



Year 13 Parents' Information Evening

Post-18 Options

Thursday 17th September 2026

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KING EDWARD VI
SCHOOL LICHFIELD

Post-18 Applications: Key dates

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A level results day

Thursday 12th August 2027



Post-18 Applications: Getting Started

Deadlines

- ☐ All student reference requests must go out before the end of the Autumn Term
- ☐ University Deadlines – your form must be submitted to school by 26th November 2026, for medicine and Oxbridge the deadline is 5th October 2026
- ☐ College
- ☐ Apprenticeships
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Gap year



Post-18 Applications: Getting Started

September

Send out references to relevant staff

Bring a personal statement draft to your target setting appointment the first day back

Continue completing your form

October

Redraft your personal statement

Complete your form

November

Finalise your personal statement

Send off your form by 26th November

January

For all on time applications, school will guarantee your application reaches UCAS on time



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- ❑ When applying to University, you can choose up to **5** courses
- ❑ These are arranged in alphabetical order, NOT your order of preference
- ❑ You can only write **ONE** personal statement, so it needs to be appropriate for all your course options
- ❑ You can apply for more than one course at the same University: e.g. the foundation course AND the main course



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- ☐ When you 'pay and send,' your application will arrive at school for us to check it and to add your reference. You pay and send as soon as you can
- ☐ The fee for your application DOES NOT come to school, it is an administration fee from UCAS (£34.50)
- ☐ We cannot guarantee when you will receive offers, but many students do receive them in the Autumn term each year



The Personal Statement

- ☐ Students had sessions in June and July 2026 on writing their personal statement
- ☐ Students should have brought a draft to their tutor meeting at the start of the term to receive feedback on their statement

The Personal Statement can be up to 4000 characters but is now divided into three questions:

- ☐ Why do you want to study this course or subject?
- ☐ How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
- ☐ What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

The form tutor will read drafts for students. Students can also ask subject teachers for their advice.



The Personal Statement

What can you do to help students?

- ☐ TED Talks
- ☐ Periodicals from the LRC
- ☐ Unifrog
- ☐ University websites
- ☐ Reputable news websites
- ☐ School resources on our website



The Personal Statement

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UCAS AND POST 18 OPTIONS

POST 18 OPTIONS

The below padlet shares many links for university, higher and degree level apprenticeships and further education. It also contains information for students considering a gap year.

Post 18 Options Padlet

ADMISSIONS TEST, INTERVIEWS, ASSESSMENT CENTRES AND STUDENT FINANCE

This padlet includes information on university admission tests, interviews and assessment centres for employment and apprenticeships. It includes specific areas such as applications for Oxford and Cambridge, careers in health care and law.

Tests, Interviews and Student Finance Padlet

WRITING A PERSONAL STATEMENTS AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Here you will find information on summer schools, taster days and other enrichment activities. There are many links to super curricular activities including lectures, reading, listening and viewing. This padlet also includes guides to writing a personal statement and CVs.

Applications and personal statements Padlet



The School Reference

Who do I ask for a reference?

This list is not extensive but should provide guidance:

Subject applied for	References requested from (if studying the subject)
Art	Art, Photography
Accounting/Finance	Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths
Business/ Management	Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths
Economics	Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths
Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Radiography	Biology, Chemistry
Physiotherapy	Biology, Chemistry, PE, BTEC Sport
Nursing, Paramedic Science, Midwifery	Biology, Psychology, Health and Social Care
Social work	Psychology, Sociology, Health and Social Care
Education	Health and Social Care, Psychology, Sociology
Sports Science	BTEC Sport, PE, Biology
Marine Biology, Zoology	Biology, Geography
Biology	Biology, Chemistry



The School Reference

Extenuating circumstances		
	Tick	Details
Receiving the bursary		
First generation to go to university		
SEN		
Exam arrangements		
Medical condition		



The School Reference

Extracurricular activities		
	Tick	Details
Duke of Edinburgh Award		
Sport		
Debating		
Young Enterprise		
Volunteering		
Part time job		
Relevant work experience (not Year 10)		



The School Reference

- ☐ Written by the tutor
- ☐ Includes comments from relevant subject staff and predicted grades
- ☐ Will highlight positive traits and achievements and aim to validate and support the personal statement (communication with the tutor is key)

Predicted grades

- ☐ Please discuss with teaching staff at parents' evening
- ☐ Realistic but aspirational



Receiving Offers

- ☐ Offers are either **CONDITIONAL** or **UNCONDITIONAL**
- ☐ If in initial applications you do not gain places, you can enter **UCAS EXTRA**
- ☐ If you do not get the grades in August or you do better than expected, then you can enter **CLEARING**
- ☐ A university may lower grades e.g. if a student puts it as their firm choice. This may also help them receive funding / first choice accommodation



Completing the Form

- ❑ Students attended a session on registering and starting to complete their forms in July
- ❑ The best resource for completing the UCAS form is using the guide on our website: www.keslichfield.org.uk/sixth-form/information/ucas



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UCAS APPLICATION GUIDE 2026/2027

This guide takes you step by step through the UCAS application process for 2027 for King Edward VI students.

CONFIRMATION AND CLEARING GUIDE FROM UCAS



UCAS APPLICATION GUIDE 2027



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY - A SIMPLIFIED GUIDE



Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide from UCAS



Advice for Parents/Carers

www.ucas.com/discover/advice-parents-guardians-and-carers



Any Questions?



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