

Adviser Guide – 2012 Entry – UCAS Publication

- 1 UCAS Fee – now £22 or £11 for one choice
2. Podcasts – to save money many Universities are providing podcasts free to download through I Tunes
3. Parents should be encouraged to explore www.ucas.com/parents/ - this is on the Bilborough college website already. They can sign up for monthly e-newsletters and order a copy of the Parent Guide to Higher Education.
4. All UCAS applicants when filling in Personal Details can nominate a parent or carer to speak on their behalf to UCAS.
5. Number of choices is the same – max of 5, 4 for medicine, dentistry or vet.
6. Deadlines the same – Oct 15 for Oxbridge, Jan 15 all other courses
7. Over predicting grades can be counter-productive because many Universities are monitoring the accuracy of school and college predictions.
8. It is not helpful for references to include lengthy descriptions of the college – a single sentence or two in context is enough – it should include:-
 - The range of opportunities open to all students
 - The typical number of A/S and A subjects taken
 - Policy of Certification
 - Opportunities to take vocationally related qualifications
 - The individual's situation if it differs from the normal policy – give details.
9. The main changes since 2011 Entry
 - Application fee from £21 rose to £22
 - Contextual data – ucas will be informing the universities automatically about the background of the student – average points per A level, percentage of students on EMA from Bilborough, percentage entitled to FSM.
 - Average point school for best GCSE's from school, & if students lives in a low progression to higher education neighbourhood.

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