



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

UCAS

APPLICATION GUIDE 2017

www.ucas.com – the website you need for all application information, course codes etc

REGISTERING

Open web page (as above)

Select register in top right hand corner of page

Select 'undergraduate registration'

Select 'register and apply for **2018** entry'

UCAS will then take you through the process

BUZZWORD

You need to apply with a 'buzzword' so that your application links to our centre and we can see the progress of your application, check your personal statement, complete your references etc.

The buzzword for 2017-18 entry is **seahorse**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Make sure that you have entered personal information accurately; used capital letters in the right places and have a suitable email address

You can allow someone other than you to have 'nominated access' for your application; this could be a parent/carer or a member of staff (please ensure that you ask their permission first)

COURSES

Ensure that all of your courses are accurately listed with correct exam boards and grades. Your offers will be made based on the grades you have achieved (never be careless with the truth!) Use the '*Course Titles and Exam Boards*' document to help you with this.

Remember to add all of your A Level courses and log the grade as **pending**. This means that your tutor will be able to add the predicted grade into your reference.

CORE INFORMATION

As you go through the application process, there are core information questions about you and your home circumstances. Be honest with your responses and ask for help if needed.

Fee Code – 02

Student Support Arrangements – Cheshire (West and Chester) – you will choose this from a drop down menu

MAKING CHOICES

Think about the key factors when making choices.

- Course

What is it that you really want to get from your course? Do you have key modules you really want to study? How are you assessed? Are there work placements? Are the opportunities to go abroad to study? Etc etc

- Entry Requirements

You need to be realistic about your grades and likely offers. Use Unifrog to help you filter this information (have one aspirational choice and one back up, plus 4 which are targeted at your likely predicted grades).

- Location

Do you know where in the country that university is? How will you travel there? How long will it take?

- University Type

Campus/City/City Campus etc

- University Size and Numbers accepted onto your course

Do you want to be somewhere big with lots going on or would you prefer a smaller campus university?

- Fees

How much does your course cost at the different universities? Are there any bursaries you can apply for?

APPLYING

The whole process is done online (as above)

You will get 5 course choices – use them!

If you are applying for medicine or dentistry, you will be able to apply for a maximum of 4 places on these courses. Medical schools recommend that you use the 5th choice for a more general university course.

You will need to write a personal statement and your tutor will provide you with a reference on behalf of the school (this will include subject specific feedback from your teachers)

The cost for applying is £13 for a single course or £24 for up to 5 courses. Students on bursary can have this paid through the bursary scheme.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Personal statements are a key part of the application process and can make the difference between an offer or a rejection. Take your time to write an effective personal statement which is reflective. Admissions tutors want to hear about you and your skills, learning, development etc. Do not simply make a list of things you've done/achieved? What did you learn from that experience, what skills did you develop etc?

Further guidance is available on '*Personal Statement Guide*' sheet

KEY DATES

Apply is open **NOW**

6th September – applications can be sent to UCAS

15th October 2017 – Deadline for all medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and Oxford or Cambridge courses

27th October 2017 – Internal QPHS deadline for applications

MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VETERINARY SCIENCE, OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE

Many of these courses/universities have entrance exams or similar. These can be registered for NOW and booked to complete in the Autumn Term. Please check carefully which exams you will need to apply for relevant to the course/institution you're applying for.

Speak to Mrs Scanlon if you need help with this.