

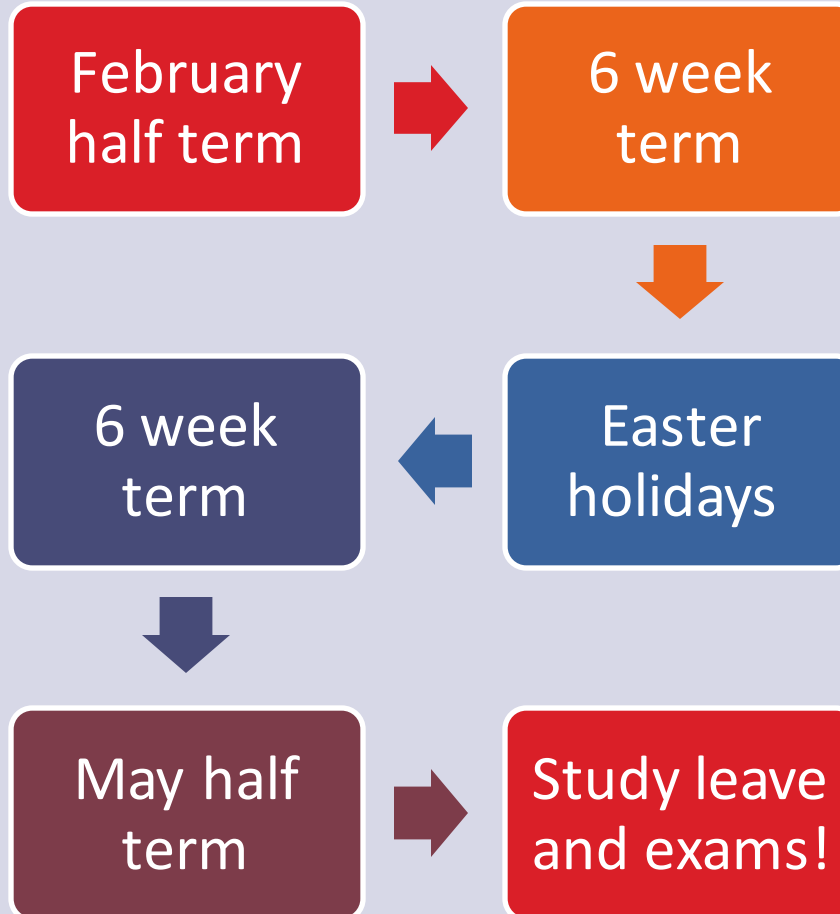
REDCLIFFE SIXTH FORM Y13 Parents/Carers' Information



FORMAT FOR THE PRESENTATION

- Key dates
- Assessments in Feb/March
- Revision
- Summer Exams
- Pastoral Support
- Progression
- Student Finance

The Final Stretch



Key dates

Feb 26th – March 8th

• Y13 Assessments

Tues 26th March

• Grade-sheet released

By Easter holidays

• EPQ completed

Friday 3rd May

• Leavers Ball

Monday 13th May

• A Level and AS exams start

Friday 17th May

• Last day before study leave

Friday 24th May

• Leavers Service

Wednesday 26th June

• A Level exams end

Thursday 15th August

• A Level Results Day

BROMCOM and MCAS

- As part of the ongoing effort to improve the information and communication the school provides, the school will be changing our management information system (MIS).
- This new system is called **Bromcom**. This change will take place from Monday 19th February (the first day of Term 4).
- Instead of using Edulink, Bromcom's parent app is **MyChildAtSchool** (MCAS) and the student app is **Student Portal**.
- We will be providing training and guidance for students in school and will supplement this with videos and resources on our website for parents, carers, and students.

Assessments in Feb/March and Grade-sheet

- Assessments will take place in students' normal classrooms
- They should use any access arrangements they are entitled to
- Grade sheets will then be sent home, including:
 - Mock grade
 - Predicted grade
 - Academic engagement level (one per subject)
 - Behaviour level (tutor/head of year)
 - Contribute level (self-assessed by student)



At the moment, students should be...

- Attending all lessons
- Attending registration on a Wednesday or a Thursday
- Completing homework on time
- Completing coursework/EPQ
- Planning their revision and starting to review Y12 content as well as Y13
- Using free periods to make the most of the day
- Asking teachers what they need to do to achieve their target grades if they are not clear

When and how should students start revising?

Plan

- Check exam dates and plan backwards from these
- Make a revision timetable (using the booklet provided)

Summarise

- Order revision guides
- Organise notes
- Use revision resources on Moodle
- Use strategies discussed in registration
- Go to revision sessions

Test

- Download past papers and mark schemes
- Work with friends / classmates – test each other

Feedback

- Mark practice questions
- Ask teachers for feedback

Moodle site: The Route & SMRT study skills site:

<https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/index.php/sixth-form/sixth-form-study-skills-support>

Exams

- The **dates of exams** are on our website. It is not uncommon for students to have exams which clash.
- Do not panic if this is the case.
- Students will receive a **personalised timetable on Student Portal (previously Edulink)** with rooms and seat numbers which resolves all clashes, closer to Easter.

On the day of an exam...

- **Sickness** - A doctor's note is essential if a student is too sick to attend and needs to be presented to the exams office.
- **Ongoing sickness** – the school should be aware and a letter of consideration can be sent to the exam board – can vary marks but normally only 2-3%
- **Lateness**- Students can enter exams up to 20 mins late as long as they have called ahead to explain the delay. They can be admitted up to an hour late if they have been under constant adult supervision
- **Clearance Form**- Once all exams are finished students will need to return books and complete a clearance form.

Support available

- We know this is a stressful time for students
- Lots of people available to support students...
 - Tutor
 - Miss Foster (Head of Year)
 - Ms Garrard (Deputy Head of Year) - Revision and study skills
 - Learning mentors – Removing any barriers to learning
 - Millie – Mental health and other pastoral issues
 - Lisa and Megan - Educational needs support
 - Simon – Safeguarding
 - Butterfly Counselling and Off the Record

PROGRESSION

Year 13 Progression

- UCAS ~80% (including after Gap Years)
- Apprenticeships
- Work
- Gap, Art Foundation, Internships etc

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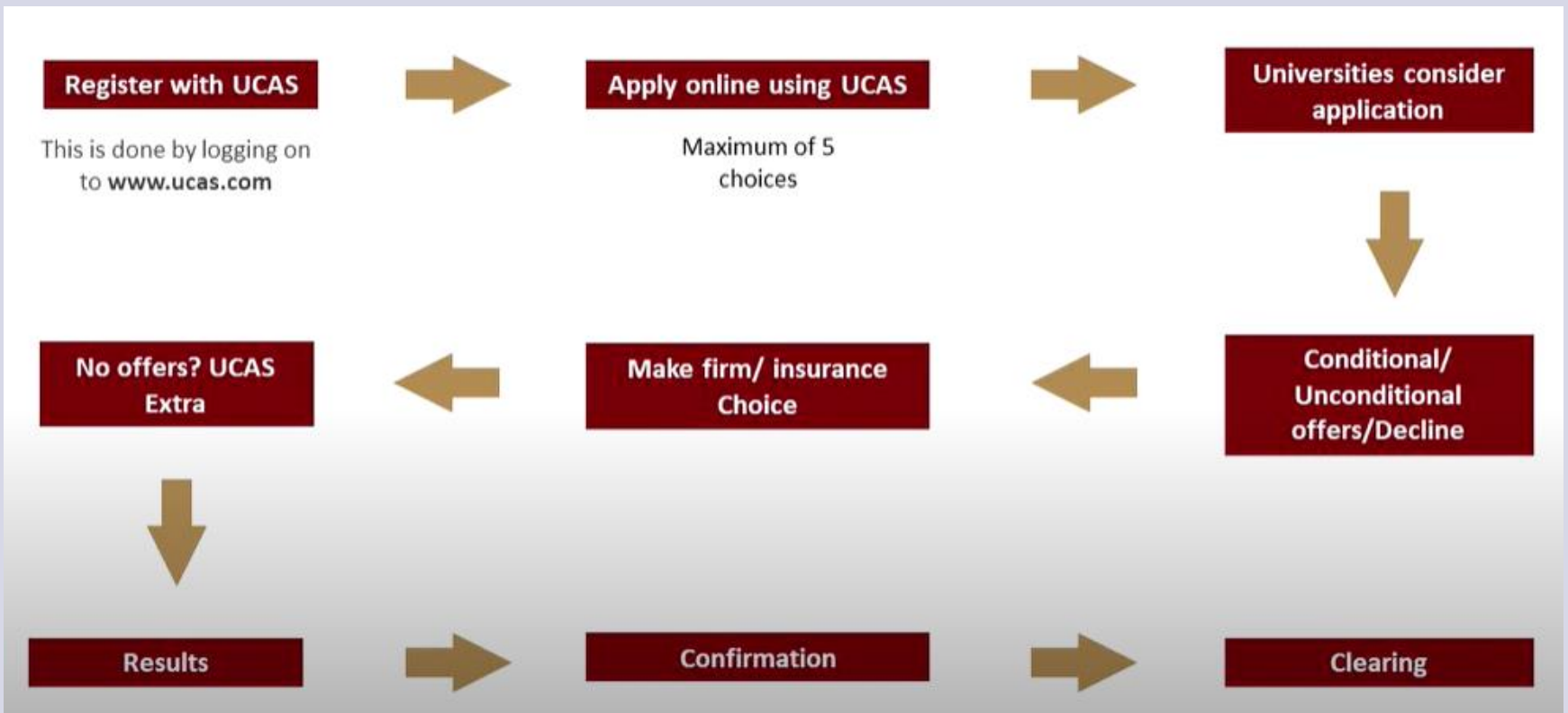
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Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeship talk on 25th Jan – email if you would like the recording
- Unifrog – search up to date apprenticeships
- Gov website
- No central application portal – apply like a job

Name	Level	Equivalent
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE's at a pass
Advanced	3	2 A level's at a pass
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or Master's degree

The UCAS Application Process



Responding to offers

- UCAS deadline was January 31st 2024.
- Universities will now be reviewing applications and making decisions.
- Some students would have heard back from all universities whilst some students might still be waiting – this is normal.
- Students will be asked to choose a firm and an insurance choice.
- Students will be withdrawn from the remaining universities / courses.
- Reply dates vary – students need to login to UCAS to check this (likely 6th June or 24th July)

UCAS – Firm (first) & Insurance

- Firm choice – first choice
- Insurance choice – second choice/back up
- The insurance choice should be a safety net, a university with lower entry requirements.
- However, it is important students do not accept somewhere they aren't prepared to go.

Results day

- **Thursday 15th August 2024**
- On site in the main school hall
- We will be available on the day to support students with university offers, challenging exam results with re-marks, external re-sitting of exams and internal re-sitting of exams and courses as Year 14 (subject to teachers approval)
- UCAS track will be updated on the morning of results day to inform students of which they have been accepted to – firm, insurance or none
- Sometimes universities will still offer, even if they have slightly missed the grades

UCAS Clearing

- If students are not accepted into their Firm or Insurance choices, they are entered into Clearing.
- OR, if students do better than expected
- Clearing is how universities and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses.
- Lots become available on results day
- From July – October, students can apply for a course using Clearing if they not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still has places.
- Check out the UCAS website for more info on this

What happens if students are unplaced, change their mind etc?

- Speak to us on results day – we can help
- We will contact Unis or help you to do so
- Apply online to access UCAS ‘Clearing’ system – agree a place by phone then confirm online
- Reapply to UCAS in Sept (using the school support and with a new buzzword)
- Students who want to apply in their GAP year should email their tutor after results day to let them know and ask for the buzzword
- We will support students with the process, write a reference, check personal statements etc

STUDENT FINANCE



Student Finance

Josh Shapland—

Widening Participation Officer

7th February 2024

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Today's talk- How to fund university

Including:

- Busting common myths
- Types of support: Government Funding (Maintenance and Tuition Fee Loans)
- Types of support: University Funding (Bursaries and Scholarships)
- Additional Support

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Myth-busting!



Quickfire finance mythbusting

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt and a bracelet, is smiling and looking towards a man. The man is seen from the back, wearing a dark blue polo shirt and glasses. They appear to be in a bright, possibly outdoor or well-lit indoor setting with large windows in the background. Two white circular text bubbles are overlaid on the image. The first bubble contains a question, and the second bubble contains the answer.

You can get a loan from the government to cover the full costs of tuition

TRUE

True or false?

Quickfire finance mythbusting

You must pay
all the loan
back

FALSE

True or false?

Quickfire finance mythbusting

You can apply
for a
government
loan to help
with living
costs

TRUE

True or false?

Quickfire finance mythbusting

You must
spend the
maintenance
loan on
certain things

FALSE

True or false?

Quickfire finance mythbusting

Government loans are the only source of funding available for students

FALSE

True or false?

Types of support



Government
Support



Bursaries and
Scholarships



Government Support- Tuition Fees

The Tuition Fee Loan is what covers the costs of your degree course.

- Covers full cost of tuition fees. These fees are currently capped at £9,250 per year of study.
- The tuition fees are paid directly to your university over the course of each year of study.
- This loan isn't compulsory- students can pay all or part of tuition fee upfront themselves but most aren't able to do so.

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Government Support- Maintenance

The Maintenance Loan is what covers your living costs.

- Maintenance loans are available to cover living cost and are available to all UK Nationals (or those with ‘settled status’)
- It is paid directly to the student in 3 instalments each year
- But not everyone gets the same amount, it depends on:
 - Where you study and live
 - Whether you are a dependent/independent student
 - Your household income
 - Full or part-time study

Living Cost Support

Non mean-tested loan of £4,651*

for dependent students living away from home

Means-tested loan up to £13,022*

for dependent students living away from home in London w/
household incomes of <£25k



Maintenance Loan Amounts

Full-time Student	Amounts for 2023-24
Living at home	Up to £8,400*
Living away from home, outside London	Up to £9,978*
Living away from home, in London	Up to £13,022*
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £11,427
*If your course is over 30 weeks and 3 days you may be eligible for additional support through the Long Courses Loan.	

Maintenance Loan Amounts

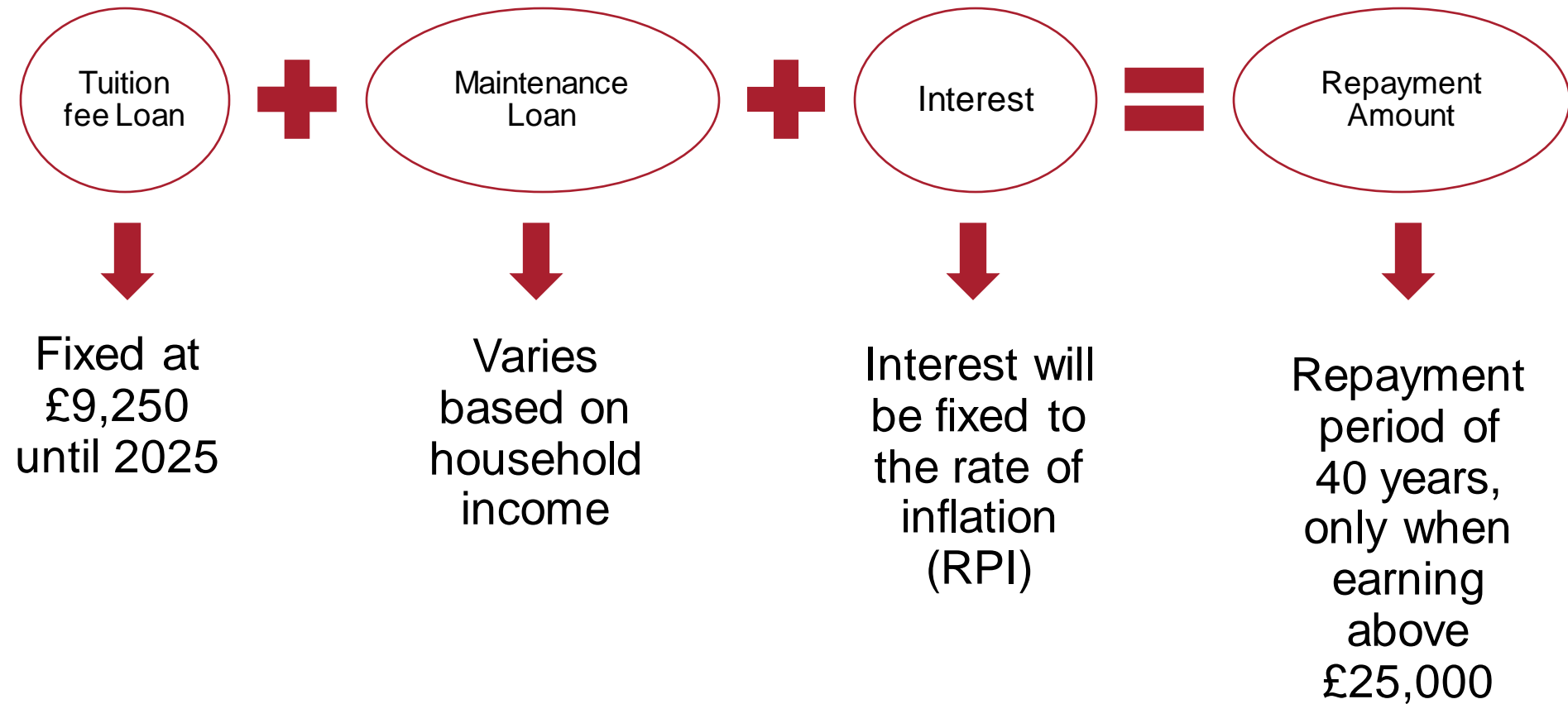
Household Income	Living at home	Away from home (outside London)	Away from home (London)
£30,000	£7,694	£9,265	£12,297
£35,000	£6,988	£8,552	£11,571
£40,000	£6,282	£7,839	£10,845
£45,000	£5,576	£7,125	£10,120
£50,000	£4,869	£6,412	£9,394
£55,000	£4,163	£5,699	£8,668
£58,291	£3,698	£5,229	£8,191
£60,000	£3,698	£4,986	£7,943
£62,343	£3,698	£4,651	£7,603
£65,000	£3,698	£4,651	£7,217
£70,000	£3,698	£4,651	£6,491
£70,040+	£3,698	£4,651	£6,485

Means Testing Process

- Annual household income verified with HMRC - Parent(s) / Guardian(s) / Partner
- Assessment based on income before Income Tax and National Insurance deducted (gross earnings)
- Adjustment made for other children who are also financially dependent



Repaying the Loans



How do students get paid?

- Student Finance Entitlement Letter
- Includes details of all your loans and grant entitlements
- Usually paid in three instalments directly into students' bank account at the start of each term. (33%, 33% and 34%)



How to apply for student funding

Make an application online

www.gov.uk/student-finance



Enables automatic verification

- Identity and household income



Apply as early as possible

- Around February / March

University Funding: Bursaries and Scholarships



What are Bursaries and Scholarships?

• **Bursaries** are generally awarded to students based on their personal circumstances – so, for example, they may have a lower income, be the first in their generation to go to university or come from an underrepresented area.

• **Scholarships** are usually awarded to students to recognise an achievement. These could be an academic achievement, or something related to one of your interests, such as sports or music.

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Bursaries and Scholarships

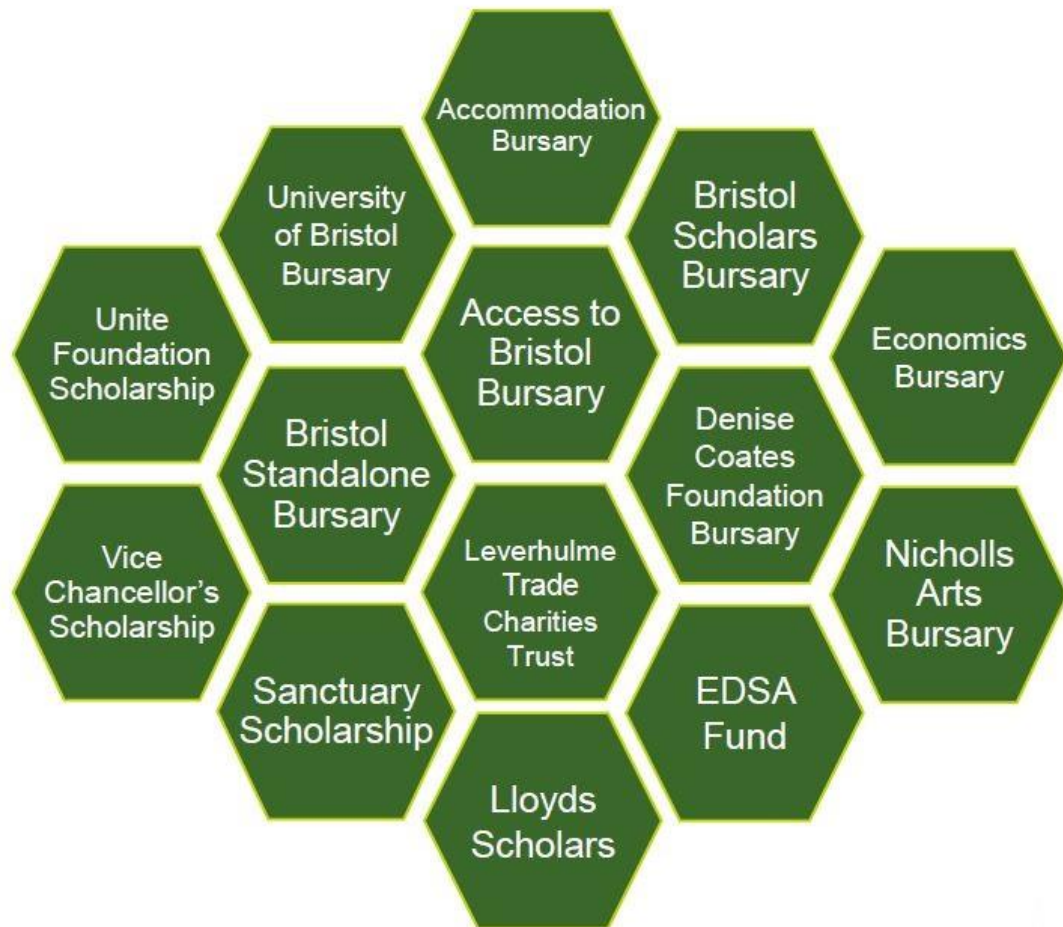
Every fee-charging university must offer bursaries!

- Most universities also offer various scholarships for sports, music or academic excellence
- Check out www.thescholarship.org.uk for different types of support
- Sharia Law considerations- Apply and complete assessment but then after receiving your entitlement reject the loan as but you still need to tick the box to be eligible for support

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UoB Bursaries & Scholarships



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<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/students/support/finances/scholarships/>

Other sources of Government funding

Apply to your
Regional Funding
provider

- Disabled Students' Allowance
- Parents' Learning Allowance
- Childcare Grant
- Adult Dependants' Grant

Apply to HMRC
or Local Council

- Child Tax Credits
- State Benefits (e.g. Housing Benefit)



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Thank you!
Any Questions?