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Higher Education Information Evening 2010



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University of
HUDDERSFIELD

Parents' Information Evening

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Some Statistics

- How many HE courses are listed on UCAS?
- Over 50,000
- How many HE Institutions are there?
- More than 300
- In 2008, how many people applied to study in HE?
- 588,689
- How many got places?
- 456,627

Why choose Higher Education?

- Improve career prospects
- Earn more money – average graduate starting salary is approximately £24,500*
- Transferable skills
- Have a good time!

*Association of Graduate Recruiters, 2008



Choosing the right course

- Familiar subject?
- New subject?
- Vocational or non-vocational?
- Level of qualification?
- *What are the entry requirements*?
- What are the career prospects?
- Assessment methods



Which university?

- Home or away?
- Traditional or more modern?
- City or rural?
- Campus or non-campus based?
- Accommodation – halls of residence or private housing?
- Academic resources?
- Sports facilities?
- Nightlife?



Search, review and compare subjects at unis and colleges in the UK

Unistats is the official website to help you make an informed choice when deciding which university or college to apply to.

Quick search

- Compare job prospects
- Compare student satisfaction
- Compare student types
- ...and loads more

What **subject** are you interested in?

and/or

Which uni or college are you interested in?

Search





Most popular courses

Top 10 most popular courses in 2008
(Source: UCAS)

Law

English

Nursing

Medicine

Business/Management Studies

Psychology

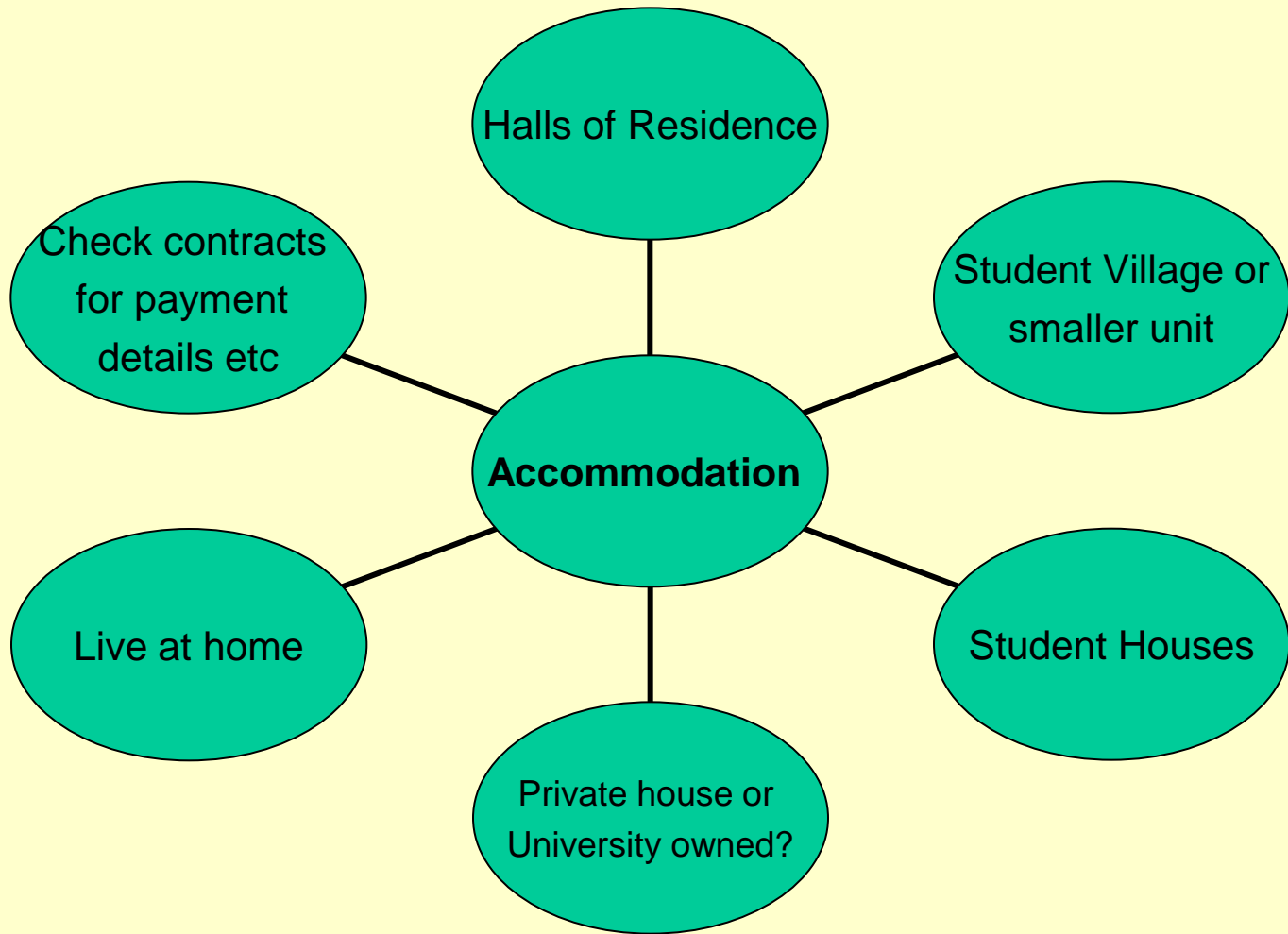
Social Work

Design Studies

Teacher Training

Computer Science





DIGS STUDENT VILLAGES - HUDDERSFIELD

Storthes Hall

Storthes Hall Park gives the opportunity to study but with easy access to superb facilities where you can eat, exercise or socialise to ensure you get the most out of your leisure time.

- 1432 Students
- 20 mins bus from Uni
- Beautiful Surroundings
- On-site Club/Bar
- On-site Gym & Astro turf
- On-site Mini Supermarket

FROM

£66.95 PER WEEK

BASED ON A 43 WK CONTRACT

Apply Now

THE UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD'S PREFERRED, RECOMMENDED & APPROVED STUDENT ACCOMMODATION



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ABOUT STORTHES HALL PARK

Price guide: 2009/2010

Show/Hide

About

Rooms

Kitchens

Facilities

Location

Bus & Parking

BOOKING FEE

£50.00

DEPOSIT

£100.00

About Storthes Hall Park

The University of Huddersfield's preferred, recommended & approved student accommodation



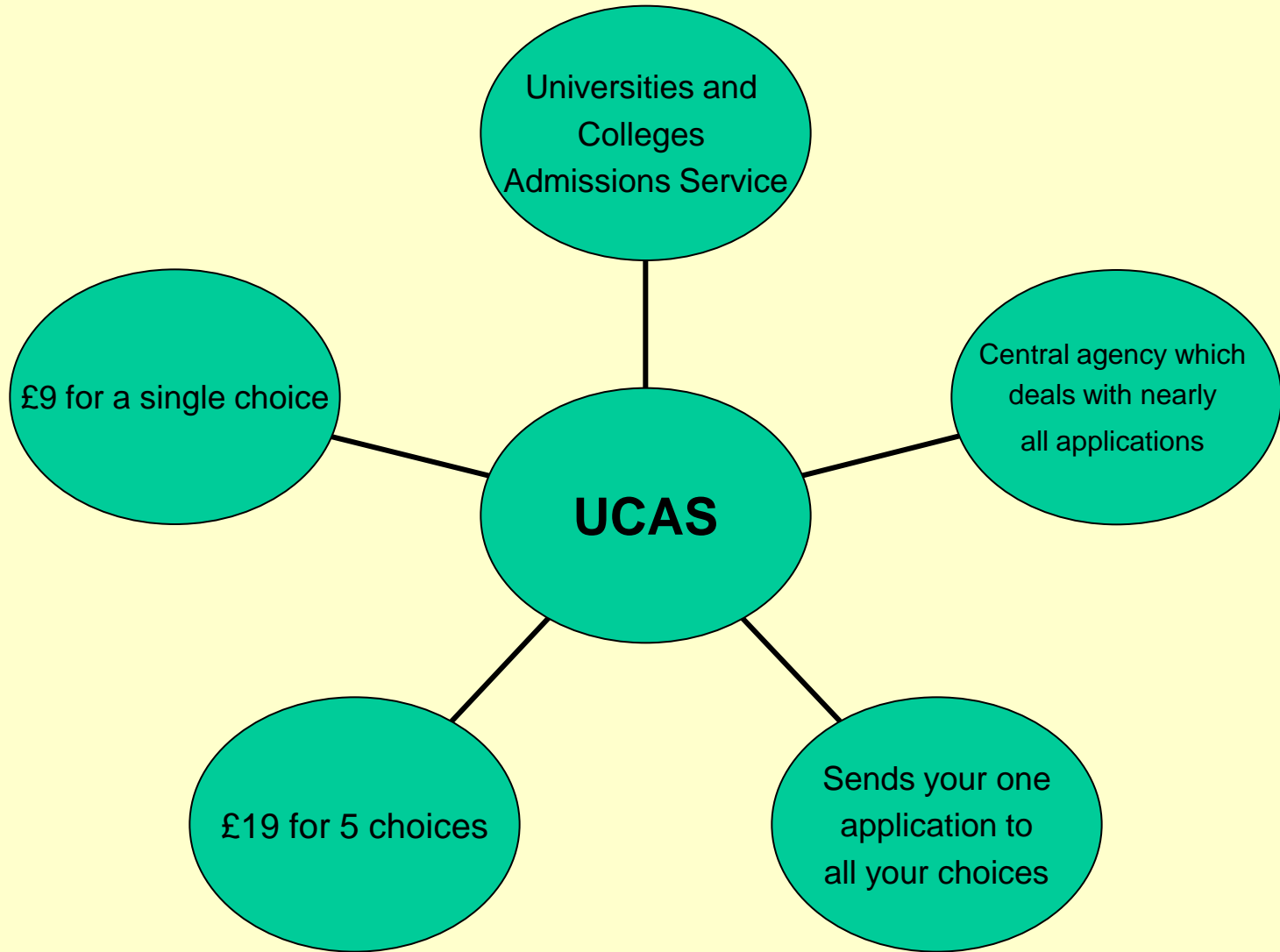
New For 2009/10 – As part of Campus Digs refurbishment programme at Storthes Hall Park we have upgraded 24 flats for this next academic year. The refurbished communal areas in these deluxe flats will feature contemporary kitchen

Accommodation at Storthes Hall Park is subject to a deposit and booking fee as above.

ROOM TYPE	TENANCY	PRICE (P/W)	
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Single Room	43 Weeks	£82.95	Good
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Single Deluxe - New	43 Weeks	£85.95	Good
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The UCAS Tariff

A Level Grade A	120 pts
Grade B	100 pts
Grade D	60 pts
Grade E	40 pts
BTEC Diploma DDD	360 pts
MMM	240 pts
PPP	120 pts
Many other qualifications and grades – see UCAS website or back of UoH prospectus	

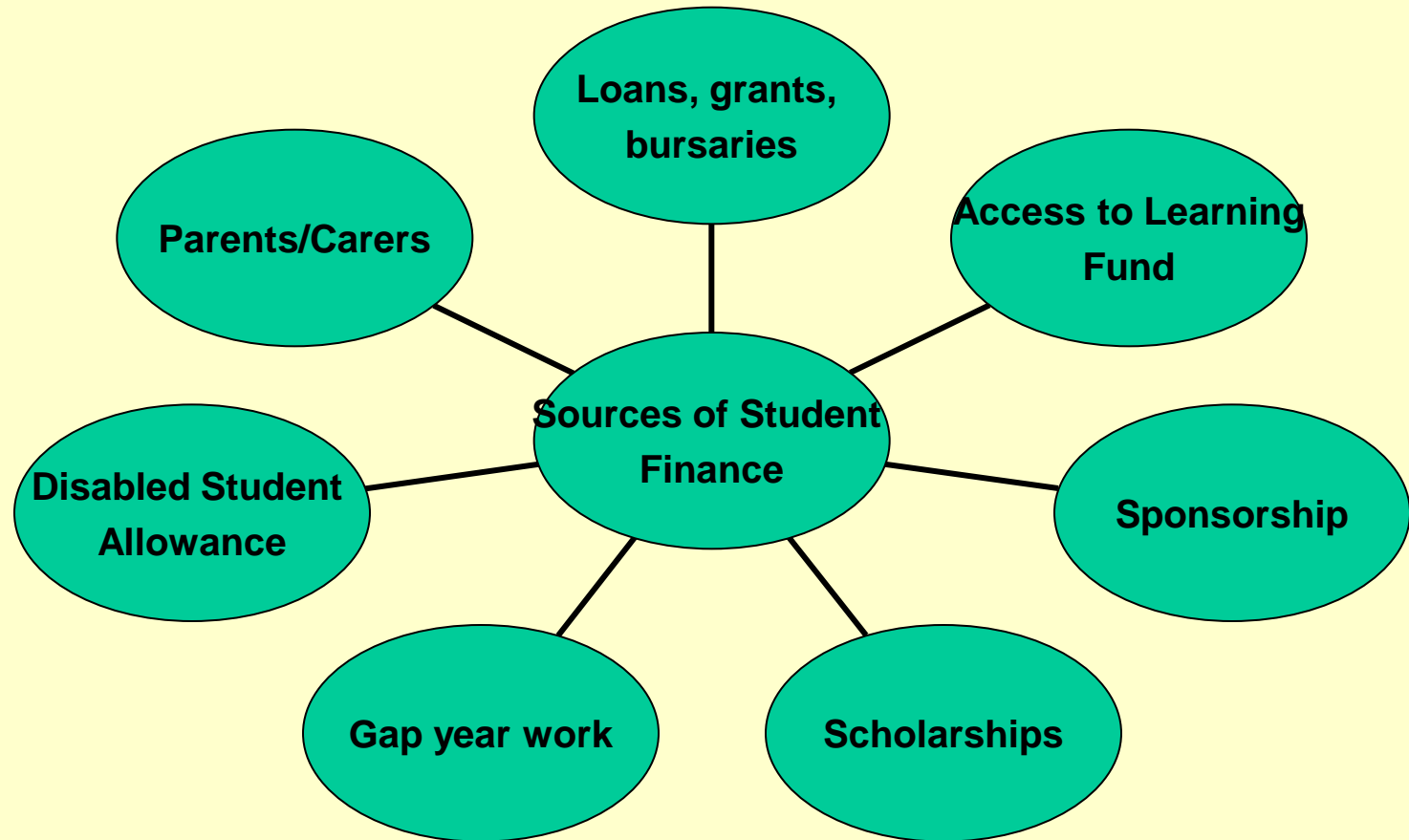
Timeline

When?	What?
Year 12	Research, research, research
September Year 13	Apply
October	Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science
January	UCAS Deadline/internal school deadline
Open ended	Interviews and offers
February - June	UCAS Extra
August	Results
August	Clearing
September/October	Enrol at University

Your Choices

- Be sure of what you want to study
- Be realistic
 - don't price yourself out of the market
 - but.....don't underestimate yourself either
- Remember 5 courses, not 5 HEIs
- Use the UCAS Website – www.ucas.com

Sources of Student Finance



How to find out more....

- **Careers advisor/tutor at school/college**
- Careers library
- Connexions staff
- Guides – UCAS, Potter etc
- University of choice/local university/HE and Careers Fairs
- www.ucas.com (lots of information about everything)
- www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk (financial support for HE students – Student Finance England)
- www.uniaid.org.uk (a student charity helping you with student finance)

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The application process from the College perspective

- Application form
- Student's passport to a place in HE
- Personal Statements
- Plagiarism
- Time spent with individual students
- Final decision is with the student
- Need to be doing their research now



- Internal college procedures
- Tutors check draft forms regularly
- Once the draft form is perfect, students will submit the form to their Tutor
- Tutors will then write the reference
- The internal deadline for the completed form will be Monday, 1st November 2010
- Students have only ONE application to complete (800+ in college to process)
- NB: At the busiest time, internal process could take up to two weeks

UCAS deadline for entry in 2010:

- October 1st CUKAS
- October 15th Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science
- January 15th All other applications
- January 15th/March 24th Art and Design degree courses

NB: Christmas vacation

Admissions Tests

National Tests

- UKCAT – medicine, dentistry at 21 universities
- BMAT – medicine, vet science at 5 universities
- LNAT – law at 9 universities
- There are also other tests set by certain courses at certain universities – students must check

Financial Support for Students Entering HE in 2010

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What support is available?

£ Tuition Fee Loan;

£ Maintenance Loan;

£ Maintenance Grant;

£ Extra support if a student has special
circumstances



Tuition Fee Loan

To help with the cost of tuition fees to a maximum of £3,290:

- Available to all eligible students
- **Not** based on household income
- Paid by Student Finance England direct to university or college
- Repayable when the student has finished the course, and
- the student must apply every year

Maintenance Loan

To help with living costs - entitlement depends on:

- Household income (72% **not dependent** on household income, 28% **dependent** on household income)
- Where the student lives whilst studying
- Year of course
- Repayable when the students finishes or leaves the course; and the student must
- Apply every year

Maintenance Loan: Non-Means Tested Element

Full-Year Student	Non Means-Tested Loan Available
Parental Home	£2,763
Elsewhere	£3,564
London	£4,988
Overseas	£4,244



Maintenance Loan: Means-Tested Element

- 28% of maximum loan available
- Based on Household Income
- Entitlement also depends on where students live while they are studying and year of study
- Parents need to declare their income to access these funds

Maintenance Loan

Full-Year Student	Non Means-Tested Loan	Means-Tested Loan	Total Loan
Parental Home	£2,763	£1,075	£3,838
Elsewhere	£3,564	£1,386	£4,950
London	£4,988	£1,940	£6,928
Overseas	£4,244	£1,651	£5,895

Repayment facts

- Interest is charged from when loans are taken out until they are repaid in full
- Repayment begins the April after the student finishes or leaves the course (as long as earnings are above £1,250 a month or £15,000 a year)
- Repaid through tax system
- Any outstanding balance written off by government

after 25 years

Loan repayment

Income each year before tax	Monthly salary	Approximate monthly repayment
up to £15,000	Below £1,250	0
£16,000	£1,333	£7
£18,000	£1,500	£22
£21,000	£1,750	£45
£24,000	£2,000	£67
£27,000	£2,250	£90
£30,000	£2,500	£112

Maintenance Grant

To assist students from lower and middle income backgrounds:

£ Non-repayable

£ Amount depends on your household income

£ **Will** reduce the amount of Maintenance Loan a student can get

£ Maximum £2,906



Other support

- £ University and college bursaries
- £ Support for part-time courses
- £ Extra help for students in special circumstances, for example students with a disability or with dependants
- £ Certain courses attract their own funding, for example NHS and Social Work courses

How does it all add up?

	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
Single person age 18-24	£2,493.40	£207.78	£47.95

- These figures are based on what the government believes is the very minimum required to live on in the UK
- This includes money for food, toiletries, clothing and other items and utilities, **but not rent**

How does it all add up?

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- These figures are the bare minimum amounts needed to cover essential costs
- For example, they do not allow for the cost of going out
- These also do not include costs for books and course materials.

Accommodation costs - Leeds

Accommodation	Contract period (weeks)	Estimated cost per session	Estimated cost per week
Catered (not en suite)	39	£3900	£100
Self-catering (not en suite)	42	£3150	£75

If you receive full maintenance grant

- For catered accommodation plus basic living cost requires about £6300
 - Plus variable travel expenses- £300?
 - Plus 'going out' expenses- £20 per week?? = £600
- This comes to about £7200
- If on full maintenance grant, income is £6,403 leaving a shortfall of about £800 per year

Other sources of income

- Savings
- Interest free overdraft
- Sponsorship
- Sandwich courses
- Part time work/holiday work
- European travel subsidies
- Parents

How to apply?

- £ Students can use the student finance calculator to work out how much they can get
- £ Simple application process online at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
- £ Apply as early as possible – it is not necessary to have a confirmed place at this stage
- £ Student Finance England will assess the application and let the student know what you can get
- £ Students can track their application online



**For more information on
student finance please visit
www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance**

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Any questions?

