



What's next?

Careers Information Evening

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OAKLANDS COLLEGE

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YOUR FUTURE

OAKLANDS



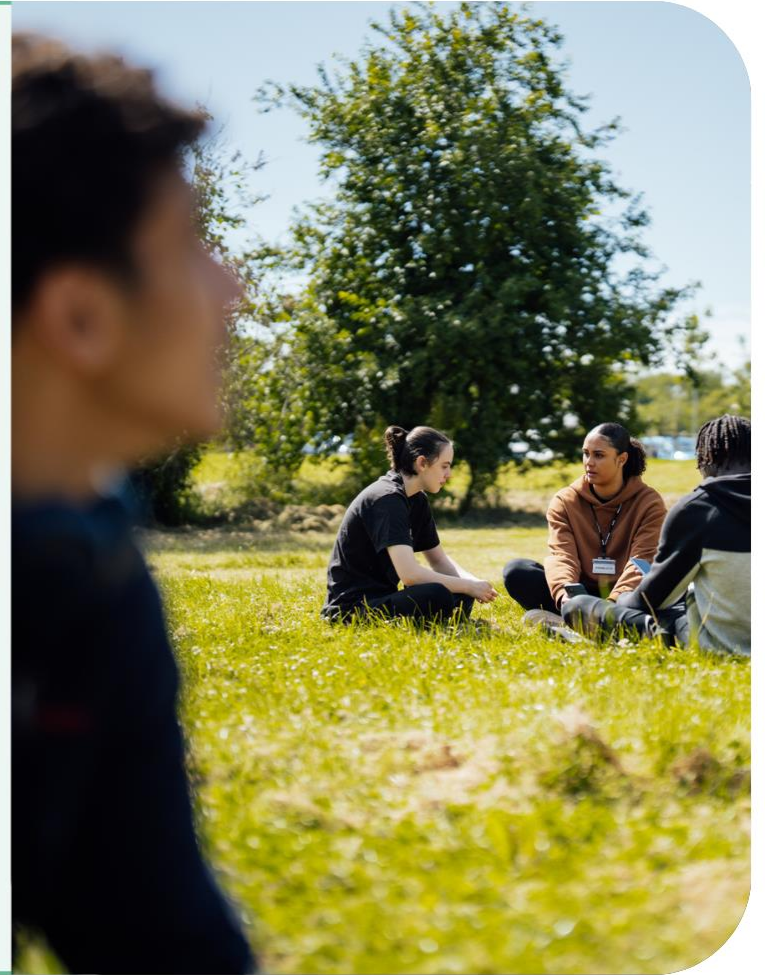


ABOUT OAKLANDS COLLEGE

- 100+ years of teaching excellence
- Expert tutors
- More than 300 vocational courses
- More than 7000 students
- 13 specialised sports academies
- An on-campus Zoo and Farm!
- Strong industry links

A TIME TO REFLECT

- Where would you like to study?
- What subjects interest you?
- Where do you want to go next?
- What values are important to you?



ST ALBANS

- £62m investment in campus facilities
- Art, Fashion, and Design Studio
- Wolves Sports Academies
- High Performance Centre
- Floodlit 3G Football Pitches
- Multi Sports Hall and Gym
- Motor Vehicle Workshops
- Oaklands Zoo and Farm
- Equestrian Centre
- The Stables Restaurant
- Student & Careers Advice Hub



OUR FACILITIES



2024
Construction Centre



2025
High Performance Centre



2025
Immersive Learning



WELWYN GARDEN CITY

- CAD Workshops and 3D Printers
- STEM Centre (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)
- Dance Studio
- Drama Theatre
- Higher Education Centre
- Health & Social Care Ward
- Immersive Learning
- Media and Music Recording Studios
- Oasis Hair, Beauty & Barbering Salon
- Student Careers and Advice Hub
- Virtual Reality Facility

MORE THAN 300 COURSES

A Levels

Animal Management

Applied Science

Art, Fashion and Design

Brickwork

Business

Carpentry and Joinery

Childcare and Early Years

Computing and IT

Construction Management

Electrical Installation

Engineering

Equine Studies

ESOL

Film, TV, and Games Design

Hair, Beauty and Barbering

Health and Social Care

Higher Education

Hospitality and Catering

Motor Vehicle

Music

Performing Arts

Plumbing

Public Services

Sport

T Levels

Travel, Tourism and

Events



OAKLANDS
WOLVES

SPORTS ACADEMIES

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cycling
- Emerging Athletes Programme (Multi-Sports)
- Equestrian Vaulting
- Football (Men)
- Football (Women)
- Hockey
- Kumite Karate
- Netball
- Rugby (Men)
- Rugby (Women)

WOLFPACK DAY

- MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 10AM - 3PM



WHAT QUALIFICATION IS BEST FOR YOU?

ENTRY

LEVEL 1

LEVEL 2

LEVEL 3

A LEVELS

T LEVELS

LEVEL 4

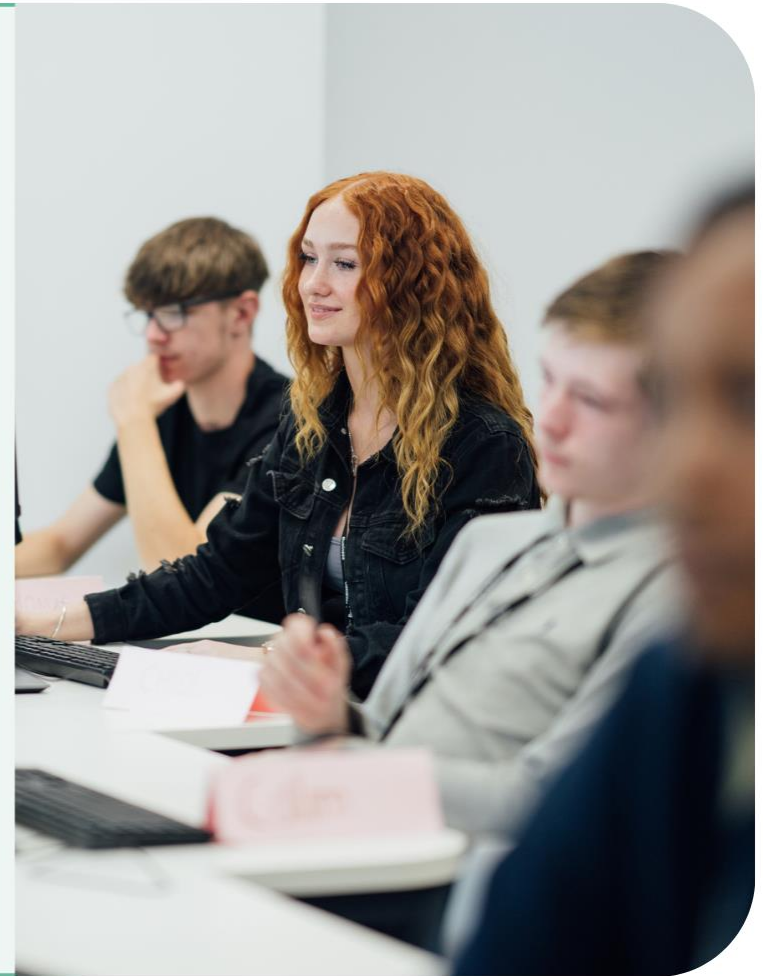
HIGHER EDUCATION

LEVEL 5/6

APPRENTICESHIPS

T LEVELS

- Animal Care and Management
- Building Services Engineering for Construction
- Business Management and Administration
- Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning
- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Education and Childcare
- Health
- Foundation Programme in Construction and Built Environment



APPRENTICESHIPS

Earn while you learn with an apprenticeship in:

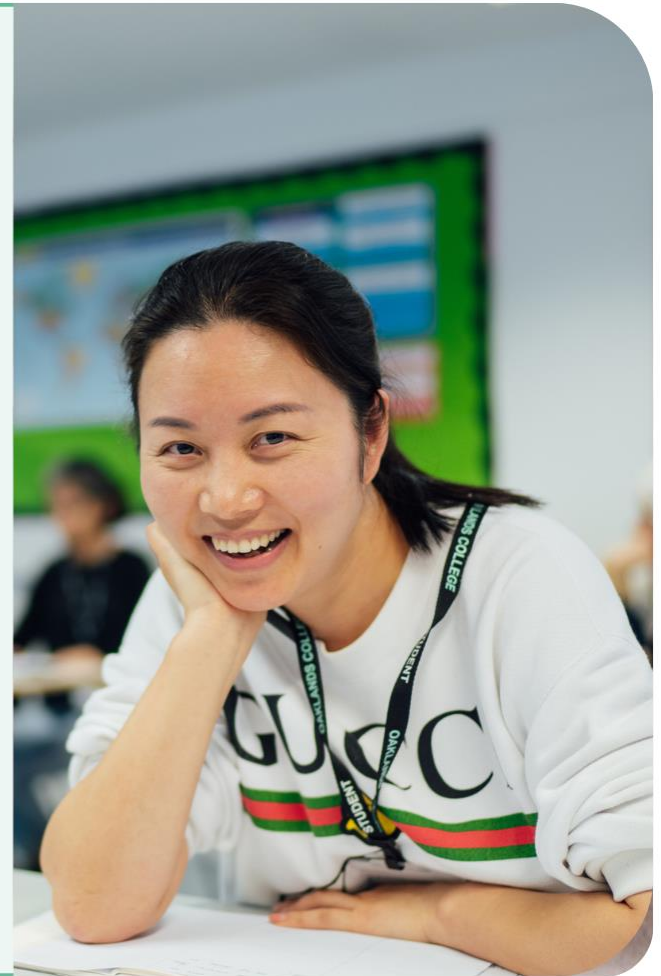
- Business
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Early Years
- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Teaching
- Team Management



HIGHER EDUCATION

Flexible, affordable university-level study

- Business
- Construction
- Computing
- Digital Technologies
- Early Years
- Engineering
- Healthcare
- Science
- Sport



WHAT IS AN EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?

A nationally recognised qualification in your chosen subject

MATHS & ENGLISH SKILLS

Highly regarded by employers

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

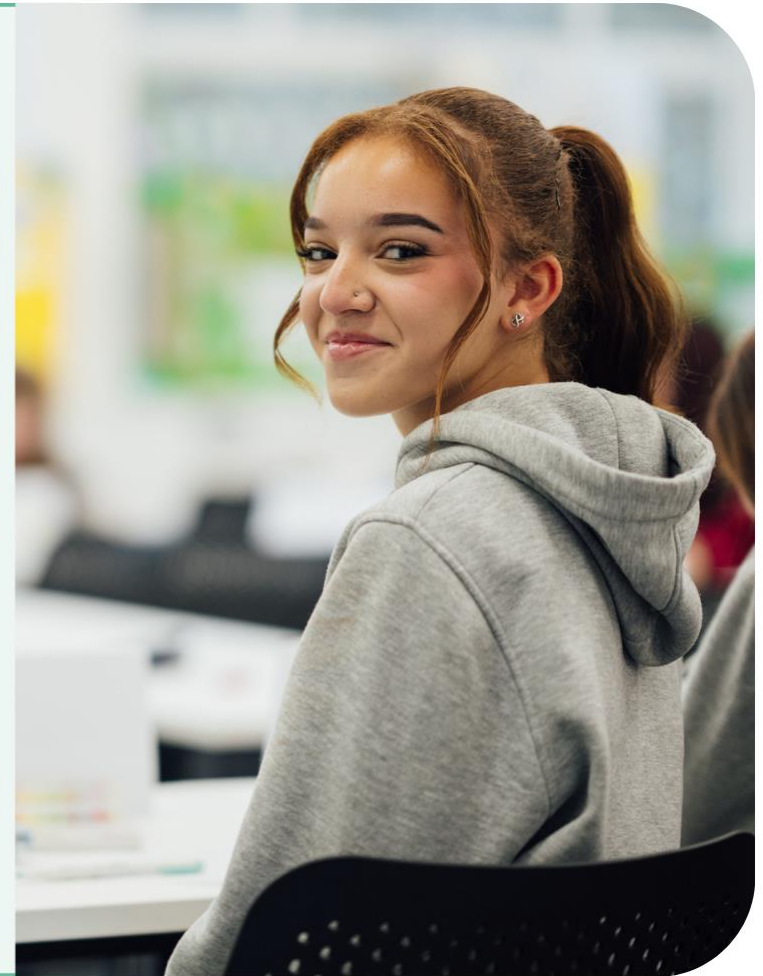
Students complete work experience

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS

- Healthy lifestyles
- Staying safe online
- Mental health workshops

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- Student Support
- Personal Tutor
- Learning Mentor - Pastoral and Wellbeing
- Careers Advice
- Student Union - Student Reps
- Computers in LRC
- Social activities and student clubs
 - LGBTQ+ group
 - Badminton, Meditation, Table Tennis, Yoga and so much more.
- Discounted travel with Uno Buses



GET CAREER READY



NATIONAL, REGIONAL & LOCAL REPRESENTATION



CO-CHAIRING EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS BOARDS



INDUSTRY BOARDS



WHAT NEXT?

We offer learner pathways after college with the following progression routes:

- Higher Education
- Apprenticeships
- Employment



OAKLANDS ALUMNI



OLIVIA BREEN
TEAM GB PARALYMPIC
CAPTAIN



ALEX SCOTT
SPORTS PRESENTER, PUNDIT
AND FORMER FOOTBALLER



JOE BLACKMORE
TOUR DE FRANCE
PARTICIPANT



LUKE BATES
SELF DIRECTED FILM
PREMIERED AT ELSTREE

YOUR JOURNEY TO OAKLANDS

APPLY ONLINE TODAY

ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

ENROL IN AUGUST



YOU ARE HERE

OFFER IS SENT TO YOU

PREPARING YOU FOR ENROLMENT

OPEN EVENTS

Welwyn Garden City Campus

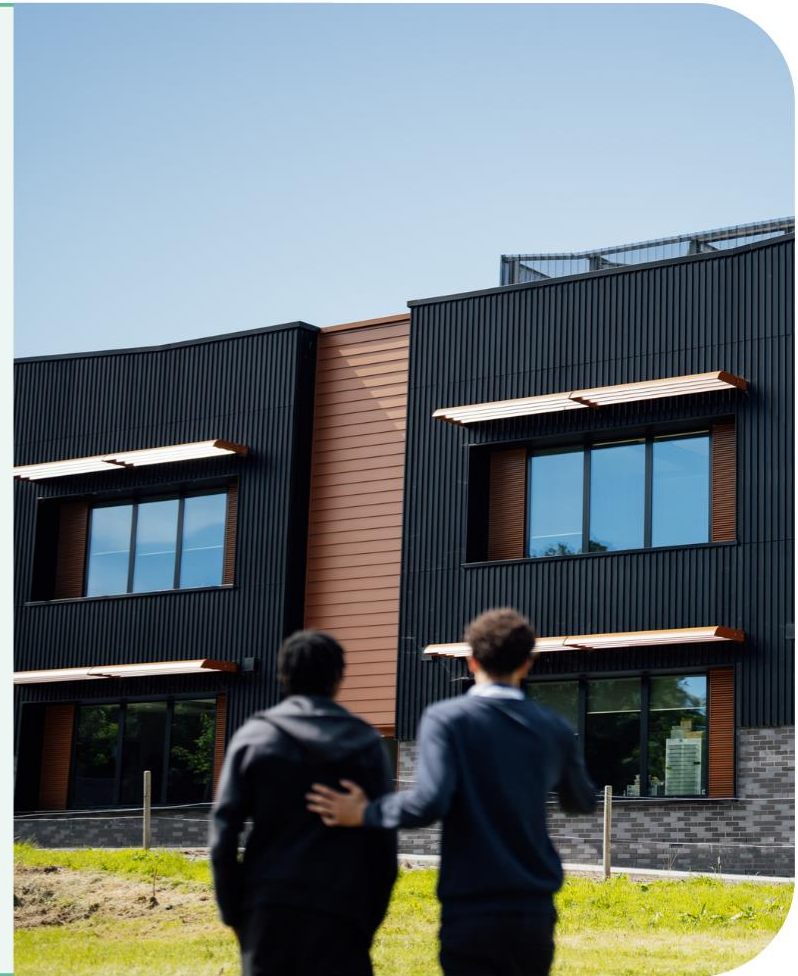
- Tuesday 3rd February
5PM - 7:30PM

St Albans Campus

- Thursday 5th February
5PM - 7:30PM

www.oaklands.ac.uk/open-events

Follow us on social media



Apprenticeships

Emma Turner

CEIAG Adviser

10th December 2025

Services for Young People

Services for Young People is part of Hertfordshire County Council and helps young people with issues which are important to them such as:

- Careers education, information, advice and guidance.
- Relationships and sexual health.
- Confidence and self-esteem.
- Substance misuse and staying safe.
- Housing and independent living skills.
- Accessing Youth Work projects and programmes.



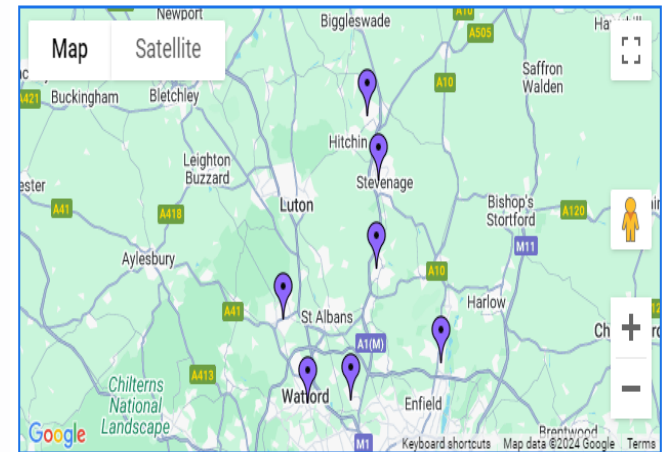
CEIAG Advisers and Youth Workers work with young people aged 13-18
(up to 25 with SEND or Care Leaver).

Young People's Centres

The 11-5 Projects are available at our young people's centres where you can get information, advice and support with a wide range of subjects from our CEIAG Advisers and Youth Workers.

Locations are:

- Borehamwood
- Cheshunt
- Hemel Hempstead
- Letchworth
- Stevenage
- Watford
- Welwyn Garden Centre



Youth Projects & Programmes

These projects and programmes enable young people to develop important life skills and make a successful transition to adulthood.

To visit our offer please use the QR code below for more information about our projects in each district and your local team's contact details.



Youth work projects in your area:

Broxbourne projects

Dacorum projects

East Herts projects

Hertsmere projects

North Herts projects

St Albans projects

Stevenage projects

Three Rivers projects

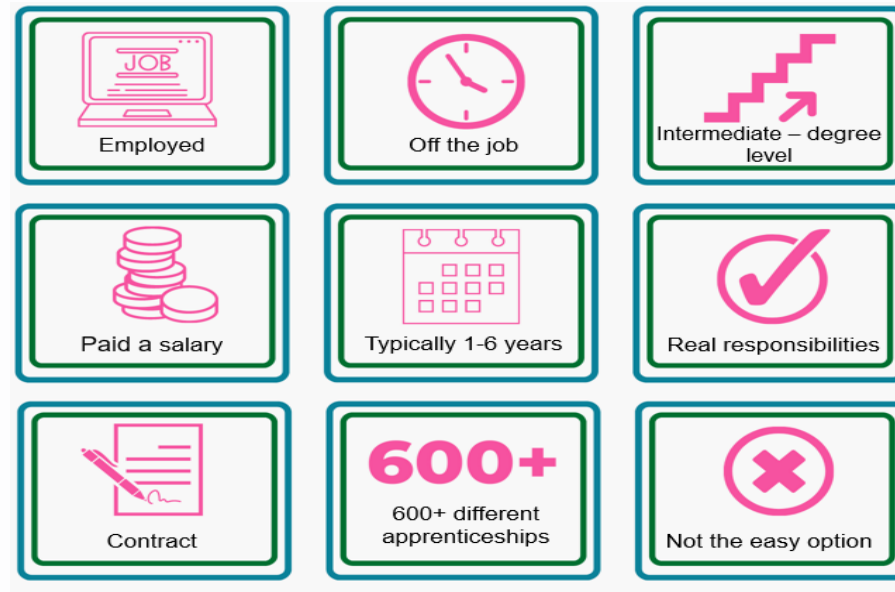
Watford projects

Welwyn Hatfield projects

Aims:

- To understand what an apprenticeship is.
- To understand the range of apprenticeships available.
- To know the different levels of apprenticeships.
- How you can find an apprenticeship.
- What you need to do to start searching and applying.

What is an Apprenticeship?



Apprenticeship Levels

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade 4-9 (A*-C)
Advanced	3	2 A Levels / Level 3 diploma / International Baccalaureate
Higher	4,5,6 & 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 & 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Employers who offer Apprenticeships



AIRBUS



www.servicesforyoungpeople.org

Services for
Young People

Think about the different roles within a company

- If you want to work in finance, don't just look at the big finance and accountancy companies. Other companies will have their own in-house finance departments where you will still find opportunities.
- You could work as a solicitor for Coca-Cola or a website designer for Rolls Royce, or hairdresser for Sky Studios.
- Take some time to look at the different departments that a company has and see if they offer an apprenticeship in that area.

What's next?

Find an
apprenticeship -
GOV.UK
(www.gov.uk)

Set up account,
search/browse, set
up alerts...

Have a CV ready,
take your time
when applying!

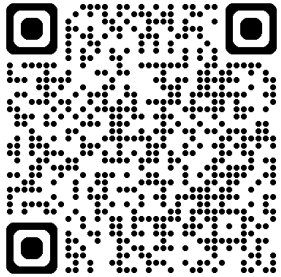
All your skills,
experiences,
qualities can be
relevant – back up
what you claim.

Apply early, apply
for lots... it could be
a long process, lots
of people will be
applying.

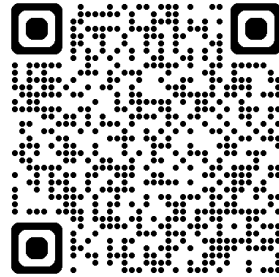
Have someone else
check (typos, things
you can add).

Support from
school, family,
friends, SfYP, etc.

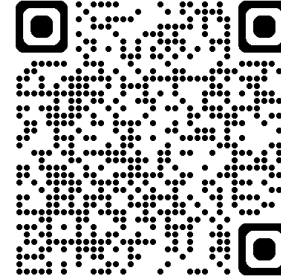
Where to find Apprenticeships



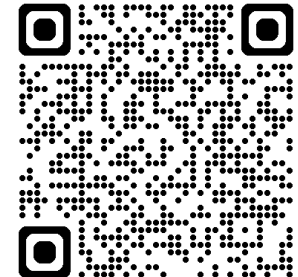
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Gov.uk website



QR Code -
Amazing
Apprenticeships



QR Code –
Hertfordshire
Opportunities Portal



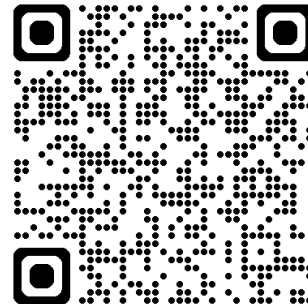
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Degree
Apprenticeships

And...Company Websites, Social Media, Friends/Family and
Work Experience.







Department for Education – Career Starter Apprenticeships


- Content Creator
- Bricklayer
- Healthcare Support Worker
- Engineering Fitter
- Business Administrator
- Warehouse Operative
- Horticulture or Landscape Operative
- Chef
- Hospitality Team Member
- Data or Software Technician

And many more...



Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Work full-time and study part-time					
					
Learning	Salary	No debt	NUS	Experience	4-6 Years



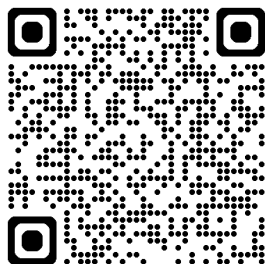
University fees paid by employer and/or Government

Wide range of employers work with 100+ universities to offer degree apprenticeships

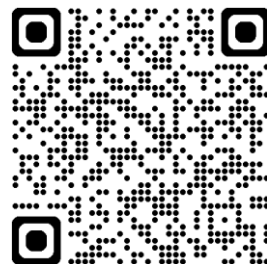
Industries - Degree Apprenticeships

- Agricultural, Environmental and Animal Care
- Business and Administration
- Care Services
- Catering and Hospitality
- Construction, Architecture
- Creative and Design
- Digital and IT
- Education, Teaching and Childcare
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Finance and Accounting
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Science
- Law and Legal
- Protective Services
- Sales and Marketing
- Transport and Logistics

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Apprenticeships**



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Employers involved in the scheme include;

- **Aerospace engineering and Aerospace software development** - Airbus and BAE Systems.
- **Automotive** - BMW Group UK, Rolls-Royce, Toyota Manufacturing UK and Vauxhall Motors.
- **Construction** - BAM Construct UK Ltd, Laing O'Rourke and Willmott Dixon Holdings Ltd.
- **Defence** - General Dynamics, Raytheon and Serco.
- **Digital and technology solutions** - BT, Fujitsu and Network Rail.
- **Financial services** - Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds Banking Group and Santander.
- **Life and industrial sciences** - Astra Zeneca, GSK and Pfizer Inc.
- **Nuclear** - EDF Energy and Sellafield.
- **Power engineering** - Amey, Siemens and SSE.
- **Surveying** - AECOM, Axis and Faithorn Farrell Timms.




Useful Websites

- Find An Apprenticeship (Gov.uk).
- Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal.
- Services for Young People.
- Amazing Apprenticeships.
- Prospects.
- UCAS
- Institute for Apprenticeships/Technical Education.



Contact and follow

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 sfyp@hertfordshire.gov.uk

   @HCCSfYP





Nikki Golds

Post 16 at Marlborough

What can we offer you here at Marlborough?

- A wide range of courses taught by experts
- Strong and effective pastoral care systems
- Opportunity to study with our five learning partner schools
- Excellent Enrichment programme
- Strong record for student progress
- Excellent guidance and support as you start your futures



You will be able to...



- Be part of a thriving and growing Sixth Form
- Step by step support for Oxbridge and Russell Group applications
- Have opportunities to select from an extensive portfolio of A-level and Applied courses
- Take advantage of the volunteering opportunities
- Become a mentor
- Become a Student Leader
- Be part of a form and have an excellent tutor
- Be part of an outstanding Sixth Form that bridges the gap between school and either University or the workplace



Post-16 Open Evening

3rd December 2025
6pm - 8pm



Ofsted rated: 'Outstanding'

Post-16 Open Evening is on 3rd December.

The evening begins with a talk in DVH at 6pm.

It is a great way to find out more about why Ofsted rated our Sixth Form 'Outstanding', and begin thinking about your next academic adventure.



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University of
Hertfordshire **UH**

Alison Moore

**University of
Hertfordshire UH**

University and Application Process

Benefits of a degree

- Improve your earning potential
- Improve your employment prospects
- Specialise in a subject that interests you
- For the university experience!



Herts students at graduation

Graduate prospects

47

87.6%*

of graduates in employment

68.0%*

of non-graduates in employment

3x*

graduates are around 3x more likely to be in a highly-skilled employment

£11,500*

Average salary for graduates £11,500 more than no graduates

*From graduate labour market statics 2024



**Currently approximately 32,000
UK undergraduate courses
available on UCAS.**

Art? Graphic Design?

- 2D Animation
- 3D Animation
- 3D Games Art and Design
- Digital Arts for Animation, Games and Immersion
- Architecture
- Interior Architecture and Design
- Comics and Concept Art
- Fashion and Fashion Business
- Graphic Design
- Graphic Design: Advertising and Branding
- Illustration
- Character and Creative Effects
- Model Design and Special Effects



Pointers to think about

- Some jobs require a specific degree
- Most graduate jobs just require a degree as proof of a developed skillset
- Not everyone knows what job they want to do yet
- A degree in a subject you love will open up opportunities later on
- Practical learning, work placements, industry connections



Herts Automotive Engineering student



Entry requirements

- Grades for each course and each institution
- Grades or UCAS Points
- Some courses will require prior study of certain subjects
- GCSE requirements
- Entry exams – BMAT, LNAT, UCAT
- Interview/portfolio
- Be realistic!

A Level Grade (per A Level)	UCAS Points	BTEC Extended Diploma	UCAS Points	T Levels	UCAS Points
A*	56	D*D*D*	168	Distinction* (A* on the core and distinction in the occupational specialism)	168
A	48	D*D*D	160	Distinction	144
B	40	D*DD	152	Merit	120
C	32	DDD	144	Pass (C or above on the core)	96
D	24	DDM	128	Pass (D or E on the core)	72
E	16	DMM	112		
		MMM	96		
		MMP	80		
		MPP	64		

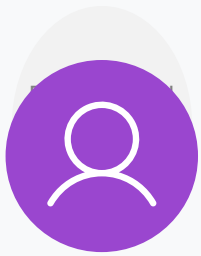
Key information

- Students have up to **five choices**
- Medicine, veterinary medicine/science, dentistry – **four choices** plus something different (eg bio science)
- You can apply to **either** Oxford **or** Cambridge
- Universities and colleges can't see the other choices.



What goes on a UCAS application?

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Your personal
details



Education and
employment



Personal statement



Reference from
a teacher

What is a Personal Statement?

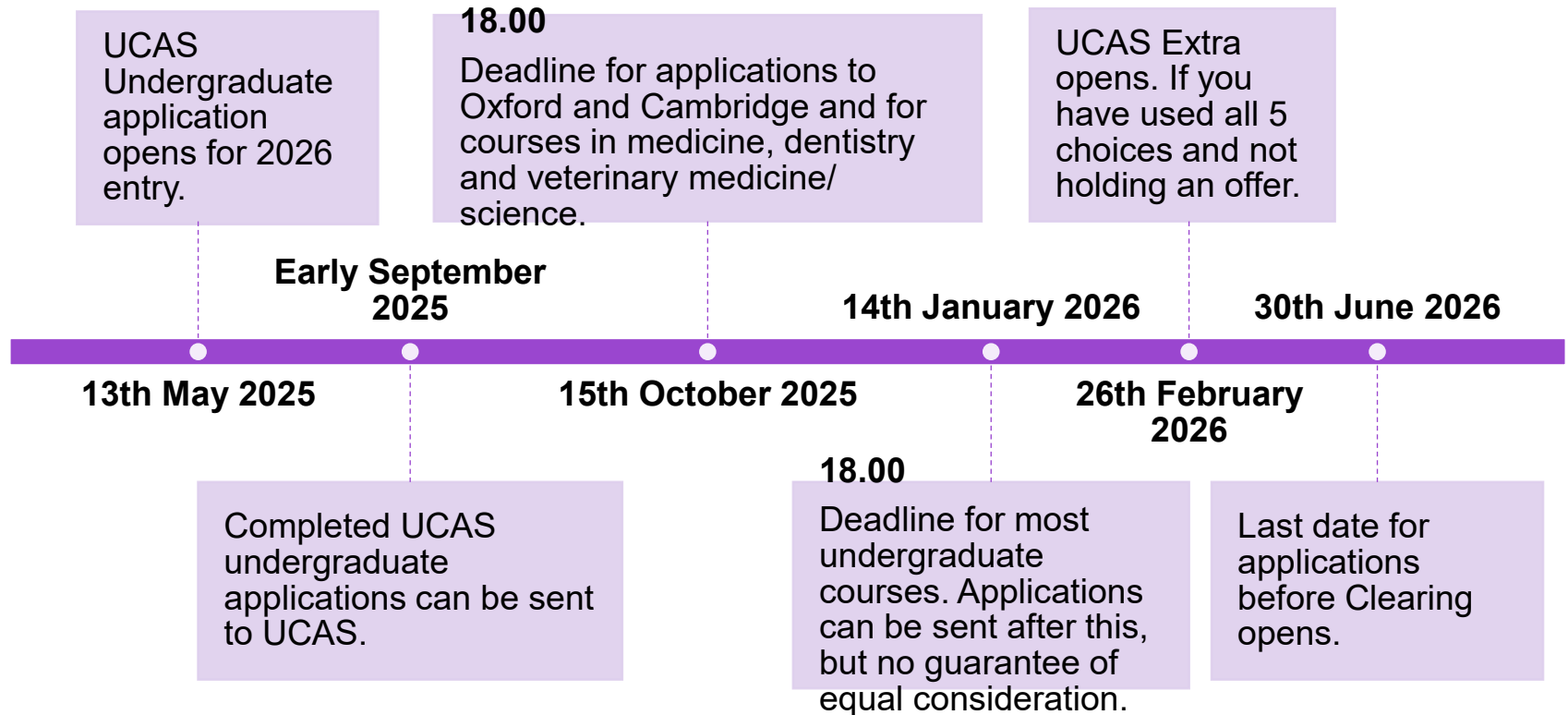
- A short piece of writing all about **you**!
- Three questions
- Minimum of 350 characters per question
- Maximum of 4,000 characters in total

It's your opportunity to:

- Communicate why you're a good fit for the course
- Demonstrate curiosity, knowledge and passion
- Talk about interest and desire to learn more



Important dates



**Scan the QR
Code to sign up
to more
information from
Herts**



Thank you and best of luck!

Any questions?

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New
**CAREER
PATHWAYS
POP IN**

5th December 2025
Come and chat LIVE: Chief Scientific
officer in pharmaceuticals.
1:30 PM-2:00 PM • Conference room

Can you help?

- Year 8 what's out there? Whole day event – November 2026
- Year 10 Mock interviews – January 2026
- Year 11 Assemblies – Friday 8:40am
- Career Pathway pop in – Lunchtime
- Stand here next year – December 2026

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What next?

- Guest speaker stands in LRC
- Services For Young People – Apprenticeships and all enquiries
- Alumni - Callum Gamble LCpl, who has been in the army for 10 years as an Aircraft Engineer, primarily in charge of Apache helicopters.
- CV Clinic – Recruitment consultants
- Tea and Coffee – donations for 'M' Store