



# Progression evening 2019 - 20

**Welcome  
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Introductions**



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The UCAS Process at WQE  
(Universities & Colleges Admissions Service)

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## Reflection of 2019

- Over 85% of cohort applied for H.E. or F.E (incl. Art Foundation)
- Some students took a gap year
- A continuing growing number commenced Apprenticeships
- Over 1000 applications processed!

# The HE Process

- HE Fair – April 2019 – second held at WQE
- Arrival of prospectuses – March to June
- ‘Apply 2020’ open for business NOW
- FutureWISE – Monday!
- Sessions with Progress Coach June/July – focus on HE & progression preparation
- In-house support for entrance tests
- Careers service available for one to one advice and guidance

# Planning ahead

Use of Study Centre Resources; WQE online; Careers interviews (incl Connexions)

[www.unistats.com](http://www.unistats.com)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) Admissions test information

**Open days** - UCAS strongly advise - directory of dates on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com). Lots of posters around

**University Web sites** – check ‘course profiles’

2018 WQE students’ top choices: DMU, Leicester, Aston, Loughborough, Derby, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent

**Most popular Degrees:** Accounting and Finance, Business Studies/Management, Psychology, Pharmacy, Economics, Law, Engineering

# Internal Procedures

- Update of predicted grades and comments from subject staff
- Max. 5 choices; 4 for Medicine/Vet Science/Dentistry plus one 'other'
- Complete UCAS 'Apply 2020' on-line inc. Personal Statement (help on WQE online, workshops & drop in surgeries); do NOT plagiarise; discuss with Progress Coach and Careers
- Complete by clicking 'pay and send' + £25 (£20 single app)
- Progress Coach compiles reference - processed by Student Services

# Internal deadlines

- Early applications – 20 September
- Applications to competitive Universities and courses – 1 November
- All other courses and Universities 22 November

# UCAS Process

- Invitation for interviews?  
Conditional/Unconditional offers?  
Rejection?
- Medical & Oxbridge mock interviews at College
- System continues until all offers completed – April/May/June 2020
- Art Foundation get the same support – details published
- UCAS advice and information  
<http://ucas.com/students/apply>



# Conservatoires

- Practice based music, dance, drama, musical theatre courses
- Up to 6 choices – no preference order
- Application fee - £25 plus audition fees
- 2 referees – academic and practical.  
Completed and sent to conservatoires after student has submitted form
- Deadline for most music courses  
1 October
- For others – 15 January
- <https://www.ucas.com/conservatoires/filling-your-conservatoires-application/frequently-asked-questions>

# Taking a Year out

## - How do I apply?

- There are different ways of accessing & using the system. There is no 'preferred' way of doing this. It purely depends on the needs & plans of each individual.
- Deferred entry – Apply using Apply 2020 but in point of entry indicate 2021 entry
- Applying post results – Apply 2021 after results in August 2020 or at any time in that academic year

# Pros and Cons

## Deferred

### The positives:

- Place secured before Gap Year started
- Plans in place
- Easier to access support through College
- Cost is at 2020 Apply rate

### The negatives:

- Once committed place is for 2021 entry only
- Year out and/or results may change things – means possibly reapplying anyway

## Apply 2021

### The positives:

- Grades known so can be matched to profile
- A year longer to make the right decision

### The negatives:

- Could be away and not able to attend Open Day/interview
- Remote access needed for decision making
- Only chance of 2020 entry is through late Clearing – limited options



# Alternatives to University

## What might this be?

- Foundation year / HND
- HE in FE
- Year in Industry
- Study Abroad
- Apprenticeships – Advanced, Higher, degree

# Higher or degree Apprenticeships

- Launched 2009 & proposed growth area (but still smallest)
- Mixture of on the job experience and academic learning
- Salary and all education costs paid

## **What you need to know**

- Entry requirements – 18+ and UCAS points+
- Competitive
- When to apply
- Support at WQE

# Useful websites

For information about Apprenticeships & vacancies -

Not going to Uni - [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

Student Ladder – [www.studentladder.co.uk](http://www.studentladder.co.uk)

National Apprenticeship site –

[www.findapprenticeshipservice.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeshipservice.gov.uk)

Milkround School Leavers -

[www.milkround.com/school-leavers](http://www.milkround.com/school-leavers)

All about School Leavers -

[www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk)

Get my First job - [www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk)

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