk/degree-apprenticeships>

# Questions?

**Email:**

**[careers@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:careers@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk)**