

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)





Year 13

- University and degree course research
- ICT Key Skill
- Visiting speakers from industry and higher education
- Work Experience - March 2012
- UCAS registration
- Summer schools eg: Sutton Trust, UNIQ



Year 14

- Open Days - QUB and UU
- UCAS Application
- Trial Interview Evening
- CAO Application
- On-going counselling
- Sponsorship and Scholarships
- Fees and Student loans
- Post results counselling



University and College Admissions Service (UCAS)

- Most higher education applications are made to UCAS
- Acts as an intermediary between applicants and their chosen universities

Advantages:

- Regulates the filling of university places
- Ensures all applications are treated in the same way and given equal consideration by university admissions tutors



UCAS Applications

- Secure web-based system- 'ucasapply'
- Easy and convenient
- Prevents simple errors
- Speeds up the processing of applications
- Fee of £22 if applying to 5 courses and £11 if applying for 1 course



Calendar of Events

- June 2012 - pupils register on-line with UCAS and commence application
- Early September 2012 - attend open days and finalise application
- Late September 2012 - submit printout of UCAS form to Careers teacher
- October 2012 - Trial Interview based on UCAS application
- November 2012 - Careers staff finalise forms and forward to UCAS



UCAS Deadlines

- October 15th - Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary or Oxford and Cambridge
- January 15th - All other applications



Number of choices

- Applicants have up to five choices initially
- Choices are filled in alphabetically not in order of preference
- If applying for medicine, dentistry or veterinary four of the five choices must be for these courses
- Once all offers have been received, the five choices are reduced to two - a firm and an insurance choice - usually done by April of Year 14



UCAS Tariff

- Conditional Offers from universities may be in terms of grades e.g. A, B, C etc or in terms of UCAS Tariff points, or a mixture of both.



UCAS Tariff

■ AS

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
A	60
B	50
C	40
D	30
E	20

■ A2

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
A*	140
A	120
B	100
C	80
D	60
E	40



UCAS Tariff

- Key Skill Level 3 20 points
- Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (COPE) 70 points
- Music Examinations
 - Grade 8 75 points
 - Grade 7 60 points
 - Grade 6 45 points
- A complete list of qualifications and associated points are available on the UCAS website
www.ucas.com



Clearing

- UCAS service that helps applicants without confirmed offers to find places on suitable courses with vacancies
- Lists of courses are published in some newspapers and on the UCAS website from the middle of August
- UCAS automatically sends out a *Clearing Entry Form*



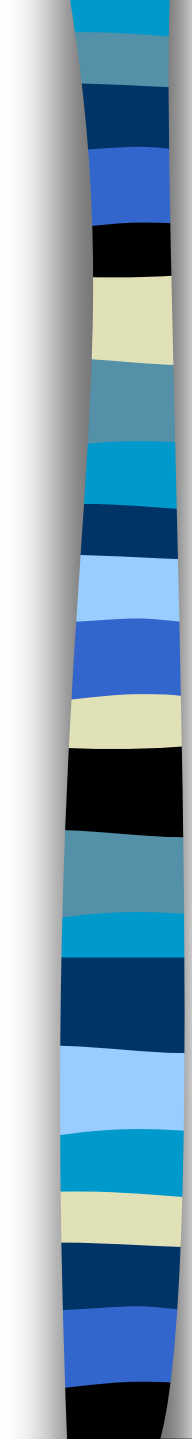
Other Entrance Exams

- UKCAT - Medical and Dentistry students
- BMAT - Medical and Oxbridge
- LNAT - Law degrees
- HPAT - Professions allied to medicine eg:
Physiotherapy, SLT, Dietetics, OT,
Radiography and Podiatry at UU and
Medicine in South of Ireland



CAO System

- Used to apply to universities in the South of Ireland
- Application process is more straight forward
- Pupils can apply for up to 10 degree courses and 10 diploma courses
- Courses must be listed in order of preference (unlike UCAS)
- Closing date for applications February 1st
- Application Fee: 40 euro for paper forms
30 euro for online



Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM)

- Many government initiatives to promote these subject areas
- Greater employment opportunities
- QUB and UU offer financial support to students in these areas
- Earnings over a lifetime are much greater



Useful websites

- www.ucas.com – has a dedicated section for parents
- www.cao.ie
- www.qub.ac.uk
- www.ulster.ac.uk