

ST LOUIS GRAMMAR SCHOOL · CAREERS / CEIAG



Year 13 CEIAG Information Evening

Post-18 Options · Researching Courses & Careers · CEIAG for Year 13 · Work Related Learning

2026–2027 · Mrs C McDonnell, Head of CEIAG



What we'll cover tonight



Introduction: CEIAG in Year 13



Where our pupils go after St Louis



Research post-18 options



UCAS: choices and key deadlines



St Mary's, CAO and Apprenticeships



Work Related Learning



CEIAG for Year 13: the year ahead



Staying informed

Year 13 Careers Team



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The Qualifications Framework



The framework shows how educational qualifications progress. You must meet the requirements at one level before moving to the next — and expectations increase at every step.



Congratulations on achieving Level 2 — over the next two years you'll work towards Level 3, opening the door to degree-level study and higher apprenticeships.

Where Do You See Yourself in 2 Years?



Post-18 pupils may:



Higher Education



Further Education



Studying Abroad



A Gap Year



Getting a Job



An Apprenticeship

Where do St Louis pupils go?

- Most pupils progress to university — through UCAS, CAO (South of Ireland) or St Mary's University College Belfast.
- A growing number secure a Higher Level Apprenticeship: earning while training toward a degree.
- CEIAG in Year 13 begins preparing pupils now, whichever route they choose.



UCAS

UK universities & colleges



CAO

Republic of Ireland



St Mary's UCB

Teaching & Liberal Arts



HLA

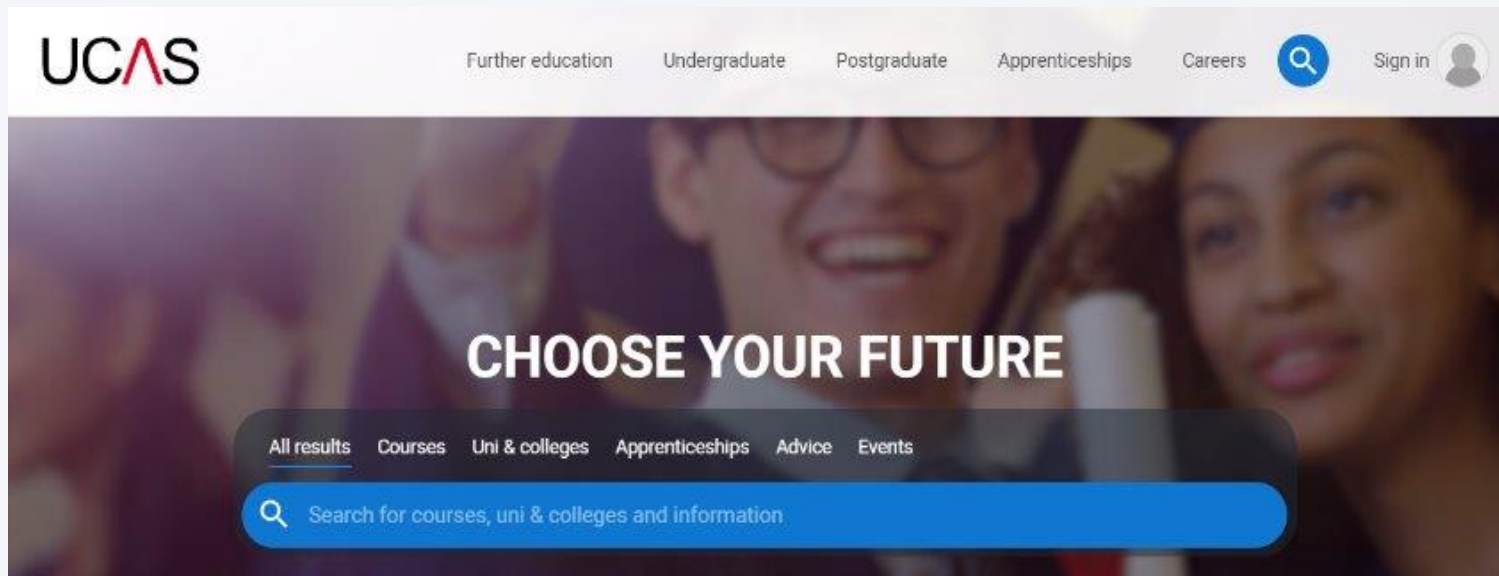
Higher Level Apprenticeship

How do pupils apply to university?



Through UCAS

- Application is an online (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) application form
- All applications to a UK university or college of higher education must be made through UCAS.



ucas.com

Up to 5 choices



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maximum course
choices

4

max. for Medicine,
Dentistry or Vet courses

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max. for Oxford
or Cambridge

No more than one choice at either Oxford or Cambridge — not both.

Aim for a realistic spread:

- 1–2 ambitious choices
- 2–3 matched to current AS grades
- 1 safer choice, lower requirements

St Mary's University College Belfast

- A separate application system, not through UCAS.
 - Direct entry via St Mary's website
- Offers Bachelor of Education (BEd) and BA Liberal Arts degrees, training primary and post-primary teachers.



BEd (Hons) Primary Degree Programme (Primary School Teacher)

Main subject study: Either English, History, Irish, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies, or Science

BEd (Hons) Post-Primary Degree Programme (Post-Primary School Teacher)

Main subject study: Either Business Studies, Mathematics, Religious Studies, or Technology & Design

BA (Hons) Liberal Arts Degree





Central Applications Office: Studying in the South of Ireland

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maximum course choices

€35

discounted fee
(before 20 Jan 2027)

€50

standard fee
(before 1 Feb 2027)

CAO

[Home](#)[★ My Application](#)[Apply](#)[Courses](#)[Handbook](#)[Contact](#)

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Search...

The Central Applications Office processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Decisions on admissions to undergraduate courses are made by the HEIs who instruct CAO to make offers to successful candidates.

Points

Contact a HEI

Downloads

Mature Applicants

QQI FET Applicants

Advanced Entry

Entry to Medicine

Media and Statistics

Offering

Deadlines

and Reply Dates

Calculator

Applicants

Further Education and Training & Apprenticeship

Parents / Guardians

Open Days

Guidance / Schools

Have a question?

Access Routes DARE / HEAR

Important Dates

Alternative routes

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Higher Level Apprenticeships

- Earn a salary while working toward a degree-level qualification, no tuition fees.
- Combines paid employment with structured study, usually one day a week at a university or college.
- **Apply via:**
 - UCAS (some HLAs are listed as course choices)
 - Individual university or employer websites
 - Workplus (workplus.app), opens in January
 - Job vacancy websites e.g. Indeed.co.uk

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SLG pupils secured a HLA
last year



Do the research



Do the research

Check ucas.com and university websites (qub.ac.uk, ulster.ac.uk, cafre.ac.uk) — course content varies.



Check entry requirements

Every course page lists the exact grades and any admissions tests needed.



Look at modules & assessment

Which modules fit their interests — and is it assessed by exam, coursework or presentation?



Attend open events

University websites list open evenings and taster days throughout the year.



Finding entry requirements: QUB

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HELPFUL LINKS ▾ STAFF STUDENTS ALUMNI

STUDY RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ABOUT 🔍

HOME / COURSES / UNDERGRADUATE 2027 / ACTUARIAL SCIENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT (BSC)

BSc | Undergraduate

ACTUARIAL SCIENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

APPLY VIA UCAS REGISTER INTEREST

Entry year	Entry requirements	Attendance	UCAS Code	Placement
Academic Year 2027/28	A*AA/AAA + A in a 4th AS-level subject	4 years (Full-time)	N323	Yes

Overview Course content Modules **Entry requirements** Careers Fees and funding Apply

Entrance requirements

A level requirements

A*AA including Mathematics
OR
AAA + A (AS) including A-level Mathematics

- Every course page has its own Entry Requirements tab on the university website.
- This is where the exact grades and any admissions tests are listed
- Course Finder: qub.ac.uk/courses

Entrance requirements

A level requirements

A*AA including Mathematics

OR

AAA + A (AS) including A-level Mathematics



Finding entry requirements: Ulster University

Ulster University | Study with Ulster

Search across all Ulster University websites

Undergraduate | Postgraduate | Part-time | Online | Short Courses | PG Research

Application information for students from England, Scotland, Wales or EU (except the Republic of Ireland) [Learn more](#)

Start Year: ☐ 2026/27 ☒ 2027/28

Physiotherapy BSc (Hons)

Undergraduate | Full-time | UCAS Code: B160 | 2027/28

Training you for success as a modern, proficient, up-to-date and research-informed physiotherapist.

[Apply →](#)

[Watch Course Videos](#)

UCAS Code: B160 | Qualification Type(s): Bachelor of Science with Honours | Location: Derry-Londonderry | Start Date: September 2027 | Study Mode: Full-time | Professional Recognition: Industry Endorsed

A Level Grades

BBB

A Level Subject Requirements

One of the following:

Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, CCEA Single Award Life & Health Sciences or Double Award Life & Health Sciences (Grade BB).

- Search by course name or subject on the Course Finder, every result links through to a full course page.
- **Course Finder:** ulster.ac.uk/courses

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Qualification Checker



Why Study in Northern Ireland? →

Part-time study →

Entrance requirements →

Undergraduate Entry Requirements →

Postgraduate Entry Requirements →

Qualification Checker →

Healthcare and Social Work Students - Fitness to Train →

Postgraduate research →

Online courses and eLearning →

Short and Professional Development Courses →

International students →

Scholarships →

Bursaries →

Check if you can apply with your Level 3 qualifications

Using the lists below check if a certain qualification is accepted at Ulster University. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and decisions on which qualifications satisfy Ulster's entry requirements have been taken by the university's Qualification Advisory Group.

The University will continue to accept older legacy qualifications on older frameworks such as QCF and NQF.

If taking an older QCF or NQF qualification, please check with the admissions team regarding eligibility.

If you are studying a qualification that is on the RQF and not included in this page, please check with the admissions team about suitability.

Please provide a copy of the QAN and programme specification so that the qualification can be assessed.

Agriculture, Horticulture, Food and Related Studies

Animal Studies

Architecture, Building and Planning

Sport and Activity

Science



Acceptable Qualification Combinations*

A-level 1	A-level 2	A-level 3	✓
A-level 1	A-level 2	BTEC/OCR equivalent to one A-level (L3)	✓
A-level 1	BTEC/OCR equivalent to two A-levels (L3)		✓
BTEC/OCR equivalent to one A-level (L3)	BTEC/OCR equivalent to two A-levels (L3)		✓
BTEC/OCR equivalent to three A-levels (L3)			✓
A-level 1	BTEC/OCR equivalent to one A-level (L3)	BTEC/OCR equivalent to one A-level (L3)	✗
BTEC/OCR equivalent to one A-level (L3)	BTEC/OCR equivalent to one A-level (L3)	BTEC/OCR equivalent to one A-level (L3)	✗



Admissions tests: LNAT / UCAT / BMAT

- Some courses require an external admissions test on top of the UCAS application.
- It's the pupil's responsibility to check entry requirements and identify if an extra assessment applies.

UCAT - Medicine & Dentistry

- Booked directly at ucat.ac.uk — registration typically opens in May, testing through the summer.
- Pupils register and pay for it themselves; dates and fees are confirmed each year.



Learning Beyond the Classroom

Super-curricular activities are academic pursuits that go beyond your school syllabus to explore a specific university subject in greater depth.

What Are Super-Curriculars?

- **Beyond the classroom:** Activities directly connect to your intended degree, unlike general hobbies or sports.
- **Independent learning:** Examples include reading academic books or journals, listening to specialized podcasts, and watching university lectures.

Recommended Cambridge Resources

- **HE+ website:** A free [Cambridge HE+](#) portal featuring subject-specific resources and interactive materials created by Cambridge academics and students.
- Problem-solving support platforms like [Isaac Physics](#) for math and physical sciences.
- Public programs like [Gresham College Lectures](#) provide free academic talks across arts and sciences.

These websites are not exclusive to early applicants – all year 13 can engage in them.

Throughout the Year



Who organises it?

The pupil via the information on the TEAMS Post.

Mrs McPhilomey – Work Placement Co-Ordinator



Year 13 work placement



When?

After AS Exams – in June 2027 (week beginning 7th June 2027)



How long?

3 – 5 days



What?

Shadowing / observing in the workplace



Who organises it?

The pupil with the workplace — informing the school

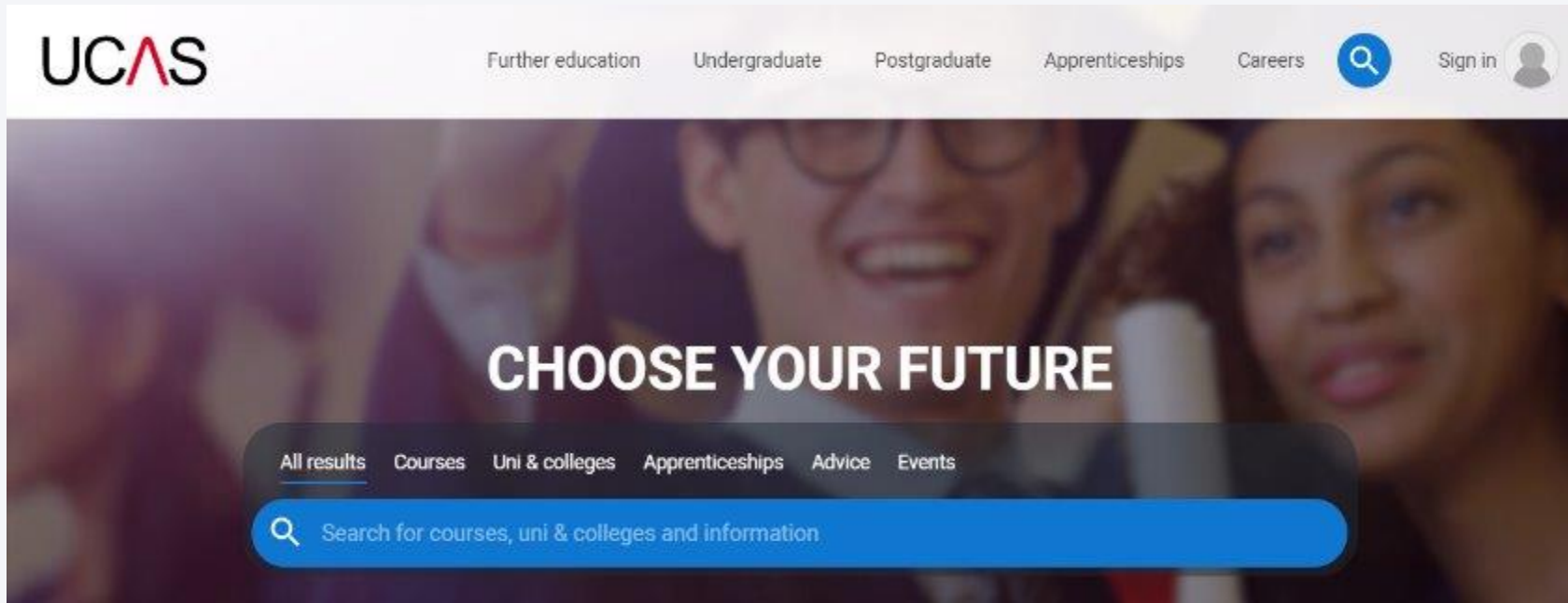


June 2027: Yr13 Begin their UCAS Application



When?

After AS Exams – After Work Experience – week beginning 14th June 2027





How to keep informed



Microsoft Teams

Year group TEAMS:
Careers channel



SLG Careers Bulletin

- weekly bulletin
 - posted on the school app
- Covering:
- events
 - open days
 - apprenticeship opportunities



School website

Careers section has resources
and guidance documents for
reference

IN SUMMARY



Year 13 Careers is about:



Research

Universities, courses, entry requirements and Higher Level Apprenticeships.



Work Placement Opportunities

Speakers, trips, virtual placements, volunteering and June work experience.



UCAS

Getting to know the UCAS Hub and starting the application.

Thank you

Questions are welcome any time.

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