

BHASVIC

Dedicated support through tutorial

Research on University courses & degrees, study abroad

Guest speakers, Higher Education evenings for parents

Specialist tutor groups for Oxbridge, Medics, Visual Arts

1:2:1 Personal Statement support & UCAS Apply form

Opportunities for Taster Days and Summer schools

Close links with many Universities including Sussex, Brighton & Chichester

Progression Day - taster lectures & campus talks

Support for ex-students

Higher Education Evening Applying to HE 2019

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- **70% of our vulnerable & disadvantaged students & 60% of our students receiving learning support go onto university – equal to our whole student cohort**
- **Over 53% of our students gain entry to high tariff university courses, double applicants nationally**
- **Our students have gained over 100 offers to Oxford and Cambridge in the last 2 years**
- **In Medicine, 60,000 applicants each year chase 6,000 places, a national success rate of 1 in 10. At BHASVIC, the success rate hovers around 50% or 1 in 2**
- **14% of our students progress into specialised further education, including art foundation entry**
- **82% of BHASVIC students gain a 1st or 2:1, 10% higher than the Independent sector**

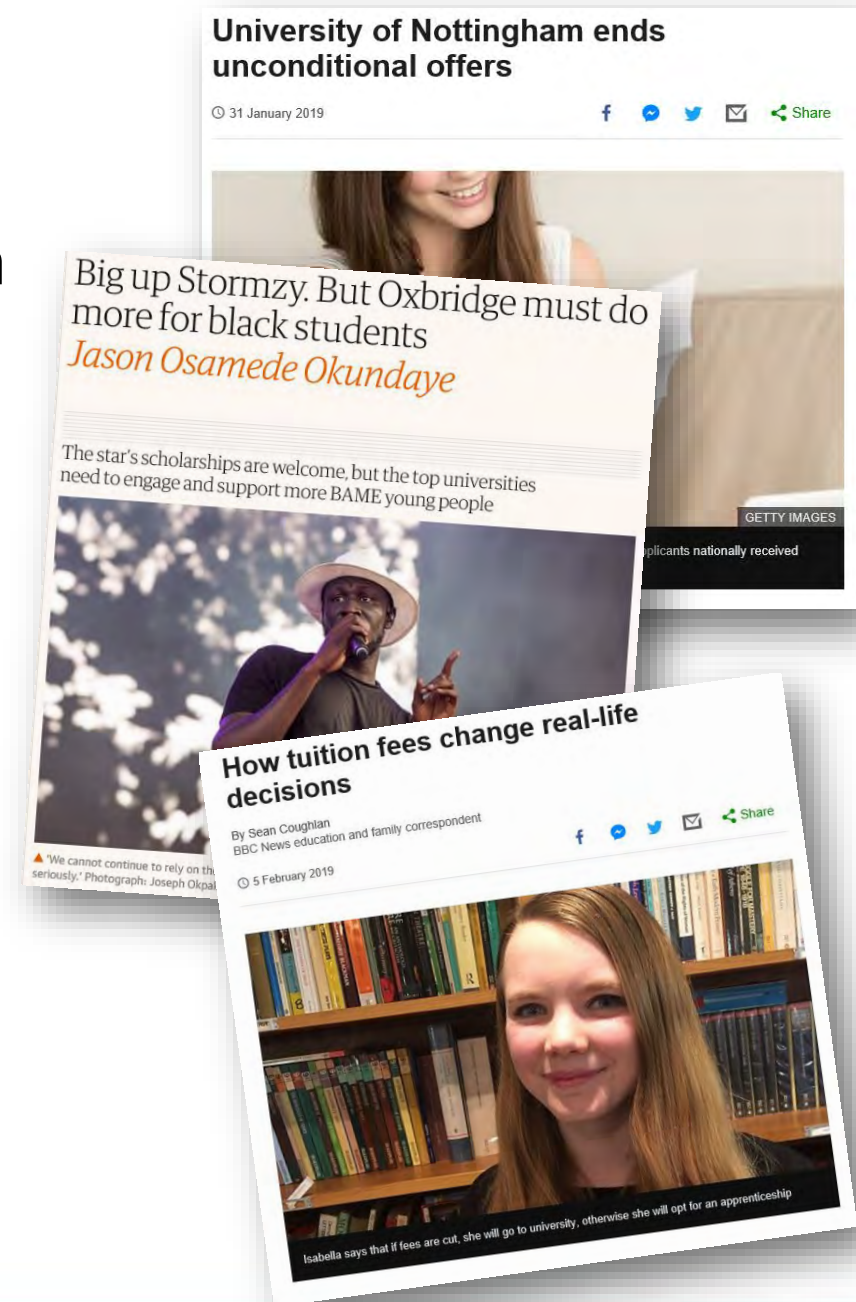
Higher Education

- **Trends**
- Choosing a **Course**
- Choosing a **University**
- How **universities choose**
- How **BHASVIC helps**
- **Destinations** of BHASVIC Students



Trends

- **38% of 18 yr olds** nationally made a UCAS application 2018 (**BHASVIC 72%**)
- Nationwide agenda to increase participation from **disadvantaged & BAME**
- More and more students entering uni with mix of **qualifications**
- **Student market!**
- **Unconditional offers** and other offers with **strings attached**
- Students increasingly able to **negotiate**
- **Clearing / UCAS Extra**



Choosing a course

Where do you get information from...

Lots of websites but some key ones are:

- **Which University** (general info)
- **Complete University Guide** (general info)
- **Unistats** (comparing Universities)
- **What Uni** (students can create accounts)
- **UCAS** (excellent info about the application process itself)
- **BHASVIC VLE** has what we think are the best of the best



Considerations

- Interests and enjoyment
- Professional, academic
- Employment
- Single or combined
- Content
- Assessment
- Realistic choices



Courses

- [American Studies and History \(with a study abroad year\) BA](#)
- [Anthropology and History BA](#)
- [English and History BA](#)
- [English and History \(with a study abroad year\) BA](#)
- [History BA](#)
- [History and Film Studies BA](#)
- [History and Philosophy BA](#)
- [History and Politics BA](#)
- [History and Sociology BA](#)

How you'll spend your time

Year	Timetabled teaching and learning activity	Guided independent study	Placements
1	28%	72%	0%
2	25%	75%	0%
3	25%	75%	0%

How you'll be assessed

Year	Written exams	Practical exams	Coursework
1	0%	26%	74%
2	0%	18%	82%
3	0%	0%	100%

Core modules

Autumn teaching

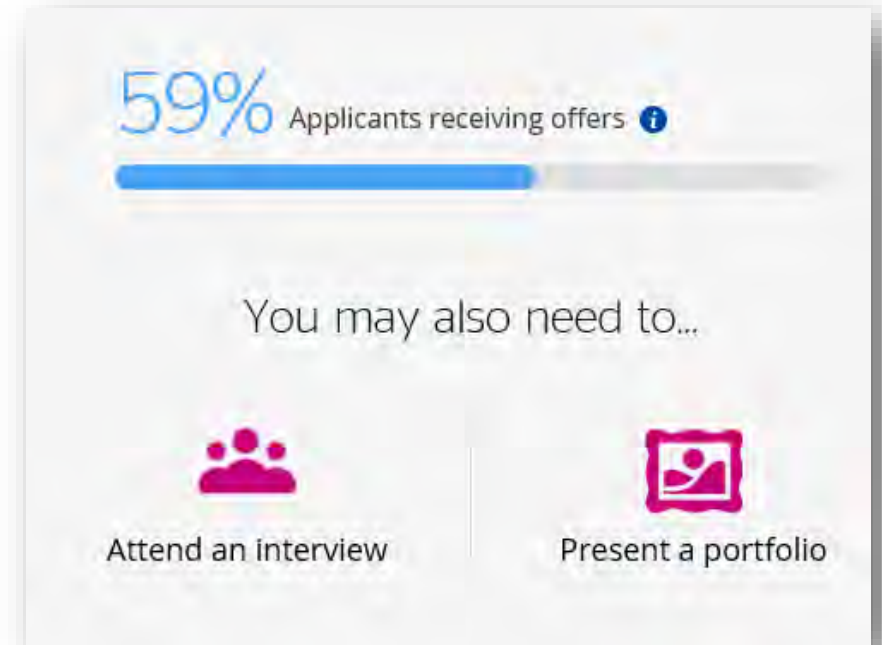
- [Historical Controversy](#)
- [The Early Modern World](#)

Spring teaching

- [The History of Now](#)
- [The Making of the Modern World](#)

Entrance Requirements

- Required **subjects**
- **Grades** requirements
- **Entrance test** (e.g. LNAT)
- **Non academic requirements**, e.g. work experience



A Levels

- **Generally all A levels are acceptable** - depending on course / university.
- **'Facilitating subjects'** - true some 'high tariff' universities prefer candidates to have **at least two**.
- A **'spread' of courses** is fine e.g. Biology, Maths, Drama - 2 courses strong academically.
- But Drama, Music and Dance would be excellent for any **performance related degree**



Points or Grades?

- Some universities ask for grades, e.g. **Chemistry at Oxford** requires **A*A*A**
- Some ask for **points**, e.g. **Chemistry at Brighton** requires **96 points (CCC)**
- Points are calculated using the **UCAS Tariff**
- The **UCAS Tariff** also gives details of the points allocated to **L3 BTEC** qualifications.

A-levels or BTEC

Entry requirements are in the range of A-level **BCC-CCC** (104-96 UCAS Tariff points), or BTEC Extended Diploma **DMM-MMM**. Our conditional offers typically fall within this range.

A-levels must include chemistry at grade C. BTEC must be applied science including a minimum of four chemistry units.

- GCE: Good grades at GCSE are expected, especially in science and mathematics. Three A-levels are required, which must include Chemistry and Mathematics. The standard conditional offer at present is **A*A*A**. Both A* should be in science or mathematics. If a practical component forms part of any of your science A-levels, we expect you to pass it.

A level UCAS Tariff

A levels	
A*	56 (equiv D* at BTEC Sub Dip)
A	48
B	40
C	32 (28 is A* for EPQ)
D	24 (20 points is A at AS level)
E	16

AS levels (40% A level)	
A	20
B	16
C	12
D	10
E	6

Extended Project (higher tariff than AS)	
A*	28
A	24
B	20
C	16
D	12
E	8

A levels

Extended Project

BTEC UCAS Tariff

And their equivalents at full A level

BTEC Certificate	
D*	28 (C/D)
D	24
M	16 (E)
P	8

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	
D*	56 (A*)
D	48 (A)
M	32 (C)
P	16 (E)

BTEC Diploma		
D*D*	112	(A*A*)
D*D	104	(BBD)
DD	96	(AA)
DM	80	
MM	64	
MP	48	(DD)
PP	32	

BTEC Extended Diploma	
D*D*D*	168 (A*A*A*)
D*D*D	160
D*DD	152
DDD	144
DDM	128 (ABB)
DMM	112
MMM	96 (CCC)
MMP	80 (BB)
MPP	64
PPP	48

BTECs

There are lots of online UCAS calculators – try googling them

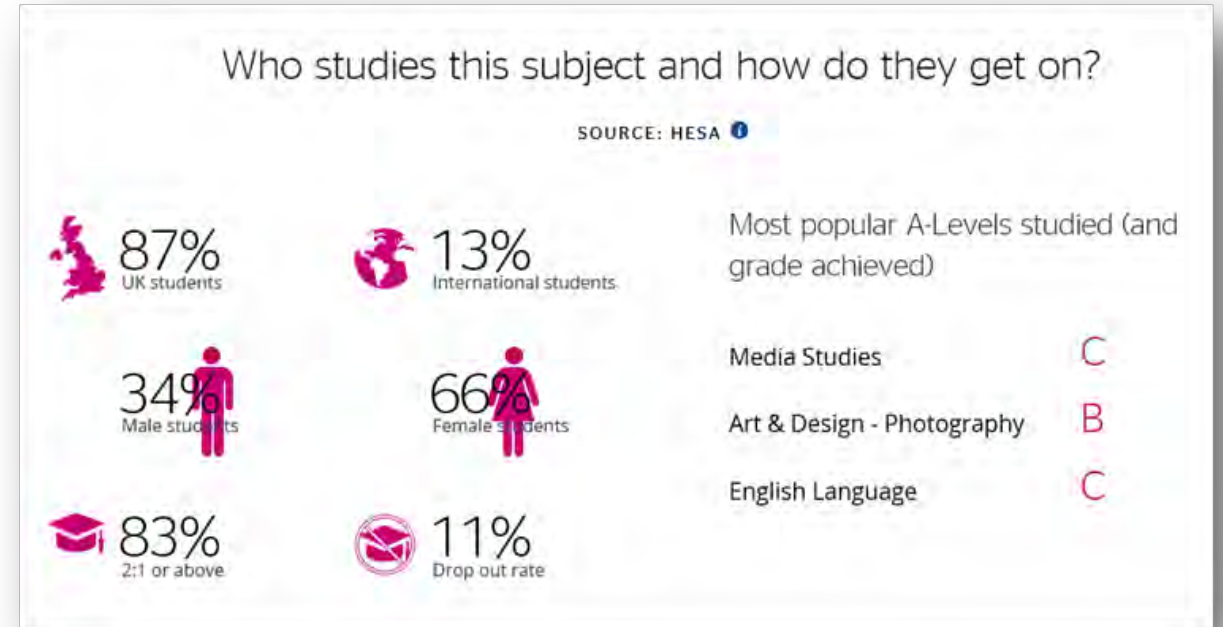
Choosing a university

- The **right course**, quality of facilities, provision
- **Type and size**, quality of accommodation
- **Distance** from home, north / south



Other factors

- **Reputation** league tables, employer links, word of mouth
- **Scholarships and bursaries**
- **Support services**
- **Student mix** state school / private / mature international students / diversity



How do universities choose

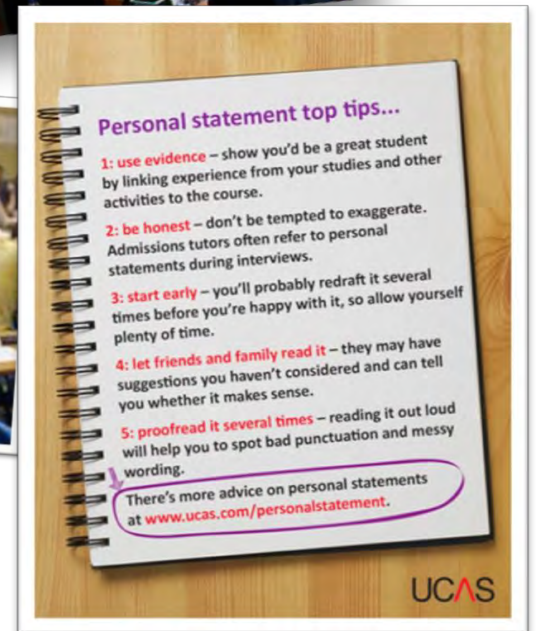
1. Grades

- * GCSEs are sometimes important
- * **Predicted grades** – accurate at BHASVIC



2. Personal statement

- * **Knowledge and passion for subject**
- * **Understanding** of the course
- * We will advise on the rest



How do universities choose

3. **Reference** – written in collaboration between teachers and tutor - includes predicted grades
4. **Tests** (BMAT, LNAT, HAT) where appropriate
5. **Interview** (where used)
6. **Widening Participation / EPC criteria**



Art Degrees

- Direct Entry?

- ▶ Acting BA(Hons)
- ▶ Animation & Visual Effects BA(Hons)
- ▶ Architecture BA(Hons)
- ▶ Business & Data Analytics BSc(Hons)
- ▶ Business & Digital Marketing BSc(Hons)
- ▶ Business & Entrepreneurship BSc(Hons)
- ▶ Business & Financial Technology BSc(Hons)
- ▶ Business & Management BSc(Hons)
- ▶ Business Development Management BSc(Hons)
- ▶ Computing for Games BSc(Hons)
- ▶ Creative Advertising BA(Hons)
- ▶ Creative Events Management BA(Hons)
- ▶ Creative Music Technology BA(Hons)
- ▶ Creative Writing BA(Hons)
- ▶ Dance & Choreography BA(Hons)
- ▶ Drawing BA(Hons)
- ▶ English BA(Hons)
- ▶ English with Creative Writing BA(Hons)
- ▶ Fashion Design BA(Hons)
- ▶ Fashion Marketing BA(Hons)
- ▶ Fashion Photography BA(Hons)
- ▶ Film BA(Hons)
- ▶ Fine Art BA(Hons)
- ▶ Game Art BA(Hons)
- ▶ Game Development BA(Hons)
- ▶ Graphic Design BA(Hons)
- ▶ Illustration BA(Hons)
- ▶ Interior Design BA(Hons)
- ▶ Journalism and Communications BA(Hons)
- ▶ Journalism and Creative Writing BA(Hons)
- ▶ Journalism BA(Hons)
- ▶ Marine & Natural History Photography BA(Hons)
- ▶ Music BA(Hons)
- ▶ Music, Theatre & Entertainment Management BA(Hons)
- ▶ Photography BA(Hons)
- ▶ Popular Music BA(Hons)
- ▶ Press & Editorial Photography BA(Hons)
- ▶ Sports Journalism BA(Hons)
- ▶ Sportswear Design BA(Hons)
- ▶ Sustainable Product Design BA(Hons)
- ▶ Technical Theatre Arts BA(Hons)
- ▶ Television BA(Hons)
- ▶ Textile Design BA(Hons)

Studying abroad

- Some degrees at UK universities will offer a **year abroad**
- A student could think about studying their **entire degree abroad**
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- This year **BHASVIC** students have applied to study in the **US** and **Netherlands**
- **Applications need to be started early!**



Key dates after Application

Sep – Dec 2019	Applications begin in September
15 Oct 2019	National deadline for Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry
25 Nov 2019	IMPORTANT: BHASVIC Internal Deadline
15 Jan 2020	Deadline for all other students
Oct 2019 – Mar 2020	Students make their choice of two offers to be their 'firm' and 'insurance' choice
Feb – May 2020	Deadline for all other students
13 August 2020	Results day
Clearing	August/early September

A1 How BHASVIC helps

A1 Jan – June

**My Future Plans, Futures Fair, Careers, Options
(Students)**

A1 March

HE Information Evenings (Parents)

A1 May

**Open days / Help me write your reference
(Students)**

Specialist Application Evening (Parents)

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**STUDENT WORKBOOK
MY FUTURE PLANS**

Name:

Tutor:

A2 How BHASVIC helps A2

A2 Sept-Dec

UCAS (Students)

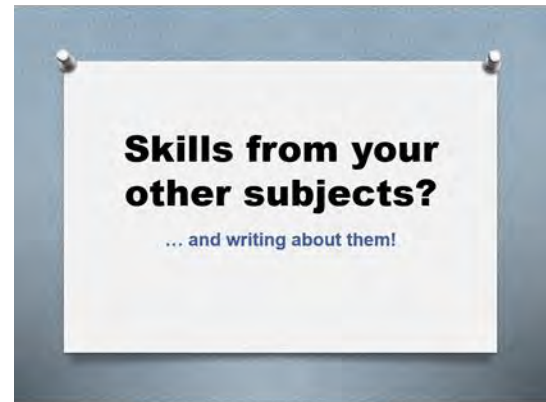
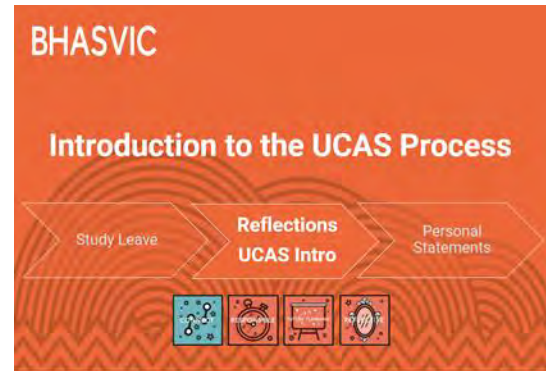
Focussed **personal statement support**

References and predicted grades correct

Using & checking UCAS Apply,

A2 Jan-March

Tutor support, student finance, accommodation, budgeting, healthy & independent living

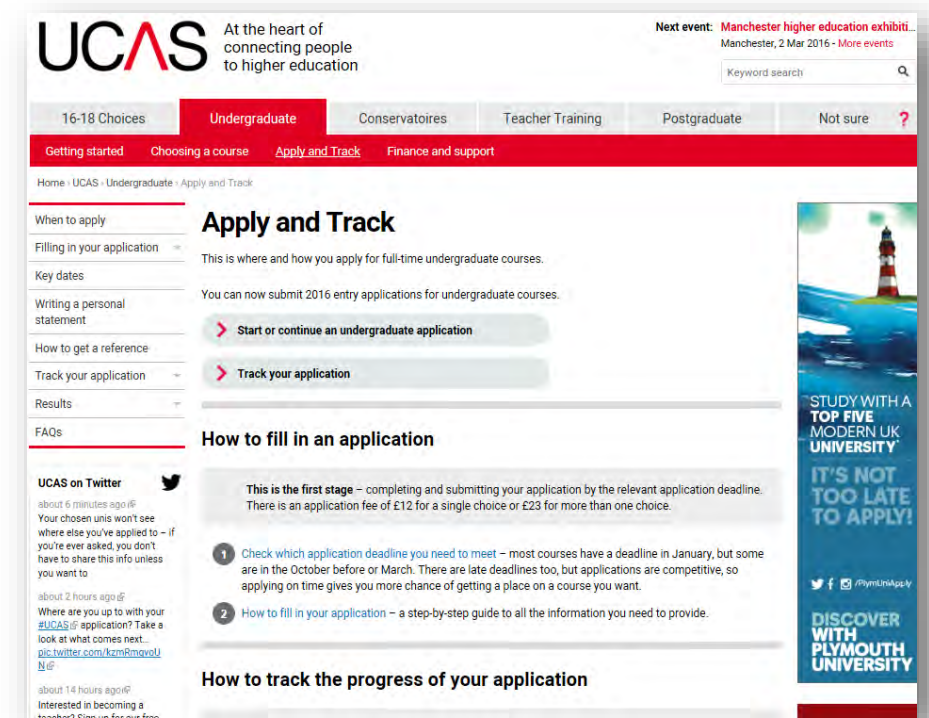


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Using UCAS Apply

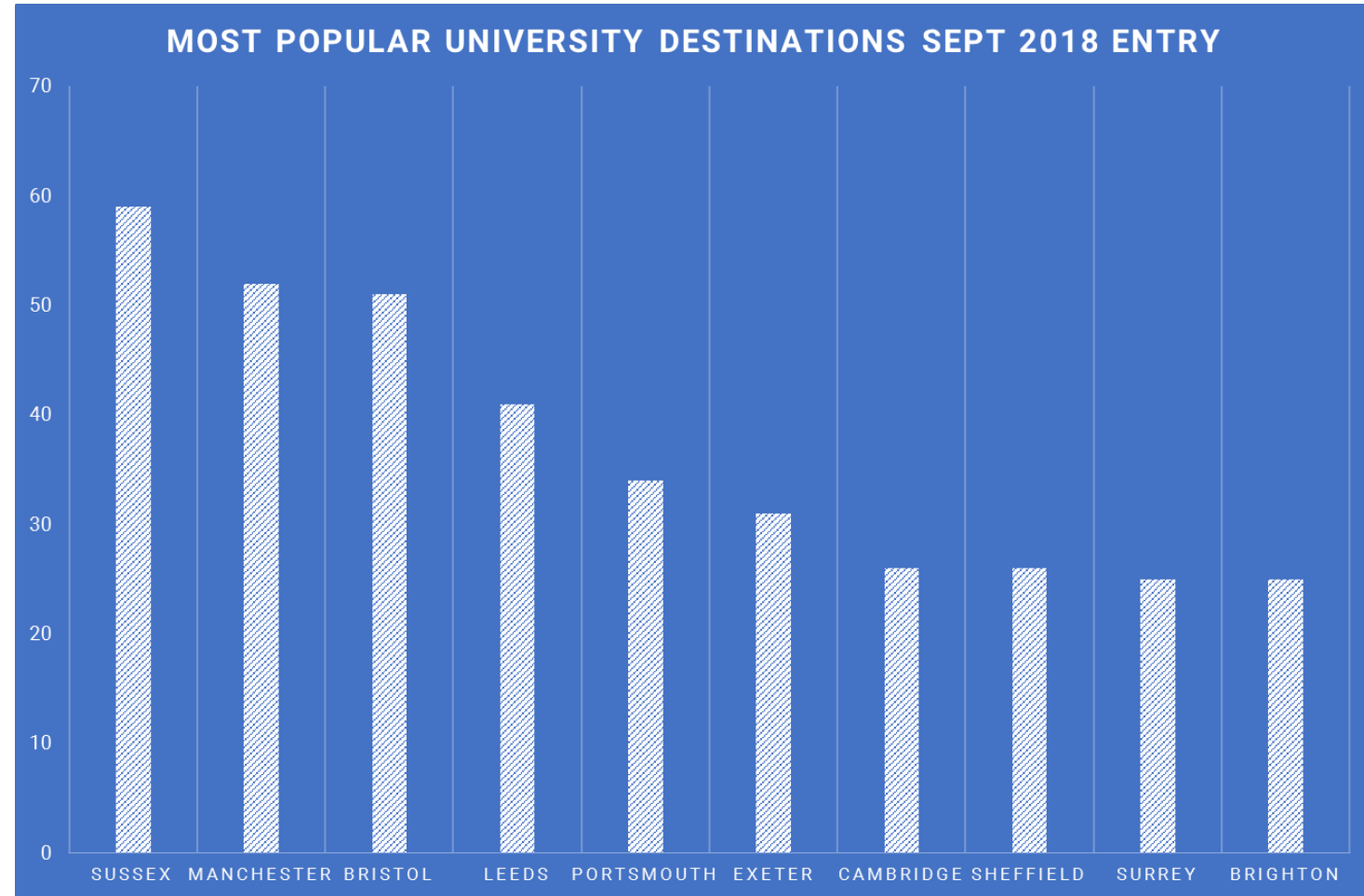
- Once student has decided on **potential courses** and universities, they apply to them using ucas.apply
- UCAS: **universities central admissions system**
- **Handles applications** for all full time first degree higher education courses.
- **FIVE** choices



The screenshot displays the UCAS Apply website interface. At the top, the UCAS logo is accompanied by the tagline 'At the heart of connecting people to higher education'. A navigation menu includes '16-18 Choices', 'Undergraduate' (highlighted), 'Conservatoires', 'Teacher Training', 'Postgraduate', and 'Not sure'. Below this, a secondary menu lists 'Getting started', 'Choosing a course', 'Apply and Track' (highlighted), and 'Finance and support'. The main content area is titled 'Apply and Track' and provides instructions for submitting 2016 entry applications. It features two prominent buttons: 'Start or continue an undergraduate application' and 'Track your application'. A section titled 'How to fill in an application' explains that this is the first stage, requiring completion and submission by the deadline, with an application fee of £12 for a single choice or £23 for more than one choice. It includes a numbered list: 1. Check which application deadline you need to meet (most courses have a deadline in January, but some are in the October before or March. There are late deadlines too, but applications are competitive, so applying on time gives you more chance of getting a place on a course you want.) 2. How to fill in your application - a step-by-step guide to all the information you need to provide. Below this is a section for 'How to track the progress of your application'. On the left side, there is a 'UCAS on Twitter' section with recent tweets. On the right, there is a promotional banner for Plymouth University with the text 'STUDY WITH A TOP FIVE MODERN UK UNIVERSITY' and 'IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY!'. The bottom right corner of the banner says 'DISCOVER WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY'.

Where do BHASVIC students go?

- **Top ten destinations (2018):**
- Our students began University life at over **100 different higher education institutions** last year.
- Alongside more traditional institutions, students began studying degrees at **BIMM, Northbrook, Ravensbrook, SOAS, Falmouth, Glasgow Arts** alongside conservatoires for Dance, Music and Drama.

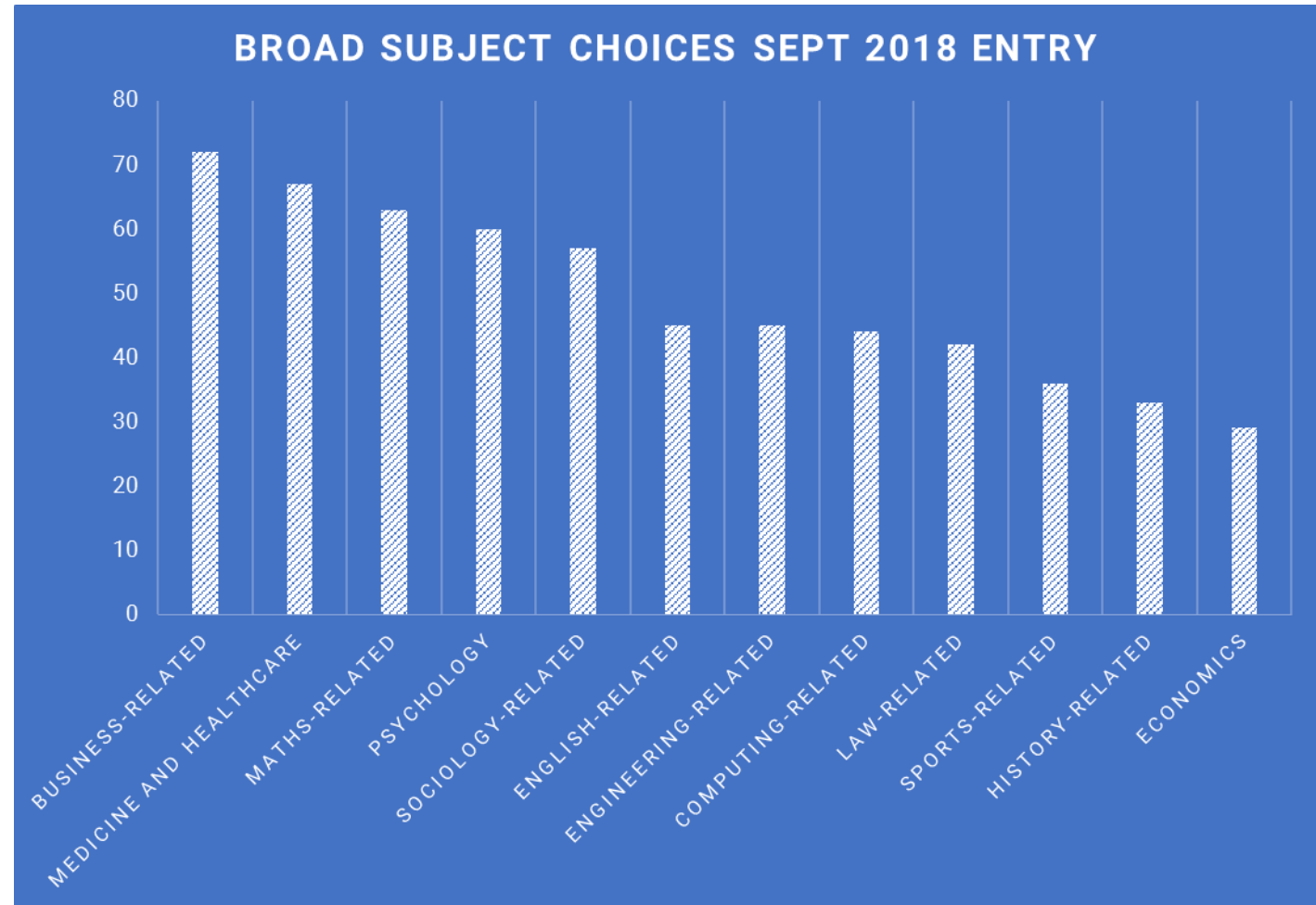


What do they study?

- Top ten subjects studied by BHASVIC students (2018):

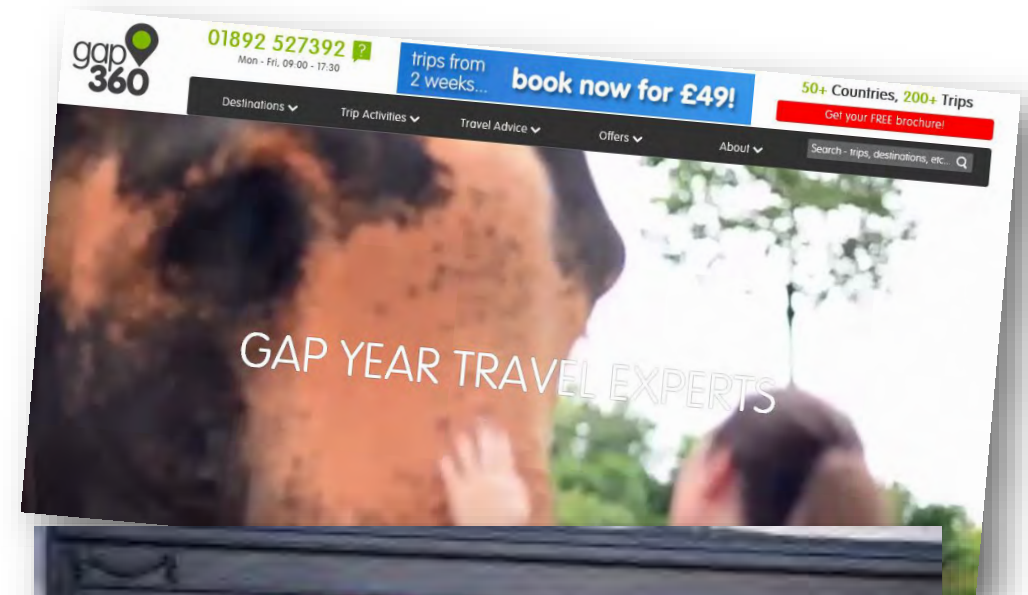
Of note is the diversity of combined degrees studied for example:

- Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering
- Liberal Arts with Study Abroad
- Chemistry for Sustainable Energy
- Buying and Merchandising for Fashion
- Spacecraft Engineering
- Adventure and Outdoor Management
- Photojournalism and Documentary Photography
- Music and Music Psychology



Gap years and deferring

- Students can defer entry for a year – **useful if they are set on a course and a uni**
- + They get **first dibs on accommodation**
- They **cannot apply elsewhere** if holding a deferred entry
- **Any questions** – contact the relevant university



Common mistakes

- **Lack of research** - Applying for courses without the right qualifications/subjects
- Leaving writing a Personal Statement/applying until the **last minute**
- Applying to universities or courses they **do not want to go to**



Top Tips

- **Grades students achieve in their progression exams in May/June will relate highly to their predicted grades**
- **Aspirational, Solid and Safe**
- Attending **Open days** in key to finding the right unis
- Focus on **course content**
- Beware of falling into the **Russell Group trap**
- **Leave an option open**



A screenshot of a university search website. The page is titled 'Chemistry degrees' and shows a search filter for 'A-levels' with 'A*' selected. The results list 'Teesside University, Middlesbrough' with 2 Chemistry degrees. The overall rating is 4.1/5 based on 1952 reviews. The page also features a sidebar with 'Filter by' options for University, Modules, and Subject, and a 'COMPARE' section for the 'Chemistry BSc (Hons)' degree, including details on modules and entry requirements.

Top Tips

- **Summer Schools & Taster Days**
- Admissions officers are really helpful – **ring them**
- Third year of free education – **additional FE**
- There is always a **gap year and retakes!**



What can you do at home?

- Support your student looking at **University Open days** (June – October) – some offer free travel
- Talk with them about **choices** and **reasons**
- Read through their **personal statements** (Summer-November)
- Remind them of the need to **complete UCAS applications** (September – November)

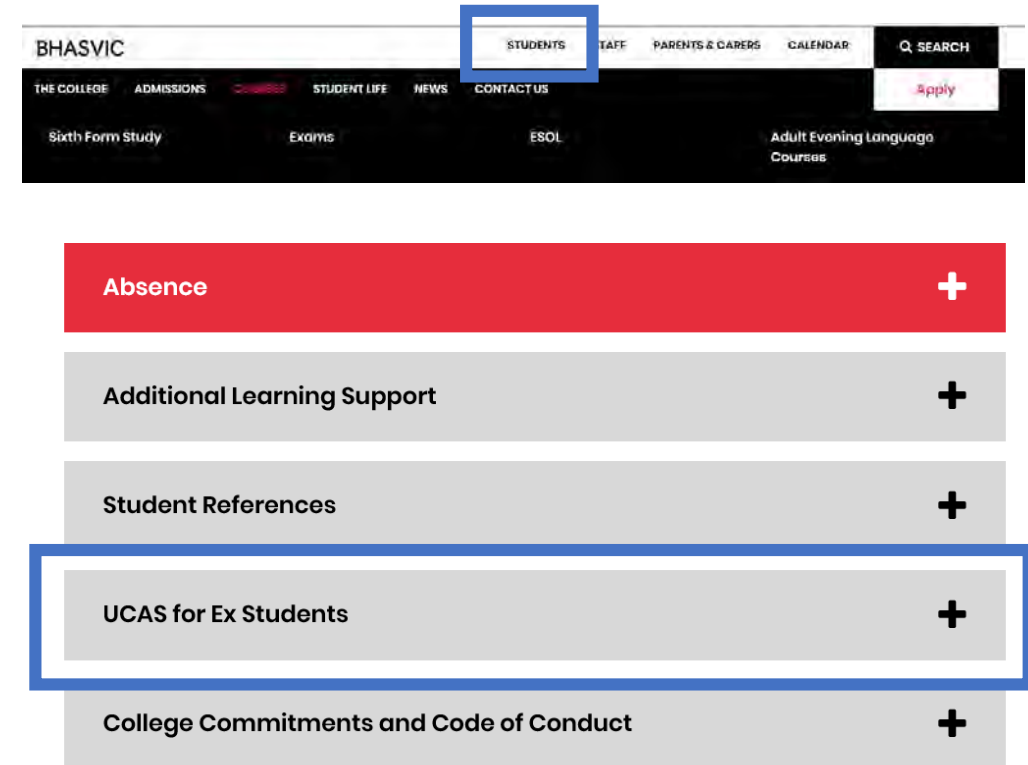
After Results Day August 2020

- We run a **helpdesk** throughout August
- If things **go wrong** – there are usually options – **let us help**



Support for ex-students

- Ex-students will usually apply **through BHASVIC**
- We **check and update** their references
- I can also help with **Personal Statements / UCAS Apply**
- **he@bhasvic.ac.uk**



Support for you at home?

- <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/higher-education>
- Downloadable help guide
- Email contact
- he@bhasvic.ac.uk
- Parent and carers newsletters

