



# CAREERS @ NEWSTEAD



## Making the most of the UCAS website

### Message from Mrs Brown

*I hope you had a lovely Easter break.*

*This month we are focused on making the most of UCAS whether you're in Year 9 or Year 12 it's never too early to start making use of the website as it's full of useful advice on careers, courses, apprenticeships, events and more.*

*So this month we want to encourage you to explore the website and see what you discover!*

#### Quotes from students

I found UCAS useful when trying to calculate my tariff points & to see what qualifications I would need in order to meet the requirements of individual universities. UCAS lets you choose from many different qualifications & totals up your points. Each university has different requirements of how many UCAS tariff points are needed and it was helpful to compare what I had, to what I needed. **Gayathri, Year 11**

UCAS is really helpful especially when deciding between courses. It also gives you recommendations on similar courses that may suit your interest which is really good as you can explore different careers and have a broader mindset. **Maurika, Year 13**

### UCAS-At the heart of connecting people to higher education

#### What is UCAS?

UCAS stands for "Universities and Colleges Admissions Service in the UK".

#### What is it?

It is a centralized service that supports young people making post 16 choices as well as those applying for undergraduate courses. There is a huge range of information on the UCAS website - a few of the useful links are on the next page.

#### Do we have to pay to use UCAS?

No, it is an independent charity although if you decide to study for a degree there will be a fee.



#### International Day of the Midwife : 5 May



First celebrated in 1991, this date has been observed in over 50 nations in the world - see page 3 for details of how to become a midwife

# UCAS SERVICES AND RELEVANT LINKS

## Choosing a career

There are literally thousands of jobs available, why not have a look at the link below, which takes you through the differences of specific jobs, starting salary etc.

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/career-list>

## Choosing where to study and where to continue your education

Find out about where you would like to continue your education, it could be a FE (Further Education) college, sixth form, training providers including NVOs and apprenticeships or university

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/choosing-where-study-or-train>

## Post 16 apprenticeships and traineeships

- Why do an apprenticeship or traineeship?
- Discover employers offering these courses
- How to apply

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/apprenticeships-traineeships>

## What to do at an open day?

Open days are invaluable in the decision of where to study:

- Have your questions answered by tutors
- Look at the various courses and/or attend a lecture
- Chat to current students about student life
- Find out how to finance your studies
- and much more!

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/open-events>

## Thinking about University?

- Check entry requirements. Some universities use grades, others use tariff points
- Compare course contents - even the same course can differ from university to university
- Register for an open day and make sure you look at the accommodation possibilities as well as the above list

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/thinking-about-university>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university>

## Practical Help- Finance

Click this link for help with all types of Finance

- The 16-19 Bursary Fund
- Educational Grants
- Dance and Drama Awards
- University Student Loans

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-finance-and-support/funding>

<https://www.ucas.com/finance/undergraduate-tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

## And finally - help and support for your parents/carers

This link will help your parents/carers, support you with your decisions and plans.

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-finance-and-support/parents-and-carers/how-you-can-help>

## What's on in school?

Well done to those Yr 12s who have secured WEX for w/c 11th July

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Emails have been sent out for Year 10 Careers Week, again w/c 11th July

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Careers Guidance Interviews are now open for year 12 students - email Mrs Green for an appointment

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Young Reporters competition is drawing to a close with participants now having to submit their last article

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Congratulations to Year 13 students who have received a job offer or offers for a degree apprenticeship / university

All the information that we produce can be found on the Newstead Wood Website, click on "Curriculum" and then "Career Learning and Development"

For any further information, please email Mrs Brown on [abrown@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:abrown@newsteadwood.co.uk) or Mrs Green on [cgreen@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:cgreen@newsteadwood.co.uk)



### What is a midwife?

Midwives provide care and support to women & their families while pregnant, throughout labour and during the period after a baby's birth.

### What qualifications are needed?

- (1) A full time 3 year degree in midwifery. There are many universities that offer degrees, including Southampton, Leeds, Bristol, Plymouth, City, University of London
- (2) Or a midwifery degree apprenticeship. You will need to apply for an apprentice position with a healthcare provider.

### Fees and starting salaries

Eligible students may get tuition fees paid by the NHS.

Starting salaries for midwives are approx £24k

### Qualities needed

Excellent communication and people skills, happy to work as part of a team & be able to deal with emotionally charged situations. A good sense of humour is also useful.

Click here for a youtube clip on the top 10 tips on writing a personal statement for being a midwife in the NHS and more information from UCAS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMFhHGrBc08>  
<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/midwifery>

