



Careers Software

Kudos

Kudos is an impartial online careers guidance and information programme that helps young people plan their future and make informed decisions.

Kudos is ideal for 13-19 year olds. It provides young people a personalised experience based on their interests and educational aspirations to suggest suitable careers. They can explore these suggestions or look at their own career ideas; they can then see how well matched they are to them. A useful 'Dashboard' feature provides a centralised point for accessing all of the program's features.

Guidance is available in each section to help the user get the most out of their Kudos experience. They can consider their study and training options and record subjects that are studying or are planning to study.

Students can add careers and subjects to their own personal Action Plan, where they can set goals and target dates. Up-to-date and accurate detailed information is provided on over 700 different careers (covering over 1,800 job titles). A Notes feature allows students to add their own notes to careers they are interested in or they add them to their favourites list. Kudos is an inspirational careers tool that inspires young people with their future choices.

Kudos has helped millions of young people with their career decisions over the last 20 years; it continues to be the most popular careers guidance tool.

To assess Kudos visit www.cascaid.co.uk/kudos

Please note that for the first login you will require a license code please see the posters around school or contact:

Mrs Griffin – Careers Co-ordinator, Newport Pagnell Campus available between 9.00am and 2.30pm daily. The careers office is situated next to the SEN department behind the Library in the MLF block.

Mrs Champion – Librarian and Careers, Olney Campus available between 8.30am and 4.00pm daily in the Library.

Heap Online

This is your starting point for moving on into higher education and planning ahead and will take you through all the stages in choosing the course and place of study which is right for you.

For 43 years HEAP: University Degree Course Offers has been a first-stop reference for university and college applicants choosing their courses in higher education by providing information from official sources about the admissions criteria for courses and what admissions tutors look for when selecting students.

This online resource aims to provide applicants with the latest information from universities that they need to obtain a degree course place in a fiercely competitive applications process. The level of competition makes it essential for every applicant to research courses and institutions thoroughly. Latest statistics show that over 200,000 applicants were not able to obtain university places for entry in 2011 and despite the increase in tuition fees, competition for university places looks set to continue to be fierce. In order to increase their chances of securing a place, applicants should spread their choices across a range of institutions rather than restrict their applications to a small number of well-known institutions.

How do applicants decide on a strategy to find a place on a degree course? There are more than 1000 separate degree subjects and over 18,000 Joint and Combined Honours courses so how can applicants choose a course that is right for them, especially at a time of recession and employment difficulties? What can applicants do to find a course place and a university or college that is right for them?

HEAP: University Degree Course Offers is intended to help applicants find their way through these problems by giving guidance and information about:

- Degree courses – what Honours level courses involve, the range and differences between them, and what applicants need to consider when choosing and deciding on subjects and courses
- Universities and higher education colleges – the range and differences between universities and colleges, and the questions applicants might ask when deciding where to study
- Typical A/AS grade/UCAS points offers for 2015 entry to Honours degree courses in universities and colleges, with additional information for applicants with IB, the Progression and Advanced Diplomas, the Extended Project, Scottish Highers, the Welsh Baccalaureate, the Irish Leaving Certificate and international qualifications
- The UCAS applications process – what to do, when to do it and how to prepare the personal statement in the UCAS application
- Universities' and colleges' admissions policies – how admissions tutors select students
- Which universities, colleges and courses use admissions tests for entry
- Finance, fees and sources of help
- Graduate destinations data for each subject area
- Action after results day – and what to do if your grades don't match your offer
- Entry to UK universities and higher education colleges for international students

Please note: Every effort is made to ensure that the information on this website is as current as possible. Nevertheless, with the constant changes to the higher education landscape, meaning some courses may be cut and offer levels changed during the application cycle, it will be essential for applicants to check institutions' websites frequently to find out any changes in offers, course availability and requirements.

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www.heaponline.co.uk

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(You are then required to change the password to one of your own)

