

UCAS INFORMATION EVENING FOR 2018 ENTRY

Programme

5.30pm: Welcome – Miss E Owen, LRC

5.40pm – 6.40pm: Talks Carousel

University from a Parent's Perspective	<i>Eleanor Morrey, Cardiff University</i>	LRC
An Introduction to Student Finance	<i>Katherine George, Cardiff Metropolitan University</i>	A2.6 & A2.7
Why Higher Education? Making the Right Choices	<i>Alexander Kennedy, University of South Wales</i>	Common Room
Applications for Science and Associated Courses	<i>Martin Nemes, Aberystwyth University</i>	A2.5
Student Life & Refreshments	<i>Nathan, University of Loughborough</i>	A2.8

6.40pm – 7.00pm: University “Question Time” – your chance to ask questions. LRC

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and parents that are joining us this evening for the Year 12 UCAS Information Evening, for students applying to enter University in September 2018. We are joined by speakers from several institutions that will be offering talks for students and parents around the UCAS application process, student finance, and some subject specific information for students applying to read Science or related courses at University, of whom we have a significant number each year. You will hear lots of tips and advice during the evening, but **the importance of adhering to deadlines cannot be over-emphasised** when it comes to the UCAS process, as will be discussed during the evening. Please note that the internal deadlines set by St Teilo's are earlier than those set by UCAS, in order to ensure that all students are processed in time for the UCAS deadlines. Applications received after the deadlines detailed overleaf, cannot be guaranteed to reach UCAS in time for their own deadlines, and could severely impact students breadth of choice when it comes to offers from Universities. We hope you find the evening useful, and encourage you to make use of the panel discussion at the end of the evening to ask any questions you may have about both the UCAS process and University life.

UCAS - Higher Education Application - Entry Year 2018

Entry to Higher Education is done via the UCAS system. All St Teilo's students will apply online using [ucasapply](https://ucasapply.com).

Student Responsibilities

- Consult your referee about your choices and hand in a draft application form for advice – See main noticeboard for the name of your referee.
- You must complete a Draft Personal Statement and show it to your personal referee by **Friday 29th September 2017** at the latest. An early return is in your best interest as some courses work on a first come first served basis.
- The final UCAS Application form is to be completed and then approved by your referee. Your reference will then be added to your application and the School will send your application to UCAS. This process takes a considerable amount of time per student, so it is important to **complete your form sooner rather than later!**
- The closing date for applications to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary science is **October 15th 2017**. If you are applying for one of these courses, you must have sent your form by **Friday 29th September 2017**.
- UCAS forms for all candidates must reach UCAS by **January 15th 2018**, but need to be processed in school before **Friday 1st December 2017**
- Applications received by UCAS **after** 15th January 2018 and **before** 30th June are still processed as “late” applications but with no guarantee that universities will consider them. It is true, however that some less popular courses will still have vacancies throughout this period.

Subject Staff Role

- Subject departments will provide reports on all individual applicants including potential grades.
- The school reference is then compiled from these subject reports and attached to the application before sending to UCAS
- This process can often take between 5 and 10 working days so please ensure that completion dates specified are met.

Cost

The cost is **£25.00**. You can pay this by debit / credit card online.

Course Choices

Students can make up to **five choices** for University courses only. It is your choice to use the five choices or not. Remember that you can use the five application slots on the UCAS form to include a range of courses with a variety of different grades.

DO NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN 4 APPLICATIONS FOR THE SAME COURSE

For example, a sixth form student interested in a career in criminal law or criminology and expecting grades ABB or 128 points could make this set of applications:

Aberystwyth **M131 Criminal Law**
Birmingham **M100 Law**
Bournemouth **M100 Law**
London Metro **M930 Criminology**

UCAS Tariff 2018		
	A/S	A/2
A*		56
A	20	48
B	16	40
C	12	32
D	10	24
E	6	16

If you are applying for medicine or veterinary science, you can only have up to **4 choices in any one of these subjects**. “Apply” will not allow you to make any more, although you may apply for different subjects.

Important things to remember:

- No more than ONE choice at either Oxford or Cambridge is allowed.
- **Ambition** is important – try to include ONE choice above your expected grades
- But **realism** is important too – try to include ONE or TWO choices below your expected grades.
- By March / April you will be required by UCAS to reduce your applications to 1st and 2nd choice. It is essential that you reach this stage with a range of offers to choose from.
- Any applicants with no offers at all will automatically be sent details of **UCAS Extra – one extra chance!**
- **UCAS Clearing** begins on results day in August, to find places for any applicants unsuccessful at their first and second choice universities.

YOUR FIRST CHOICE THEN CAN BE AMBITIOUS IF YOU WISH, BUT YOUR SECOND CHOICE MUST BE REALISTIC

Additional Information

- You must apply in this application cycle even if you wish to defer your entry to 2019.
- You must consult widely. Use the Careers Wales Officer, **Claire Powell** and the individual prospectuses available in the LRC or publications like Brian Heap’s “Degree Course Guide” to gain an idea of the entrance grades required or use the sixth form computers to research courses on line via the ucas.com website.
- If you are unlikely to gain a minimum of 3 “A” grades, an application to read medicine will not succeed.

Oxbridge

UCAS Forms for Oxford and Cambridge must reach UCAS by **October 15th 2017**. All candidates for Oxford or Cambridge must hand a copy of the completed form to Mrs E. Mills by **Friday 29th September 2017** at the latest.

In addition you may be required to forward pieces of work and are likely to have to attend an interview.

