

Progression 2022 - 23

Progression and the UCAS Process at WQE

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Summary of 2021

- Over 85% of cohort applied for H.E. or F.E (incl. Art Foundation)
- A number commenced Apprenticeships or employment
- Over 1500 applications processed!

The HE Process

- PPM support – one to one and in sessions
- Regular careers updates
- Virtual HE Exhibition, Careers Fair and FutureWISE event (22 June 2022)
- ‘Apply 2023’ open for business NOW
- Careers service available for one to one advice and guidance

Making choices

Resources on WQE online; Careers appointments as needed
www.ucas.com – for all University information and advice

Open days – <http://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

Information on making the best use of Open Days

<https://www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/open-days-tips>

University Web sites – check ‘course profiles’

2021 WQE students’ top choices: DMU, Leicester, Aston, Loughborough, Derby, Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, BCU

Most popular Degrees: Accounting and Finance, Business, Psychology, Allied Health, Law, Teaching and Education

Internal Procedures

- Update of predicted grades and comments from subject staff
- Max. 5 choices; 4 for Medicine/Vet Science/Dentistry plus one 'other'
- Complete UCAS 'Apply 2023' on-line inc. Personal Statement; do NOT plagiarise; discuss with PPM and Careers
- Complete by clicking 'pay and send' + £27 (£22.50 single application)
- PPM compiles reference - processed by WQE Admin Team

Internal deadlines

- Early applications – 16 September 22
- Applications to competitive Universities and courses – 28 October 22
- All other courses and Universities - 18 November 22

UCAS Process

- Invitation for interviews? Conditional/Unconditional offers? Rejection?
- Medical & Oxbridge mock interview support at College
- System continues until all offers completed – April/May/June 2023
- Art Foundation get the same support – details published
- UCAS advice and information www.ucas.com

Conservatoires

- Practice based music, dance, drama, musical theatre courses
- Up to 6 choices – no preference order
- Application fee - £27 plus audition fees
- 2 referees – academic and practical. Completed and sent to conservatoires after student has submitted form
- Deadline for most music courses 3 October
- For others – 25 January
- <https://www.ucas.com/conservatoires/filling-your-conservatoires-application/frequently-asked-questions>

Considering a Year out?

- There are different ways of accessing & using the system. There is no 'preferred' way of doing this. It depends on the needs & plans of each individual.
- Deferred entry – Apply using Apply 2023 but in point of entry indicate 2024 entry.
- Applying post results – Apply 2024 after results in August 2023 or at anytime in that academic year.

Pros and Cons

Deferred

The positives:

- Place secured before Gap Year started
- Plans in place
- Easier to access support through College
- Cost is at 2023 Apply rate

The negatives:

- Once committed place is for 2024 entry only
- Year out and/or results may change things – means possibly reapplying anyway

Apply 2024

The positives:

- Grades known so can be matched to profile
- A year longer to make the right decision

The negatives:

- Could be away and not able to attend Open Day/interview
- Remote access needed for decision making
- Only chance of 2023 entry is through late Clearing – limited options

Alternatives to University

What might this be?

- Foundation degree / HND
- HE in FE
- Year in Industry
- Study Abroad
- Apprenticeships – Advanced, Higher, degree

Higher or degree Apprenticeships

- Launched 2009 & proposed growth area (but still smallest)
- Mixture of on the job experience and academic learning
- Salary and all education costs paid

What you need to know

- Entry requirements – 18+ and UCAS points+
- Competitive
- When to apply
- Support at WQE

Useful websites

For information about Apprenticeships & vacancies -

Not going to Uni - www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Student Ladder – www.studentladder.co.uk

National Apprenticeship site –

www.findapprenticeshipservice.gov.uk

Milkround School Leavers -

www.milkround.com/school-leavers

All about School Leavers -

www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

Get my First job - www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

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