

## Applying to the UK Guide for Students

**UCAS Apply 2026** 

(for entry in 2026 or deferred entry in 2027)

Raffles Institution
Higher Education Office
2025

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## Important foreword:

- Read this deck of slides closely and carefully all the way to the end before you start creating your UCAS account.
- Ensure that all information you provide is truthful to the best of your knowledge.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that <u>all self-reported results</u> are entered correctly. Please <u>double-check</u> all subjects and grades before you click 'submit'.
- If a university admission test is required for your course, you are to register, pay for and sit for the test independently. Ensure you do not miss the registration and payment deadlines set by test providers.

Section 1
Overview and important information



## Applying to UK Universities: Overview

- 1. Start your UCAS account online.
- 2. Approach your CT directly to request for a reference.
- 3. Check university websites for course outlines and admission requirements.
- 4. Register and sit for admission tests, where relevant.
- 5. Double-check your UCAS application (name, subjects listed, etc.) before you submit it.
- 6. Submit your UCAS application well before our <u>internal</u> deadline. Your application reaches your CT.
- 7. Your CT completes the teacher reference and submits the full completed application to UCAS by the <u>official</u> UCAS deadline.

#### **Notes:**

- Certain universities & courses have additional requirements. Read the application instructions of your desired universities/courses closely.
- Adhere to all **internal RI deadlines** for applications. Refer to Slide #11 for this.

#### What is UCAS?

https://www.ucas.com/

 UCAS, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, is an independent charity, and the UK's shared admissions service for higher education.

- What is submitted to UCAS?
  - Your personal information
  - Your university course choices and personal statement
  - Your academic grades from Year 4/O Levels and A Levels
  - Your CT's teacher reference

## Important information before you begin

- You submit 1 personal statement for all your course choices. Hence all your course choices must have commonality, so that your statement makes sense.
- You send off your UCAS statement <u>once</u>. I.e., if you are applying for courses with an October deadline, you will submit your UCAS application to all other courses/unis in your list by Oct.
- You can make a max. of <u>5 course choices</u> with the *following exception*:
  - Up to 4 course choices for Med/VetMed/VetSci/Dentistry.
  - You can include a 5<sup>th</sup> choice in another related course, e.g. you may apply for 4 Med courses and 1 Biomedical Sciences course, or leave the 5<sup>th</sup> choice blank.
- You can only make <u>1 course choice in **either** Cambridge or Oxford</u>, not both.
- Universities consider all applications submitted by the UCAS deadline. They cannot see where else you have applied to.
- Payment is made directly to UCAS online (by credit card), not through RI.

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## Important information before you begin

- All RI applicants apply through RI as your school, in order for us to verify, process and submit your application. Your CT will <u>not</u> be able to furnish a reference nor authenticate your app if you apply as an individual.
- You can start your UCAS accounts from 14 July 2025. Completed applications can only be submitted to UCAS from 3 Sep 2025.
- Fill in the sections carefully. Save your progress over several sittings to give yourself time to complete your form carefully.
- You need to have <u>1 reference</u> submitted in support of your application. Your reference is written and submitted by your <u>Civics Tutor</u>.
- You need to complete your UCAS statement and make payment <u>before</u> your CT can complete his/her portion and send your application off. So, be sure to complete your application well ahead of our <u>internal deadlines</u>.
- Plan ahead. It is your responsibility to adhere to RI internal deadlines.

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## Requesting for References

- Approach your CT <u>personally</u> for a reference based on our internal timeline (available on our IVY HEO course or our open website for alumni).
- Do <u>not</u> wait until you are done with your statement or make last minute decisions to apply. Your teachers need time to help you properly too.
- Should it be necessary, you may furnish your CT with a 1-page write-up with information on:
  - The courses you are applying to
  - Your related academic interests, e.g. the topic you most enjoyed and why
  - Academic enrichment activities, where available
  - Non-academic activities
  - Any other information requested by your CT

# Section 2 Key application deadlines

(for entry in 2026 or deferred entry in 2027)

## Key deadlines to submit UCAS Application

	Actions required	RI Internal Deadline**	Official UCAS  Deadline
<ul> <li>Oxford applicants</li> <li>Cambridge applicants<sup>#</sup></li> </ul>	Inform your CT Inform HEO* 14 Jul – 26 Sep	5 Oct 2025 Sun 2359h	15 Oct 2025
<ul><li>Medicine</li><li>Dentistry</li><li>VetMed/VetSci</li></ul>	Inform your CT Inform HEO* 14 Jul – 26 Sep	5 Oct 2025 Sun 2359h	15 Oct 2025
Majority undergraduate courses	Inform your CT 14 Jul – 21 Nov	4 Jan 2026 Sun 2359h	14 Jan 2026

<sup>\*</sup> This is **required** so that HEO can ensure your app is submitted on time: UCAS does not alert tutors otherwise.

Y6 students must inform HEO given potential clashes of admission tests with A-level practical exams

**Y6:** The link is available on <u>IVY HEO</u>. **Alumni:** Please fill in your <u>online form here</u>

# A separate guide to completing the "My Cambridge Application" form will be made available in <u>September</u> after Cambridge updates their guidance. Refer to the Cambridge website as well for this.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Students adhere to all internal deadlines.

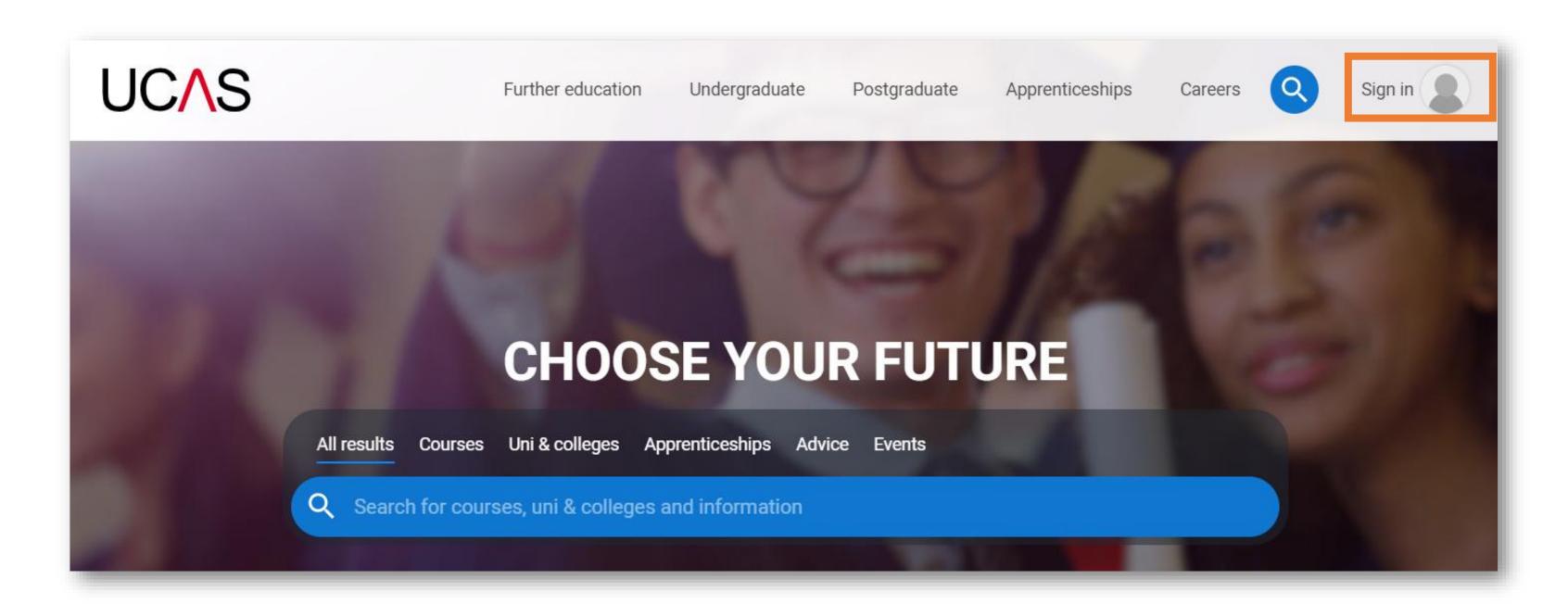
# Section 3 Registering your UCAS account

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## Registering for an account

Head to <u>ucas.com</u> and select **Sign in.** 



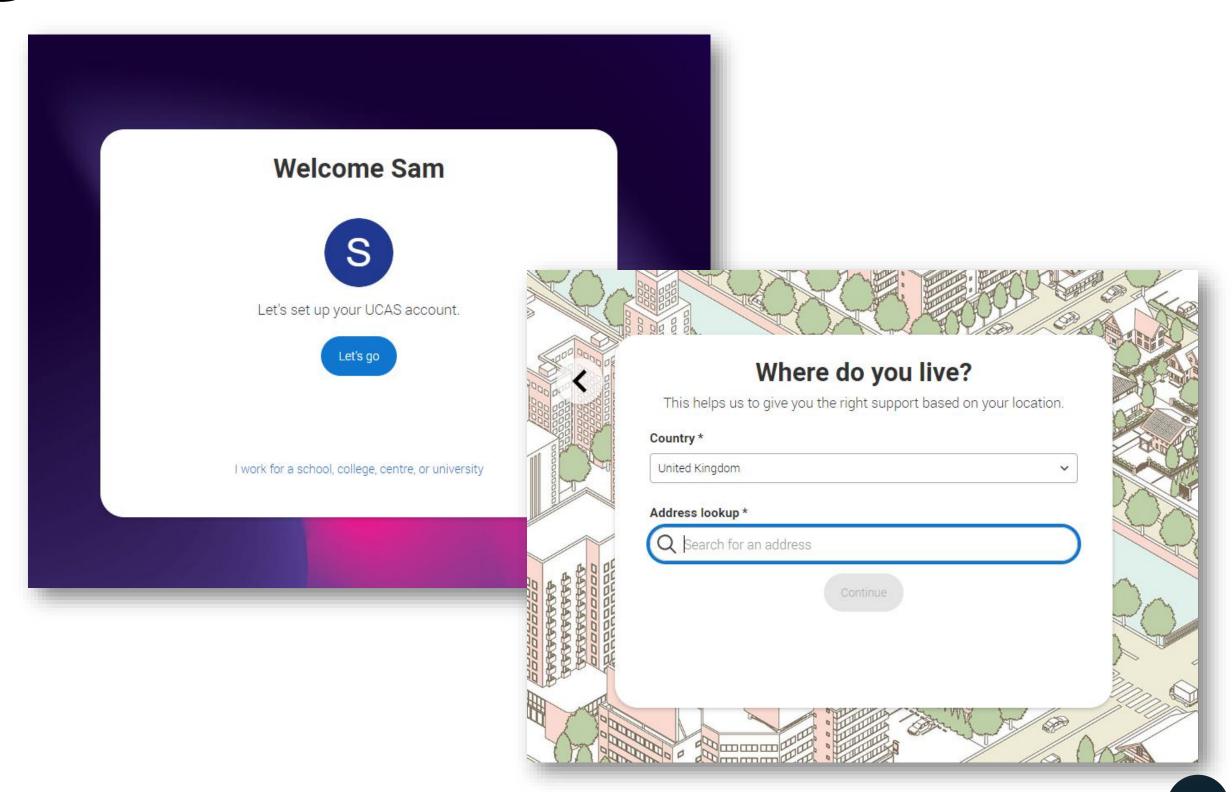
## Before you begin

- Use your personal email account, not your ri.edu.sg account.
  - You must have access to your email throughout the application phase.
  - Unis will be contacting you via this account after your graduation next year, where you will lose access to your RI email.
- Use your <u>formal</u> first and last names (exactly as they are printed on your passport).
  - Last name refers to your surname or family name.
  - In the UK, names appear as "FirstName LastName", e.g. "Ho Wee Tan" means Tan is the surname.
  - Be consistent in all your UK applications and test registrations.
- Keep your password securely so that you can retrieve it when necessary.

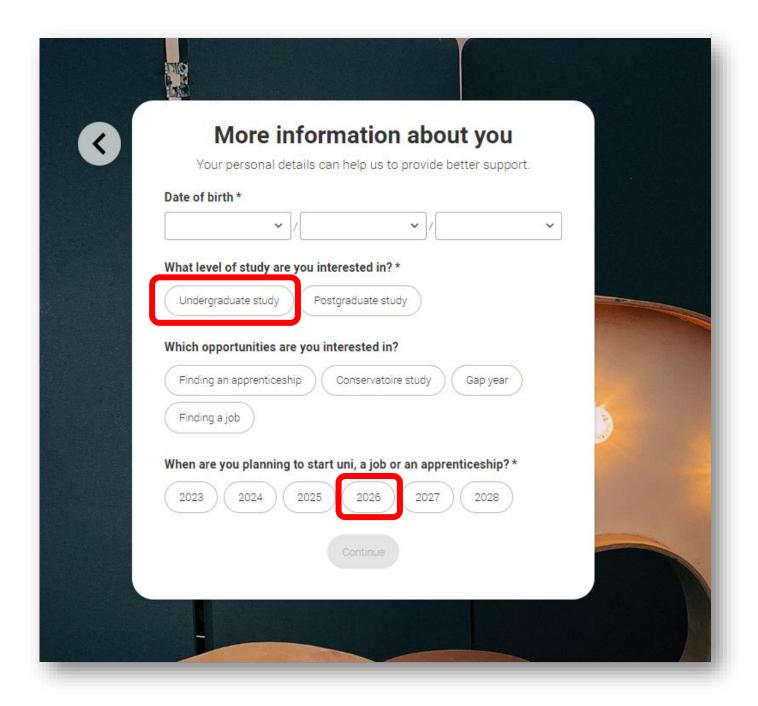


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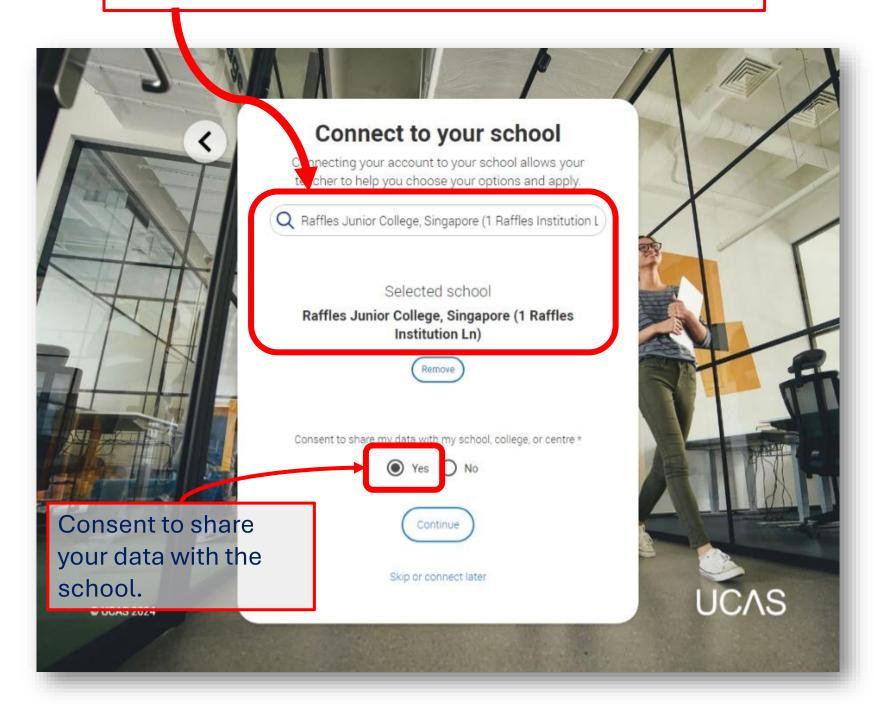
Once you've registered, you're ready to get started.



# Link your account to the school



Find "Raffles Junior College" under the school name. You will enter the buzzword later.



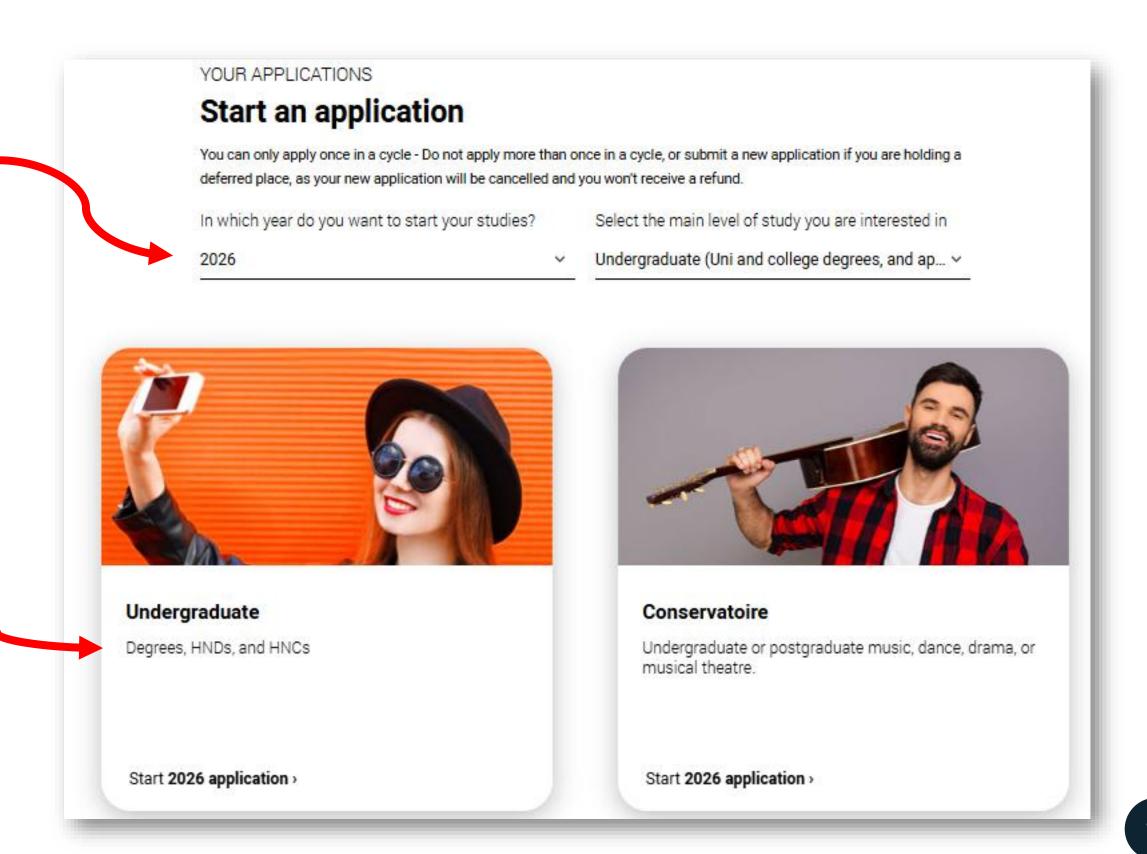


## Starting your application

 Select the year 2026to start your studies.

For those deferring, you will have the option to indicate deferral at a later page.

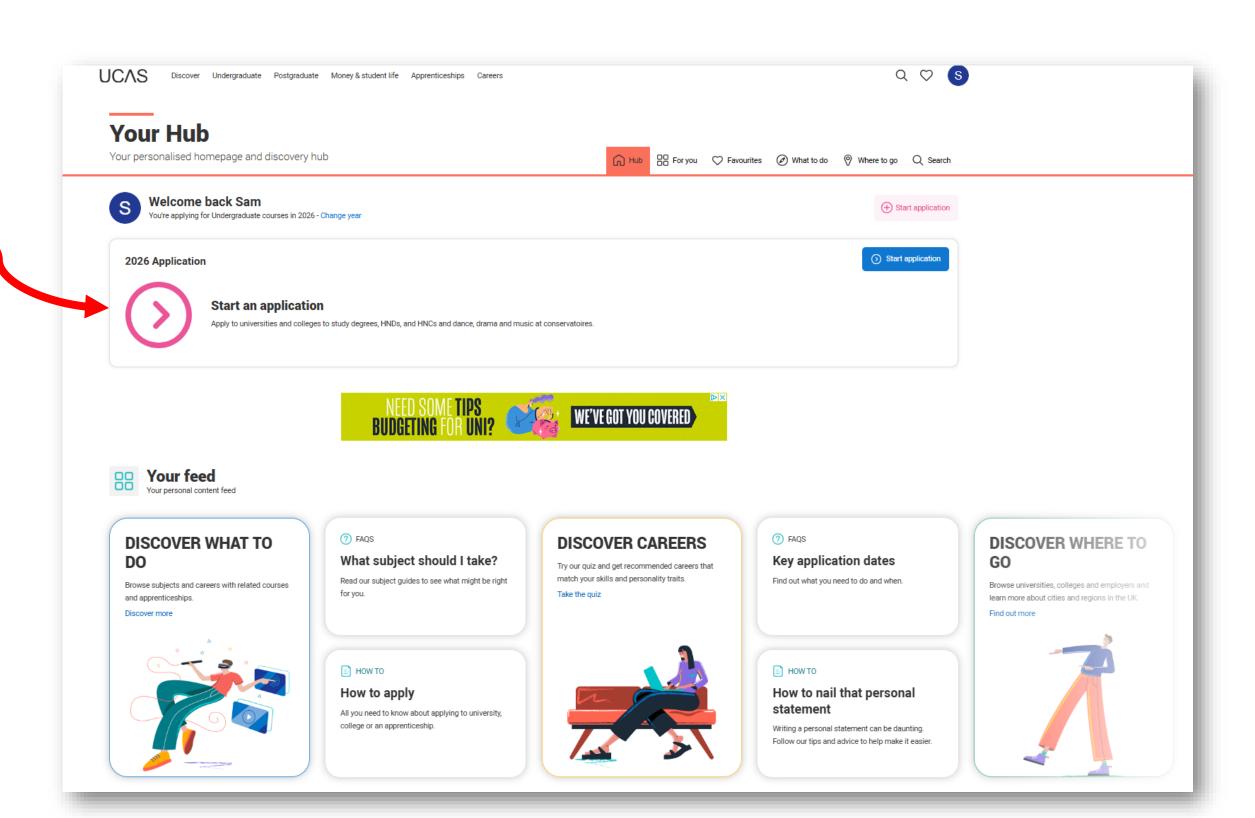
Select
 Undergraduate
 degrees.





## Your Hub

Click on Start an application



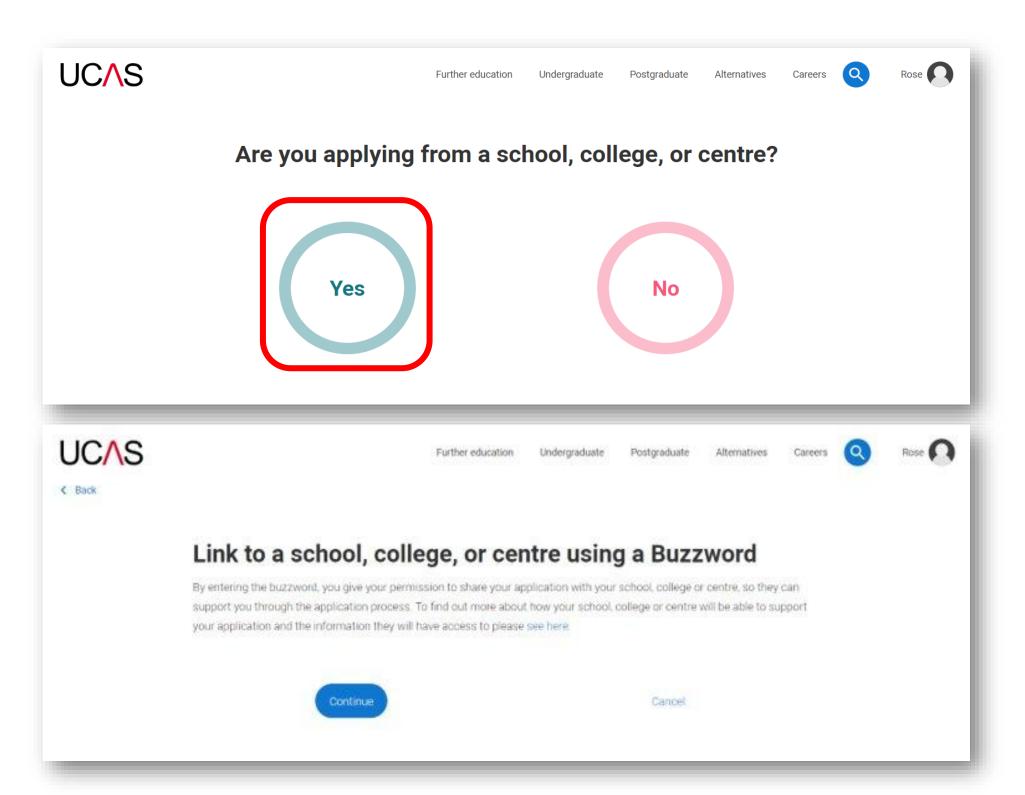


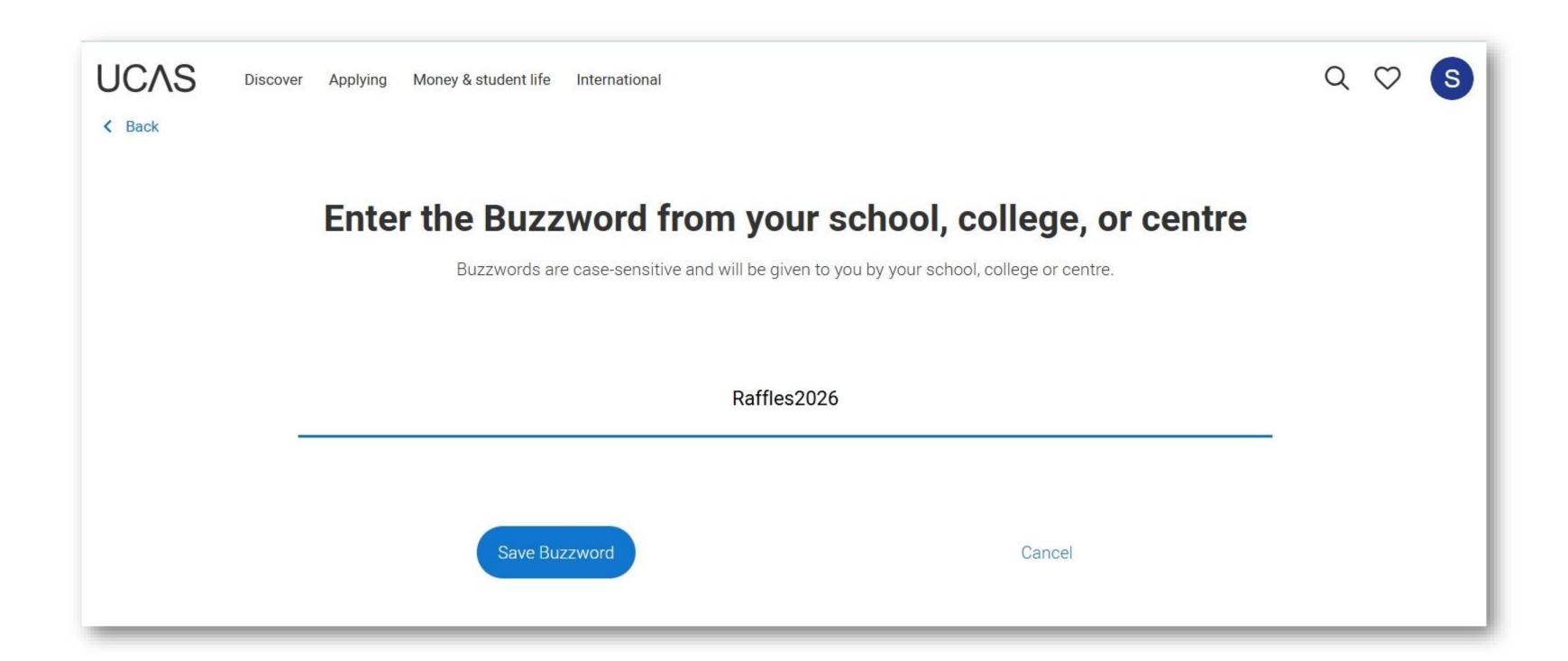
## Link your application to the school

All students must apply through the school. Select 'Yes'.

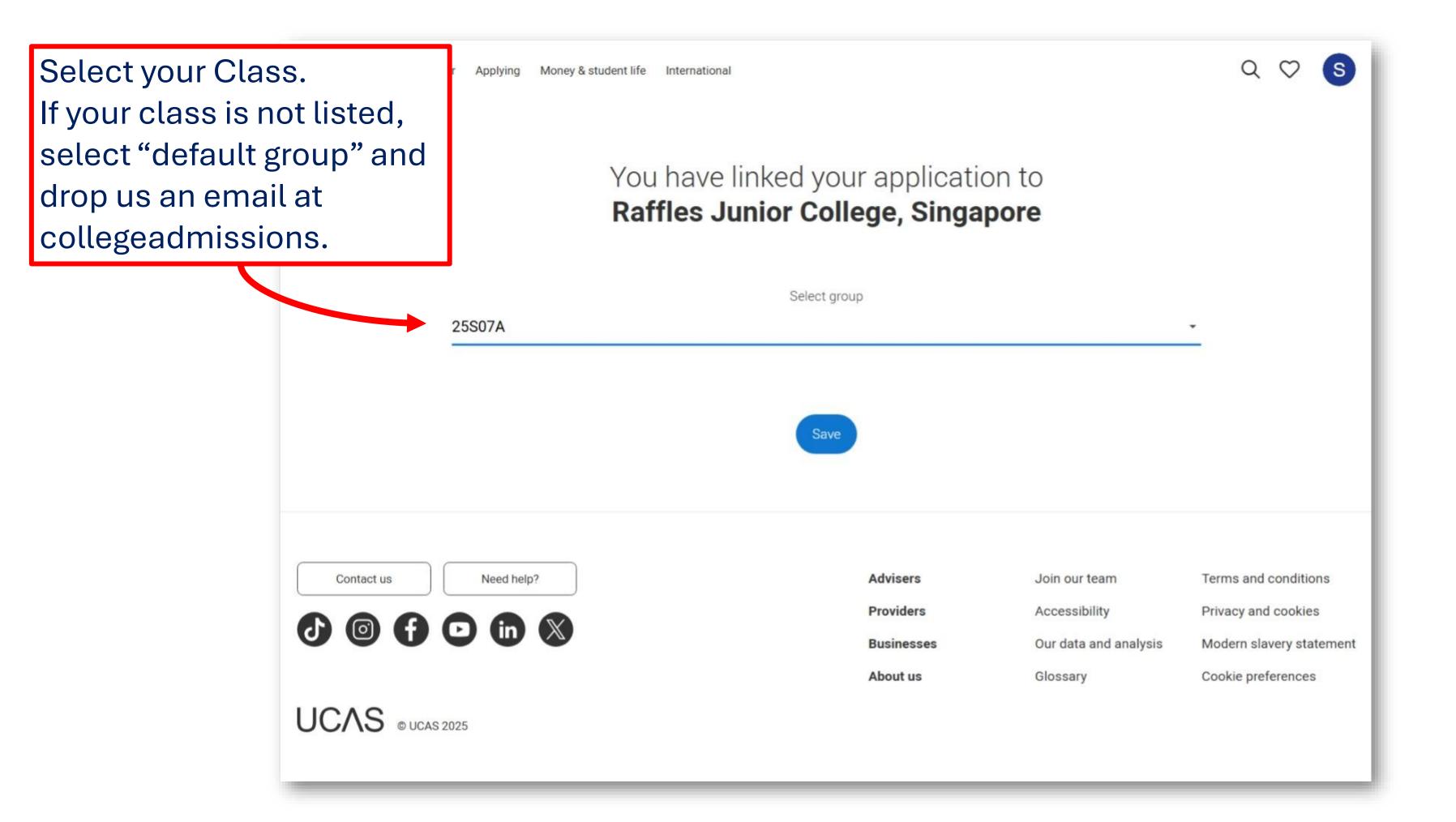
You will then need to enter the **Buzzword**.

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## Application overview

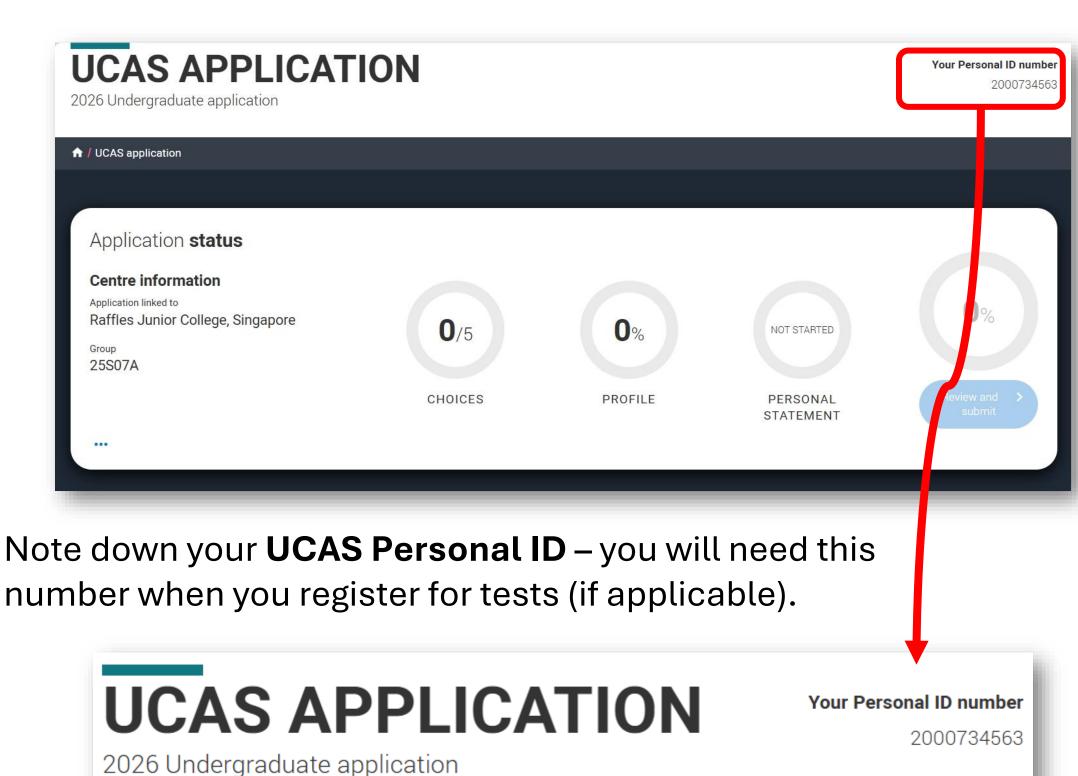


## Application overview

Your 'Application status' helps track your progress.

The percentage complete updates each time you mark a section as complete.

All sections on this page must be completed before you can submit your application. We suggest you start with the Profile and Experience sections.



## Complete your Profile

- ✓ Personal details
- ✓ Nationality details
- ✓ Where you live
- ✓ Contact details
- ✓ Supporting information
- ✓ Finance and funding
- ✓ More about you
- **✓** Education
- **✓** Employment
- ✓ Personal statement

- Ensure your personal details are accurate.
- As you complete each section, you must select "Mark this section as complete" and Save.
  - ✓ Mark this section as complete \*

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Save this section

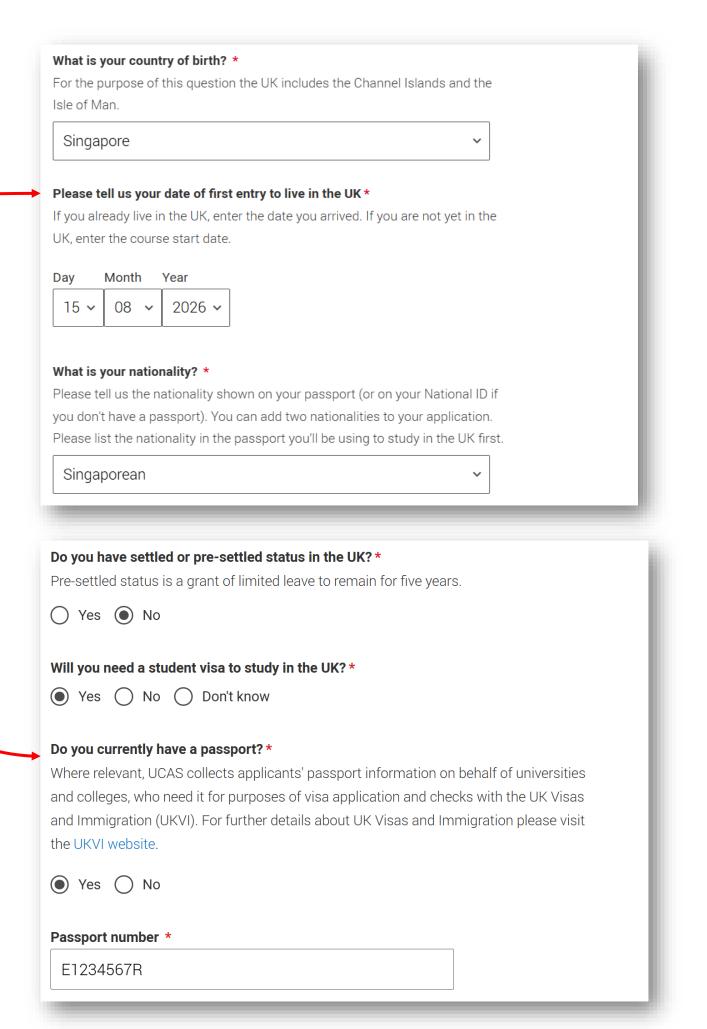
- A "completed" section will turn green with a green tick mark.
- Don't worry, you can still change the details before you submit.

## Profile: Nationality details

#### Date of first entry to UK

- This refers to when you expect to enter the UK to begin your course. This is for visa purposes. Most UK courses start in Sep 2026, so any date prior is fine. Commonly, Aug 2026 will do.
- If you are deferring entry, enter the latest possible date (31/12/2026). You can select your course date (e.g. 2027) when you "Add Choice" later.
- If your passport will expire before you begin your course, you may key in your current passport details. Then, update your details after you have renewed your passport.

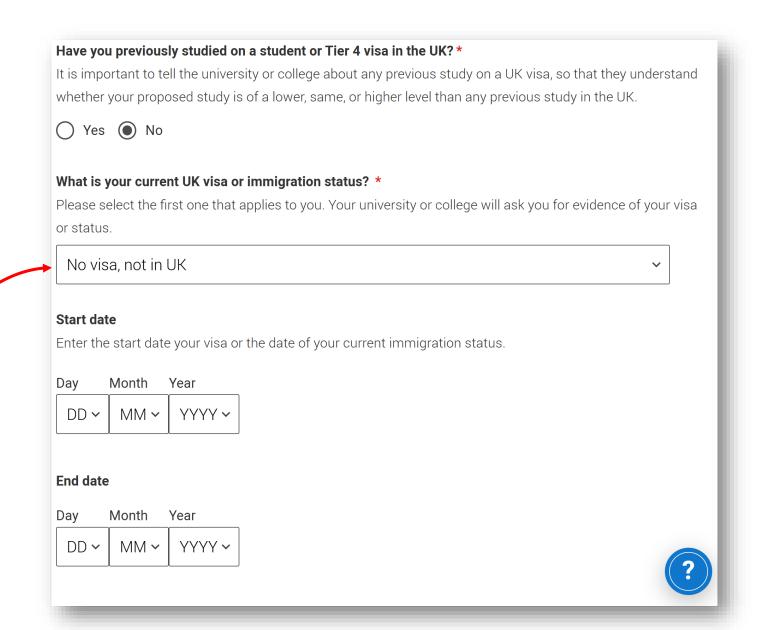
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## **Profile: Nationality details**

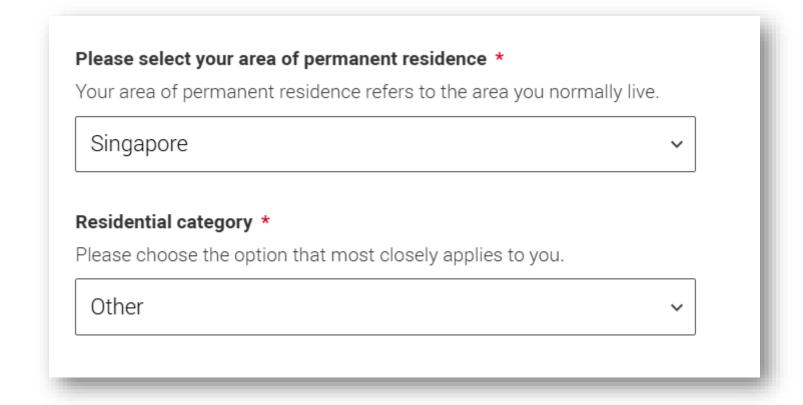
 Enter your current visa status accordingly.

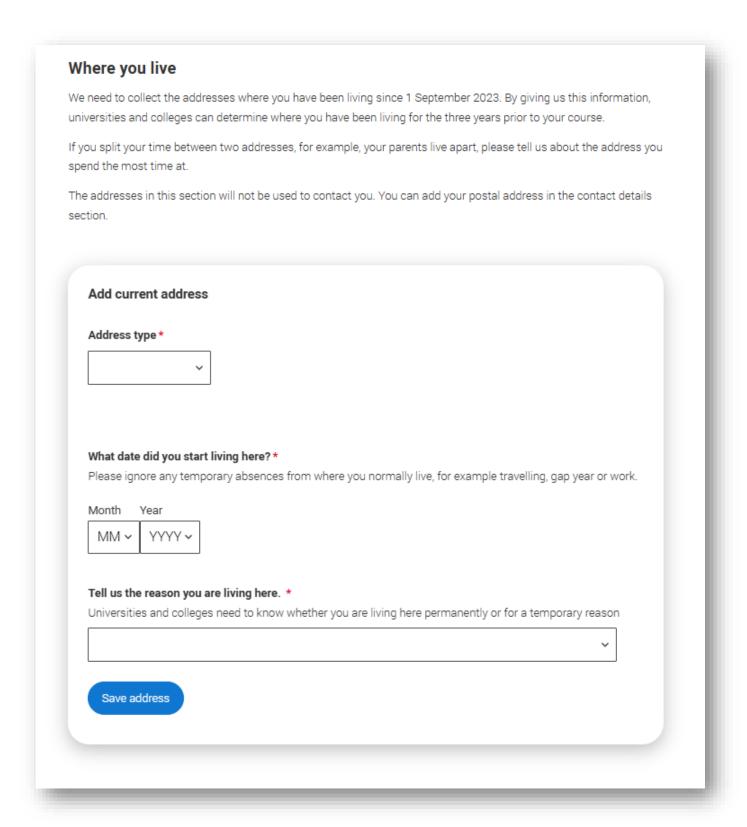
For most of you, your current UK
 visa or immigration status should
 be "No visa, not in UK".
 In this case, do not key in Start
 date and End date.



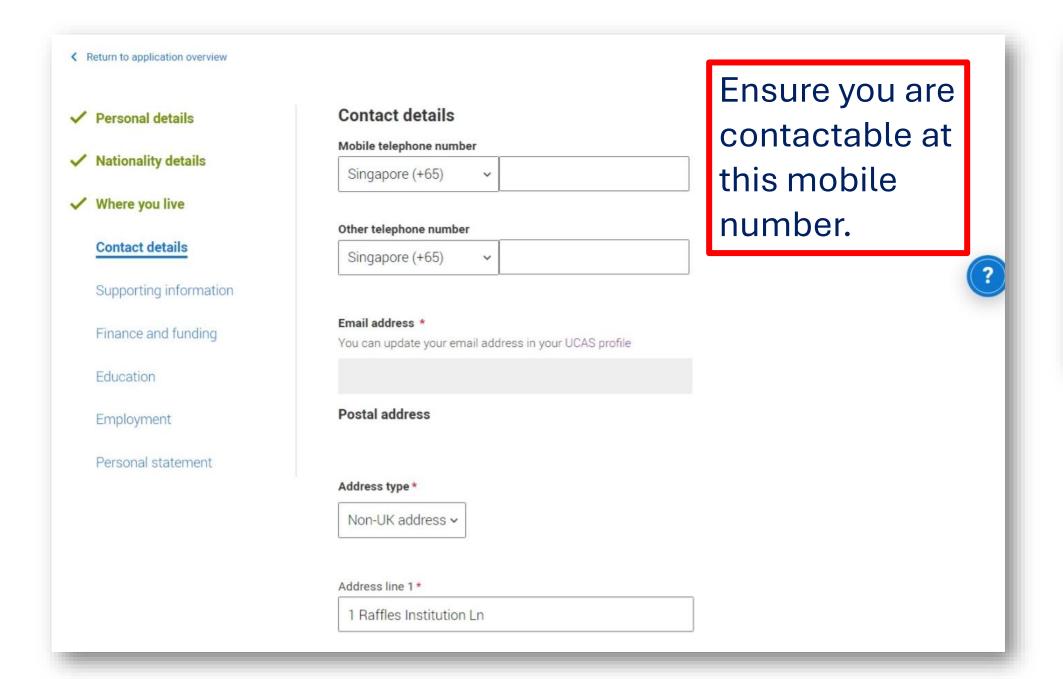
## Profile: Where you live

- Key in your addresses accordingly. Your current address (e.g. RI Boarding) may be different from your home address.
- Select your area of permanent residence i.e. the country of your citizenship or PR. This is to determine your fee status.





### **Profile: Contact details**



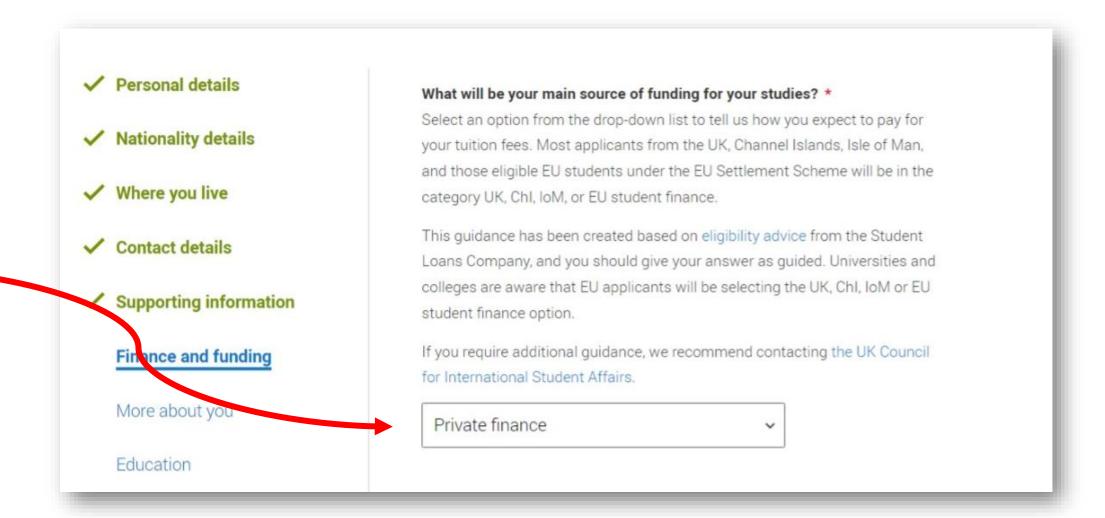
### **Nominated access** Do you want someone else to be able to act, or speak on your behalf, about your application? e.g. A parent, teacher, other relative or guardian. If you are using an agent, you can choose to enter their details. You're able to enter details of someone you're happy to help manage your application - this is called nominated access. Yes No This does **not** refer to your CT or HEO. Choose "No" as default. You

should be handling your

application yourself.

## Profile: Finance & Funding

 Even if you hold a scholarship or are intending to apply for one, select "Private finance".



#### Education

- Before you begin this section, you should have with you:
  - 1. Your **Year 4 overall / EOY results** report (for RGS/RI IP students)
    - refer to the next slide for converting your
       Grade Point (GP) to letter grades
  - 2. Your **O Level Certificate** (including mother tongue)
  - 3. Your **A Level Certificate** (for graduated students)

RP Boys – take note of instructions in BLUE

RGS Girls - take note of instructions in ORANGE

Non-IP students – take note of instructions in YELLOW

**Graduated students** – take note of instructions in GREEN

#### **Education**

Add all your secondary education and qualifications in this section. This includes GCSEs, A Levels and BTECs for UK applicants, or their equivalents in other countries from high school or college onwards.

Please include where you are studying now, as well as qualifications you've completed and qualifications you're still studying for or re-sitting. Your referee will be asked to add predicted grades for any pending qualifications when adding your reference.

If you've attended university before, please add that here too.



Add place of education

# Grading System for Raffles Programme subjects for students from RI Y14 and RGS

Marks	RP Grade		e	Grade Point (GP)
80 & above	A+ _	]		4.0
70-79	Α			3.6
65-69	B+		Indicate as 'A', 'B' or 'C'	3.2
60-64	В		without the	2.8
55-59	C+		'+'	2.4
50-54	С			2.0
45-49	D			1.6
40-44	E			1.2
Below 40	F			0.8

## Education: Add Raffles Junior College

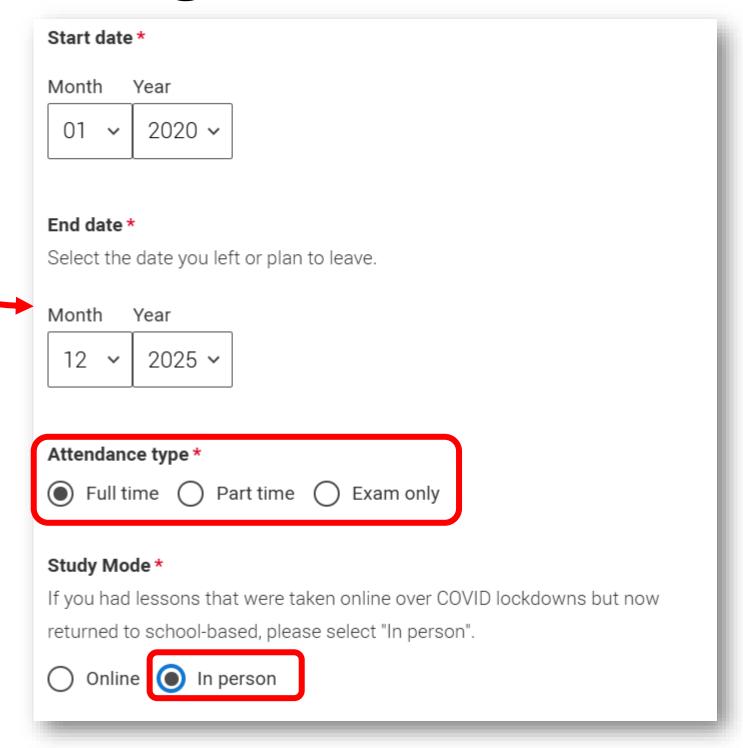
For all current students:
 End date is Dec 2025

RP Boys – Start date is January of the year you entered RI (2020 for most of you).

**RGS Girls** – Start date is Jan 2024 (or when you started at RI).

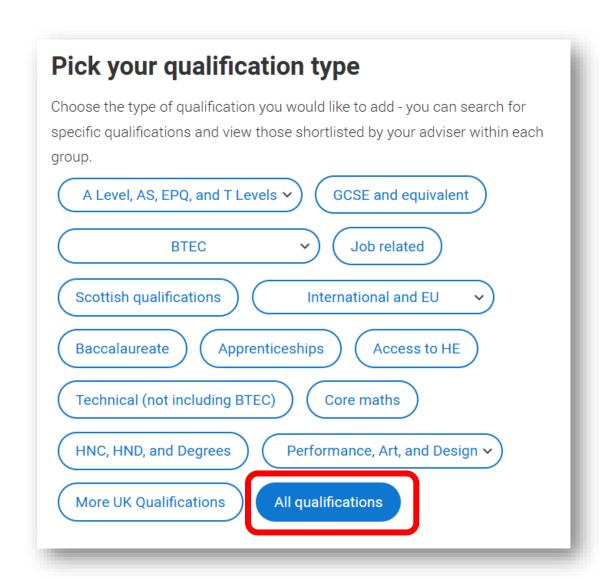
**Non-IP students** – Start date is Jan 2024 (or when you started at RI).

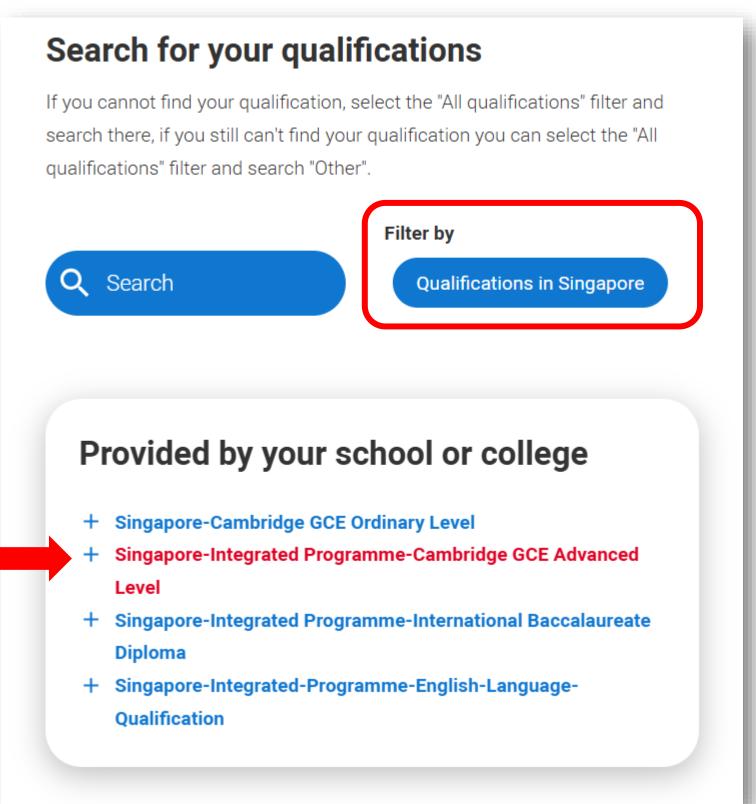
**Graduated students** – enter your Start and End dates accordingly.



Select "Save and Add Qualification" to continue

Education: Add qualification for A Level subjects (all students)





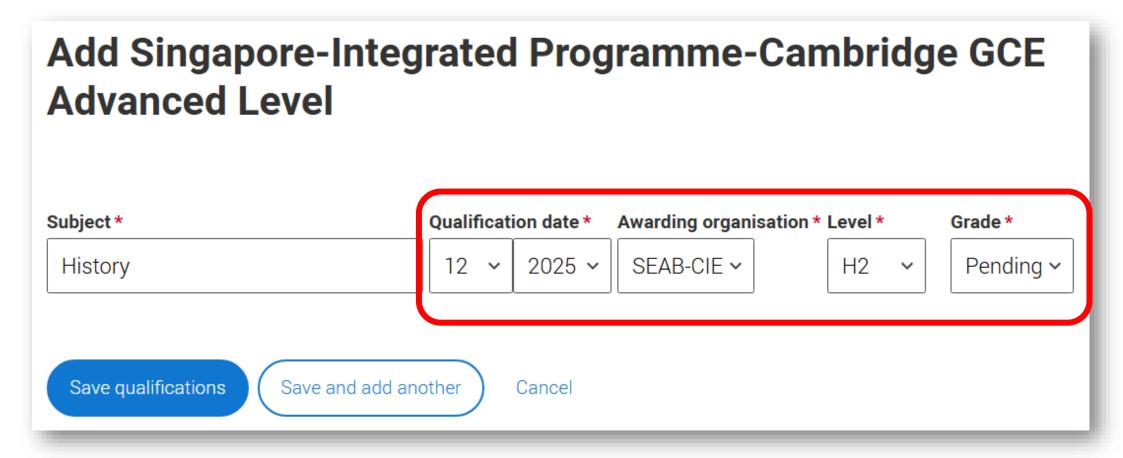
## Education: Add qualification for A Level subjects

- For all students: include all H1/H2/H3 subjects for which you are sitting the A Level exams.
- **H1 Project Work:** qualification date is Dec 2024 (or the year you completed Year 5, accordingly).
  - Current Y6 students key in your PW grade as "Pass".

Current students – select Dec 2025 as Qualification date and "Pending" as Grade

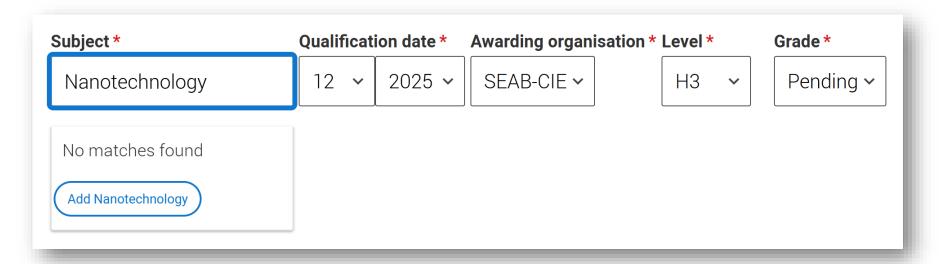
Graduated students – select the year you took your A Levels and enter your final Grade.

Important: If you took additional A-Level subjects after RI, report them appropriately as well. (Refer to slide #74 for instructions.)



## Education: Add qualification FAQs

- What if my subject doesn't appear on the drop-down list?
  - Key in part of the name without acronyms does it appear?
  - If not, key in the full name of the course, then click "Add..." the subject. Select SEAB-CIE as the Awarding organisation.



- Can I include other qualifications (e.g. music, dance, etc)?
  - Only include qualifications that are **properly certified by recognized organisations**, such as SEAB, **and are relevant** to your course choices.
  - Note: Admission test scores (e.g. UCAT and LNAT) are submitted by the test providers directly
    to the universities. There's no need for you to submit them in UCAS.

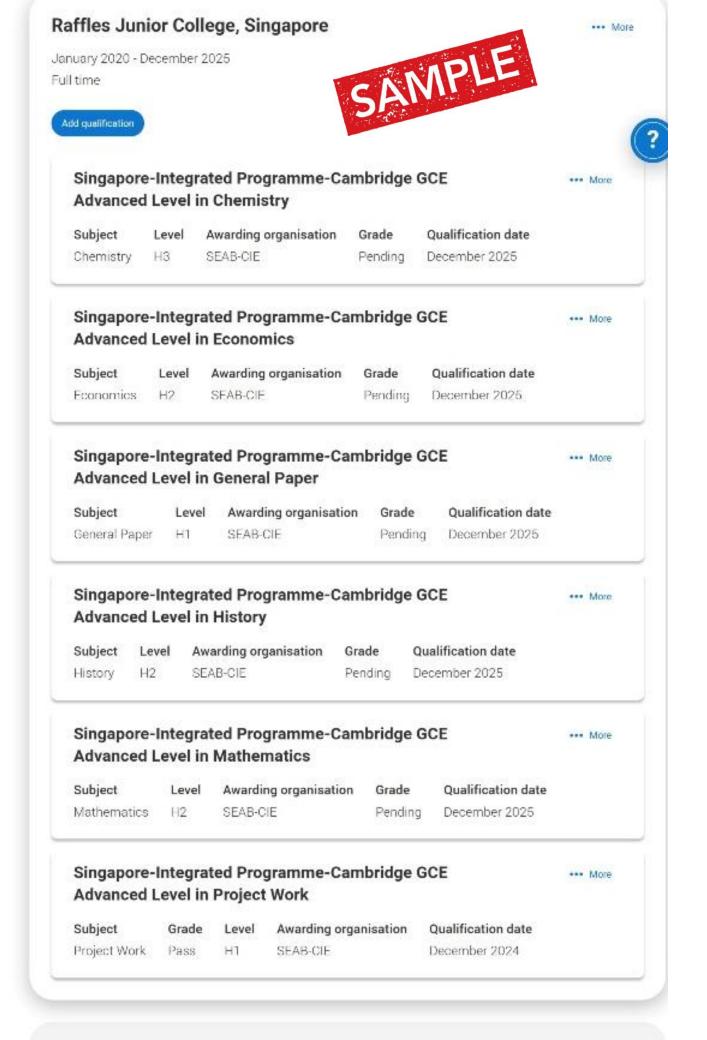
# Education: A Level subjects

 When completed, your list of A Level subjects should appear under "Raffles Junior College".

RP Boys – Your Y4 subjects will also be listed under "Raffles Junior College". Add them according to the instructions in the next few pages.

**RGS Girls** – Only your Y5-6 subjects will be listed under "Raffles Junior College"

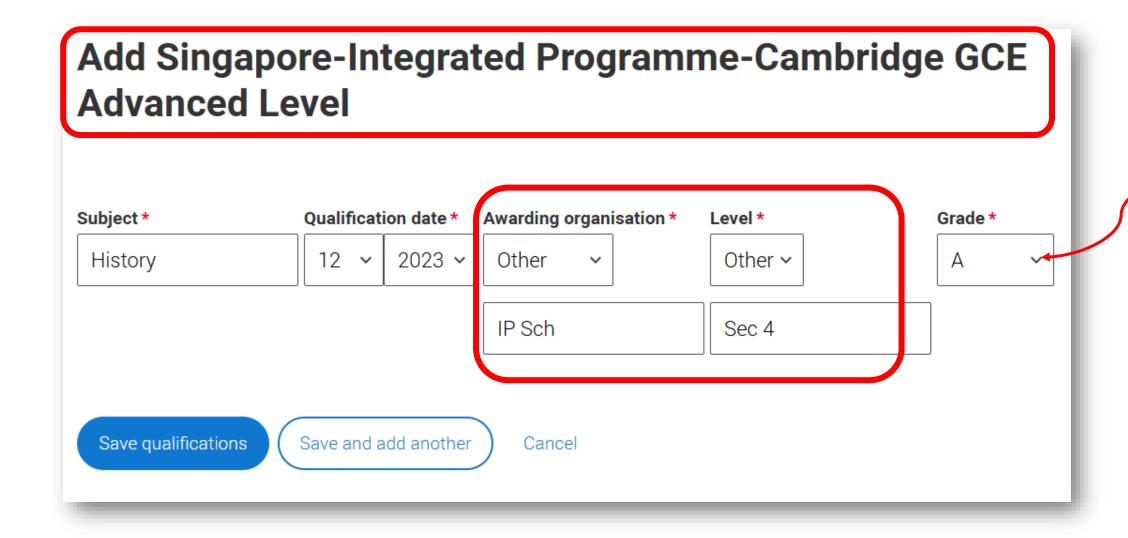
**Non-IP students** – Only your Y5-6 subjects will be listed under "Raffles Junior College"



# Education: Add Year 4 subjects (RI boys)

RP Boys – Add qualification under "Raffles Junior College"

• Subject: type the name of the subject as it appears on your results slip. Add the subject if it's not in the drop-down list.



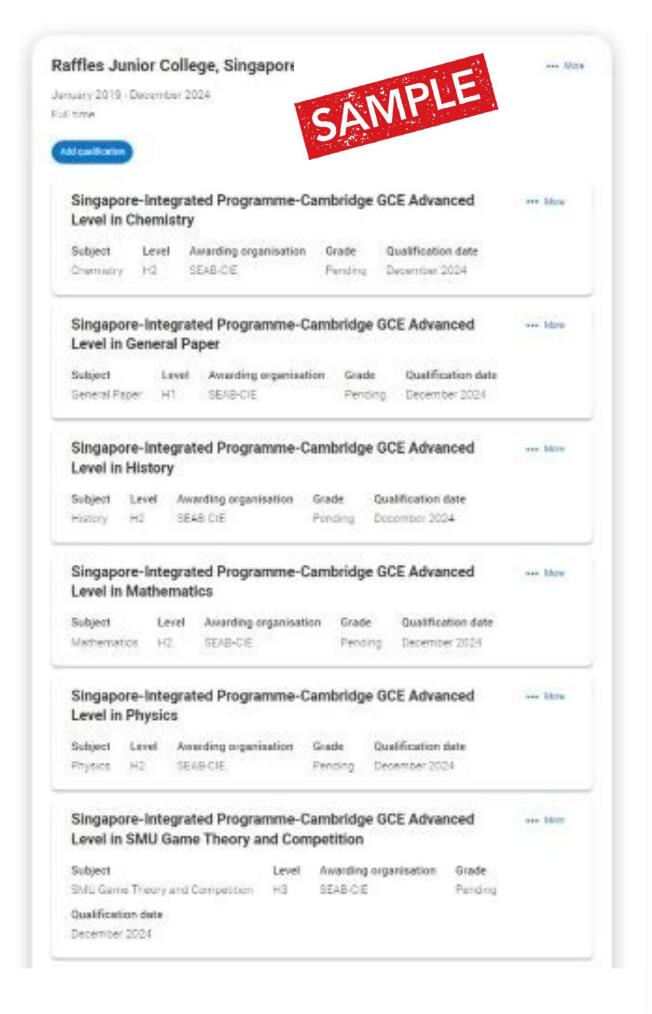
- Qualification date:
   Dec of Year 4.
- Grade: convert your GP to a letter grade and key in without "+" sign.

# **Education:**

RP Boys – All Year 4 subjects and A Level subjects are listed under "Raffles Junior College"

Include Year 4 English
Language and Mother
Tongue subjects if they
are listed in your results
slip. (Yes, they will be
repeated later.)

Start and End Dates – 6 years under "Raffles Junior College"



# Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in Chemistry Subject Grade Level Awarding organisation Qualification date Chemistry A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022 Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in English Language

Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced
Level in English Language

Subject Grade Level Awarding organisation Qualification date
English Language A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022

Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level in Higher Chinese ... More

Subject Grade Awarding organisation Qualification date
Higher Chinese A1 SEAB-CIE December 2022

# Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced ... More Level in History

Subject Grade Level Awarding organisation Qualification date
History A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022

# Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in Literature in English

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Subject Grade Level Awarding organisation Qualification date

Literature in English A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022

### Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in Mathematics

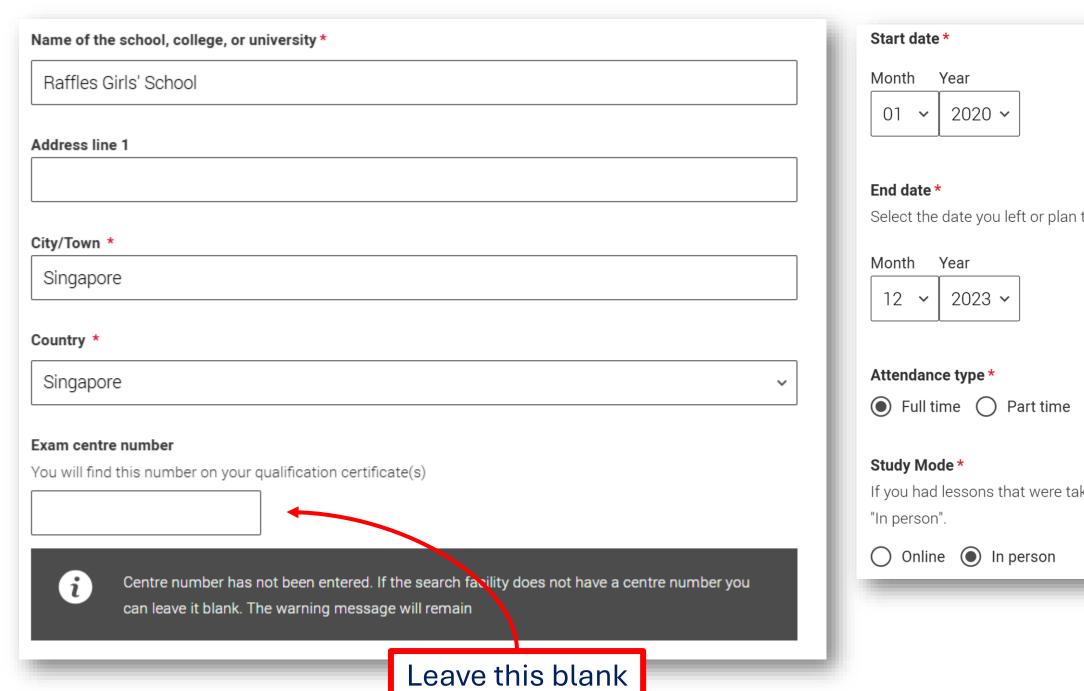
Subject Grade Level Awarding organisation Qualification date
Mathematics A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022

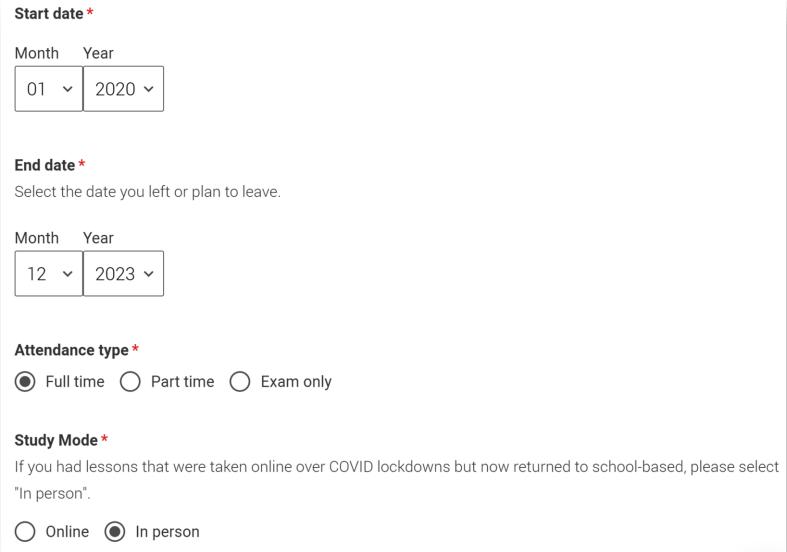
### Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in Physics

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Physics A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022

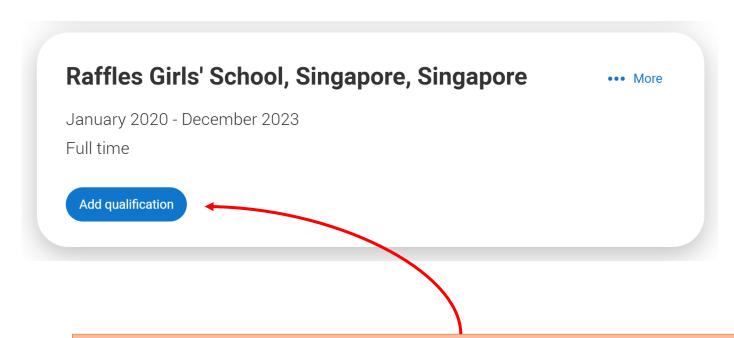
# Education: Year 4 subjects (RGS girls)

RGS Girls – Add Raffles Girls' School and enter your Start and End dates (Year 1 to 4) accordingly.





# Education: Add Year 4 subjects (RGS Girls)



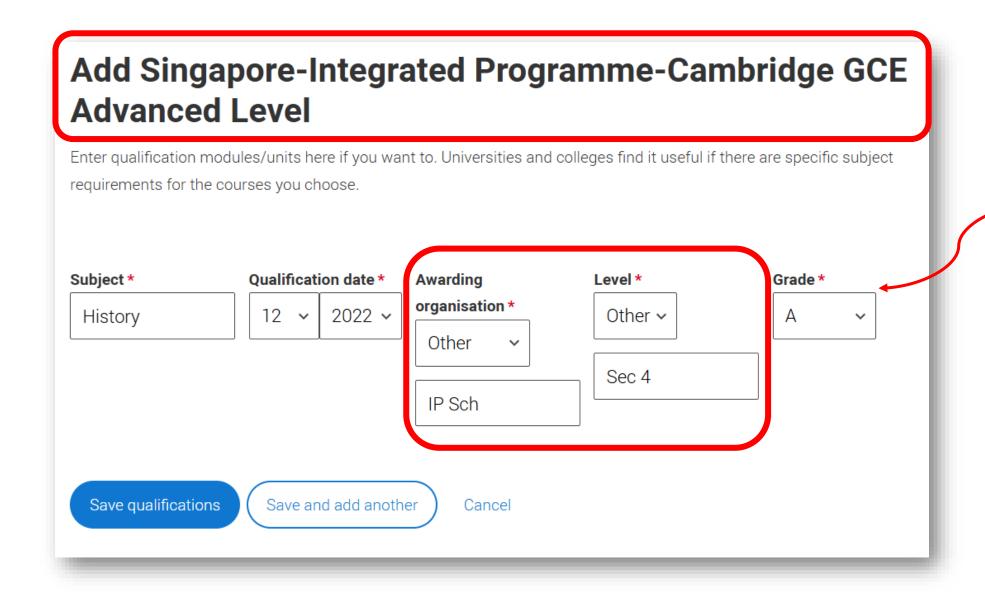
RGS Girls – Add qualification under RGS and select Singapore IP-Cambridge GCE A Level

# Search for your qualifications If you cannot find your qualification, select the "All qualifications" filter and search there, if you still can't find your qualification you can select the "All qualifications" filter and search "Other". Filter by **Q** Search Qualifications in Singapore Provided by your school or college + Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level + Singapore-Integrated Programme-International Baccalaureate Diploma + Singapore-Integrated-Programme-English-Language-**Oualification**

# Education: Add Year 4 subjects (RGS girls)

RGS Girls – Add qualification under RGS and select Singapore IP-Cambridge GCE A Level

• Subject: type the name of the subject as it appears on your results slip. Add the subject if it's not in the drop-down list.

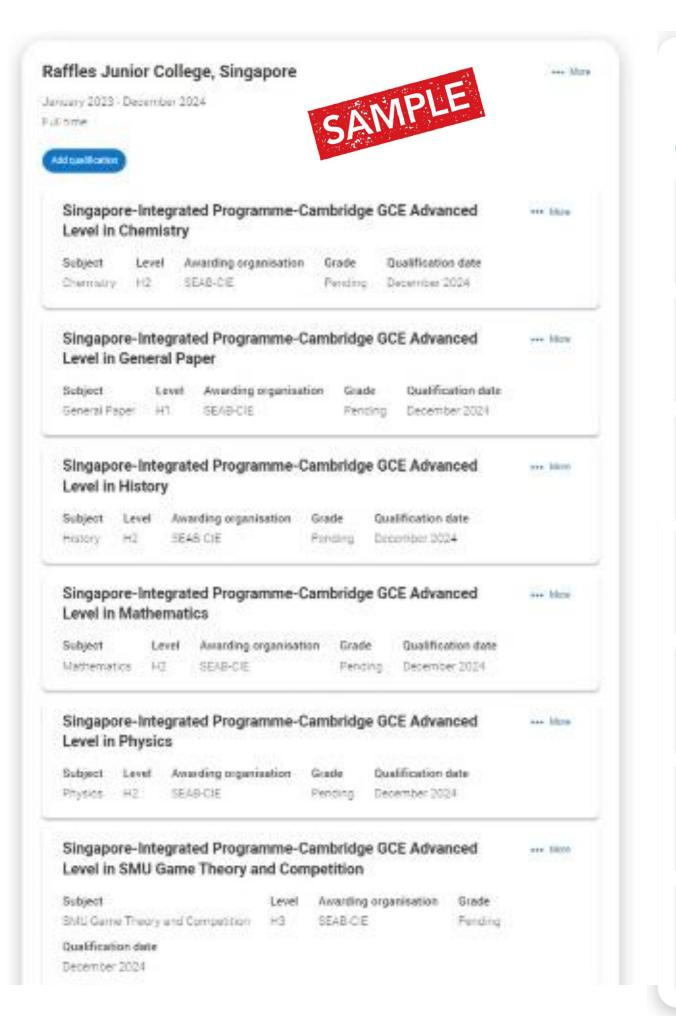


- Qualification date:
   Dec of Year 4.
- Grade: convert your GP to a letter grade and key in without "+" sign.

# **Education:**

RGS Girls – Year 4 subjects are listed under "Raffles Girls' School" and A Level subjects are listed under "Raffles Junior College"

Include Year 4 English
Language and Mother
Tongue subjects if they are
listed in your results slip.
(Yes, they will be repeated
later.)



# Raffles Girls' School, Singapore, Singapore January 2019 - December 2022 Full time Add qualification Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE ... More

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## Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE .... Advanced Level in Biology

Subject Grade Level Awarding organisation Qualification date

Biology A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022

### Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in Chemistry

Subject Grade Level Awarding organisation Qualification date

Chemistry A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022

### Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in English Language

SubjectGradeLevelAwarding organisationQualification dateEnglish LanguageASec 4IP SchDecember 2022

### Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in History

SubjectGradeLevelAwarding organisationQualification dateHistoryASec 4IP SchDecember 2022

### Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in Literature in English

SubjectGradeLevelAwarding organisationQualification dateLiterature in EnglishASec 4IP SchDecember 2022

### Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level in Mathematics 1

Subject Grade Level Awarding organisation Qualification date

Mathematics 1 A Sec 4 IP Sch December 2022

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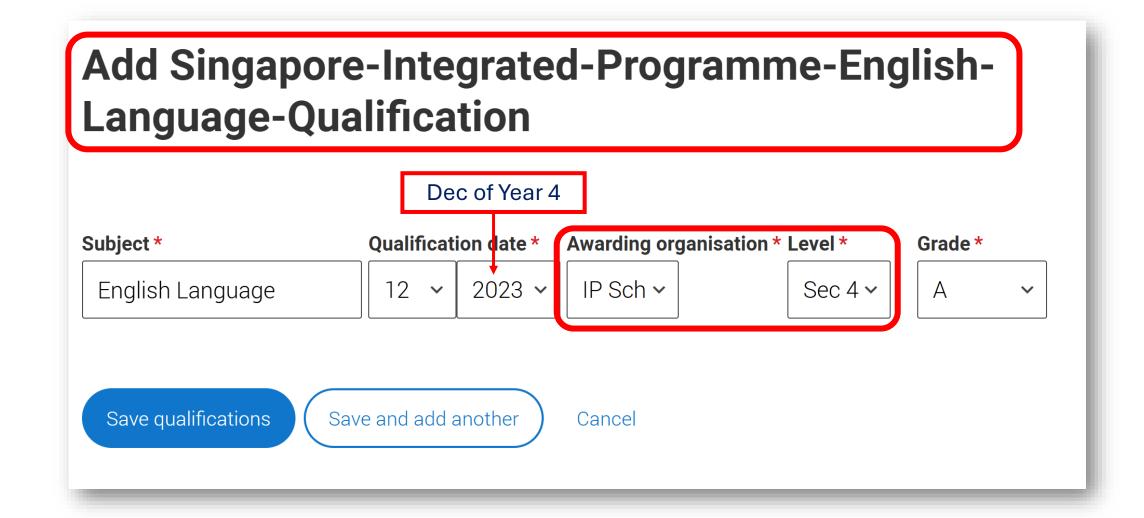
SubjectGradeLevelAwarding organisationQualification dateMathematics 2ASec 4IP SchDecember 2022

# Education: Add English Language Qualifications (IP students only)

RP Boys – Add qualification under "Raffles Junior College"

**RGS Girls** – Add qualification under "Raffles Girls' School"

# Provided by your school or college + Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level + Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level + Singapore-Integrated Programme-International Baccalaureate Diploma + Singapore-Integrated-Programme-English-Language-Qualification



Note: You are taught and assessed in English for all your GCE A Level subjects, with the exception of Mother Tongue, in English. As such, your first language of instruction is English – this is regardless of ethnicity.

# Education: Add O Level Mother Tongue results (all students)

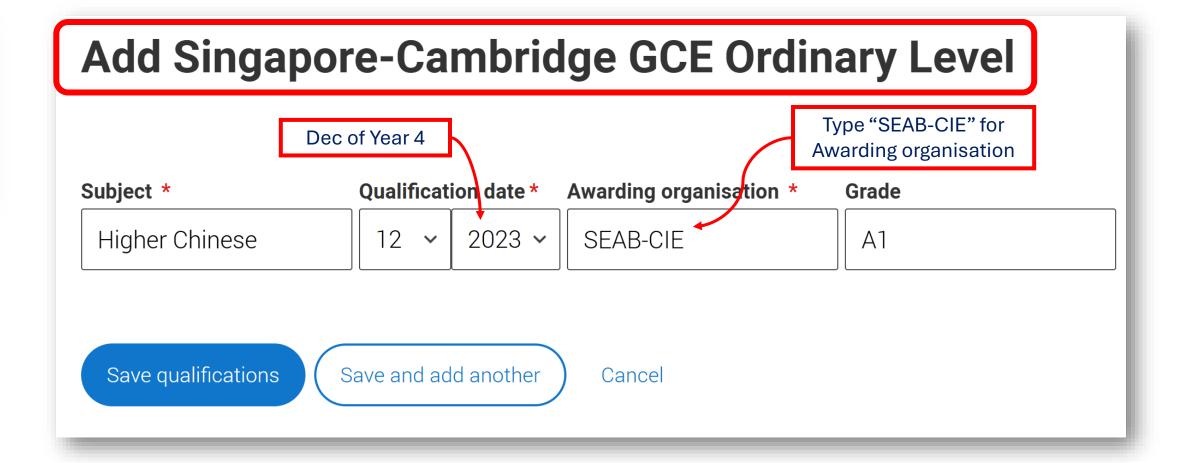
RP Boys – Add qualification under "Raffles Junior College"

RGS Girls – Add qualification under "Raffles Girls' School"

**Non-IP students** – Add qualification under your secondary school with your other O level subjects. See following slides.

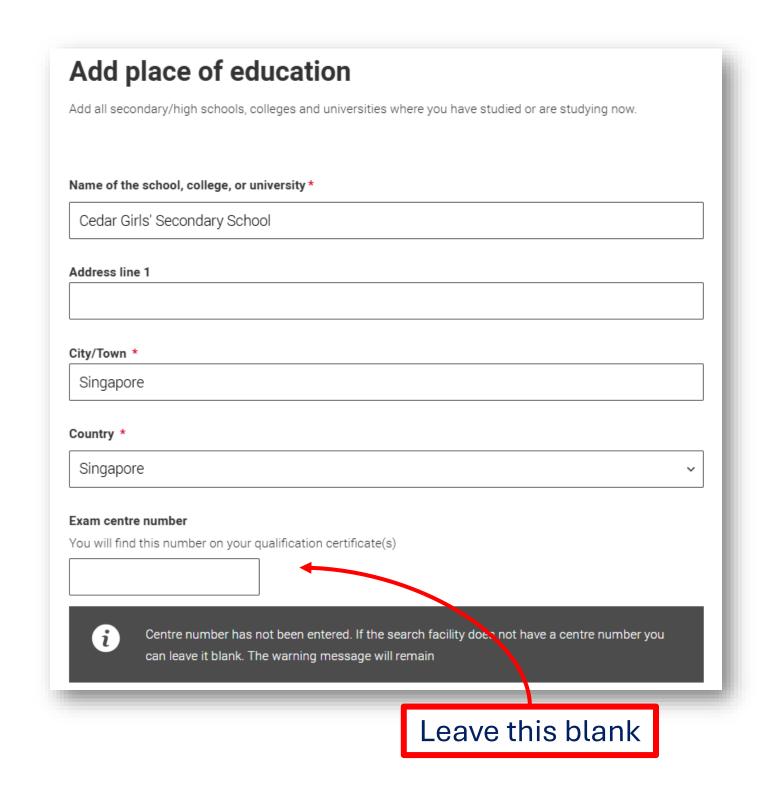
RP students - also add all other O Level national exams you sat for (e.g. third language).

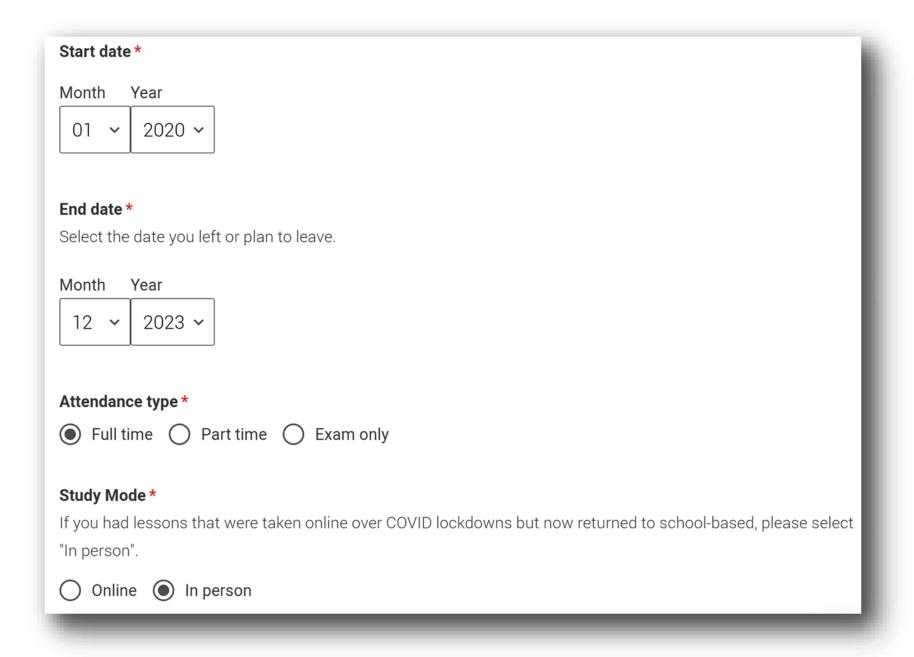
# Provided by your school or college + Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level + Singapore-Integrated Programme-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level + Singapore-Integrated Programme-International Baccalaureate Diploma + Singapore-Integrated-Programme-English-Language-Qualification



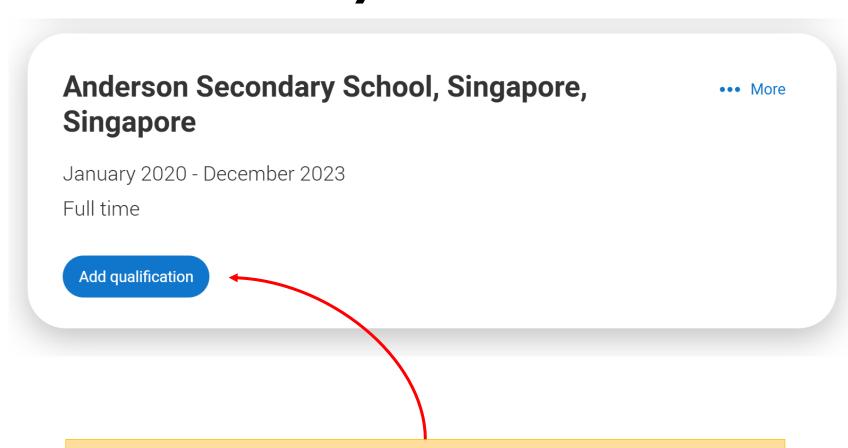
# Education: O Level qualifications (Non-IP students)

Non-IP students – Add your secondary school and enter your Start and End dates (Sec 1 to 4) accordingly.

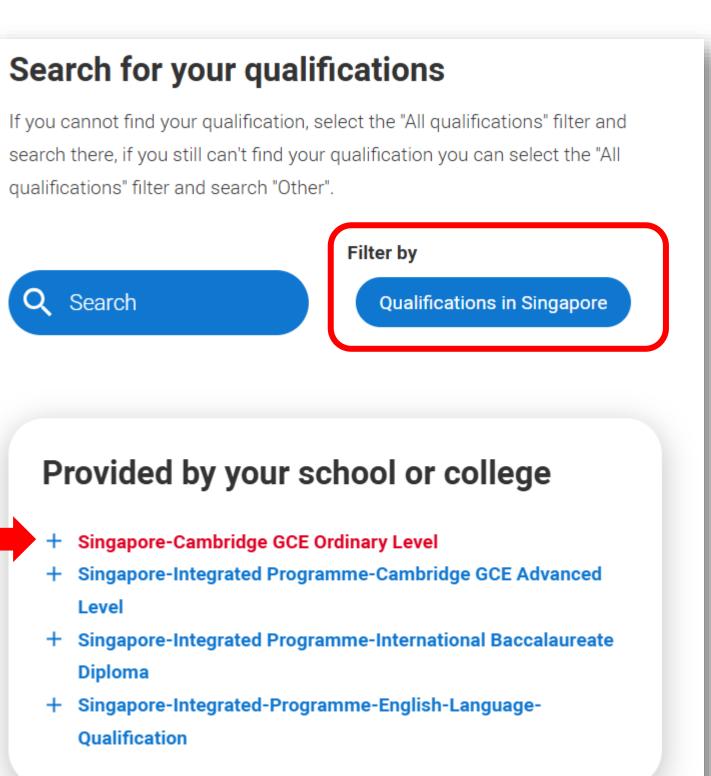




# Education: Add O Level subjects (Non-IP students)



Non-IP students – Add qualification under your secondary school and select Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level



# Education: Add O Level subjects (Non-IP students)

Non-IP students – Add qualification under your sec school and select Singapore-Cambridge GCE O Level

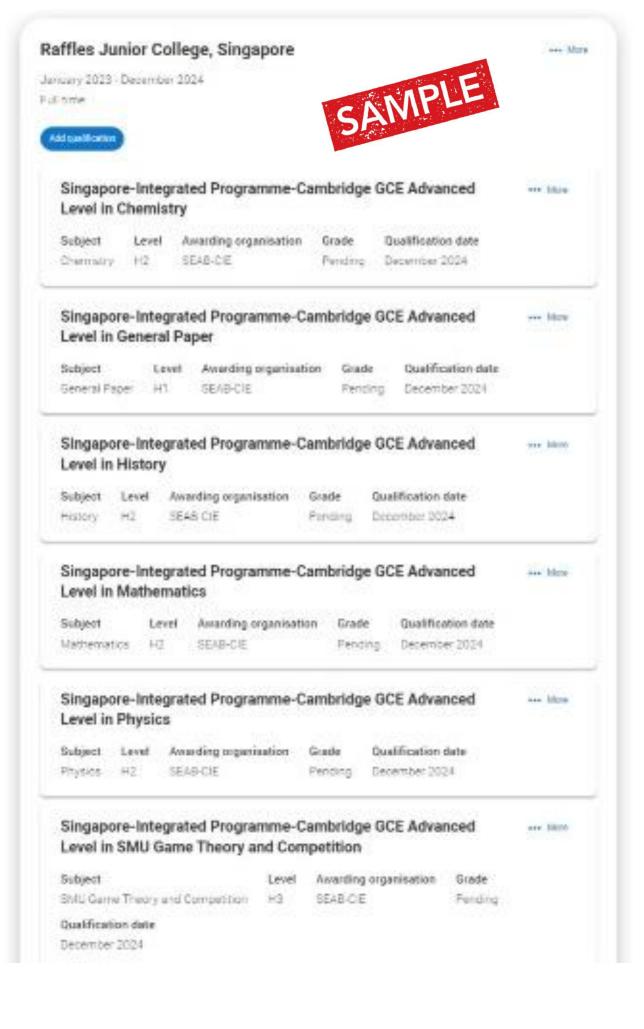
- Subject: type the name of the subject as it appears on your O Level certificate. Add the subject if it's not in the drop-down list.
- Qualification date: Dec of the year you took your O Levels.
- Awarding organization:
   Type 'CIE' (Cambridge International Examinations) for subjects administered by Cambridge.
- Type 'SEAB-CIE' for Mother Tongue subjects (see slide #45).



# **Education:**

### Non-IP students -

A Level subjects are listed under "Raffles Junior College" and O Level subjects, including English and Mother Tongue, are listed under your secondary school.



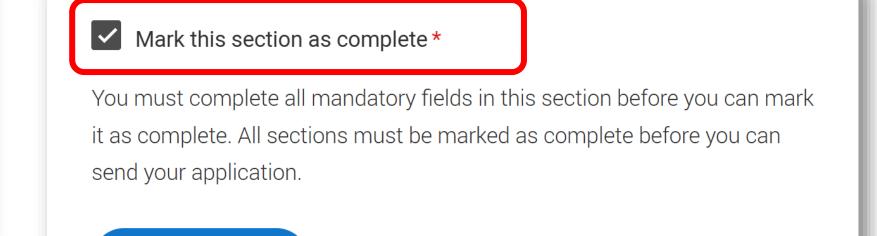
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# Education: complete the section (all students)

# **English language certificates** English language certificates are often needed for international students as an entry requirement for the course. Not everyone will need an English language certificate. If you're unsure whether you need one, check the entry requirements for the course on the search tool. If you have a language certificate that is not listed here, ie Pearson, Cambridge you can add these as a qualification in the section above. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Number International English Language Testing System (IELTS) TRF Number

Leave the section on English language certificates blank unless you have recent TOEFL or IELTS scores. Please note that these tests are **not required** during the application phase.

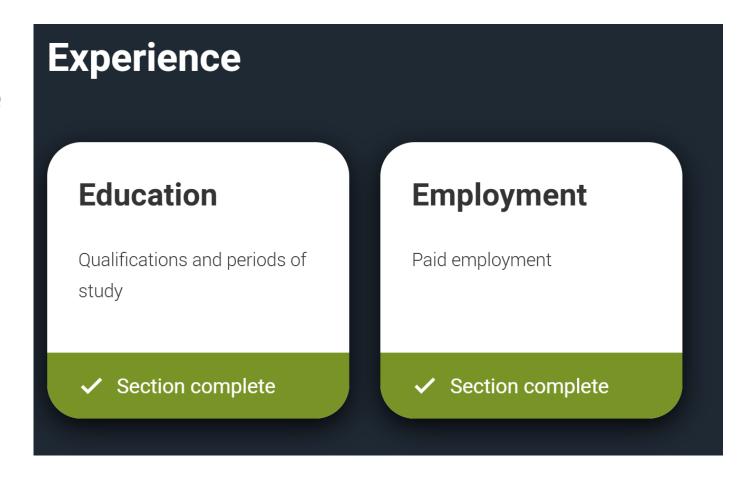
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# Complete your Experience

### Education

- You've completed the most tedious part of the application!
- Take a break!

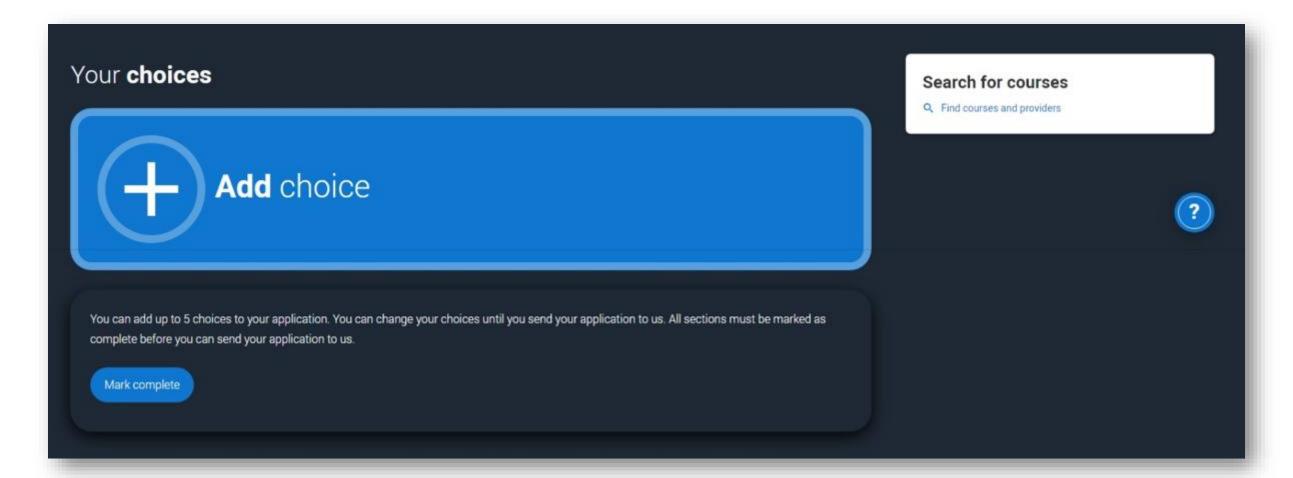


## Employment

- Only paid employment is considered in this section. There's no need to add unpaid internships, attachments or short-term / part-time employment.
- For most of you, this section will be blank. Simply mark it as complete and save.
- National Service: You do not need to include this. However, you may wish
  to include if there are skillsets which are directly relevant to the course you
  are applying for, that you elaborated about in your statement.

# **Course Choices**

- Before you begin this section, you should already have a list of up to 5 choices. You will need:
  - Name of the university
  - Exact name of the course (including the course code)
  - Location (for Oxbridge applications, you should also have decided on your College. It's fine to have OPEN for Oxford if you have no college preference.)



# Adding a choice

### Location:

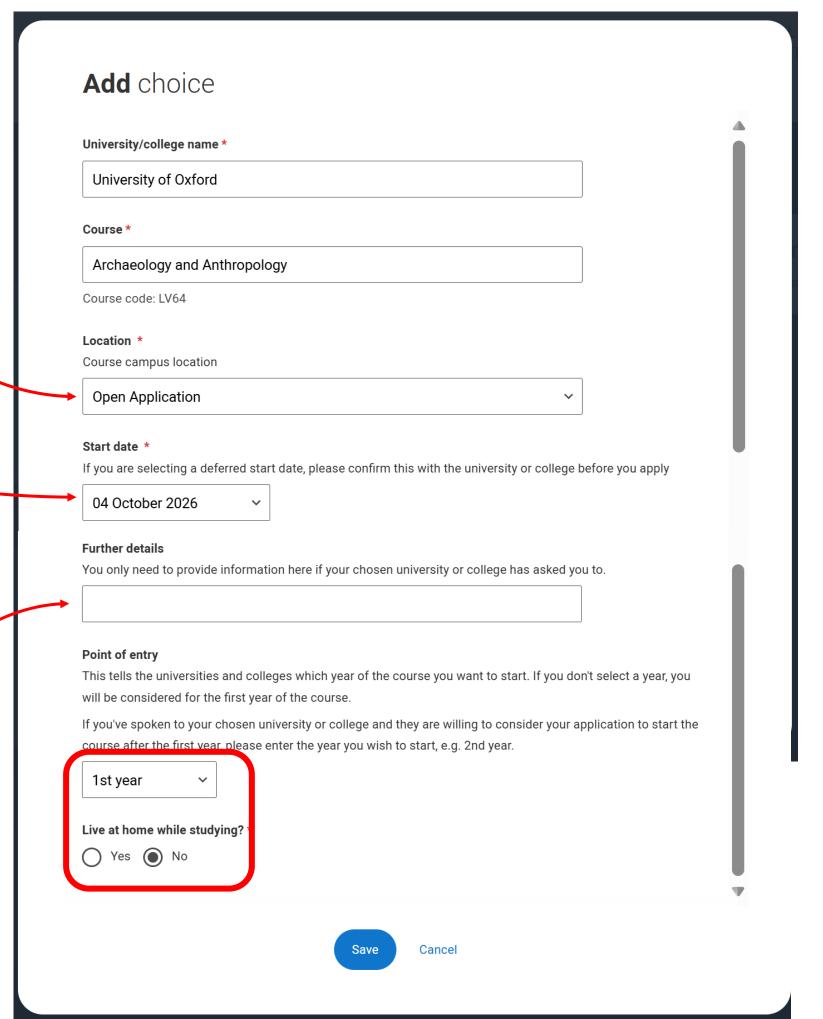
- Oxford / Cambridge you may select a college or select "Open Application".
- Other universities select whichever is applicable.

### Start date:

- For <u>1 year</u> deferral, select 2027.
- Do check the uni websites on deferment policy if you intend to start school in 2027.

# For current Y6s who will serve NS: refer to slide #56 for more details.

- Select 2027. Leave room in your personal statement (Tip: Q3 is a good place) to explicitly state that you have a 2-year NS commitment and will only enrol in Fall 2028. AND/OR: leave a similar comment in *Further Details*.
- The majors of Medicine and Mathematics in most universities, and LSE, do **not** defer for 2 years, so if you wish to apply to these, you should **not** be applying this cycle.



# Course choices

### Archaeology and Social Anthropology (VL46)

The University of Edinburgh (E56)

### **Archaeology and Anthropology (VL46)**

University of Manchester (M20)

Location: Main Site

Start date: 21 September 2026 Further details: *Not provided* Point of entry: 1st year Deferred entry: No

Live at home while studying: No

### INFO

### There may be an assessment

You may be required to attend an interview or audition or provide a portfolio, essay or other piece of work to help the course tutor decide if you're suitable for this course.

**Archaeology and Anthropology (LV64)** 

University of Oxford (O33)

Location: Open Application
Start date: 04 October 2026
Further details: Not provided
Point of entry: 1st year
Deferred entry: No

Live at home while studying: No

INFO

### There may be an assessment

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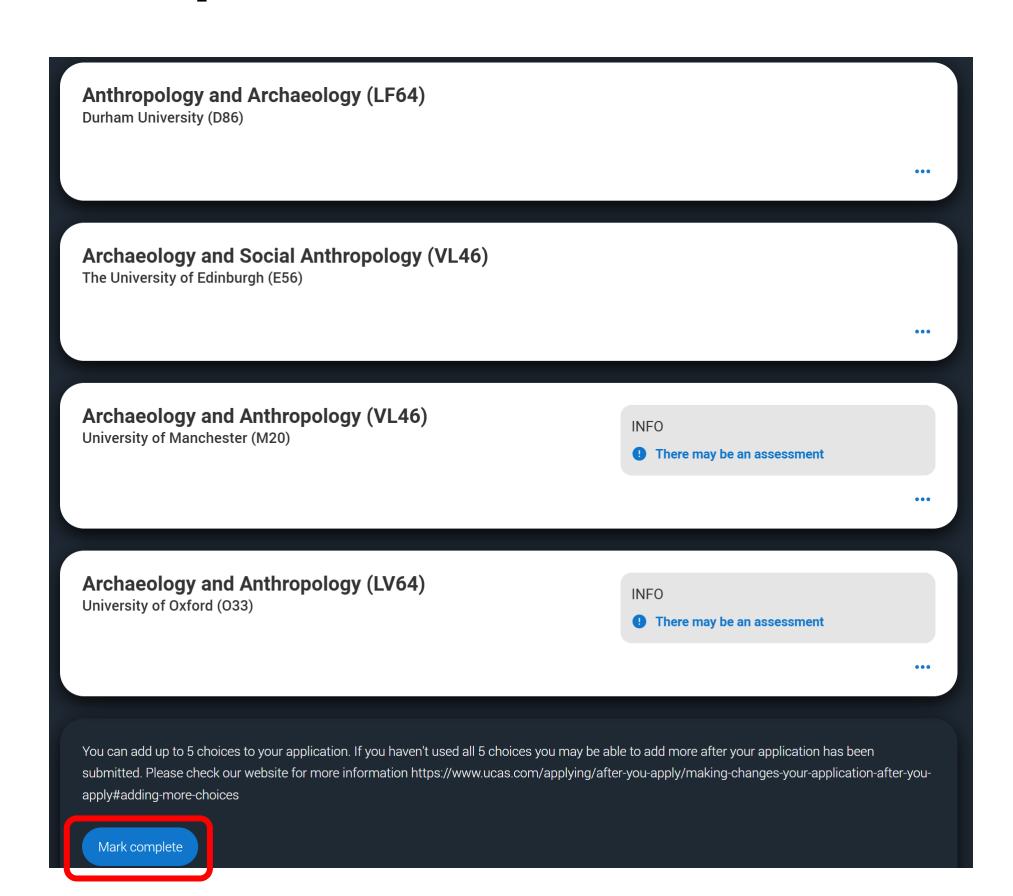
- Take note of additional admission tests required.
- Students are to register for tests independently.

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# Course choices: Mark complete

 Once you have entered all your choices, mark the section as complete.

 Don't worry, you can still make changes before you submit.



# Important reminder for those serving NS

- 1. In which year do you want to start your studies—select **2026** (see slide #17)
- 2. For date of first entry to the UK—simply put the furthest date you can (see slide #26).
- 3. When you *Add Choice*, under *Course start date*—select dd/mm/**2027** (see slide #53). This is for a one-year deferral.
- 4. For current Y6s who will be going to NS: leave room for a footnote in your personal statement, that due to mandatory military service, you will require a 2-year deferral, entering university from Fall 2028. A good place to do this is in Q3 of the UCAS statement. You can opt to do the same in *Further Details* under the *Add Choice* bit. Essentially, **be explicit about this.**

### **#HEOprotip:**

- Read university policies closely not all schools defer places for 2 years. If in doubt, email the university admission office. Note that the majors of Mathematics & Medicine, and LSE, do not defer for two years.
- You should not be applying this year if your dream UK school/course does not defer for 2 years.
- As you still have time over the next 2 years, you should **only** apply to schools that, if offered, you would **definitely** accept. This is as UCAS will require you to turn down all offers in order to reapply.
- If after consideration, you decide to focus on the A Levels and apply next year instead, that's fine. There is absolutely no rush.

# **Personal Statement**

- Before you begin, refer to HEO resources for writing the UK statement.
  - Year 6 students: all resources are on Ivy
  - Alumni: refer to <a href="http://www.ri.edu.sg/school-life/higher-education-office">http://www.ri.edu.sg/school-life/higher-education-office</a>
  - UCAS also has a guide: <a href="https://www.ucas.com/applying/applying-to-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement">https://www.ucas.com/applying/applying-to-university/writing-personal-statement</a>

# Personal statement Why do you want to study this subject? Start this section

### TIP - Demonstrate the following:

- You understand the nature and demands of your selected course.
- You have relevant **background knowledge of selected discipline** gained from lessons, academic enrichment, work experiences, other co-curricular activities, etc.
- You have the **requisite academic skills** to pursue the selected course. These could be critical thinking, multidisciplinary understanding, precision skills, etc.

Demonstrate these by engaging with issues instead of merely listing the skills involved or the activities you had participated in.



# Personal statement

You can save and edit this as many times as you need to.

If it's over the character count you can't 'Complete' it until it meets the count.

If you try to navigate away without saving your work. We'll remind you with a pop-up warning.

You can expand each question box by dragging the bottom right-hand corner.

Why do you want to study this course or subject? *	Overall character count 0 / 4000
This is your opportunity to showcase your passion and knowledge of your chosen subject area and to demonstrate to universities and colleges why they are a good fit for you and your future ambitions.	
Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)	
How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject? *	
This is your chance to shout about the relevant or transferable skills you've gained from your education and highlight	
our understanding of how they will help you succeed in this subject area.	
Please use a minimum of 350 characters in this section (350 needed)	
What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful? *	
This is your chance to reflect on any other activities you have undertaken outside of your education or personal	
experiences which further demonstrate your suitability for the course. This section is likely to be deeply personal to you, so anything you include should be meaningful and relevant to you.	
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# Personal statement

Remember UCAS will carry out checks to verify your personal statement is your own work.

If it looks like it's been copied from other sources, UCAS will inform the universities and colleges you applied to, and they'll decide what to do next.

UCAS will also contact you by email to tell you this has happened.

In addition to HEO's guides, check out ucas.com for all the support in writing your personal statement.

### What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful? \*

This is your chance to reflect on any other activities you have undertaken outside of your education, or personal experiences which further demonstrate your suitability for the course. This section is likely to be deeply personal to you, so anything you include should be meaningful and relevant to you.

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Examples of what you might talk about here could include work experience, employment, or volunteering. Personal life experiences or responsibilities. Hobbies and any extracurricular or outreach activities. Post-education activities.

Minimum number of characters met

Mark this section as complete \*

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Save this section

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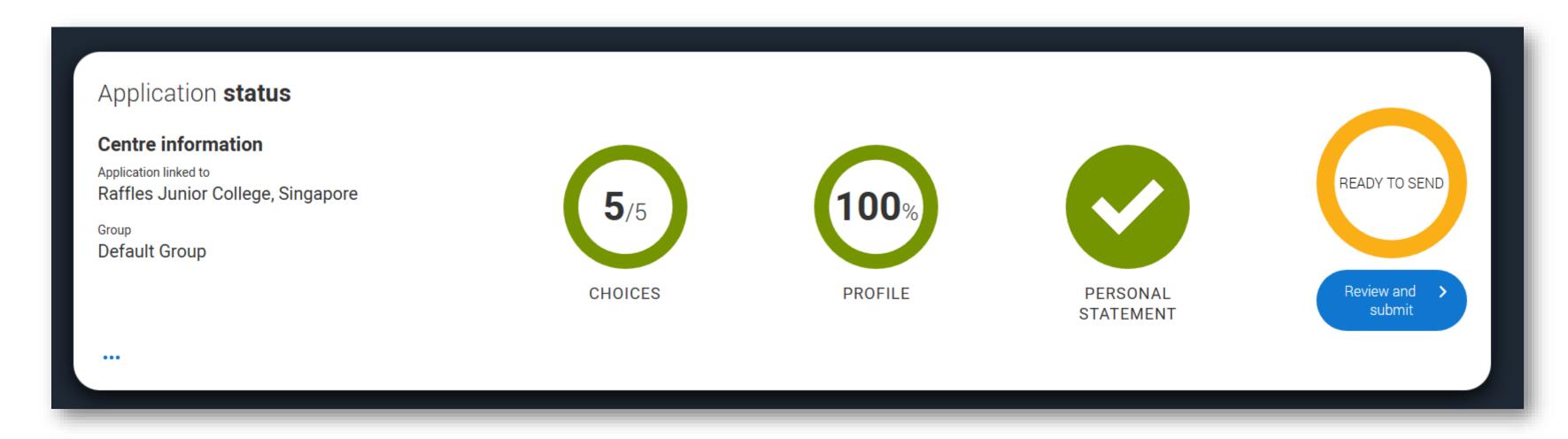
# A note on use of AI/ChatGPT

- Students should not be using AI/ChatGPT to write their statements.
- Where AI may be useful: brainstorming ideas, helping to find the right word, to make *your* ideas more succinct. **Avoid** putting your entire statement wholesale into any open-source reader.

### UCAS official stance on use of AI and ChatGPT

Generating (and then copying, pasting and submitting) all or a large part of your personal statement [...] could be considered cheating by universities and colleges [...].

# Ready to send



- All sections must be marked complete (green) before you can submit your application.
- Before you hit "Review and submit", get ready your credit card for payment.

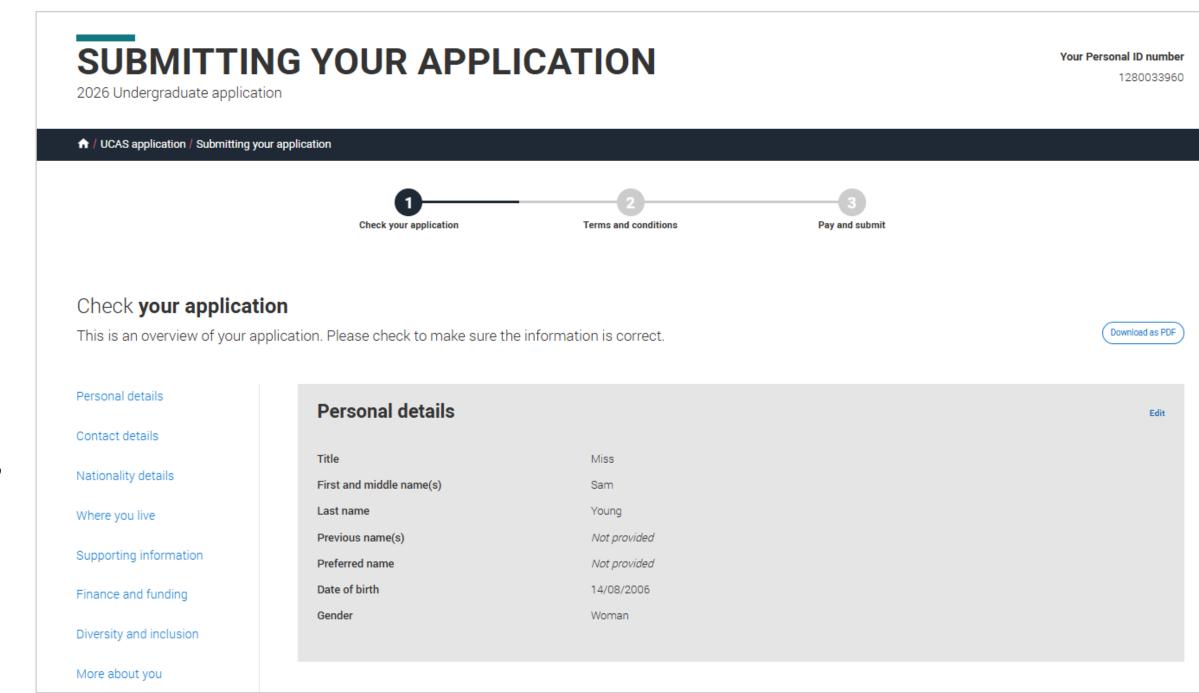


# Submitting the application

View the full application; download as a pdf (in the top right) to help you check it.

Make sure you double check your personal statement, qualifications and choices.

At the bottom of the application, click **Accept and proceed** (or return to application if you want to make more changes).



Accept and proceed

Return to application

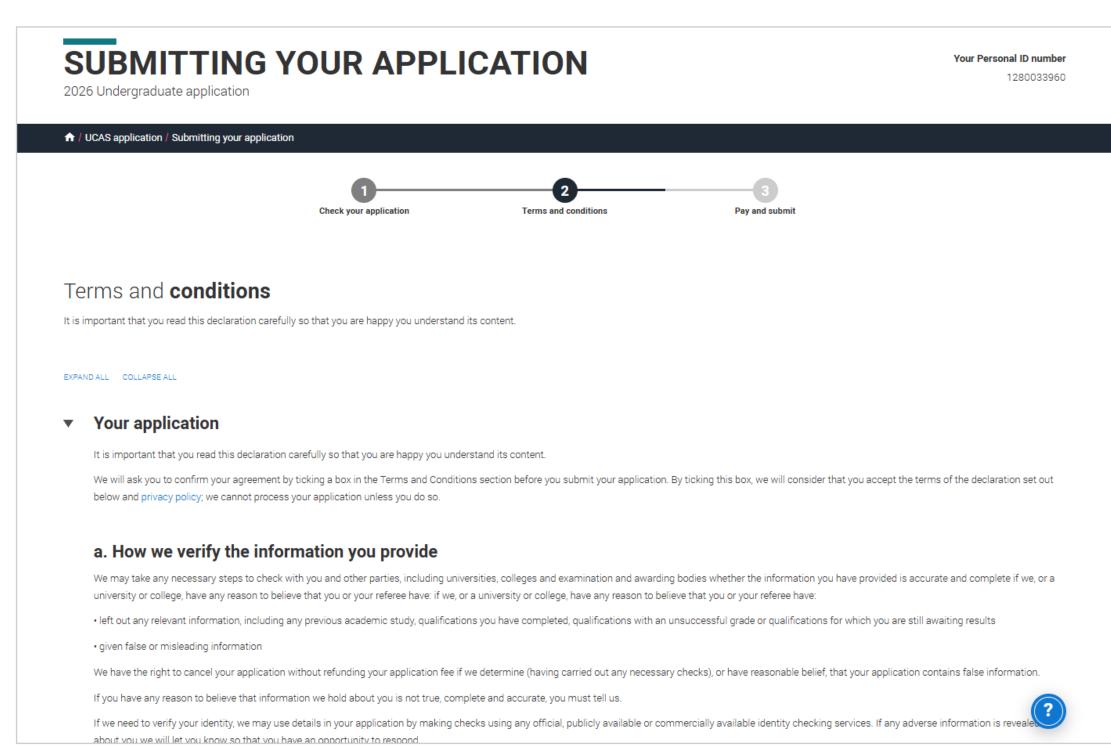


# Submitting the application

By accepting the terms and conditions you are confirming you have read and understood the terms and conditions, and that the information you have provided is true, complete and accurate.

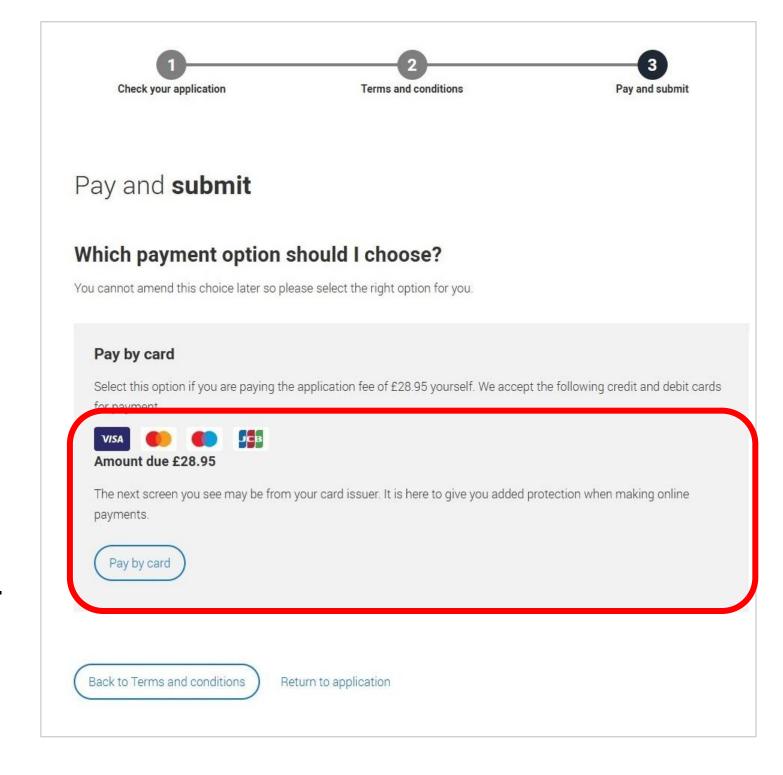
You can collapse these by clicking the ▼.

Either Accept and proceed, or you can 'Return to application'.



# Pay and submit

- Before you proceed with this final step, carefully check your application again to ensure all sections are accurately filled in.
- When you're ready, select "Pay by card".
- Your application now goes to your CT for verification & their reference.
- As your CTs verify your app, they may return the application to you if there are errors. You will then make the necessary changes and resubmit. You do not have to pay again. Please be alert thus to comms from UCAS/your CT on this. You can prevent this by doublechecking everything prior to submission!



Payment & submission is to be completed by 5 Oct 2025 2359h (Oct deadline) or 4 Jan 2026 2359h (Jan deadline). HEO cannot guarantee that any app submitted after these dates will reach your universities in time.

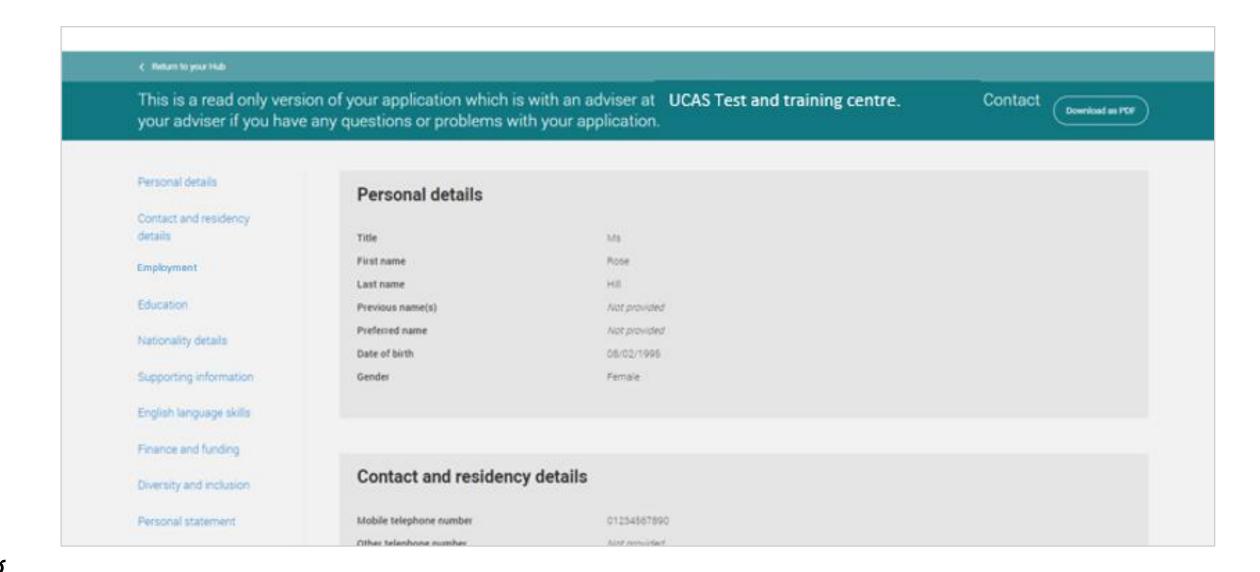


# After submission

If you log in after you've submitted your application, you'll see a read-only version of it.

You may check the status of your application again after 15 Oct (for Oct deadlines) or 14 Jan (for Jan deadlines).

Important: While you may anxious in the interim, please avoid rushing CTs/HEO during this period! Be patient.:)



# Section 4 Additional information on tests and requirements

(for entry in 2026 or deferred entry in 2027)

# Recognized Courses for Practice in Singapore

### Medicine – Singapore Medical Council

- https://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/smc
- Click on the link to Second Schedule List of registrable basic medical qualifications. (Singapore Statutes Online)

### **Dentistry - Singapore Dental Council**

- https://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/sdc
- Click on the <u>link to the Schedule for the list of registrable qualifications</u>

### Law – Singapore Institute of Legal Education

- https://www.sile.edu.sg/qualified-person
- For recognized Law degrees in Singapore

- Check the <u>entry requirements</u> for the courses you are applying to on university websites. Some require that you sit additional aptitude or admission tests **prior** to submitting your application.
- Most Law and Medicine courses require applicants to sit for the LNAT and UCAT respectively.
- Many Oxford, Cambridge, and Imperial College courses require admission tests. Many Economics courses in other unis require TMUA (except Oxford which requires TSA).
- Be aware of the test dates and plan ahead accordingly. Note that test dates may clash
  with the A Level Science Practical Exams. Inform HEO early via our form (slide #11) if this
  applies to you: while we are unable to guarantee, we will see if it is possible to help.
- Additional tests, post-application: E.g., English Language qualifications, STEP, etc. You may have to sit for added test(s) in 2026 depending on conditions set by the different universities in your offer letters next year. But there's no need to worry this year, at the point of application.
- All such tests, inclusive of English Language proficiency tests, will be clearly stipulated in the terms & conditions in the offer letters sent by the universities. You are obligated to take the stated test(s) only if accepting that one university place.

**Register independently** for admission tests through the test providers, not RI.

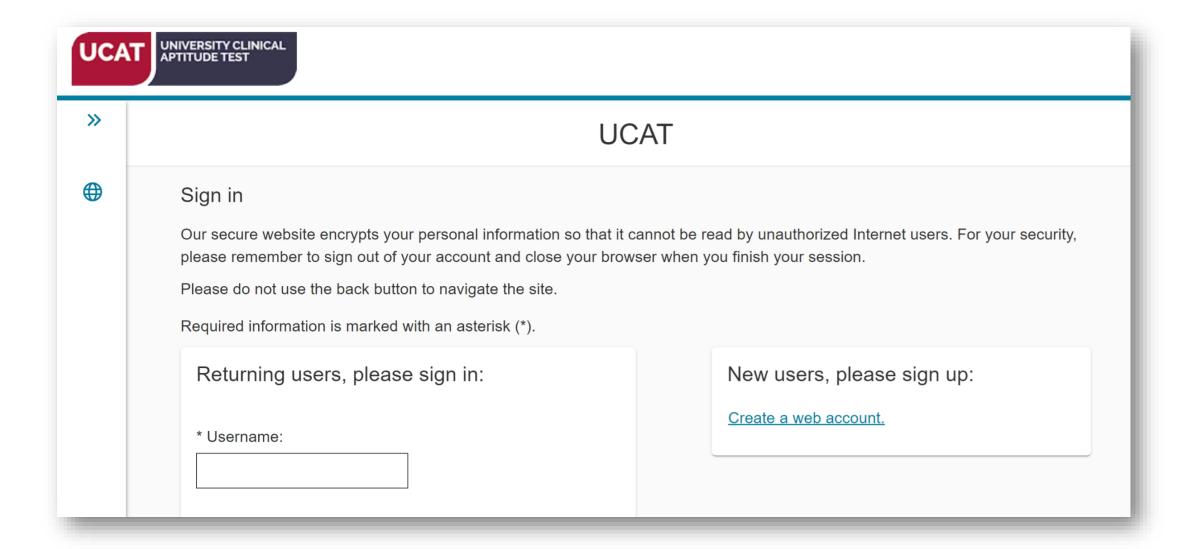




Do not miss the registration and payment deadlines.











Refer to HEO Timelines Guide 2025/26 for test dates and to-dos

Students intending to apply for **LKC Medicine at NTU** next year must take the UCAT this year.

Test results do not carry over to the following year.

What to do	UCAT	LNAT
Register for account	13-May-25, Tue	1-Aug-25, Fri
Booking for test opens	17-Jun-25, Tue	1-Aug-25, Fri
First day to take test	7-Jul-25, Mon	1-Sep-25, Mon
Last day to book test date	19-Sep-25, Fri	15-Sep-25, Mon for Oxbridge applicants
Last day to take test	26-Sep-25, Fri	15-Oct-25, Wed for Oxbridge applicants
		31-Dec-25, Wed for LSE, UCL and KCL applicants
Last day to book test date	_	20-Jan-26, Tue for all other UK LNAT universities
Last day to take test	_	25-Jan-26, Sun for all other UK LNAT universities





### Refer to HEO Timelines Guide 2025/26 for test dates and to-dos

What to do	ESAT, TMUA, TARA*	Oxford Tests
Register and book a test date	31-Jul-25, Thu	18-Aug-25, Mon
Last day to book test date	29-Sep-25, Mon for Cambridge applicants	26-Sep-25, Fri
October Test Dates (Cambridge applicants sit for Oct test dates)	ESAT - 9 or 10 Oct-25 TMUA - 13 or 14 Oct-25 TARA - 15 or 16 Oct-25	21-Oct to 27-Oct-25 Refer to specific dates for each test on Oxford's website
Register and book a test date	27-Oct-25, Mon	_
Last day to book test date	19-Dec-25, Fri	-
January Test Dates (not applicable to Cambridge applicants)	ESAT - 6 or 7 Jan-26 TMUA - 8 or 9 Jan-26 TARA - 12 or 13 Jan-26	_

\* **ESAT, TMUA and TARA** may only be taken once (in Oct <u>or</u> Jan) per application cycle.

# Test dates that clash with A Level Practical Exams

A Level practical exams are on 15 Oct (Chemistry), 22 Oct (Physics), and 28 Oct (Biology).

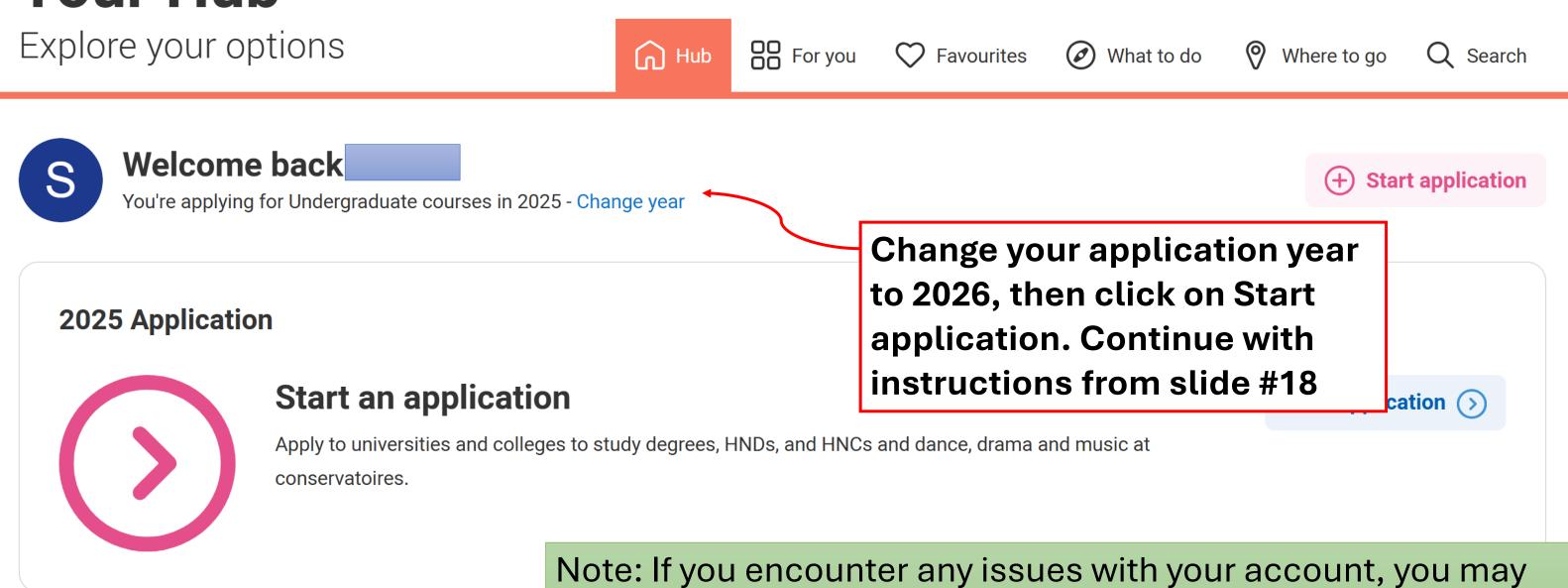
Inform HEO as soon as possible if your test date clashes with your practical exam, and book your test slot at or later than 2:00pm.

Tip for Y6s: Register early so you can ideally secure a non-A level test date!

# Section 5 Notes for alumni

# If you already have a UCAS account

# Your Hub



Note: If you encounter any issues with your account, you may contact HEO at collegeadmissions for assistance. If we're unable to resolve your issues, you may have to create a new account.

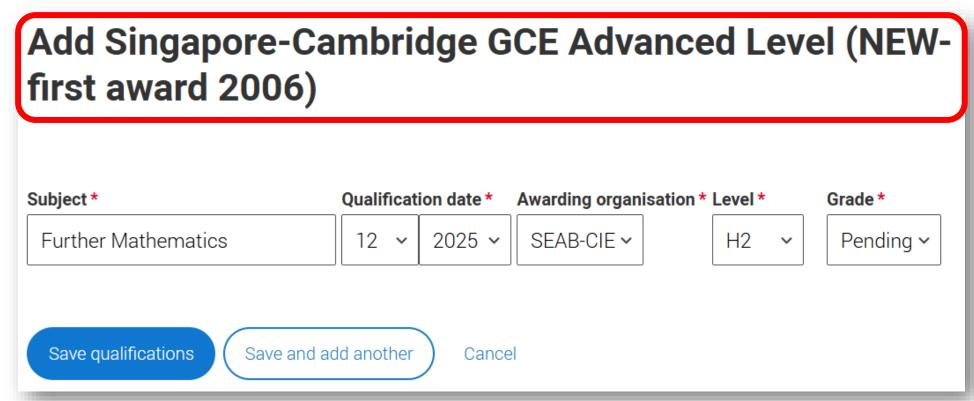
# If you took additional A-level exams after leaving RI

- Add additional A-level exams under the Education section.
  - This includes exams you retook as a private candidate, or additional subjects (e.g. Further Math) that you did not take while in RI.
  - Add a new place of education name of school: "Private Candidate" and for dates, "Nov-Dec 2025." Select "Exam only", and "in person". Then, proceed to add your latest results under this "school".

For exams taken as private candidates under SEAB: select your

qualification as shown:

 Enter other subject details accordingly.



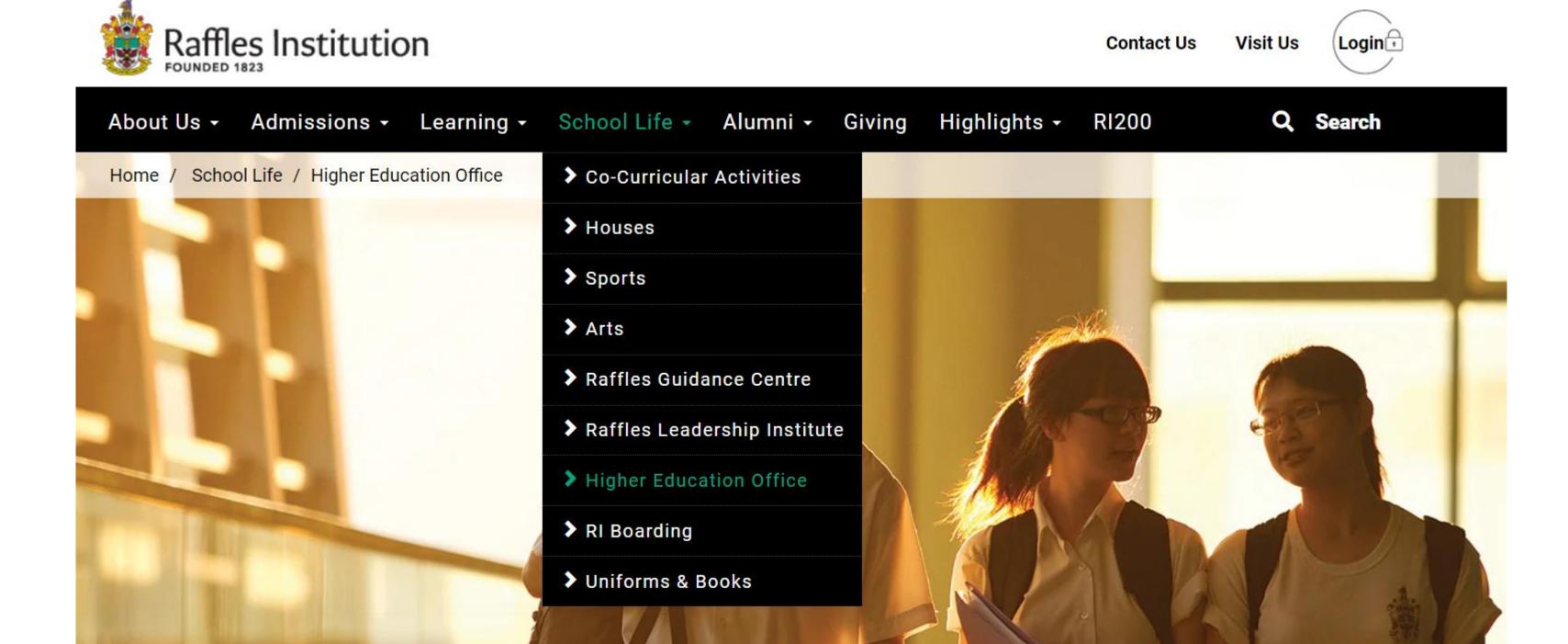
# Notes for alumni

- Contact your Civics Tutor personally to request for a reference.
- If your Civics Tutor is no longer at RI, contact HEO by email and let us know your class and the name of your CT.
- All information slides and guidance, inclusive of statement guides, are available on our open RI website: <a href="http://www.ri.edu.sg/school-life/higher-education-office">http://www.ri.edu.sg/school-life/higher-education-office</a>.
- Email HEO if you should require further counsel.
- Our email is collegeadmissions@ri.edu.sg
  - Do not send to other RI email addresses, and do not send more than one email.
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