




**Northallerton School
& Sixth Form College**


Being the best we can be

**HIGHER
EDUCATION**

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BUSTER**



Adjustment	If your results meet and exceed what was needed for the offer you accepted as your first choice, you will have five calendar days to research alternative courses, if you so wish, whilst holding your confirmed place. Bear in mind that adjustment is not compulsory, that there might not be any places available on the most popular courses and course availability may fluctuate as places are relinquished or taken up.
Art Courses	Some Art and design courses will use an application deadline of 15 January and some will use 24 March. The application deadline will be clearly shown on course search at www.ucas.com . Course search will also allow students access to course entry profiles, which will specify whether a portfolio, interview or other evidence may be required as part of the selection and admission process. Applicants view their invitation to attend an interview or audition, submit a portfolio etc using Track.
BMAT	BioMedical Admissions Test – for some medicine degrees at Bristol, Cambridge, Oxford, Royal Veterinary College, University College, Imperial College, Manchester. See BMAT website for further details including registration process.
Clearing	Runs from the middle of July and helps to place students who have not got the right grade or who have applied late on courses where there are still places.
CUKAS	Conservatoires UK Admission Service – for music courses at Birmingham Conservatoire, Leeds College of Music, Royal College of Music, Royal Northern College of Music, Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Trinity College of Music.
Conditional Offer	An offer which depends on getting certain grades.
Decline	You receive an offer but decide to reject it
Defer	Apply this year but not start the course until a year later. If you would like to do this, make sure that the university accepts deferred entry for your course and remember to indicate Deferred in Section 3 of your application.



Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A three or four year programme of HE study • BA – Bachelor of Arts • Bed – Bachelor of Education • BEng – Bachelor of Engineering • BMus – Bachelor of Music • BSc – Bachelor of Science • BVSc – Bachelor of Veterinary Science • FA or FSc – Foundation Degree – vocational degree. Can lead on to a full degree • LLB – Bachelor of Law • MBChB – Bachelor of Medicine • Combined degree – made up of modules of different subjects • Joint degree – two subjects studied equally • Single degree – focus on one major subject • Sandwich course – periods of study at university are alternated with periods of study in industry • Sandwich courses usually last for 4 years
Firm Acceptance	Your first choice of course (see Insurance).
Foundation Year	Before your first year if you don't have the right qualifications .
Insurance Acceptance	Your second choice acceptance. If you don't get the grades for your Firm Acceptance, you might get into your Insurance place .
LNAT	National test for Law – needed for entry to some law degrees at Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Glasgow, Kings College, Manchester Met, East Anglia, Nottingham, Oxford, University College. See LNAT website. Register from 1 September. You need to register and pay online.
MSAT	Medical Schools Admission Test – for entry to some medicine degrees at Kings College, Queen Mary's, Warwick.



UCAS Apply

The UCAS online application system.

UCAS Extra

If you have used all of your five choices and you find yourself without any offers, for whatever reason, you can use Extra – it will allow you to have another choice without having to wait until clearing.

UCAS Track

Online system for tracking progress of your application.

UKCAT

UK Clinical aptitude test – used in the selection process by a consortium of UK medical and Dental Schools. See UKCAT website for further details.