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Futures Information
Evening

Monday 10th July



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Futures Evening

July 2023

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Welcome

- The Year 12 Team

The aims of this evening

- Sharing our plans

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Planning for the future

Year 12 Futures Day – last Friday.

Ex-students

Visiting speakers

Guidance & Research

Personal Statements

Keeping all options open

Our support

Post Sixth Form Options

Employment

University

Apprenticeships

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Going into employment?

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National picture is plenty of vacancies.

64% of school and college leavers are retained vs 53% of graduates (competitive world) – employers looking at school & college leavers makes sense!

Employers' focus reflecting this

- Careers Advisor – Mrs Agbame
- Careers Fairs –
 - UK Careers Fair, August 30th – Leonardo Hotel
 - MK Job Show, September 8th & 9th – Middleton Hall, Centre:MK (register interest)
 - MK Jobs Fair, November 3rd – Doubletree Hilton, Stadium MK

Pros & cons - Employment

PROS

Start earning straight away

No 'debt'

Building up work experiences/skills

(Can go to University later, or do Open U)

CONS

Earning potential

Average salary for graduates is 30% higher for ages 25-30

No student experience

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Going to university?

- Massive choice of courses (250,000)
- 165 institutions

- 3 – 4 years (or more)
- Sandwich courses – provide year abroad/in industry
- No real difference between BA, BSc, BEd – LLB is a specific law degree, BEng is engineering.

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Opendays.com - the university and college open day directory

University of Northampton
Next open day: 16 July 2022
Nearest city: Northampton
[More on University of Northampton](#)

University of Kent
3-Aug Open Day

Are you using Clearing as an opportunity to find the right university and course for you?

To find out why Kent could be the right choice, join us at our Clearing Information Event, being held on our welcoming, expansive Canterbury campus. This is an opportunity to tour the campus that could be your home for the next few years and get a feel for our sporting and social facilities, including our eateries,

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Pros & cons - University

PROS

Earning potential

Requirement for specific careers

Student experience

CONS

Student debt

- Student debt is not like other forms of debt. It will not appear on credit history or affect chances of mortgage. Only paid back when able to (earn over threshold) – written off after 40 years. Unlike a mortgage of secured loan. Think of it as an extra tax on graduates comes out before seeing wages, before pensions, etc (pay less income tax) – but if you don't earn enough, you don't pay it back. If you earn a lot, you probably won't notice it.
- All tuition is 9,250 per year, (3 years = 27,750). Maintenance Loan ranges from max £9,978 to approx. £4,600 (means tested) Max debt = 57,684. Should cover living costs – may not
- No student from family should ever be disadvantaged from choosing university. Every university offers grants to help, but their rules differ – FSM guaranteed. Apply for it.

Degree choice?

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Don't be scared of the loan!

A student loan is not like other loans

You are charged interest, just like a normal loan, but the amount you pay back is set at 9% of everything you earn above £27,295

If you earn below this, you pay nothing!

If you haven't paid it back in full after 40 years, then the loan is wiped – 83% are forecast to not pay off their loan in full

If you earn £28,000 per year you will pay £63.45 a year or £5.29 per month

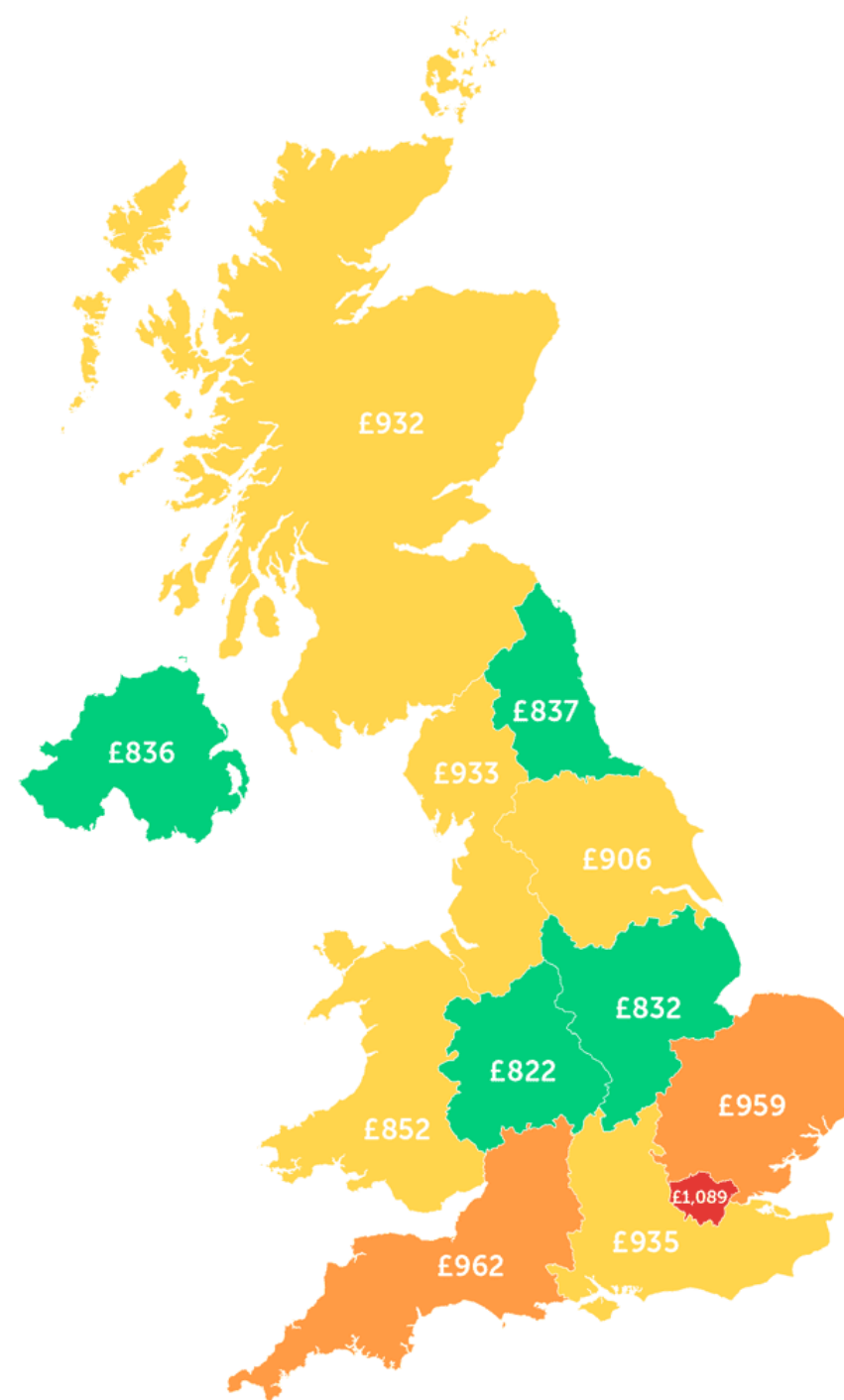
If you earn £35,000 per year you will pay £693.45 a year or £57.79 per month

This will come straight out of your pay along with your tax and national insurance.

How does this vary across the country?

Average monthly costs shown by region

There will be variations amongst universities within these regions, but this gives an overview



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- **OXBRIDGE (must apply by 16th October 2032)** Oxbridge – apply to the college, not the Uni (open application if not sure which college). Oxford more selective for interviewing but lower offers (AAA), Cambridge interview more but give higher offers (A*A*A).
- **Medicine (16th October) – 4 choices**
- **Medicine tests – UCAT (online registration), BMAT – enter through exams officer.**
- **Russell Group vs Non-Russell group** Russell Group – 24 Universities, self-declared group, exclusive and set their own rules. No flexibility on grades. Little point in applying for 5 RGs – we advise 3 or 4 with a safety net option.

Non-Russell group – the rest. Some are ‘better’ than RG – RG = more traditional in teaching, others (non RG) = more tech savvy, work-based, better student experiences, etc (Loughborough, Bath, Surrey, Scottish Unis). Potential flexibility on grades – better ones don’t like C grades.

- **Local Universities** - Northampton, Bedford, Hertfordshire – keen to attract local youngsters – offer incentives. Unconditional offers, laptops, bursaries (2K), free accommodation, etc. Much more convenient – cheaper to live at home. Buckingham – private, more expensive fees but shorter course 40 weeks pa for 2 yrs v 30 pa for 3 years.
- **Predicted grades (!)** Predicted grades – at our discretion. We will not actively disadvantage any student. However, we will look at Y12 grades and targets. If we have to compromise and predict higher than we would like – you need to have a uni choice that makes lower offers (particularly medicine and economics at RG). We are looking to publish sooner.
- **The Open University**

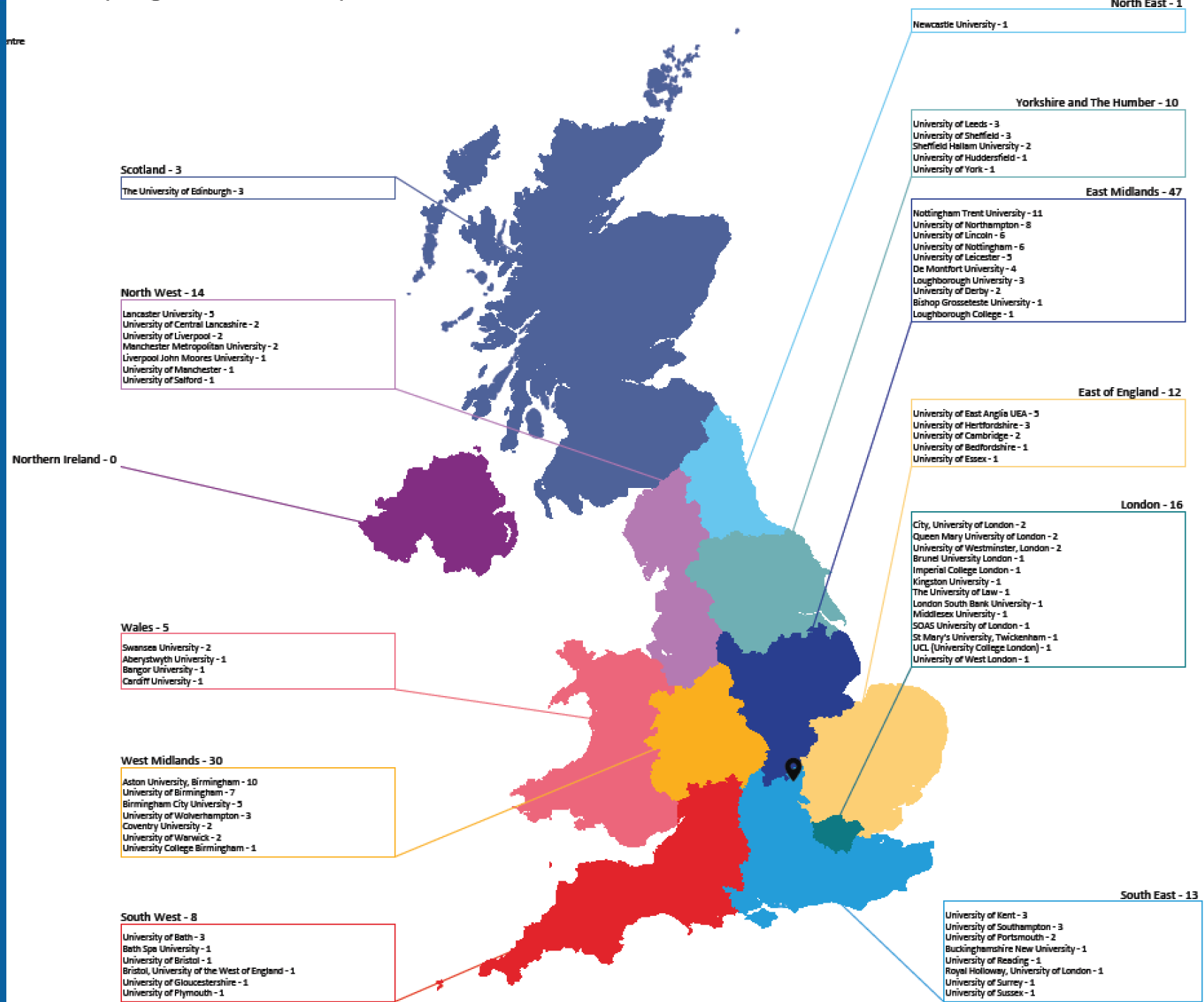
Where do Denbigh students go?

Top 3 regions:

East Midlands (47)
West Midlands (30)
London (16)

Top 5 Unis:

Nottingham Trent (11)
Aston (Birmingham) (10)
Northampton (8)
Birmingham (7)
Nottingham (6)
Lincoln (6)



Apprenticeships?

- Offered at different 'levels' –
 - 3 = A Level equivalent
 - Look at 4+
 - 6 = Bachelors degree equivalent (Degree Apprenticeships)
 - 7 = Masters degree equivalent
- 20% studying vs 80% working
- Paid, no debt.
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com>
- www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship - Unifrog linked to this
- Now applying through UCAS

Pros & cons of Apprenticeships

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PROS

Combines work with education

No debt

Different levels (flexibility)

CONS

Degree Apprenticeships still too rare

Highly Competitive

- Degree Apps – as competitive as RG & most competitive courses. No deadlines in same way as university applications – each provider sets own application dates.
- Lengthy process, assessment, interviews, etc.
- Search on UCAS and Unifrog – more linked to government website showing all available in country. Updated daily, website only weekly.
- Most powerhouse TNCs advertise Sept-Nov. Be quick! Can close them very early if reach quota of applicants – apply as soon as see a suitable course.
- Some are grade specific – others are about the whole process/person

Keeping options open

- Apply to all three.
- Personal statements apply to all - **Every apprenticeship application has space for extra info – put personal statement on that page. Tailored to the exact course/job.**
- Think carefully about University choices
 - Russell Group
 - Non-Russell Group
 - 5 choices should reflect range

Timeline

- Futures Day – July
- Further Research & Work Experience/Wider Reading – Summer Holidays
- Personal Statement writing – September
- Early entry – October 16th 1800hrs
- Deadline for UCAS applications – November
- (Higher/Degree) Apprenticeship deadlines – varied, starts in Sept.
- Final UCAS deadline is January 31st, 2024, at 1800hrs. (for equal consideration)

UCAS website

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Top ten tips

- 1 Start research early – there are a lot of higher education options to choose from!
- 2 Register in the UCAS Hub and [browse through courses](#) – so they can work out what they would enjoy or be interested in.
- 3 Know the deadlines – for some courses, the application deadline is almost a year in advance of when the course starts.
- 4 Go to UCAS events and course provider open days – speak to us and higher education staff to get answers to their questions.
- 5 Check entry requirements – make sure they can get the grades they need to get a place on a course.
- 6 Redraft their personal statement – get plenty of feedback and refine it until they're happy.
- 7 Understand student finance – so they can make the best arrangements to fund their studies.
- 8 Be prepared for results day – make sure they're prepared for all the possible outcomes.
- 9 Understand how [Extra](#) and [Clearing](#) work – different ways to apply for more courses.
- 10 Visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) regularly to get advice and ask questions.

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Opportunity for questions