



ADVISER NEWSLETTER



Top tips for supporting applications in January

1. Read our latest blog on [how to survive last-minute applications](#).
2. Come along to one of our [Adviser Live sessions on 14 January](#) to hear top tips from our panel of experts on how to support your students ahead of the January deadline.
3. Learn how to support students with the [free school meals application fee waiver](#).
4. New for this cycle: IB results will be released to universities on 8, 15, and 22 January, to share matched results for new applicants when they are submitted.
5. If students need to update their applications after submitting, [find out what they can change and how](#).
6. Students can still apply after the January deadline. Advise them to contact universities directly to check if they are still accepting applications. [Extra](#) will be available from 26 February.



New features on the Adviser Portal

- Applicant Status Report – we've introduced a new 'confirmation decisions' tab to show firm and insurance choices.
- Final Destination Report – a 'groups' column has been added to align with the Applicant Status Report.



Dates and Deadlines for 2026

Last month we announced the following changes to dates and deadlines for 2026:

- The January Equal Consideration Deadline will be 14 January 2026.
- We are re-introducing the end-of-March advisory deadline to encourage earlier decision-making.
- The reject-by-default deadline will be 13 May 2026.



Showcase your students' progression

Access the latest insight on your students' progression using the Annual Destination Report and Progression Report available for subscribers in the Adviser Portal. Designed to save you time by providing key statistical trends and analysis. Not a subscriber? Upgrade to a Silver or Gold package to access these reports from just £200.

[Find out more](#)



Apprenticeships allocated UCAS Tariff points in 2025

Starting with 2026 entry, Level 3 apprenticeships (England, Wales, NI) and SCQF Level 6 (Scotland) will be awarded Tariff points based on time spent

in study/work and competency with standardised size and grade bands ensuring equal points for apprenticeships of the same duration across the UK.

[Find out more](#)



Your 2025 National Apprenticeship Week resource pack

Starting to plan activities for NAW 2025? We've got you covered with this new pack created by Careers Adviser Elizabeth Lloyd RCDP featuring the new CV Builder, blogs, posters, and a lesson plan to use in class.

[Get your pack](#)



Unlocking Opportunities: Who applies for Level 4 and 5 Qualifications?

UCAS' latest report in partnership with Gatsby Charitable Foundation unpicks how Level 4 and 5 courses open a door to higher education, especially for those who are from underrepresented backgrounds or studying as a mature student (aged 21 and over).

[Find out more](#)



Resources to share with parents this month

1. [TikTok Live on 14 January](#): UCAS deadline – last minute application tips
2. [What happens after they submit](#): find out what we do with your child's application and the different decisions a uni or college can make.

3. The cost of university: a breakdown of what you need to know about fees, student finance, and living costs.

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