



Thinking of Applying to the UK?

The UK was our number one destination in 2018, 2019 and 2020, so you will be following a well-trodden path. The UK application process has many branches, the main one being UCAS.

UCAS:

The 2021 application cycle is opening as planned

It gets underway this week, with 2021 courses available now in the [search tool](#).

With almost 30,000 undergraduate courses to choose from, your students may be wondering where to begin. So to help, there are many resources available, including things like [virtual open days](#), the chance to [talk to current undergraduates](#), and [UK city guides](#).

To apply through UCAS, you will need to access our centre which is 41197. You will also need the buzzword FamilyFirst2021. The site should be accessible now ahead of Apply 2021 going live on 19 May.

For UCAS, you will have 4 UK choices if you are applying to either of Oxford or Cambridge or to medicine. Otherwise you will have 5 choices. The application process costs around 150aed in total. You will need:

- Personal details inc. passport, address, school history etc.
- A Personal Statement of about 4000 characters
- A Reference from your teachers and form tutor
- Predicted grades statement from Mrs. Dickerson

Direct Entry:

Some universities accept direct applications, particularly for Foundation programmes. To apply through these, you will need to make separate applications to each of your intended choices. This can be extremely time consuming, as each place will ask for:

- Personal details inc. passport, address, school history etc.
- A Personal Statement
- A Reference from your teachers and form tutor
- Predicted grades statement from Mrs. Dickerson
- Any other information specific to the university or course you are applying for.

Using a third party/independent consultant/education group:

Some agencies in the UAE will offer to support you with your application. This may be assisting you with research, completing forms for you or submitting your application. Some of these individuals and agencies will work for free, some will charge you a fee. Please bear in mind that they will be making money from somewhere along the chain. The only free and impartial advice you will receive will be from Mrs. Dickerson and your teachers in school. We strongly advise AGAINST using any agency to complete and submit applications. Even if you use an agency, you will still require grade statements, references and other paperwork from school. An agency cannot generate these for you. Feel free to use agencies and individuals for advice but do not allow them to take over your application, even if it may seem like an easier option.