

Alloa Academy UCAS Information Evening



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LEAPS

All interested young people should have already registered with LEAPS online

Each applicant has had an interview with a LEAPS advisor – If your child has not registered/had an interview, they should register at leapssurvey.org immediately.

LEAPS can make Pre-Application Enquiries.

Keep up to date with application progress and provide support and tracking for 5 years.

LEAPS applicants given preferential consideration/contextual offers by most Universities.

Choosing Courses

UCAS website www.ucas.com

University / College Websites

Guidance Teachers

Careers Advisor

University / College Open days

LEAPS Pre Application Enquiries

Advice from friends and family

Applying

Applications are open now, but please do not start applications yet.

All school applications will be completed online

Apply for up to five courses using online application

The single application fee will no longer be available so the fee for all 2025 undergraduate applications will be £28.50

If any of your students are in receipt of free school meals they may be eligible for the new free school meal fee waiver scheme. It's important you set up your school payments correctly to submit eligible applications.

UCAS packs will be distributed in school

Applying

2 October - Closing date for conservatoires music applications. Check conservatoires website for confirmation of dates for dance/drama/musical theatre applications

15 October - Applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science by 6pm

29 January - Applications for the majority of undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 6pm

Personal Statement

2025 Personal Statement Week 23 - 29 September - sign up for UCAS on socials

Experts will offer a week of tips and ideas for crafting a standout personal statement. UCAS will be live on Tiktok giving top tips from an admissions expert.

Applicants have 4000 characters to “sell” themselves to the Admissions Officers

Be clear and concise

Reflect the candidate’s commitment

Reflect his/ her suitability for the course in question

Be correctly spelled

Be grammatically accurate

Polishing the Personal Statement

Thorough preparation

Re-drafting (often multiple)

Meeting deadlines

Parental support / intervention if necessary

How parents and carers can help

Encourage candidate to do full research

Encourage Open Day visits where appropriate

Keep candidate on-track throughout the year with homework etc

Help achieve a balance between study, paid work and play

Check that deadlines are being met

Make sure that you have a robust back-up plan

Offers

Progress can be checked using Track at www.ucas.com

Updates including conditions will be available as decisions come in from universities

No decision needs to be made until you have received all 5 offers.

The deadline for decisions depends on the date that your final offer was received. If applied by the deadline, you should have received all replies by 16 May.

If you receive your last decision on or before 14 May 2025, your reply date is 4 June 2025 (except if you're using Extra to find a place).

If you receive your last decision on or before 17 July 2025, your reply date is 23 July 2025 (including Extra choices).

26 February - Extra opens – applicants who have used all five choices and are not holding any offers may be able to add another choice in their application.

A comprehensive list of deadlines can be found at:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/dates-and-deadlines-uni-applications>

Results

Students can check Track at www.ucas.com to see if they have got a place on their chosen course

Exam results are sent direct to UCAS from the SQA*

*Not National 5 – You will need to contact the University directly to confirm these results.

Timeline

28 August - Discovery event

4 September – UCAS Information Evening

11 September - P4 - UCAS packs distributed

11 October - First draft of personal statement to be submitted via Google Classroom

Following October holidays - 1:1 Personal Statement appointments

During November & December pupils will work on Applications in their own time.

Early December - All applications submitted to UCAS

It is wise to operate on the basis that UCAS is set up on a first come first served basis

Welcome to Alloa Academy



Alloa Academy is a place where every member of our community is valued, included and respected on our journey to excellence.

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