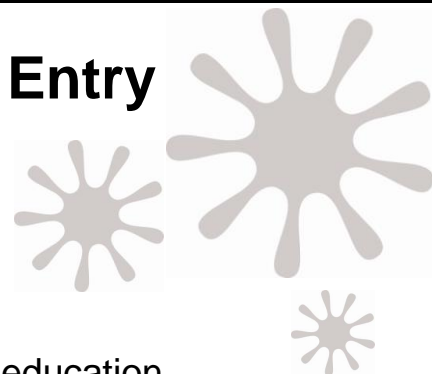




Useful HE Contacts 2012 Entry



Course and application information

UCAS

T: 0871 468 0 468 - applicant enquiries

W: www.ucas.com - has links to all UK institutions of higher education

Conservatoires UK Admissions Service (for practice-based music courses at seven institutions)

W: www.cukas.ac.uk

T: 0871 468 0470

Council for Dance Education and Training

W: www.cdet.org.uk

National Council for Drama Training

W: www.ncdt.co.uk

Unistats

W: www.unistats.com

Official website for comparing courses and institutions

Financial information

Department for Business, Innovation & Skills

W: www.bis.gov.uk

For details of HE Finance for entry from 2012. Full details to be available by summer 2012.

Universities will have details of their fees and the financial help they will provide on their websites and in prospectuses.

NB Information about the following three schemes may change for 2012.

Social Work Bursaries

T: 0845 610 1122

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

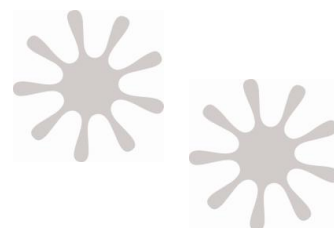
NHS Bursaries for Healthcare Students

T: 0845 358 6655

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

Dance and Drama Awards

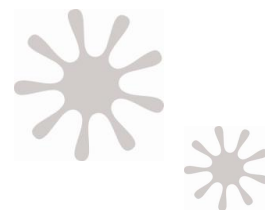
www.moneytolearn.direct.gov.uk/



Connexions

T: 0800 5 979 979
(free from UK landlines)

W: www.workabout.org.uk



Connexions Centres:

Dewsbury	T: 01924 324200
Huddersfield	T: 01484 226800
Halifax	T: 01422 342106

UniFAQs a free 34 page comprehensive guide to higher education is produced annually for local students. It is distributed through schools and colleges.

Disabled students

SKILL

T: 0800 328 5050

W: www.skill.org.uk

Student life/Gap year

www.yougoofurther.co.uk - a UCAS website aimed at students preparing to go to university.

www.yearoutgroup.org - links to all leading year out organisations.

Publications/Resources

These books are likely to be available in 6th forms, colleges and Connexions Centres:

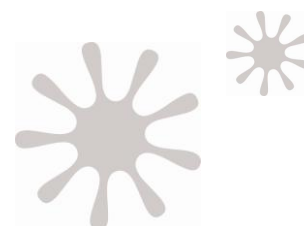
HEAP 2012: University Degree Course Offers - Trotman

The Times Good University Guide 2012 - Harper Collins

www.timesonline.co.uk/gooduniversityguide


'Getting into . . . ' course guides - Trotman


This list is by no means exhaustive and you may well come across other useful resources



Higher Education Calendar - Entry 2012

- UCAStv will take you through the online application process - go to www.ucas.com

	July 2011	August	September	October	November	December	January 2012	February
Research	Use this time to view universities and accommodation if you were unable to attend open days earlier in the year							
UCAS (for most HE courses)		Plan your application and make decisions about choices. Start to create your <u>Personal Statement</u> .	UCAS accept applications from 1 September. Start your online application. It pays to apply early. Check deadlines for pre-entry tests for some courses in law, medicine dentistry and veterinary medicine.	15 Oct Application deadline for Oxford and Cambridge universities and courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and veterinary medicine.	Replies start to come through from institutions, including invitations to visit.	Check deadlines for accepting and rejecting offers. If you miss them, you lose your place!	15 Jan UCAS advisory deadline for all courses except some art and design courses with a later closing date of 24 March.	UCAS Extra triggered if you hold no offers
							Post-application admissions days and interviews at universities.	
CUKAS (for practice-based music courses at music conservatoires)	Applications open in July			1 Oct Deadline for 'ontime' CUKAS applications			5 Jan Conservatoires make decisions for 'on-time' CUKAS applicants	
Financial advice	Checkout HE, fees, grants, loans and sponsorship and how these apply to your circumstances. Details of fees and financial help will be on university websites.							
Survival skills	Make the most of the summer vacation to build up some savings from temporary employment.		Use the next few months to gain valuable work experience if required for the subject you are applying for.			Learn budgeting skills!	Learn to use a washing machine!	Learn to cook!
Careers support	AS results out. Do you need to reconsider your plans?			Connexions Personal Advisers from Calderdale & Kirklees Careers are available on 0800 5 979 979 (free from UK landlines)				
				 Website: www.workabout.org.uk				

	March 2012	April	May	June	July	August	September
UCAS	24 March deadline for art and design courses with a later application deadline.	Choose your Firm (CF) and Insurance choices (CI). Don't waste your 'Insurance Choice'. Choose one requiring lower grades than your 'Firm Choice'. Make sure you return your 'replying to offers' letter or email to UCAS on time or you may lose your place!		30 June - final deadline for 'late' applications.	Applications received after 1 July will be processed through Clearing.	A level results. MAKE SURE YOU ARE AT HOME. Clearing starts. If you are unplaced use Track to apply to further courses.	20 September deadline for Clearing applications.
Financial Support Students for Social Work or Health Care bursaries or those claiming Disabled Student Allowances should complete appropriate additional applications.	Open a bank account.	Check application dates and details of how to apply online. Student bank account details are also required on your application form, so open an account if you don't already have one.				Check your loan arrangements.	First instalment of loan available at your university at the beginning of term. (Second and third instalments are paid directly into your bank account at the start of spring and summer terms).
Accommodation		Joining instructions (including Accommodation forms) are sent from CF and CI institutions. Both sets - even though you will not be sure which one you will be attending - must be completed and returned. (N.B. some HEIs do vary in their accommodation processes so it is always best to contact them as well).				Results are out. Check your accommodation offers.	
Careers Support	<p>Connexions Personal Adviser from Calderdale & Kirklees Careers 0800 5 979 979 (free from UK landlines)</p> <p> Website: www.workabout.org.uk</p>						