



PREDICTED GRADES EXPLAINED FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

When a student applies to university during the Autumn term 2017, part of the application is a reference written by their mentor which will contain **predicted** grades. The mentor will obtain these predicted grades from subject teachers of what the student should achieve in their final exams (i.e summer 2018) and this is what universities will base their offers on.

Students receive progress checks and reports throughout the year which will give the **projected** level of attainment in the summer along with an aspirational **target** grade which will have been agreed with the student. Before visiting open days, it is important that a student is clear about the level they are working at. If a student is unsure and needs further clarification, they should either speak to their Mentor or their subject teacher.

Therefore, when researching course choices, it is imperative that students understand it is their responsibility to be realistic.

Tariffs

- Offers can be based on grades or points: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/entry-requirements/ucas-undergraduate-tariff-points>

At John Masefield we offer the following qualifications:

- GCE Advanced (A-level)
- GCE Advanced Subsidiary (AS-level)
- Level 3 BTECs:
 - **National: Extended Certificate** (6 units) – equivalent to 1 A level (Business only);
 - **QCF: Subsidiary Diploma** (6 units) – equivalent to 1 A-level (HSC only);

Course Search & Entry Profiles

From early June, universities and colleges will start updating their entry requirements for students to begin their research for 2018 entry. Students should log on to <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/choosing-undergraduate-course> or check the university's prospectus or website.

- Minimum entry requirements

These are a guide to the level of education required to study on a course. Universities and colleges will decide if students meet these entry requirements and will also likely take into account a student's overall suitability for the course when making any offers (see link under Tariffs above).

- What are Entry Profiles?

Many courses can look the same but can be actually very different in terms of content and study methods, so this is where Entry Profiles are useful. Entry Profiles are the responsibility of the university or college to keep updated and are written by staff to give students key information in order for them to be successful on the course they choose.

If students are unsure about any information regarding a course they are interested in, it is always wise to contact the admissions office to seek further advice.

Entry Requirements Form

To help students when visiting Open Days the form overleaf should be completed and returned to your Mentor at the start of the autumn term. This is so we can check students' choices against their current level of attainment and give support and guidance if needed. At any time, students should speak their Mentor in the event of a query.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Name of Student		Mentor:	
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Name of University	Course Title	Entry Requirements			My Predicted Grades
		GCSEs	A levels	BTEC Accepted Y/N?	

NB: Remember it is your responsibility to ensure your choices are realistic!

Signature of student:		Date:	
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Notes for Open days:

- Ensure your qualifications are accepted! If you are unsure, ring the admissions office of the university or college
- If your entry requirements do not match exactly i.e if you are taking a BTEC in lieu of an A-level, make sure the university will accept in its place.
- Try and get in writing any advice given or at least the name of the person you spoke to.

Please return this form to your Mentor, Sixth Form Centre by no later than 15 September 2017

