

This information complements that which was disseminated in the Parents' Higher Education Information presentation on Tuesday March 11 2025.

### Upcoming event: Higher Education Fair Tuesday March 18 2025 from 6 - 8pm.

Around 80 universities will be represented, plus the following talks in the College Theatre:

18.00 - 18.30	How do universities support students with disabilities? <i>(Victoria Patel, Brighton University)</i>
18.30 - 19.00	Studying Abroad <i>(Mark Huntingdon, A Star Future)</i>
19.00 – 19.30	Choosing a University <i>(Jon Cheek, “Uni Taster Days”)</i>
19.30 – 20.00	Applying to Oxford and Cambridge <i>(Helen Humphreys, ESFC Oxbridge Coordinator and Ailis Kane, Deputy Oxbridge Coordinator)</i>

### Work experience from Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 June 2025

During these three days students must complete independently organised work experience or **The Internship**. Students need to enter details of their independently organized placements on the **Unifrog placements tool**, which automatically emails the placement provider, parent /carer and the college supervisor (Cat Elmes [celmes@esher.ac.uk](mailto:celmes@esher.ac.uk)) to obtain the requisite permissions. Places on The Internship can be booked and paid for (£35) via the online **College Shop**.

**Parents' Higher Education online talks series. The March talk links have been sent to you via email and the links for May will follow after Easter.**






Monday 24 March @6pm	Progressing to University with Additional Learning Needs and Disabilities <i>(Harriet Cannon, University of Leeds)</i> <a href="#">TEAMS LINK</a>
Wednesday 26 March @6pm	The new UCAS personal statement: what you need to know Event run by <i>InvestIn Careers</i> <a href="#">LINK TO REGISTER</a>
Tuesday 6 May @ 6pm	Student Finance: A guide for parents and carers <a href="#">TEAMS LINK</a>
Monday 12 May @ 6pm	Supporting your student to choose a university and a course <a href="#">TEAMS LINK</a>
Monday 19 May @6pm	A guide to the new personal statement <a href="#">TEAMS LINK</a>



### 'After Esher Day' on Tuesday 24 June 2025 – Higher Education and Apprenticeship/Employment strands

A day for students to start making concrete plans for their futures. University application form accounts will be created, mock job and apprentice assessment centre activities are completed and students hear from speakers, including former students, about their experiences and the advice they wish they'd had at 17.

## Sources of help and advice for students and parents

The following are some of the best sources of help and advice available. All universities' websites have similar material. The default ports of call for information should be **Unifrog** and **UCAS**.

Help or information about...	Source of help	Weblink etc
General future planning	 <p>Esher College's PDP programme – delivered during tutor periods</p>	<p>Presentation material is available on the 6.1 student Team</p> <p>A 'How to apply to UCAS 2026' presentation will be uploaded to the portal and website following After Esher Day.</p>
All aspects of destinations planning: exploring options, researching universities and apprenticeships; recording skills and preparing applications.	 <p>Unifrog – the complete destinations platform. We have a College subscription which lasts the student beyond their 2 years at Esher.</p>	<p><a href="#">Unifrog - The complete destinations platform.</a></p> <p>Students have already made their own account and can click through from the portal front page. Parents can log in using the form code <b>COJBparents</b></p> <p><b>Parent pack resources-</b>  <a href="https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/sort/parent-pack">https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/sort/parent-pack</a></p>
Researching and applying to University	 <p>UCAS is the independent charitable organisation which provides the admission framework for application to UK universities.</p>	<p>Especially useful areas:</p> <p><a href="#">Undergraduate   UCAS</a></p> <p><a href="#">Applying to University - learn about everything involved (ucas.com)</a></p> <p><a href="#">The new personal statement for 2026 entry   Undergraduate   UCAS</a></p> <p><a href="#">Student Finance And Support Available   UCAS</a></p>
Researching and comparing universities		<p>Formerly Which?University, this tool is now hosted by The Student Room site. Lots of great information for students and parents.</p> <p><a href="#">Find and Compare the Best University &amp; Degree Courses – The Uni Guide</a></p>
Student finance		<p>This is where you find out the 'official' information:  <a href="#">Student finance for undergraduates: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>And this is where you can see Martin Lewis's take (MoneySavingExpert) on what it really means to have a student loan:  <a href="#">Student Guides - MoneySavingExpert</a></p>

<p>Alternatives to university and apprenticeships</p>		<p><a href="#">Multiverse   Changing the future of work</a></p> <p><a href="#">Not Going To Uni: Apprenticeships &amp; Work Experience in the UK</a></p> <p><a href="#">Amazing Apprenticeships</a></p> <p><a href="#">RateMyApprenticeship: Apprenticeships, School Leaver Jobs &amp; Reviews</a></p>
<p>Studying abroad</p>		<p><b>Come to the talk on HE day 18 March at 6.30pm</b></p> <p><a href="#">Study in Europe, Australia, Asia, USA (astarfuture.co.uk)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Study abroad   Prospects.ac.uk</a></p>
<p>Taking a Gap Year <i>(these Gap year activity providers are just a selection of those available)</i></p>		<p><a href="#">Independent Gap Advice   Independent Gap Year Advice For Young People</a></p> <p><a href="#">Should I take a gap year?   Prospects.ac.uk</a></p> <p><a href="#">Taking a gap year (thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)</a></p>
<p>Information about all aspects of progression</p>	<p>The Esher College Progression Guidance team post opportunities on the progression guidance channel of the 6.1 student team</p> <p>These are posted almost daily</p>	<p>Information about open days, work experience, lunchtime talks, apprenticeships, taster days, part time jobs, gap year opportunities and more.</p> <p>Please ask your student if they regularly read the channel</p>
<p>1:1 help with all aspects of Progression</p>	<p><a href="#">Progression Guidance</a> staff. We are in <b>R105</b> (first floor, along from the Maths department).</p>	<p>You can drop in with queries or book an appointment with a careers advisor. Email <a href="mailto:progression@esher.ac.uk">progression@esher.ac.uk</a> to book an appointment.</p>

## Esher Sixth Form College 2026 UCAS Apply deadlines

Students **must** have a **face-to-face** (*in person or Teams*) **form check** with a member of the Progression Guidance team **before** paying and submitting their form. **No forms will be processed** until the form has been checked. Please note our 'turn around' time commitment is only valid for forms submitted **without errors**.

Applications can be submitted from the start of teaching in the autumn term, Monday 9 September 2025

Type of application	You must submit your form before ...	...and we will send your form to UCAS
Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry and Oxbridge applications	8am on <b>Monday 22 September 2025</b>	by the UCAS early deadline of <b>Wednesday 15 October 2025</b>
10 day turnaround deadline (for more competitive applications, if you want your form to be processed within 10 working days)	Mid October – date to be confirmed by end of June	within <b>10 working days</b> of the form being received, provided it is <b>error-free upon submission</b>
General applications	8am on <b>Monday 3 November 2025</b>	by the end of the autumn term, <b>Friday 19 December 2025</b>
General applications - final deadline	8am on <b>Monday 10 November 2025</b>	by the UCAS final 'equal consideration' deadline, <b>14 January 2026</b>

We will endeavour to process forms submitted after Monday 10 November as quickly as possible but **cannot guarantee** they will be submitted by the UCAS deadline of **14 January 2026**.

**Most** universities continue to accept applications beyond the UCAS deadline, but are **not obliged** to equally consider them. For some courses and institutions, a policy of '**first come, first served**' does seem to apply. An early applications for any course at can optimise the chance of receiving an offer. However, it is better to make good choices and visit open days than to rush the application.

If a student is still unsure of which course to apply for, or whether indeed to apply to university at all, they are advised to make a **direct to clearing** application on results day in August, or a **post-results application** in September 2026, as a '**6.3 applicant**'. Help and Unifrog access will always be available to the student as a former member of college, and an online 6.3 UCAS registration session will take place in early September 2026.

**Art Foundation Course** Applications are due in Spring Term 2026. Each Art College has its own deadline.

**A level results day is likely to be Thursday 13 August 2026.**

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