Kentchoices4u Briefing
2014/15
Agenda

• Timeline
• How do I set my school up on UCAS Progress?
• How do I support my learners?
• How do I manage applications?
• How do I use reports?
What is the KentChoices4U timeline pre-launch?

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<td>Early October</td>
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<td>Young people can begin updating their profile and searching</td>
<td>Early October</td>
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<td>Some schools are opening for applications in October – learners will be able to apply. This will be made known at their open days.</td>
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## What is the kentchoices4u timeline post launch?

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How do I set up my school on UCASprogress?
How do I set up (and update) my school’s presence on KentChoices4U?

**Step 1.** Provider Manager - information about my school:

Provider Manager Manual & Quick Reference Guide

Kent guidance

**Do not** tick the following boxes:

- learners require approval;
- learners cannot add qualifications;
- request references for applicants.
How do I set up (and update) my school’s presence on KentChoices4U?

Step 2. Course Manager - information about our courses

Course Manager & Quick Reference Guide

Kent guidance

• Always include the QAN
• Always use the naming convention – subject name, qualification & level
  – i.e. Hospitality, BTEC, Level 3
• Remember AS/A level changes this year
• Avoid using importing/exporting data function – useful for colleges with hundreds of courses.
Why does the ‘How to apply’ section of my schools entry advise people to contact my school?

- Until your school is open to receive applications this message will show. Once open, this message will change to apply using UCASprogress.

- This has been reported to UCAS as a problem.
How do I make sure all applicants see our entry requirements, and option blocks, before they apply?

The ‘Before You Apply’ function (not currently in the guide) is a screen that learners must see before they apply.

Go to: Provider → details → final box on screen → insert text

Kent Guidance
There is limited space and formatting so include brief description:
• entry requirements;
• closing dates.
Option Blocks

Kent Guidance

If your school uses preset option blocks:
• insert text as previous slide;
• in the text ask that they access the option blocks using the click here button;
• email option block document to prospectus@kent.gov.uk and we will upload it.
What happened to My School and My School (Learners)

This was a work around used last year to let schools open and close their application windows at different times. This is no longer necessary.

Archived data held under My School (Learners) is in the process of being transferred into your accounts.
How do I restrict when learners can apply to my school?

Kent Guidance
The default position is that schools receive applications from 3\textsuperscript{rd} November, and remain open throughout the year. If you would like an earlier or later start date, or an earlier closing date, let us know as soon as possible by emailing: prospectus@kent.gov.uk.

You should have already done this through the KC4U profoma.

Please keep us informed if your dates change.
How do I support my learners?
How do learners apply using KentChoices4U/UCASprogress?

There is a Powerpoint presentation and a paper guide which can be used to introduce KentChoices4U to your learners. Download from the ‘Professionals’ link at www.kentchoices4u.com.

The KentChoices4U launch is 3rd November, but learners can update their profile (and begin searching) when the school copies of their letters are delivered at the beginning of October.
How do I download a list of my Year 11’s usernames and passwords?
Schools with an October open evening

Aylesford Sports College
King Ethelbert School
Mascalls School
The Judd School
Tonbridge Grammar School
Tunbridge Wells Grammar School
Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Girls
Wilmington Academy

Cranbrook School
Marlowe Academy
The Skinners’ School
The Malling School
Tunbridge Wells Grammar School
The Weald of Kent School
Applying for 6th Forms, Colleges and Apprenticeships in Kent

www.kentchoices4u.com and www.UCASprogress.com/search
Raising the Participation Age

Remember what you choose to do after Year 11 is important, and you have a responsibility until you are 18 years old to stay in one of the options below:

• full time education in school or college;
• full time work with learning attached to it, like an apprenticeship; or,
• part-time education (if you are self-employed or volunteering).
So, if you would like some advice or guidance:

- talk to your school: they have a legal responsibility to provide you with independent, impartial careers advice;
- talk to your careers teacher, teachers, family and friends;
- get advice and guidance from https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk; or,
- use kentchoices4u.com and UCASprogress.com
www.kentchoices4u.com

Will help you decide what you want to do and how to plan making decisions.

Look here for local information on:
• open evenings and course entry requirements.

Click on the links to:
• apprenticeship vacancies;
• sources of careers help;
• careers information, videos and tools
www.UCASProgress.com/search

Is where you:

• login to your personal account;
• research school and college options;
• apply online;
• track your application;

Your school careers tutor will be able to monitor applications to see if you need any support.
College, sixth form and training

If you are a young person, aged 14 to 19, you need to think about your next steps. The information here will help you make choices for September 2015 or if you have already completed Year 11, find opportunities starting now.

You now have to stay in learning or training until you are 18 – you don’t need to stay in school, the important thing is that you continue to learn, through:

- full time education in school or college
- full time work with learning attached to it, like an apprenticeship
- part time education if you are self-employed, volunteering or doing some other type of useful activity.

Search and apply

Search and apply for schools, colleges and apprenticeships.

Options at 16 and beyond

Deciding what you’d like to do next if you are a young person aged 16 or over.

Careers advice

Find out where to get advice, how to decide what to do next and read the Kent Choices magazine.

Open days and application dates

Check the important dates for all the sixth forms and colleges in your area.

Professionals

Information about skills and employability for professionals in schools.
Sixth forms and colleges

You can search and apply for courses using the button below, which will take you to the UCAS Progress site:

Search and apply for courses

Logging in to UCAS Progress

If you are in Year 11 in a Kent school you will receive login details in November. If you have not received them, ask at school, please do not self-register.

If you are in Year 11 at an independent school or a school outside Kent you can self-register directly on the UCAS Progress website.

If you are not in Year 11, you can still use the UCAS Progress website to research courses available in Kent.

Apprenticeships

You can search and apply for current apprenticeships in KCC and on the National Apprenticeship Service website.

Give feedback

😊  🙁  😞
There are a couple of things we need to know before you start...

Username: JSmith999
New password
Confirm password

Keeping you informed about your application
To keep you up to date with your applications we need to know your email address. You can use your email address at home or at school, ideally both!

Your email address at home

Your email address at school: hjkakhaf@hdjhkd.dht

We will send you relevant information, tips and reminders, to support you in making your choices.
I am happy to receive these messages

Yes [ ]
No [ ]

Letting you know about other related products and services we feel would interest you
We work with other companies to promote products and services which we think would be relevant to you. For example, we could send you money saving offers on things like computer equipment. We NEVER share your information with third parties.
I am happy to receive these messages

Yes [ ]
No [ ]

We’d also like to know what you’re thinking of doing after you finish year 11
Please select one of the following:

- [ ] I’m not sure yet
- [ ] Stay at school for 6th Form
- [ ] Go to college
- [ ] Do a traineeship or apprenticeship
- [ ] Work or volunteer while studying or training part-time

Submit
Five steps to applying

Step 1: Complete your profile
Step 2: Search for courses
Step 3: Favourite the courses that interest you
Step 4: Apply
Step 5: Track your applications
How Progress works

Search → Favourites → Profile → Making an application → Responding to offers

Search for courses. Enter your Postcode into the Search box to begin looking for courses that suit you.

Now you have found some courses that you want to apply for, add them to your favourites by using the ‘Add to favourites’ button.

Make sure you add all courses that you may want to apply for to your favourites.

You will need to complete your Profile before you apply as this becomes your application form. You can start completing the profile at any time and it is a good idea to do this as soon as possible so you are ready to make an application.

Once you have completed your profile and saved courses to favourites, you are ready to start an application. Click on the applications tab on the homepage and select ‘Start a new application’.

You will receive an e-mail when anything changes with your application. You can accept as many offers as you would like, and we would recommend that you keep checking into UCAS Progress to see if you have any messages or to respond to offers.
Step 1

Complete your profile
This profile is where you enter information to be included as part of your applications.

How it works:

- You can enter and save information in each section using the tabs (Personal information, Qualifications etc.).
- When you have finished working on each section save it or mark it as complete at the bottom of the page.
- Complete as much information as possible within each section and ask teachers or advisers for help if you are unsure of what is needed.

Sections to keep up-to-date

- **Contact details**
  - ! Incomplete

Sections to complete before you apply

- **Personal information**
  - ! Incomplete
- **Qualifications**
  - ! Incomplete
- **Work history**
  - ! Incomplete
- **Personal statement**
  - ! Incomplete

Sections your provider will complete for you

- **Reference**
  - ! Incomplete
### Personal information

**Things to remember:**
- When you have finished working on this page click the save or complete button at the bottom of the page.
- Check that the information you enter is correct.
- Some details have already been added, if any are wrong contact your teacher or adviser.

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| Contact details | Last updated: 02 October 2013 |

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Personal statement

Things to remember:
- This section is a really good chance to tell people a bit more about yourself.
- You could include your career aspirations, achievements, skills, hobbies and interests.
- Think about what the person reading your statement would like to know about you.
- Talk to people you trust for their thoughts and advice about your personal statement.
- Think about your spelling, grammar and use of English.

Save section
When you have updated your personal statement as much as possible, please click the button below

Save personal statement

Complete section
When you think you have finished your personal statement, please click the button below

Complete personal statement
Step 2

Search for courses
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Start your application
Applications

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You should make sure that your applications are in the right preference order when you submit an application or accept an offer. You can do this by clicking on the “Change the order of your choices” button or the “Change” links below.

- Start a new application
- Change the order of your choices
- View closed applications
Choose provider

Please choose who you want to apply to:

Greyed out providers cannot be applied to through UCAS Progress. Please contact the provider directly.

Kent Demonstration Provider
Kent Demonstration Provider

You must apply for 3 courses. Download the option block documents and follow the instructions for what choices you can make before choosing your courses. CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO DOWNLOAD OUR OPTION BLOCKS. Important information: Please apply before December 20th. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Please make sure you check the entry requirements for the courses. Most require that you have 5 GCSEs grades A*-C with a grade B in the subject you wish to study. You will be invited to the school to discuss your choices between 6th - 10th Jan. If you do not attend, your application will be rejected.

Click here

Accept and continue
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[Click here](#) to Accept and continue.

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Choose courses

Please choose the courses you want to do at Kent Demonstration Provider

- Construction Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider
- Geography AS/A level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider
- Mathematics AS/A Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider
- Music Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider

Save application
Change the order of your chosen courses

You can change the preference order of your courses.
Please do not use your browser's back button.
Once you are happy then confirm your preference by clicking the confirm button at the bottom of the page.

View application

Choice 1

Chosen course
Geography AS/A level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider
View details

Move down

Choice 2

Chosen course
Mathematics AS/A Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider
View details

Move up
Move down

Choice 3

Chosen course
Music Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider
View details

Move up

Confirm course preference order
Your application has not been submitted yet. Please make sure that you have selected the correct courses that you wish to apply to and completed all of the information on your profile. If you are sure you want to send your application you can select the below to submit it.

Submit this application  Delete this application

Applying to Kent Demonstration Provider

1 - Geography AS/A level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider View details
2 - Mathematics AS/A Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider View details
3 - Music Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider View details

Personal information

Name and details

Name demo user
Date of birth 07/05/1998
Gender Not specified
National insurance number
Ethnic group English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish /
Sharing your information

Finally, please read the following agreement before submitting your application...

- When you submit your application we will be sharing your information with the school, college or work-based learning provider that you are applying to and your local authority.

- If you update your contact details we will also share the new contact details with the school, college or work-based learning provider that you have applied to.

- Your personal information may also be shared with careers advisers and school staff to help you make and progress your applications.

- If you are making an application to a school, college or work-based learning provider outside of your local authority area you will be sharing the information in your application with organisations (the receiving provider, its local authority and its partners) that are outside of your local authority area.

- If you are making an application to a school, college or work-based learning provider in Wales, the information in your application will be shared with the Welsh Assembly Government and organisations that need your details for certification, funding, registration and examination purposes which are registered under the Data Protection Act 1998. Information on student destinations will be shared with Careers Company Wales.

- If you are not sure about sharing your data, please talk to a teacher, parent or carer first. You can print off this page, show it to them and ask their advice.

I give my permission for the information on my application to be shared as described above. (If you do not give your permission, you will not be able to send an application using UCAS Progress Apply)

[Submit]
Your application has been received by UCAS Progress and is currently being processed. This can take up to 30 minutes after which your application will either be submitted to the provider or we will let you know why it can't be sent yet. Any changes you make to your profile may not be included in this application.

Delete this application

Applying to Kent Demonstration Provider

- Geography AS/A level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider [View details]
- Mathematics AS/A Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider [View details]
- Music Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider [View details]

Personal information

Name and details

Name: demo user
Date of birth: 07/05/1998
Gender: Not specified
National insurance number
Ethnic group: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Ireland /
Your application has been submitted. It will now be checked and you should hear back from Kent Demonstration Provider when they have acknowledged receipt of the application. If you feel you have made a mistake in sending this application you can still withdraw it.

Withdraw this application

Applying to Kent Demonstration Provider

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- Mathematics AS/A Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider [View details]
- Music Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider [View details]

Personal information

Name and details

- Name: demo user
- Date of birth: 07/05/1998 (16 years old on 31st August)
- Gender: Not specified
- Ethnic group: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
Step 5

Tracking your application
Applications

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Acknowledged on 03/10/2013

Your application has been acknowledged by Kent Demonstration Provider and is being processed. Depending on the time of year, they may take a while to respond to you but keep a look out as they may make you an offer or request further information from you.

Withdraw this application

Applying to Kent Demonstration Provider

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Mathematics AS/A Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider View details

Music Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider View details

Message sent by Test Provider on 03/10/2013 14:30:33
Thank you for applying to Kent Demonstration. You will receive a letter from us within two weeks confirming when we want you to come and visit us. Please check back on the site for other messages.
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1. Not sent
2. In progress
3. Offered
4. Accepted

You have no applications in progress

Kent Demonstration Provider
Conditional offer
View

You have not accepted any applications
Conditional offer

on 02/10/2013

You have been offered a place. However, there are conditions that you may have to meet in order to secure this place. Please let Kent Demonstration Provider know if you wish to provisionally accept or reject this conditional offer by selecting the below:

**This offer is based upon the conditions below**

You have been accepted to Kent demonstration provider subject to you achieving the agreed grades.

- Accept this offer
- Reject this offer
- Withdraw this application

Applying to Kent Demonstration Provider

- Geography AS/A level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider [View details]
- Mathematics AS/A Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider [View details]
- Music Subsidiary Diploma Level 3 at Kent Demonstration Provider [View details]

Personal information
Change the order of your choices

You can change the preference order of your applications. Each school, college, academy or work-based training provider will only see details of their course or courses that you’ve applied to. They will not see the order of the choices, or see your other choices.

Please do not use your browser’s back button to go to your list of applications. Instead, use the button below.

Back to applications

Choice 1
Wakefield College
Submitted

Move down

Choice 2
Royds School
Specialist Language College
Submitted

Move up
Move down

Choice 3
BEST Ltd
Submitted

Move up
How do I track and support my learners?

If you are responsible for supporting your Year 11’s post-16 transition, and agree to the code of practice, then you can have access to the Adviser function.

Adviser Manual available

Using the adviser function, you can see: what they are looking at; their favorites; where they have applied; the status of those applications; who hasn’t done anything; who is at ‘risk’ and the preference order of their applications.
What if a new learner joins my school?

Kent Guidance

• If a Year 11 joins your school contact us and we will check they are not already on the system and create an account for them: this avoids duplicate learner records.

• Do not use the ‘I don’t have an account’ button.
What if someone from outside Kent or an independent school wants to apply to my school?

The arrangements have changed. They now create their own account using the ‘I don’t have an account’ button at: www.ucasprogress.com/search. A username and password will then be sent by email to the learner.

Kent Guidance

• We will supply text on request to put in school sixth form prospectuses and on UCAS Progress. See next slide.
• We will support these applicants but will need to refer some to the UCAS Progress Support Team.
Sample text – usernames & passwords for out of county and independent school learners

If you wish to apply to xxxxxxx school you will need use the UCASprogress website, accessed via www.kentchoices4u.com.

If you are a Year 11 in a Kent school you will have received your username and password. Learners at out of county or independent schools can self register on UCASprogress at: https://www.ucasprogress.com/account/pickaschool.

UCASprogress queries to prospectus@kent.gov.uk.
What if my learners are interested in apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are currently advertised through the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) website.

**Kent Guidance**

These are current vacancies and will not be suitable for learners who are at the beginning of Year 11. These vacancies will be suitable towards the end of the academic year, or for learners in Year 12 and 13 considering work based learning.

A link to the search and apply function of the NAS website is available from: [www.kentchoices4u.com](http://www.kentchoices4u.com)
How do I manage applications?
How do I prepare my school to receive applications?

Set up a message template to acknowledge an application once you receive it.

Thank you for your application, the next steps are …

Application Manager Manual - Section 9 how to create and send individual and bulk messages.

Acknowledging applications and messaging run separately. Once you have acknowledged an application you then need to send a message to the applicant.
How do I process applications once they start arriving?

You can manage your applications by:

• filtering;
• understanding the application status process;
• acknowledging applications;
• messaging.

Application Manager Manual available

Kent Guidance
We are not using the enrolment or referencing function on ucasprogress
What if my dashboard counters don’t tally for applications and my Year 11?

• It is important that you check the status filters for applications & learners to ensure you don’t miss anyone.
How do I make offers to applicants?

• You can make conditional or unconditional offers using ucasprogress.
• You can customize the offer reflecting changes to subject choice since the learners initial application and add a message. *This is new functionality.*
• If you use this method we will centrally collect September Guarantee data direct from ucasprogress.
• If you are unsure ask for help

Applications Manager Manual available
Making a conditional offer

You can alter the courses associated with this application before you make this offer.

Learner applied for:
The numbering against these courses shows the preference order as specified by the learner. Please note that once an offer has been made the preference order will no longer be shown. If you require a record of the original preference order, this will be available in the last weekly Applications report, or by printing the original application.

Untick any courses you wish to remove from this application.

- 1 - Mathematics AS/A Level 3
- 2 - Music Subsidiary Diploma Level 3

Courses to add to application:
Start entering a course title to view available courses. Relevant courses will appear after 3 letters have been entered.

Course name: geogr
Geography AS/A Level 3, Kent Demonstration Provider (BMET), ME14 1RF

Please enter some more information about the conditional offer

We would like to make you an offer of a place at Demonstration college subject to you getting.......

Make a conditional offer  Cancel
How do I use reports?
What reports can I get from UCAS Progress?
Pt. 1

- Reports are accessed via the top menu bar.
- To receive reports you must tick the box to opt into receiving the reports.
- Reports are cumulative and refreshed every Monday.
- You may wish to download the report each week and save outside UCAS Progress.
- There are 4 reports.
What reports can I get from UCASprogress? pt2

1. Applications report - applications your school has received.
2. Courses report – how many times people have looked at each of your courses on UCAS Progress: a rough guide to the popularity of your courses.
3. Provider report – how many times people have looked at the general information of your school.
4. September Guarantee – available to ‘Advisers’, and contains information on what your Year 11 are doing.
How do I use the applications report?

This report contains:

- Name, address, home school, contact details, application date and the subjects in order of preference.
- You can either download this information each week and add your own information
  or
- use the weekly cumulative update if it has all the information you require.
- From 1st April it will include application preference order i.e. are you first, second or third choice.
How do I use the Course and Provider reports?

These reports show you how often people are looking at your school’s information.

If you are getting high numbers of people looking at your school or specific courses and you are not getting high numbers of applications, then there is likely something wrong with the information you are supplying.
This report contains information on your Year 11 and is only available to those who have the Adviser Function. It includes information on:

- where your young people are applying;
- status of learners applications;
- who is at risk (need to read UCAS definitions); and,
- the order of preference of their applications.
Which manuals should I use?

We recommend the following UCAS guides:

- Provider Manager Manual
- Provider Manager Quick Start Guide
- Course Manager Manual
- Course Manager Quick Guide
- Adviser Manual
- Application Manager
Where can I find the manual?

An interactive guide to be introduced in Term 1 or 2
We are revising the kentchoices4u pages, please give us your feedback by half term.

- These will be incorporated into the 3rd November version.
- Comments welcome throughout the year.
UCAS Research

Online focus groups:

• Term 1: November 2014 – Year 11 students
• Term 2: March 2015 – Year 11 students
• Term 3: June 2015 – Year 10 students

• 3 Kent Schools who can provide 2 Year 11 and 1 Year 10 learners

• Interested schools contact prospectus@kent.gov.uk
What if I get stuck?

Always ask for help.

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