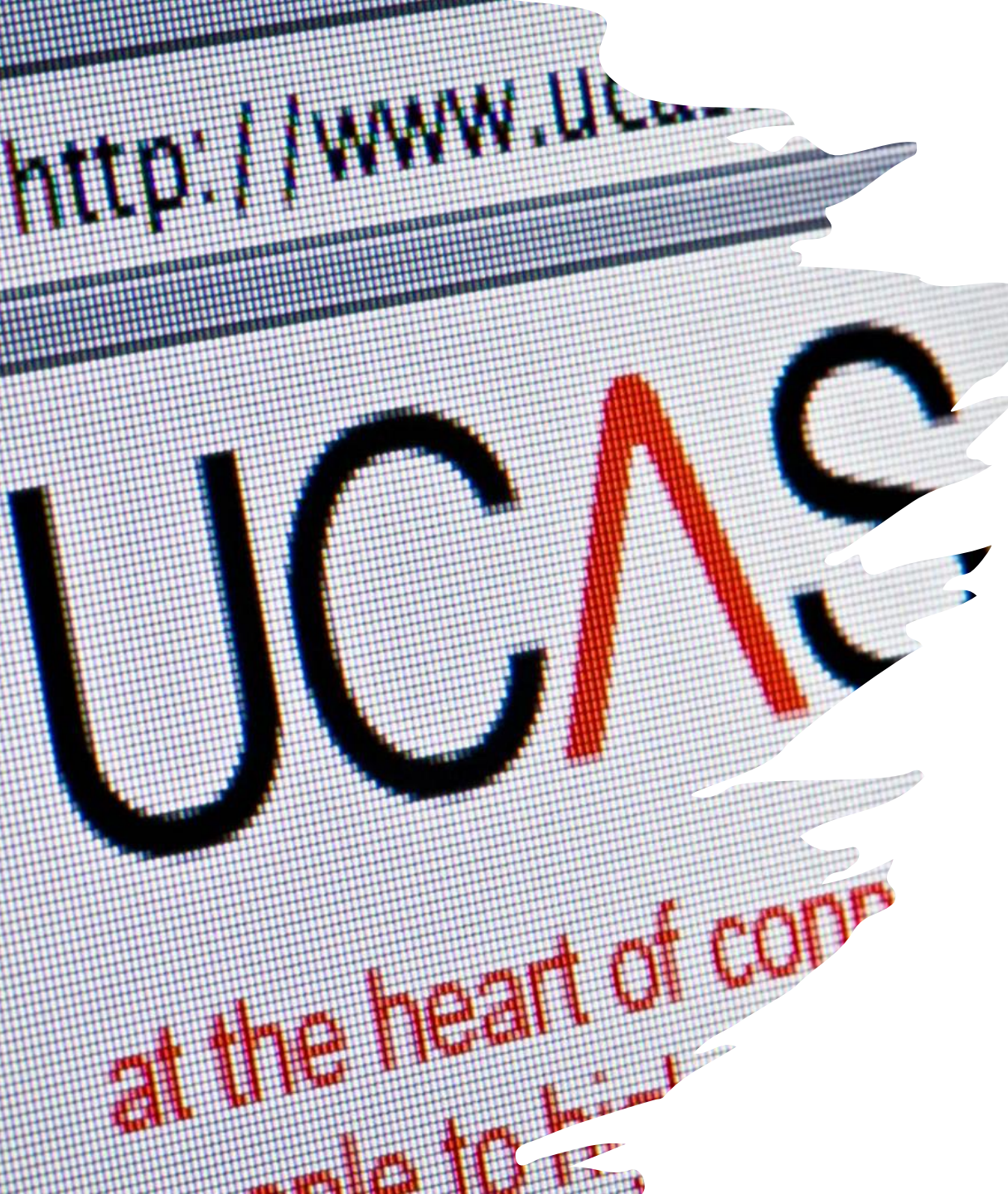


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- 70% of our students go to university
  - Roughly 40% of these go to the 'Russell Group' of Universities
  - Typically a dozen gain a place at Oxbridge or Medical/Vet Med/Dentistry schools
  - **Last year our most popular university was Nottingham Trent**

# UCAS

## Courses and apprenticeships



# How does it work?

Students choose a degree course...

...and up to 5 universities...

...complete an online UCAS form (which is sent to all the institutions)...

...which includes a Personal Statement written by the students...

...and a Reference written by the school, with the students 'predicted' grades.

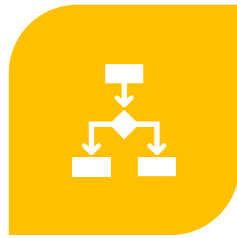
# What does the UCAS form consist of?



PERSONAL  
DETAILS



EDUCATION



CHOICES



PERSONAL  
STATEMENT



SCHOOL  
REFERENCE



# What does my child have to do?

- Decide which degree they want to take (easier said than done!)
- Subject or place?
- Have they got the grades?
- They do not have to choose 5 courses or institutions
- The courses need to be 'similar' - and can be at the same institution
- Make a UCAS account - keep the details safe
- Fill it in ...



# The Personal Statement

4000 characters (1 side of A4)

It's OK to sound like a 17 year old!

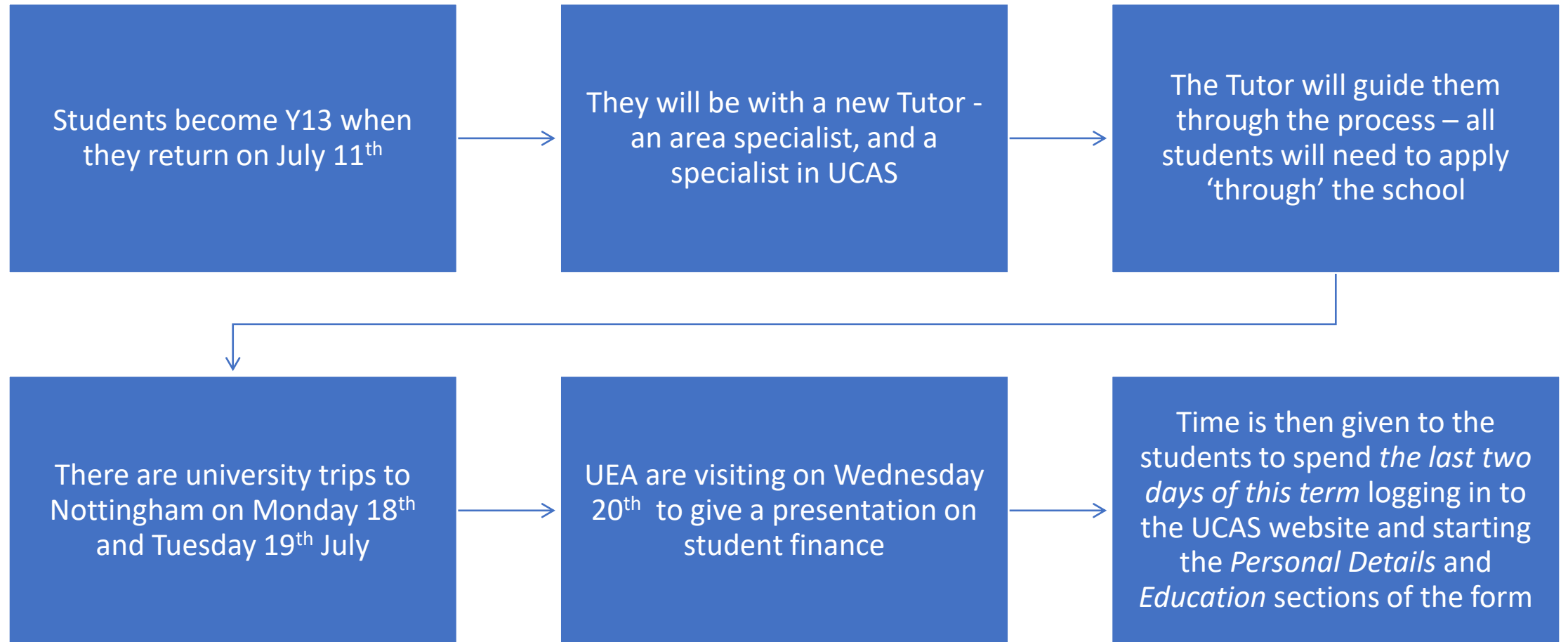
It should explain why they wants to study a subject

It should also demonstrate their ability to think about the subject, and so be successful when studying it (ie, it's not good enough to say I 'like' it, or 'Ever since I was a child a had a passion for ..')

Extra curricular is relevant but secondary



# What does the school do?



# The reference grade and the school reference

- Obviously applications are made before exam results are known
- The school is asked to submit on the form what UCAS call the 'predicted' grade
- It is better to think of this grade as a 'reference grade' - it is not necessarily what we think your child will get next summer; it is a combination of optimism and realism. This is about getting their foot in the door!
- The bulk of the reference that goes on the form is written by Y12 subject teachers – they know your child
- The Y13 Tutor tops, tails, edits and adds the flourishes!

# ‘SELECTING’ UNIVERSITIES ‘The Russell Group’

## A level and AS qualifications

The Tariff points listed below apply to all A level and AS qualifications awarded since 2001.

## A level and Advanced VCE

Official title: Advanced GCE and Advanced VCE

Grade	Tariff points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Size band: 4

Grade bands: 4-14

Offered by AQA, CCEA, OCR, Pearson Edexcel and WJEC





# 'RECRUITING' UNIVERSITIES



A level (Double Award) and Advanced VCE (Double Award)

Official title: Advanced GCE (Double Award) and Advanced VCE (Double Award)

Grade	Tariff points
A*A*	112
A*A	104
AA	96
AB	88
BB	80
BC	72
CC	64
CD	56
DD	48
DE	40
EE	32

Size band: 4+4 = 8

Grade bands: 4-14

Offered by AQA, CCEA, OCR, Pearson Edexcel and WJEC



What do I do?

# When does the form need to be completed by?



PERSONAL  
DETAILS



EDUCATION

...by the end of the summer term ...



CHOICES



PERSONAL  
STATEMENT

... return in September with some choices  
and a first draft ...



SCHOOL  
REFERENCE

... in by **October half term** to guarantee it being sent by Christmas



## 2023 entry application deadlines

- **15 October 2022 for 2023 entry at 18:00 (UK time)** – any course at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later, but don't forget you can only have five choices in total.
- **25 January 2023 for 2023 entry at 18:00 (UK time)** – for the majority of courses.

## Applying for an apprenticeship?

You can apply for as many apprenticeships as you like, on top of your university applications. It's more like applying to a job – positions can start at any time of year and application deadlines differ between employers. [Head to Career Finder](#) to find vacancies – next to each will be the closing date.

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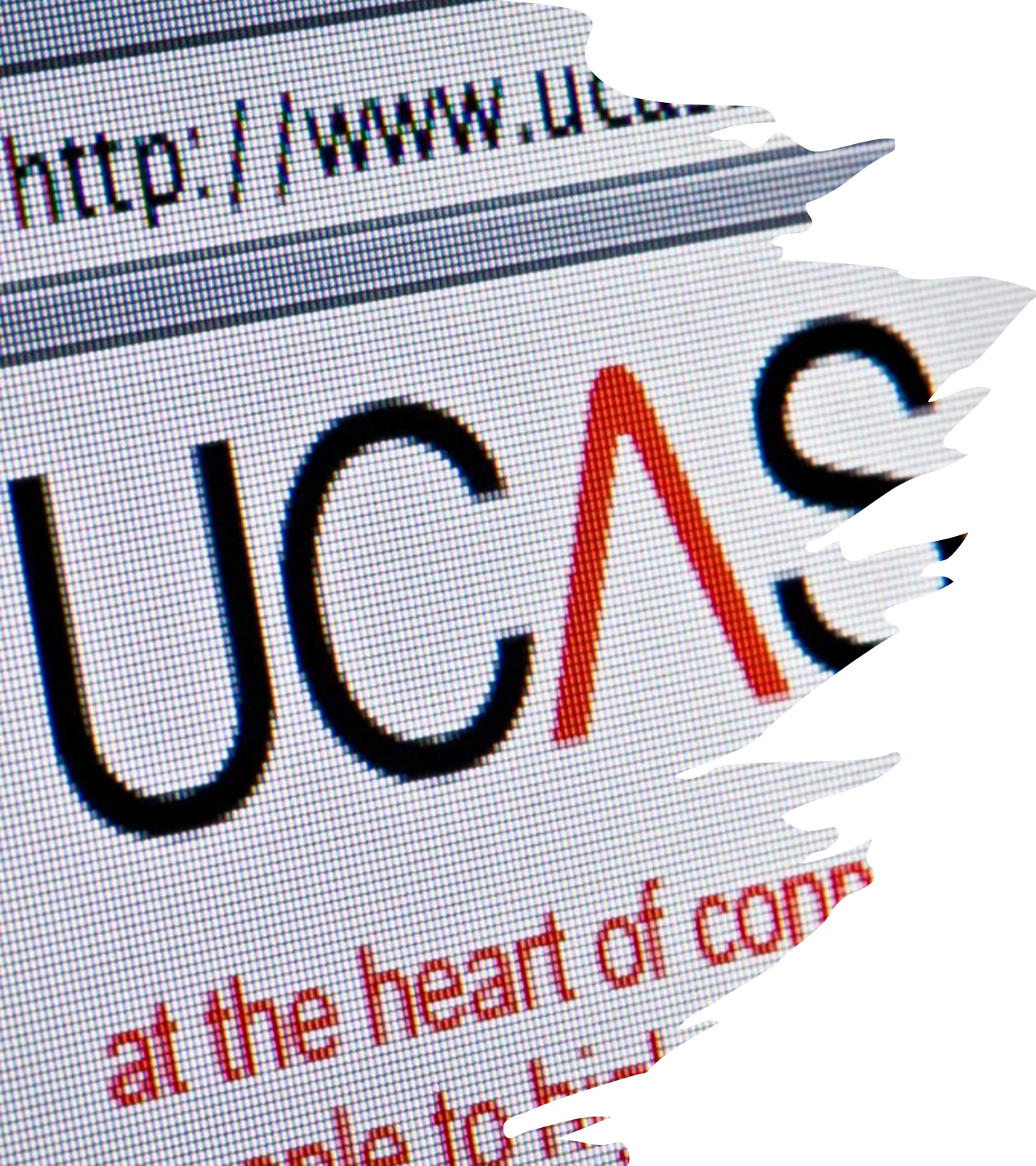
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## **Apprenticeships**

Higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies





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