

# Monifieth High School



Preparing for Further/  
Higher Education

# University Competition



Fiercest competition for university places in recent years! Why?

- ♦ Widening Access Programme – aims to tackle inequality (33.4% D.U. places).
- ♦ Foreign students – no fees are paid in Scotland.
- ♦ **Five Scottish universities ranked in 'top 200' IN THE WORLD.**
- ♦ Dundee University – Scottish University of the year 2016 & 2017 (stolen by Glasgow this year).

*"Scottish students find it "more difficult" to get into some university courses than a decade ago, an MSP has claimed . . . the Scottish Government's cap on university places for Scottish and EU students, who receive free tuition, is leading to increased demand and pushing up entry requirements for some subjects."*

The SCOTSMAN 2018

THE number of Scottish applicants missing out on a university place has almost doubled in a decade as the SNP faced further accusations of creating a clearing system that favours English school leavers.

Ucas yesterday published data showing that the number of Scots who failed to win a place after the 2006 admissions cycle was 8,625 but this had risen to a record 16,520 last year.

The SNP's free tuition policy is only affordable because ministers impose a cap on the number of places allocated

The DAILY TELEGRAPH 2016

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Monifieth High School</b>	<b>By the end of S4 5+ @ Level 5 or better</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Monifieth High School</b>	<b>By the end of S5 5+ @ Level 6 or better</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Monifieth High School</b>	<b>By the end of S6 1 @ Level 7 or better</b>				<b>32%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>31%</b>

# University of Dundee



Most competitive courses:

- ♦ **Medicine and Dentistry** – **11** applicants per place.  
Elite applicant pool. UKCAT.
- ♦ **Primary Education** – **13** applicants per place.
- ♦ **Art and Design** – 8 applicants per place.
- ♦ **Humanities** (English, History, Philosophy etc.)  
– **14** applicants per place.
- ♦ Also – business, nursing and sports related courses –  
increasing numbers of rejections!

# Impact on Entry Requirements

- ◆ Higher expectations – minimum of THREE Highers in one sitting, ideally FOUR.
- ◆ A combination of A and Bs - an A in a subject area does not guarantee a place.
- ◆ Certified grades are more desirable than predicted grades.
- ◆ Stringent Testing/ Interview process i.e. introduction of new assessment for Humanities at Dundee.
- ◆ Personal Statement – must be of a VERY high standard.



# Skills and Experiences

*'Our degree programmes do not require entrants with academic ability alone, but with a range of skills which show the suitability of a candidate for the subject of their choice.'*  
(Dundee University)

- ◆ Work Experience (flexibility in new timetable)
- ◆ Volunteering.
- ◆ Attendance at related events.
- ◆ Involvement in school community/ wider community.
- ◆ Leadership/ Saltire/ Duke of Edinburgh/ Volunteering awards – all taken into consideration.
- ◆ Foundation Apprenticeships & HN Infill options.



# Alternative Routes

- ◆ A number of HNC and HND courses can provide 'articulation' into degree courses at partner universities (including Dundee, Aberdeen, and St Andrews) with entry **into year 2 or 3.**

E.g. Humanities (Year One at D & A College)  
Year 2 onwards at Dundee Uni to complete a  
Master of Arts.





# Graduate Level Apprenticeships Introduced in 2017

- ◆ An increasing number of companies and universities working together to provide these including Dundee University.
- ◆ Key subject areas include **engineering, finance , IT and business.**

## Benefits:

- ◆ Companies are funded so students save money and are paid while achieving a degree.
- ◆ They develop key skills in a workplace environment making them more employable than traditional graduates (they build up contacts/ clients etc.)

# THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			↑	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9				Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	↑ ↓	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards		↓		
1	National 1, Awards				



## Foundation Apprenticeships

I'd like to do an apprenticeship that gives me experience in the workplace, while still at school.



## Modern Apprenticeships

I'm over 16 and have some employment experience, but I'm not yet recognised as a professional.



## Graduate Apprenticeships

# How to apply for Apprenticeships . .

## Sign up for the latest apprenticeship vacancies

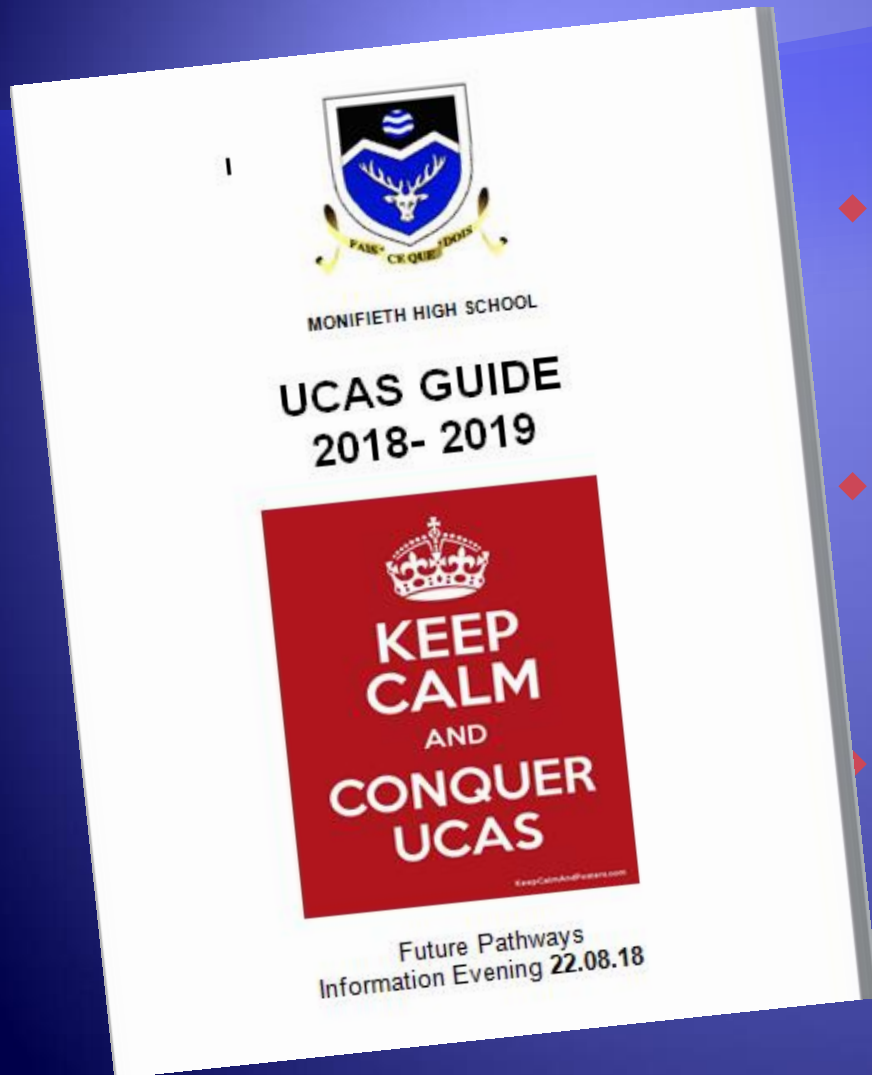
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SIGN UP

You will receive a regular email with a selection of the latest apprenticeship vacancies, and other relevant careers information. By signing up you agree to the terms in our [privacy notice](#).

# Preparation:



- ◆ Detailed and in-depth research is crucial – range of courses, apprenticeships, universities and the RANGE of entry requirements.
  - ◆ Investigate related college courses, alternative progression routes.
  - ◆ Build skills and experiences – USE OPPORTUNITIES/FLEXIBILITY in S6.
  - ◆ Begin working on the personal statement.
- Attend the relevant open days, workshops/ and drop-in sessions.



# Higher Education

On this page, pupils will find links and information to help them make successful applications to higher and further education destinations.

If you require more specific advice, or are struggling to find what you need, please make an appointment and speak to your Guidance teacher.



MHS UCAS Guide

Further Education Evening Presentation

University Open Days

## HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS



Home Moments



### Monifieth High

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Monifieth, Scotland

[monifiethhighschool.com](http://monifiethhighschool.com)

Joined January 2015

Tweets 4,401 Following 248 Followed 2,160

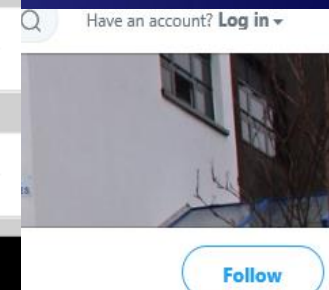
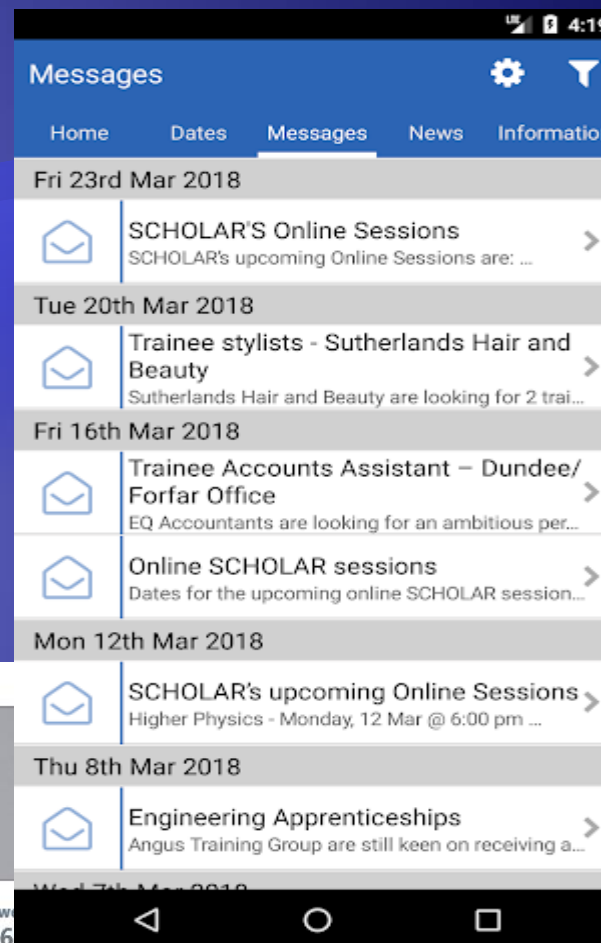
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# Monifieth High School: UCAS

## UCAS Deadlines

	Phase 1	Phase 2
First draft of personal statement to PT PCS	24 Aug	14 Sep
Note of intended courses to PT PCS	24 Aug	14 Sep
Second draft of personal statement to PT PCS	14 Sep	28 Sep
Completion of rest of online form	14 Sep	19 Oct
Final draft of personal statement	21 Sep	02 Nov

**Pupil Care and Support Teachers will process and submit applications during the month of November.**

**Phase 1 is for pupils applying for Cambridge, Oxford, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry where the deadline for submissions is 28th September 2018.**

**Phase 2 covers all other pupils.**

## Medicine and Dentistry

**Applicants must also sit the UK Clinical and Aptitude Test (UKCAT).**

**Preparation for this should already be underway. Details are available at**

**<http://www.ukcat.ac.uk/>**





# Monifieth High School: UCAS

## College Applications

UCAS form should be submitted by **November** –  
College applications open in **January**.

**SIGN UP TO UCAS TRACK TO MONITOR OFFERS**

### UCAS Extra

No original choices have been successful  
One extra choice at a time

### Clearing

Runs between July and September for late/  
unsuccessful applicants



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## Upcoming Events

UCAS Exhibition – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August at Dundee University  
(individual sign up ).

University Open Days – Various (see MHS website).

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Introduction 7pm

Seminar 1 7.30 – 7.50

**Break 7.50 – 8.05**

Seminar 2 - 8.10 – 8.30

Seminar 3 – 8.35 – 8.55

Please submit evaluations before leaving, these will be given out at the end of your final session – any feedback is gratefully received.