

How to ace an LSE UCAS application

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ADMISSIONS AT LSE



Undergraduate Admissions ■



RUSSELL GROUP

- 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 (UCL)
- University of Warwick
- University of York



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WHY GO TO UNIVERSITY?



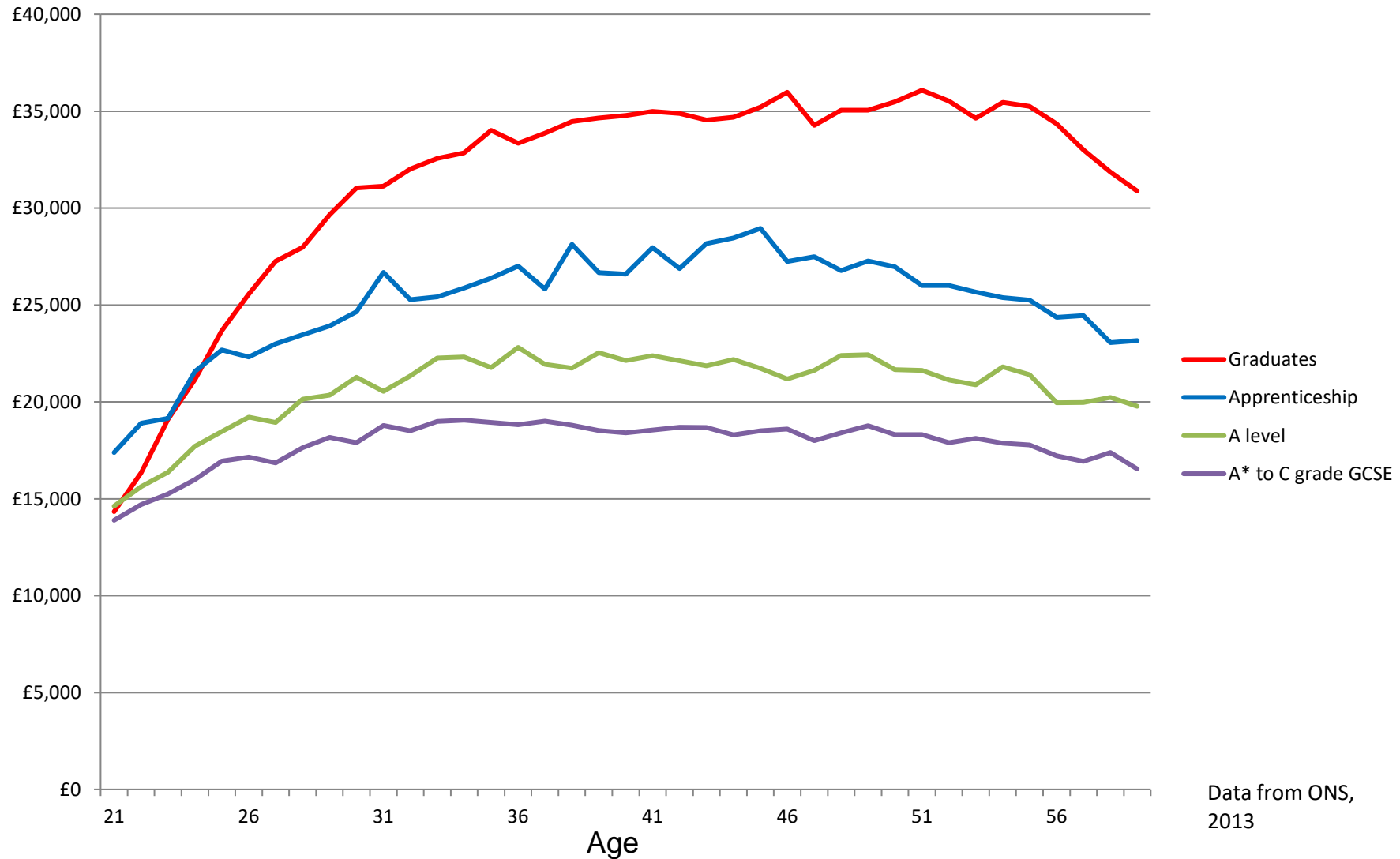
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WHY GO TO UNIVERSITY?

- Enhance career prospects and employability
- Part of job requirements
- Financial benefits
- Personal fulfilment
 - In-depth study
- Transferable skills
- Life experience
 - Independence and life skills
 - Friends
 - Building global networks
 - Extra-curricular benefits



GRADUATES EARN MORE

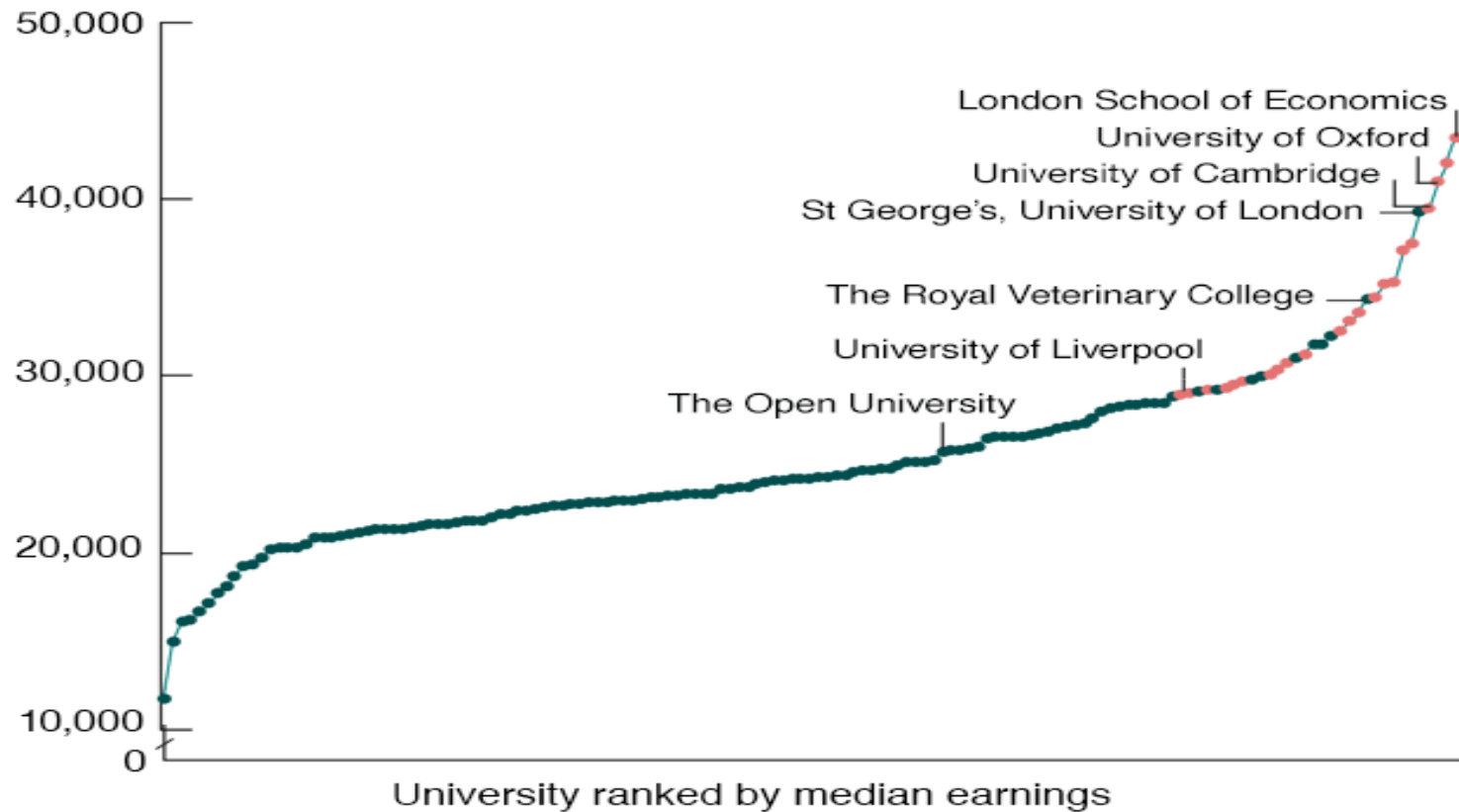


GRADUATES EARN MORE (CONT'D)

Graduate earnings by university

Median annual earnings, five years after graduation (£)

● Non Russell Group ● Russell Group





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CHOOSING A COURSE



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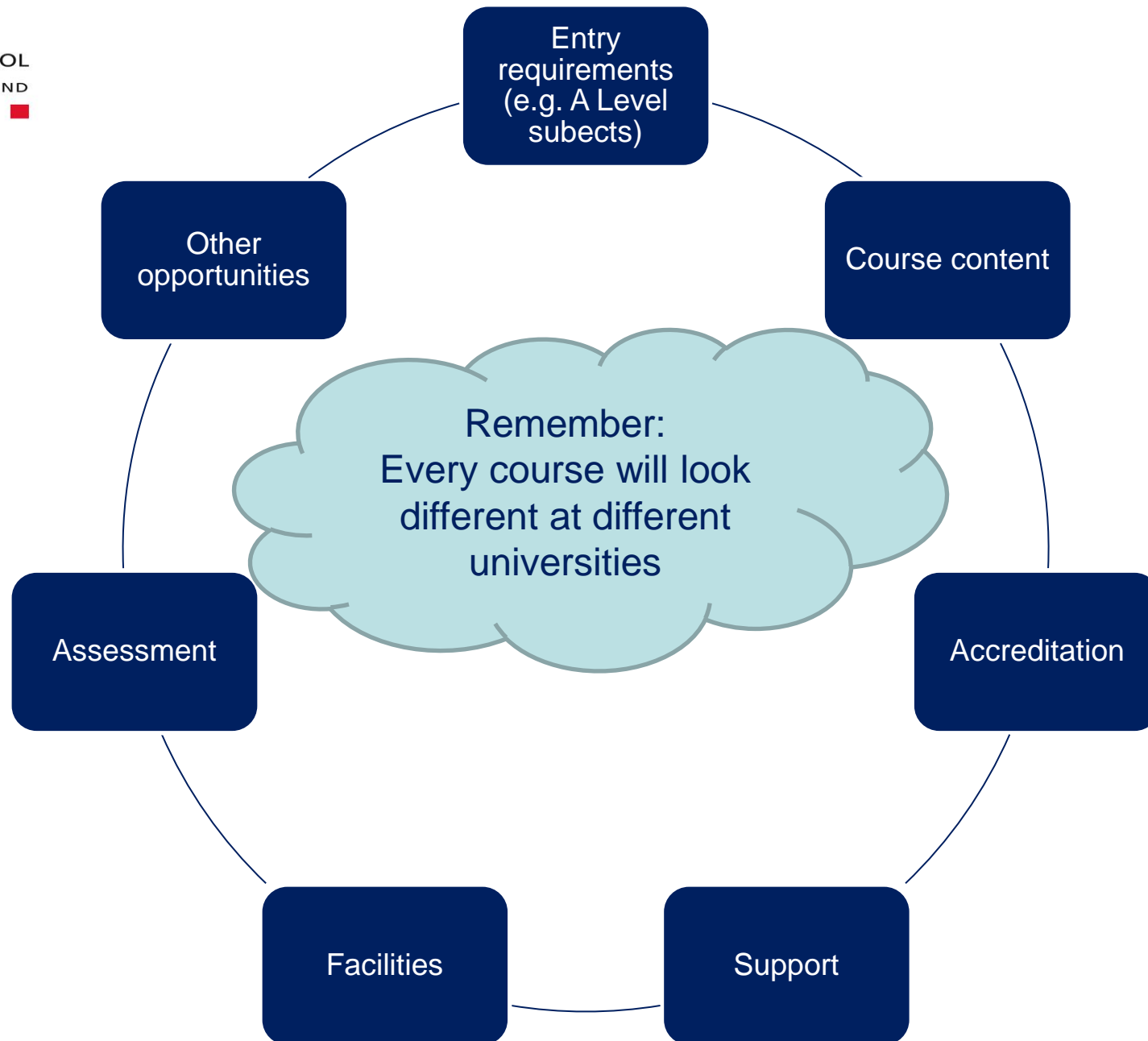
What can you study at university?

Types of courses	Examples
Traditional subjects	History, Maths, Economics, Geography
Vocational courses	Teaching, Pharmacy, Medicine, Speech and Language Therapy
Unusual and new courses	Meteorology, Cybernetics, Game Design
Combined/joint courses and interdisciplinary courses	Mathematics with Economics, PPE (Philosophy, Politics, Economics), Liberal Studies

Degree + study abroad

Degree + language

Sandwich course





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Different Universities

Other things to also consider....

- **Social aspect?**
 - Societies and clubs
- **Facilities?**
 - Library
 - Sport facilities
 - Accommodation options
- **League tables**
 - Teaching? Research? Student satisfaction?
- **Employer links**
 - Graduate placements?



- **Russell Group university?**
- **Old or New?**
- **Big or Small?**
- **City or rural setting?**
- **Campus university vs city university?**
- **General or Specialised?**
- **College system?**
- **Close to home?**

RESOURCES TO HELP



- **University websites and prospectuses**
 - Virtual tours (opendays.com)
- **Other websites:**
 - UCAS.com – chat to a student!
 - informedchoices.ac.uk
- **University guides and League tables**
 - Times Higher Education, Guardian, Unistats, The Student Room, Complete University Guide, National Student Survey (NSS)
- **Virtual taster days and Masterclasses**
- **Student shadowing**
- **Social Media**



**Remember! There is no such thing as the
'best' university – only the best university
for you!**





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APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY



Latest update: [Undergraduates: You may need to reply by 26 June – find out more...](#) 3 days ago

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Apply or track >

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Flexible and part-time



Flexible courses, such as part-time, distance learning, online or on the job.

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- [How and where](#)
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International applications



Information for students and advisers outside the United Kingdom.

- [Study in the UK](#)
- [Finding courses](#)
- [How to apply](#)

UCAS Progress

Are you thinking about Post-16 education or training?

On UCAS Progress you can:

- Find out about all Post -16 options
- Research different qualifications
- Search for courses and places to study

Find the next step on UCAS Progress

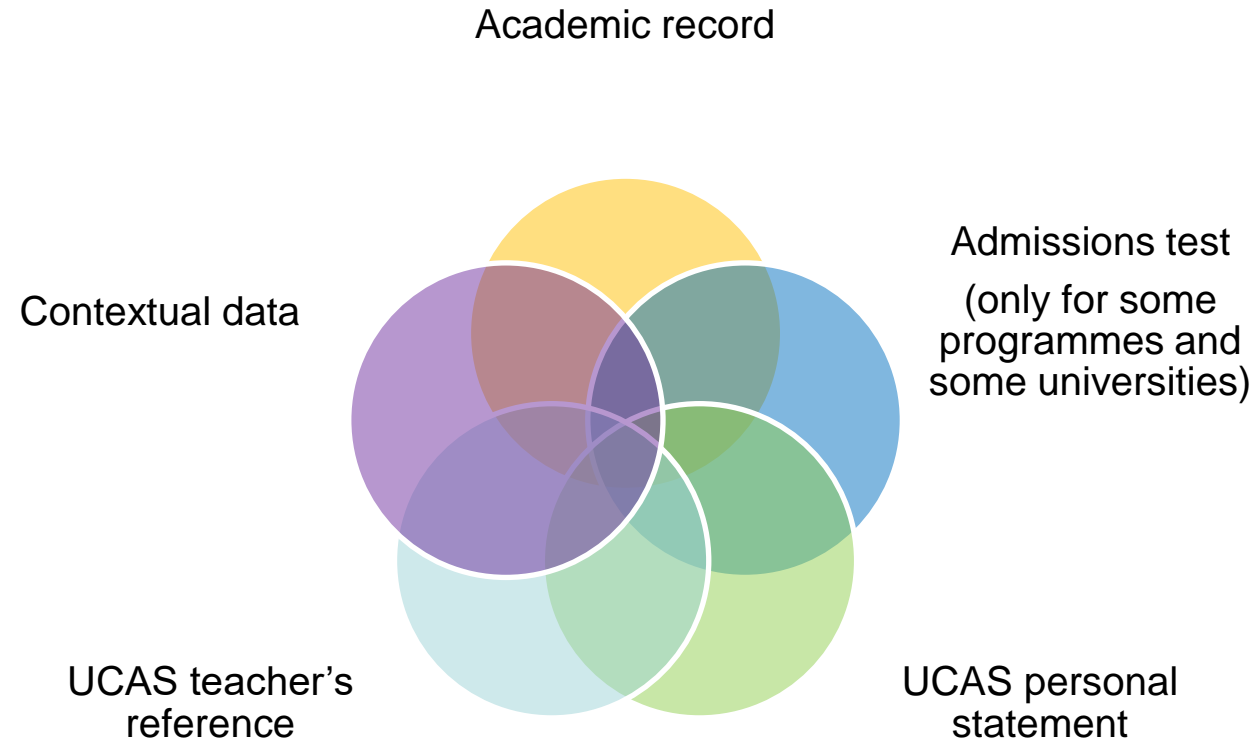
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WHAT GOES IN THE UCAS APPLICATION?



Yr 11

- Study hard and get the best grades you can at GCSE.
- Start thinking about A Level options.
 - Subject requirements?

Yr 12

- Continue working hard on A Level (or equivalent) subjects.
 - **Predicted grades will go on your application!**
- Start thinking about possible programmes of interest
- Taster days, student shadowing opportunities, extra-curricular activities. **Lots of options even during COVID times!**
- Work experience (medicine, dentistry, health sciences) – **lots of virtual work experience opportunities**
- Late Spring & Summer (some in Autumn): Open days and virtual open days

Yr 13

- Apply to universities and wait for responses
- Take your A Level (or equivalent) exams

University studies begin!

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO NOW?

- Start exploring subjects that interest you



- Keep an eye out for other opportunities to experience university




- work hard to get the best grades you can.
- TALK to people in your community and teachers about their experiences.

Extra-curricular activities

- Sports
 - Debating
 - Volunteering
 - University summer schools or other similar programmes
 - Work experience (for medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences)
- ✓ Non-academic factors are also important for success.
- ✓ Resilience, creativity, persistence etc.



A young man with glasses and a blue shirt is looking at a tablet. He has blue headphones around his neck. In the background, a woman with blonde hair and glasses is partially visible. A purple graphic overlay is positioned in front of the student, featuring white line-art drawings of stars and a lightbulb. The text 'Introducing... the new UCAS Hub!' is written in white on the purple background.

Introducing... the new UCAS Hub!

Your space to explore your next steps. Organise it. Design it. Make it yours.

WHAT NEXT?

- Focus on your studies
- Investigate your options
- Make the most of all opportunities
- Visit universities on Open Days/ virtual open days and tours (June and September)
- Be prepared for UCAS