

This information complements the Parents' Higher Education Information presentation on Tuesday 10 March 2026.

Work experience is from Monday 1 June – Wednesday 3 June 2026

During these three days students must complete independently organised work experience or The Internship. Students need to enter details of their independently organised placements on the Unifrog placements tool, which automatically emails the placement provider, parent /carer and the college supervisor (Cat Elmes celmes@esher.ac.uk) to obtain the requisite permissions. Places on The Internship can be booked and paid for (£37) via the online College Shop.

Parents' and Carers Higher Education online talks series.

The March talk link has been sent to you via email and the links for May will follow after Easter.

Monday 23 March @5pm	Progressing to University with Additional Learning Needs and Disabilities (Harriet Cannon, University of Leeds) TEAMS LINK
Monday 4 May @6pm	Student Finance: A guide for parents and carers
Monday 11 May @6pm	Supporting your student to choose a university and a course
Monday 18 May @6pm	The new personal statement

'After Esher Day' on Thursday July 2nd 2026

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.





Esher Sixth Form College 2027 UCAS Apply deadlines

Students **must carefully check their UCAS form is correct before paying and submitting their form**. Resources are available on Teams to support with this, or you can visit progression guidance to have your form checked. Please note our 'turn around' time commitment is only valid for forms submitted **without errors**. These deadlines apply to post-results ('6.3') applicants also.

Applications can be submitted from the start of teaching in the autumn term, Monday 7 September 2026.

Type of application	You must submit your form beforeand we will send your form to UCAS
Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry and Oxbridge applications	8am on Monday 21 September 2026	by the UCAS early deadline of 15 October 2026
Priority deadline (for those wishing to make an early application)	8am on Monday 5 October 2026	By Friday 6 November 2026
General applications	8am on Monday 2 November 2026	by the end of the autumn term, Friday 18 December 2026
Final deadline	8am on Monday 16 November 2026	by the UCAS final 'equal consideration' deadline, 13 January 2027

We cannot guarantee that forms submitted after Monday 16 November 2026 will meet the UCAS equal consideration deadline.

Some universities operate a policy of '**first come, first served**'. An **early application** for any course at any institution **optimises** the chance of receiving an offer.

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 2027' 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>Unifrog - The complete destinations platform.</p> <p>Students have already made their own account and can click through from the portal front page.</p> <p>Parents can obtain a log in to explore the platform. Details will be sent later this week.</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>Undergraduate UCAS</p> <p>Applying to University - learn about everything involved (ucas.com)</p> <p>The new personal statement for 2026 entry Undergraduate UCAS</p> <p>Student Finance And Support Available UCAS</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>Find and Compare the Best University & Degree Courses – The Uni Guide</p>
Student finance		<p>This is where you find out the 'official' information: Student finance for undergraduates: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>And this is where you can see Martin Lewis's take (MoneySavingExpert) on what it really means to have a student loan: Student Guides - MoneySavingExpert</p>

Alternatives to university and apprenticeships		Multiverse Changing the future of work Not Going To Uni: Apprenticeships & Work Experience in the UK Amazing Apprenticeships HigherIn.com Apprenticeships, School Leaver Jobs & Reviews
Taking a Gap Year <i>(these Gap year activity providers are just a selection of those available)</i>		Independent Gap Advice Independent Gap Year Advice For Young People Should I take a gap year? Prospects.ac.uk Taking a gap year (thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)
Information about all aspects of progression	<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>
1:1 help with all aspects of Progression	<p>Progression Guidance staff. We are in G011 (green corridor, near the LRC)</p>	<p>You can drop in with queries or book an appointment with a careers advisor. Email progression@esher.ac.uk to book an appointment.</p>

Most universities continue to accept applications beyond the UCAS Equal Consideration deadline, but they are **not obliged** to equally consider them. For some courses and institutions, a policy of **‘first come, first served’** may apply. An early application can optimise the chance of receiving an offer. However, this needs to be balanced with the need 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 2027, 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 2027.

Art Foundation Course Applications are due in Spring Term 2027. Each Art College has its own deadline.

A Level results day is likely to be Thursday 12 August 2027.

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