

Applying to Sixth Form 2016 + UCAS progress

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WHAT'S NEW?

New...

ALL CHANGE!

- "Pathways" curriculum
- One-year sixth form option
- Points-based entry criteria
- Subjects on offer
- **Blocking structure**
- **Application system**

New "pathways"

Elective:

For those likely to get mainly As and Bs; they will be able to choose any subject in each block.

Guided:

For students who get mainly Cs and Bs; a reduced number of more applied courses.

2020:

For those who, traditionally, wouldn't have got in to sixth form and want a chance to put things right.

New one-year sixth form option

The 2020 pathway

You will study maths and English GCSE re-sit a BTEC in Work Skills and then select two from the following:

- Business
- Health and Social Care

- Applied Science
- Construction

- Public Services

If you complete the year successfully you will leave with the equivalent of 5 GCSEs at C or better.

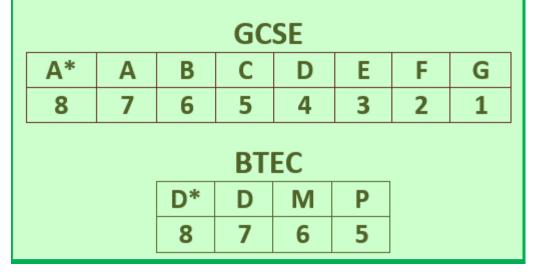
You will then either be able to apply for apprenticeships OR apply to join the "Guided" pathway and complete Level 3 study here at TDA6 – *provided you attain distinctions in your BTECs*.

New points-based entry criteria

Based on "best eight" full GCSEequivalent results.

BTECs can count for a *maximum* of two out of the eight subjects.

Points awarded as below:



New points-based entry criteria

Elective: 43pts+ (including English AND maths)

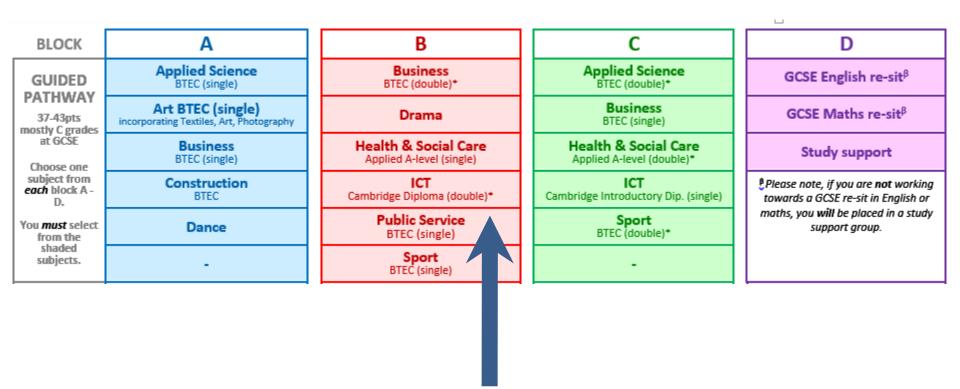
Guided: 37-43pts (including English OR maths)

2020: 18pts this will be based upon "best five" rather than best eight. Students will still need to attain one D and one E *minimum* in **English language /maths AND you must** show progress during Yr. 11.

New blocking structure

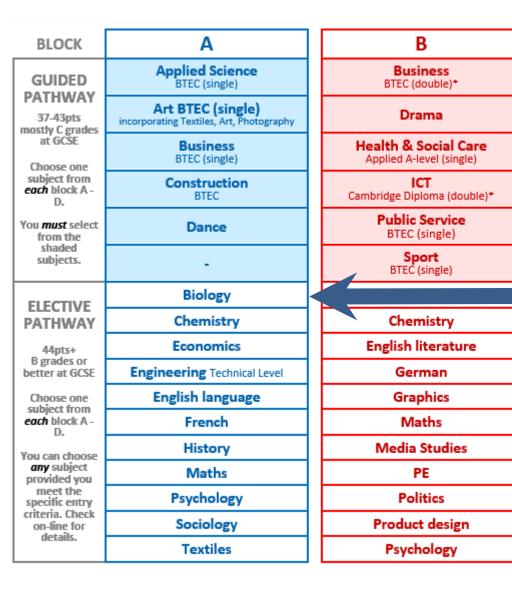
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Art BTEC (single) incorporating Textiles, Art, Photography	Drama	Business BTEC (single)	GCSE Maths re-sit ^β
Business BTEC (single)	Health & Social Care Applied A-level (single)	Health & Social Care Applied A-level (double)*	Study support
Construction BTEC	ICT Cambridge Diploma (double)*	ICT Cambridge Introductory Dip. (single)	Please note, if you are not working towards a GCSE re-sit in English or
Dance	Public Service BTEC (single)	Sport BTEC (double)*	maths, you will be placed in a study support group.
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Biology	Biology	Economics	Art
Chemistry	Chemistry	English literature	Computer Science
Economics	English literature	History	English language
Engineering Technical Level	German	Maths	Further maths
English language	Graphics	Media Studies	Geography
French	Maths	Music	ICT
History	Media Studies	Photography	Maths
Maths	PE	Physics	Psychology
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New blocking structure



If you are on the guided pathway you will have to choose one subject from EACH block (A, B, C and D) from the subjects listed in the shaded boxes.

New blocking structure



On the *elective* pathway you will be able to select any subject from **EACH block** provided, of course, you meet the subject specific entry criteria.

Choosing courses, factors to consider

What you want to do upon leaving sixth form

Subjects YOU enjoy <u>AND</u> wish to study in depth

What if you are unsure?

Sources of information

What you want to do upon leaving sixth form.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE Subject/grade requirements

• MEDICINE

Physics, Chemistry, Maths – A*AA

• SOCIAL WORK

Sociology, Health & Soc Care – CCC

• LAW

History, English, Economics – AAB

CAREER SPECIFIC

Subject/grade requirements

• POLICE

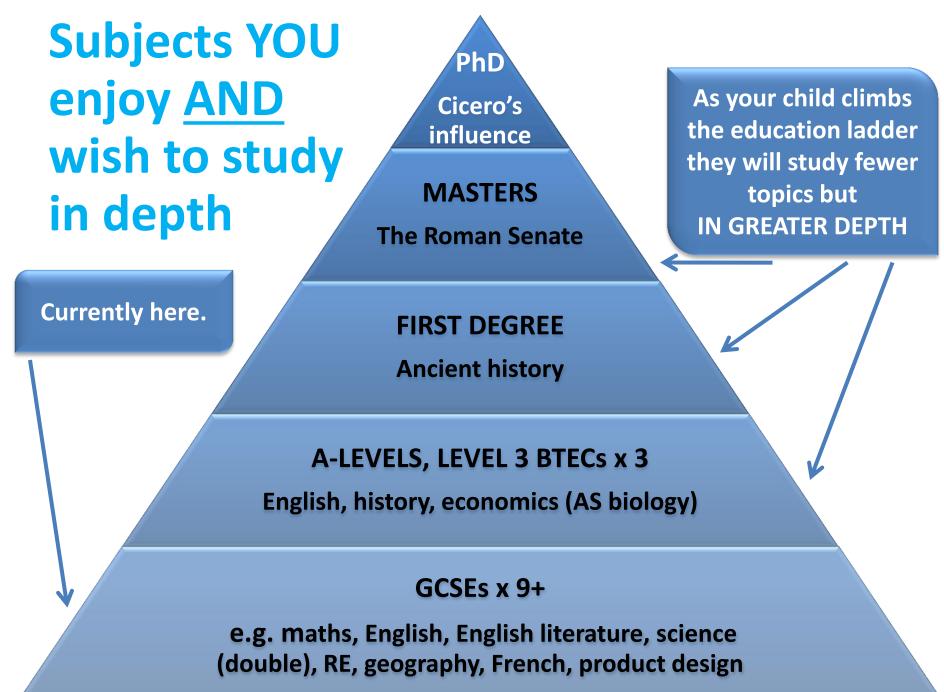
 Sociology, Phys Ed. Geography – not specified

• ACCOUNTANCY

Maths, Bus Studies, IT - BBB

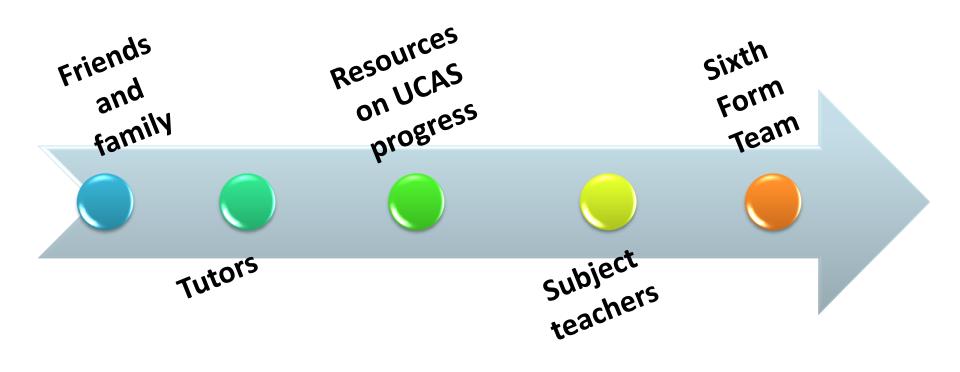
• TRAVEL AGENTS

 Travel & Tourism, Media – not specified



What if you are unsure?

Ask for help



Try "pairing" subjects: some combinations work better than others

How not to work it ...

- Chemistry
- Dance
- French
- Construction



These 4 subjects have little similarity /overlap What links are there between dance and construction? French and chemistry is not an obvious combination either.

Try "pairing" subjects: some combinations work better than others

These 4 subjects have strong links. **Physics and maths** work well. **Economics and history** support one another. Maths and economics combine well too.

A better way forward?

- Physics
- Maths
- Economics
- History

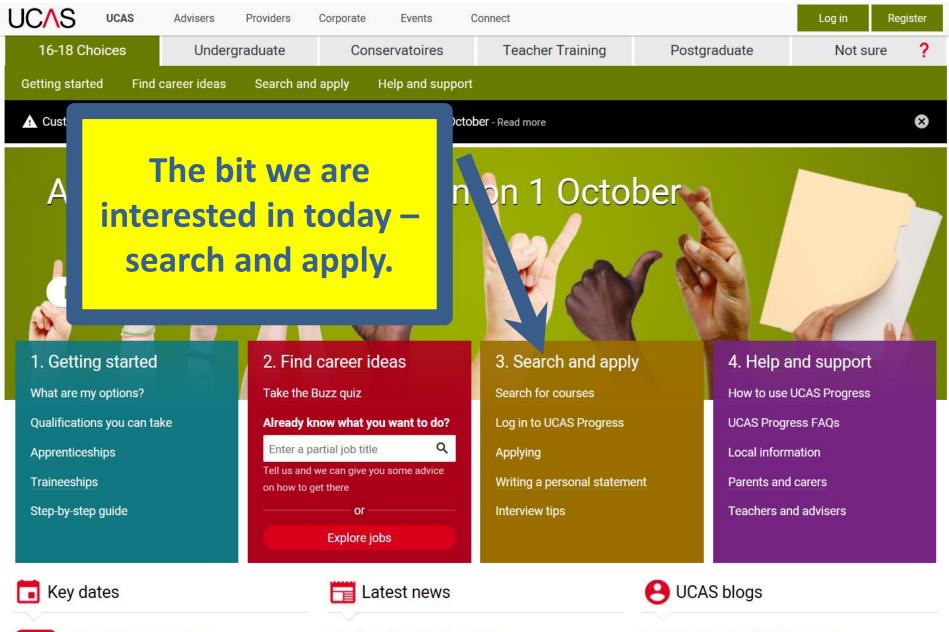


Applying to TDA6



Progress

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Choosing where to study or train

interested in post-16 education or training.

How to use UCAS Progress

Interview tips

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Qualifications you can take

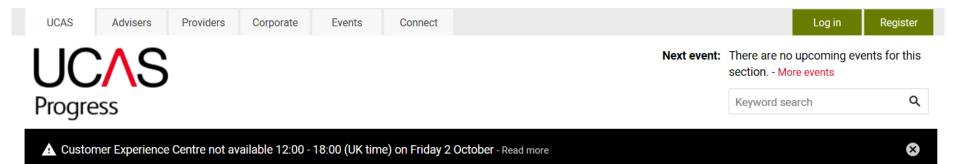
Writing a personal statement

Apprenticeships

Traineeships

UCAS Progress on Twitter If the college, school or training provider which runs the course you're interested in is registered with UCAS Progress, you can apply to them directly through our service.



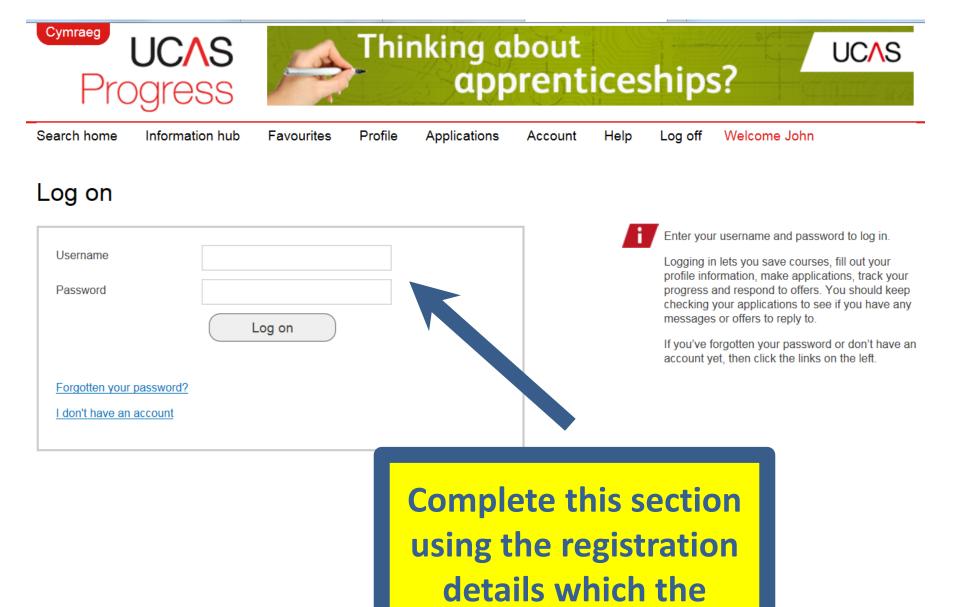


Home > After GCSEs > Log in to a UCAS service

Log in to a UCAS service

There are different types of application that you can log in to - it depends on which route you are applying through. Make sure you choose the right one.

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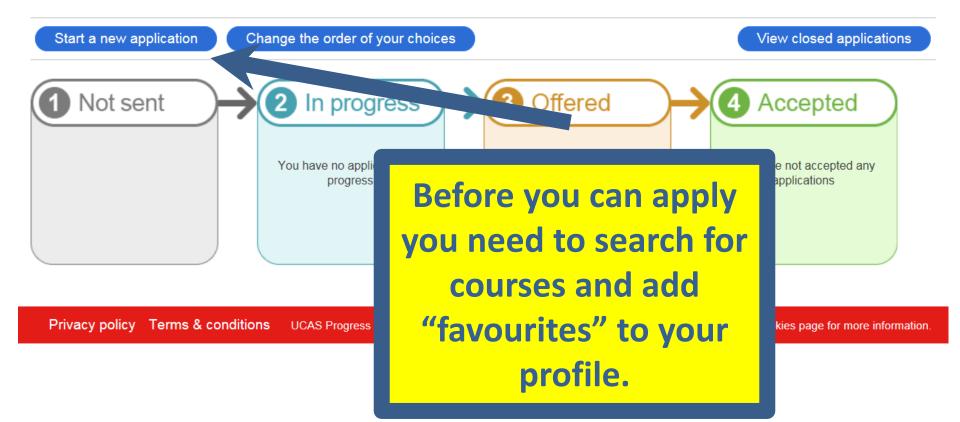
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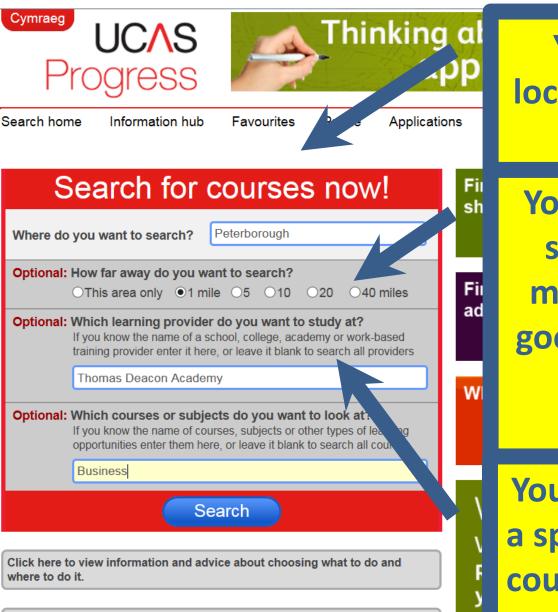


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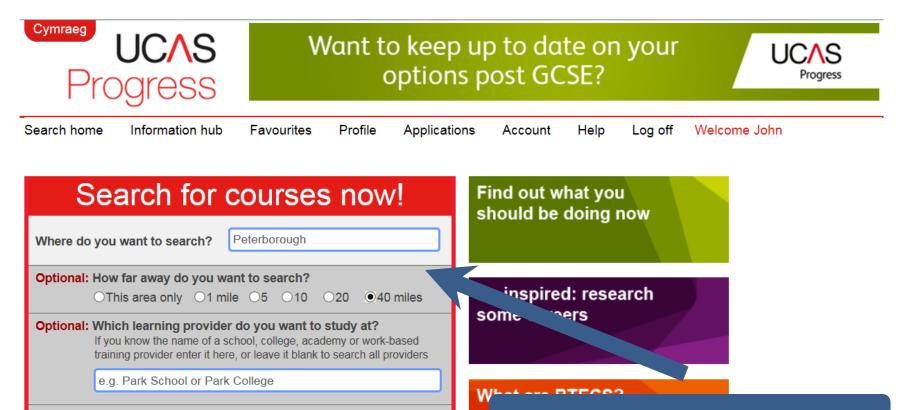


Click here to find out how to get your courses on UCAS Progress Search and the other marketing opportunities we offer.

You must enter a location (town, city or postcode).

You can expand your search to up to 40 miles - this could be good if you're looking for a specific apprenticeship.

You may wish to enter a specific institution or course such as Thomas Deacon Academy, business.



Optional: Which courses or subjects do you want to look at? If you know the name of courses, subjects or other types of learning opportunities enter them here, or leave it blank to search all courses

e.g. maths, plumbing, law, etc

Search

Click here to view information and advice about choosing what to do and where to do it.

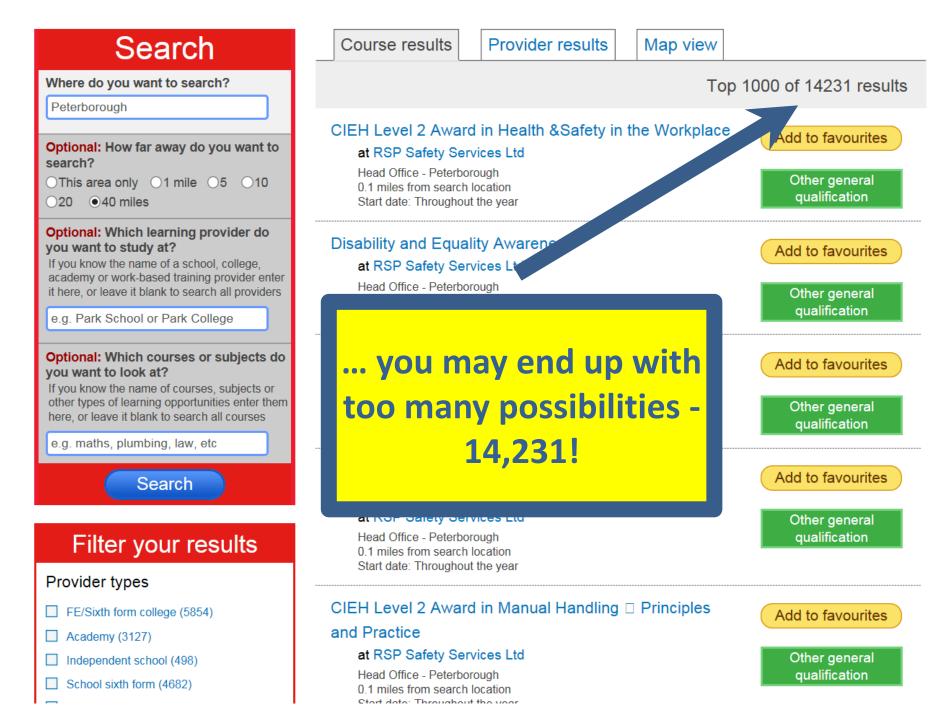
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Be careful. If you leave the search options too broad...

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Filter your results

Provider types

- FE/Sixth form college (1157)
- Academy (1171)
- Independent school (80)
- School sixth form (1569)

Special school (0)

- Training provider (372)
- Free school (18)
- Other (87)

Course levels

- Unaccredited courses (1411)
- Entry levels (4)
- Level 1 (5)
- Level 2 (52)

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Level 4 (0)

Level 5 (0)

Level 6 (0)

Of course, if you do, you can always narrow your search results by using the available filters



Thinking about apprenticeships?

Account

Search home

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Information hub

Profile Favourites

Applications

Log off Help

Welcome John

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you want to study at? If you know the name of a school, college, academy or work-based training provider enter it here, or leave it blank to search all providers

Search

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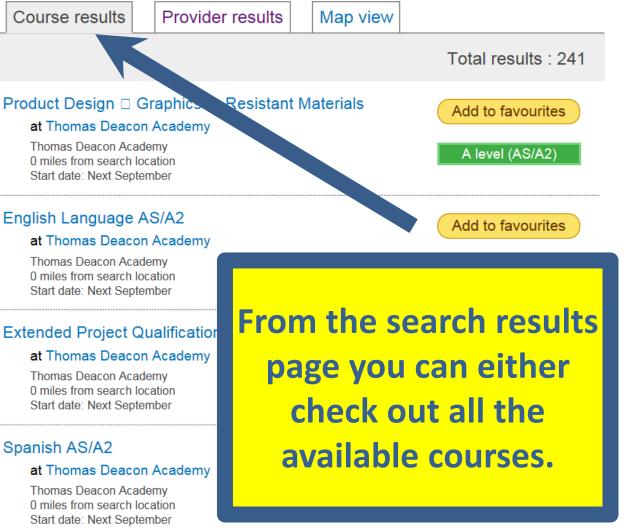
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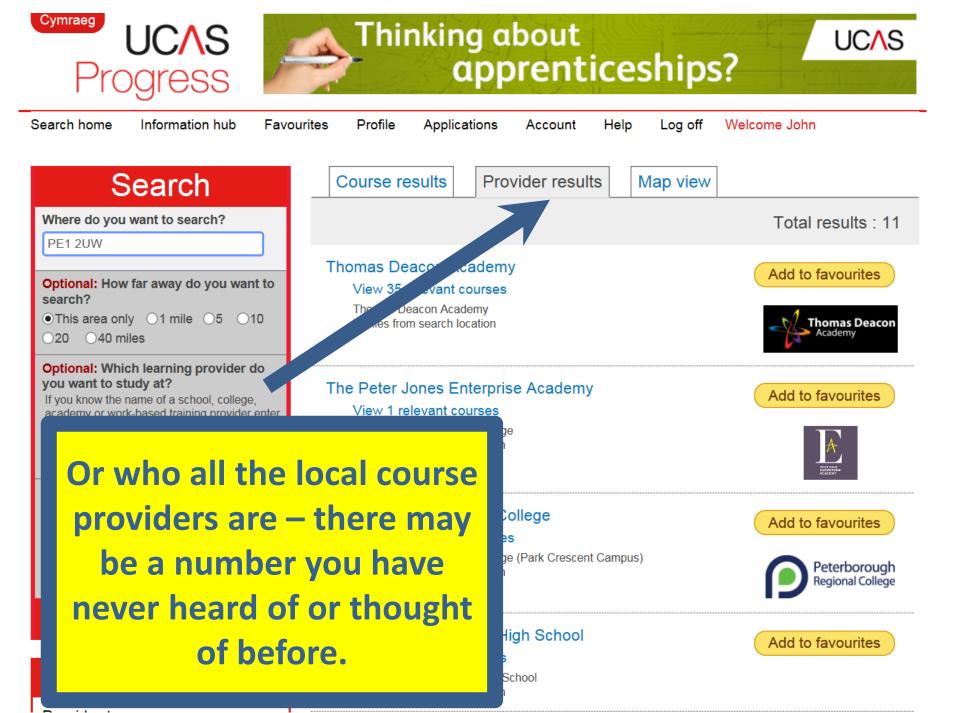
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Filter your results





English Language AS/A2 at Thomas Deacon Academy

Add to favourites

Course description

AS

At AS, this specification enables candidates to explore the fundamental structures and i writing, speech and conversation and how language functions in different social context

Unit 1: Categorising Texts

Unit 2: Creating Texts

A2

At A2, the specification explores the nature and functions of language, how its key cons have developed under the influence of a variety of contextual factors and how these cha be analysed and evaluated creatively

Unit 3: Developing Language

Unit 4: Investigating Language

Entry requirements

You will need to have achieved a B in English Language and a C or above in English Li

How to apply

You can apply for this course through UCAS Progress. Add this course to your favourite can start making an application.

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If you like what you see you can then add this course to your favourites quickly and easily be clicking here.

Clicking on any course title should give you greater detail about the course content, assessment and entry requirements.

Welcome to Thomas Deacon Academy

TDA6 is part of the Thomas Deacon Academy family; including the main academy and TDAJ (our Junior school). We aim to offer the best sixth form experience in Peterborough; one rooted in our core values of *Trust, Discipline* and *Aspiration*. In August we enjoyed our best ever set of AS and A2 results – a great endorsement of our new Study Centre which also opened this year.

New for September 2016 is our innovative "pathways" curriculum:

Elective Pathway: Intended for students who achieve over "43 points" a mix of A and B grades or better (click here for details) and predominantly consists of traditional subjects and a-levels

Guided Pathway: Aimed at students who wish to study Level 3 qualifications and have attained between 37 and 43 "points" (mainly Cs and Bs – click here for details). This pathway has a good mixture of more contemporary subjects, applied courses and BTECs with a history of excellent results.

2020 Pathway: This pathway is for students who are not yet ready for Level 3 study. It aims to help them gain GCSE maths and English and then up to three further Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) qualifications.

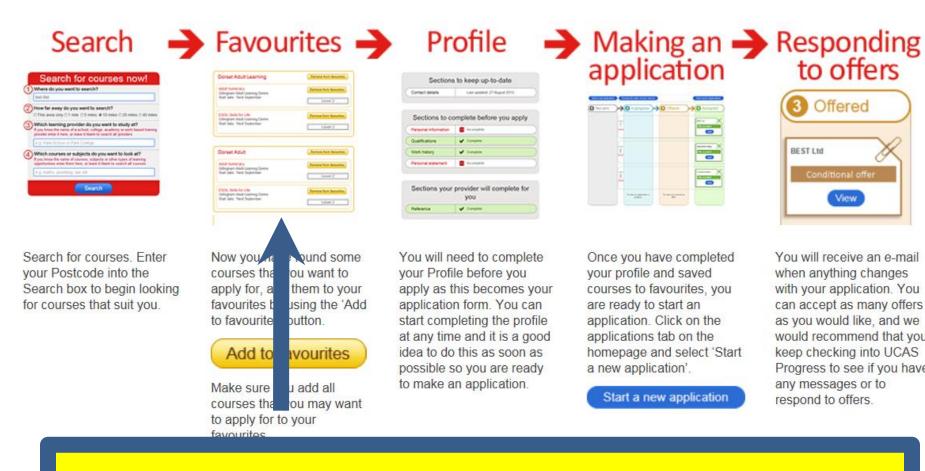
You can find out more about TDA6 here.





Similarly, if you want to find out more about an institution click on its name. Again, this can be added to your favourites.

How Progress works



Once you have searched and chosen some "favourites" you can double-check that you are happy with all the courses you have identified.

to offers

Offered

View

You will receive an e-mail

with your application. You

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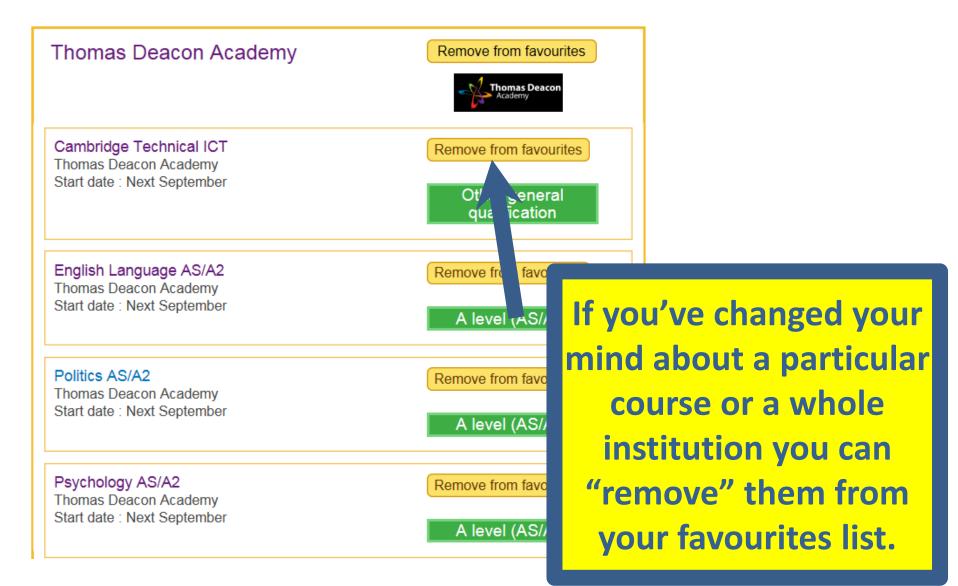
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Favourites

Once you have added the courses you want to apply for, go to the Applications tab and choose "Start a new application".



How Progress works

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Search for courses. Enter your Postcode into the Search box to begin looking for courses that suit you.

Now you have found some courses that you want to apply for, add them to your favourites by using the 'Add to favourites' button.

Add to favourites

Make sure you add all courses that you may want to apply for to your favourites

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Once you have completed your profile and saved courses to favourites, you are ready to start an application. Click on the applications tab on the homepage and select 'Start a new application'.

Start a new application

You will receive an e-mail when anything changes with your application. You can accept as many offers as you would like, and we would recommend that you keep checking into UCAS Progress to see if you have any messages or to respond to offers.

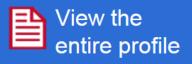
Once you have your final set of "favourites" you can then begin the next stage - creating a profile.

Summary

This profile is where you enter information to be included as part of your applications.

How it works:

- You can enter and save information in each section using the tabs (Personal information, Qualifications etc.).
- When you have finished working on each section save it or mark it as complete at the bottom of the page.
- Complete as much information as possible within each section and ask teachers or advisers for help if you are unsure of what is needed.



Sections to keep up-to-date Contact details Image: Incomplete Sections to complete bef Personal information Image: Incomplete Qualifications Complete Work history Personal statement

The summary tab gives you an over view of all the complete (and incomplete) parts of your profile and is a useful reminder of what you still need to do.



Personal information

Things to remember:

- When you have finished working on this page click the save or complete the bottom of the page.
- · Check that the information you enter is correct.
- Some details have already been added, if any are wrong contact our te adviser.

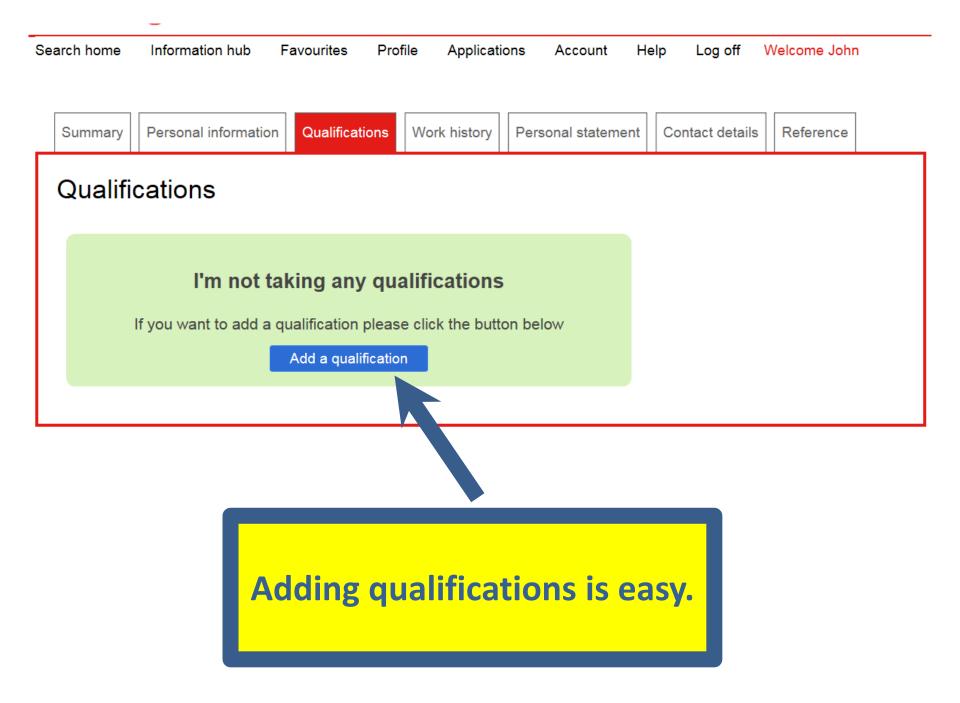
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You need to work along the tabs at the top.

The good news is that you only need to do this once - your same details can be used to apply to a number of places.

IMPORTANT – don't forget to "save" each section at the bottom of the page.



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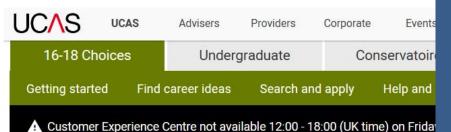
Work history

Your work history can include any part time jobs, voluntary positions or wor experience placements. This information helps institutions to understand a skills and experiences that you will have gained.

When completing this section you may wish to think about how the skills ar experiences you may have developed will support you on the course or pro you may apply for.

Fairly self-explanatory. May be especially important for those applying for apprenticeships.

Employer	Please enter the name of the company or organisation
Position/Job title	Please enter the role or job title of the position held or currently holding
Start date	Month Year Please enter the date you started working for this employer
End date	Month Year Year Year Year Year Year Year Year
Type of work	 Part time Full time Work experience



Applications for 2016 op

Find out more

1. Getting started
What are my options?
Qualifications you can take
Apprenticeships
Traineeships
Step-by-step guide



2. Find career ideas
Take the Buzz quiz
Already know what you want to do?
Enter a partial job title
Call us and we can give you some advice
on how to get there
or
Explore jobs

If you get a bit stuck or are unsure what something means or what you need to do next, return to the first "landing" page and click on "Applying".

3. Search and apply Search for courses Log in to UCAS Proces Applying Writing a personal statement Interview tips 4. Helf a support now to use UCAS Progress UCAS Progress FAQs Local information Parents and carers Teachers and advisers

Key dates



2015 applications close 30 Sep 2015 🛅 Latest news

Studying after 16: Roua Sami 30 Jul 2015 OCAS blogs

Explore jobs with UCAS Progress

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• Then when all's done and you're ready, you can submit your application online.

Eight steps to applying

+ Step 1 – searching for courses and providers		
+ Step 2 – saving courses to your favourites page		
+ Step 3 – completing your profile		
+ Step 4 – making an application		
+ Step 5 – course preferencing		
+ Step 6 – application in progress		
+ Step 7 – offer preferencing		
+ Step 8 – receiving offers and making choices		

What happens next?

After you've submitted your application, the school, college. or tr

- They might respond to you through UCAS Progress, so check
- They might invite you to an interview, taster day, or meeting
- Make sure you keep your email address up-to-date so you c application.

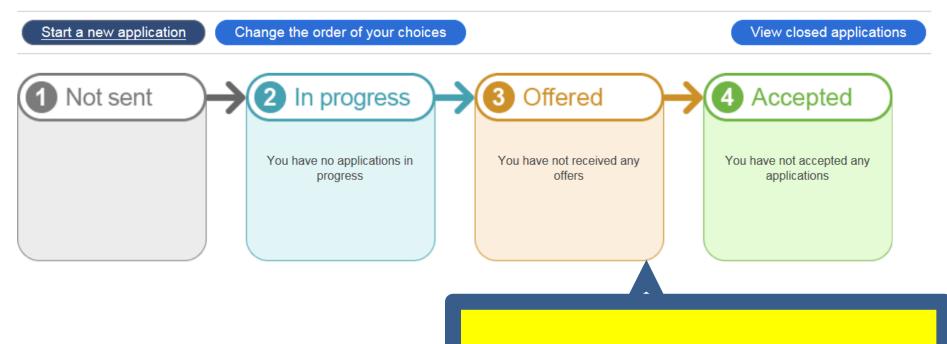
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When you have completed your profile you should be able to click send to submit your application.

Key Dates

- **1st Oct** TDA6 Launch in PD and UCAS Progress goes "live"
- **14th Oct** Open Evening
- **4th Nov** Carousel taster day sessions for subjects at TDA
- **30th Nov APPLICATION DEADLINE**
- **Dec/Jan** Initial interviews with achievement co-ordinators or 6th form team offer letters sent out

25th Aug GCSE results day – gradesto be submitted by 4.00pm

Aug/SeptTimetabled interviews (where required) after
confirmation of results