



Welcome to Pathway Programme

Next Steps Session



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YOUR GRADE REDUCTIONS AND TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER PATHWAY COURSE



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YOU CAN APPLY FOR ANY COURSE AT QUEEN'S

- Guaranteed Conditional Offer (or a guaranteed interview) and potentially a Grade Reduction
- You will come to Queen's as a Pathway Student
- £1000 Kilwaughter Minerals Bursary
- Support of the Pathway Team

THERE ARE MANY ROADS TO QUEEN'S

“ONCE A PATHWAY STUDENT, ALWAYS A PATHWAY STUDENT”

- Resit Year 13, Year 14 or both (at School or Regional College)
- Gap Year
- Foundation Degree
- Go work for a couple of years

**Your Pathway Benefits Remain in Place
Just Stay in Touch**



CONDITIONAL OFFER – By 31 Mar 26

(mid-July for late application)

“Guaranteed” within Pathway Courses*

Queen’s expresses offers in terms of A-Level grades and/or BTEC unit grades

- **“AAA”** (Law)
- **“BBC”** (Nursing)
- **“AB (Biology and Chemistry in any order), B”** (Biomed)
- **“A Mathematics, B Physics, B”** (Applied Maths and Physics)
- **“AB (Maths and Physics) + B** (Mechanical Engineering)

***Guaranteed Interview for Medicine/Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing & Midwifery, Social Work**

(Extra requirements: Music Performance, Software Engineering w/Digital Partnership, Architecture portfolio)

BTEC / CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL GRADES

Distinction * = **A**

Distinction = **B**

Merit = **C**

PATHWAY GRADE REDUCTION

- **Reduction comes off the highest grades**
 - **AAA becomes ABB** (With 2 grade reduction)
 - **ABB becomes BBC** (With 2 grade reduction)
- **Specified Subject AND Specified Grade – will not be reduced (e.g. A in Mathematics + BB)**
- **Specified Subject will NOT reduce below a B**
e.g. English, Maths, Spanish, Biology, “relevant science”



OUT-OF-PATHWAY GRADE REDUCTION

- **Guaranteed Conditional Offer / Guaranteed Interview is NOT transferable**
- **You can transfer your Grade Reduction to a course on a Pathway **within the same Faculty (any limitations have been highlighted to you)****
 - **AHSS – Business – Law – Social Work Pathways**
 - **Computer Science – Engineering – Maths & Physical Sciences – NBE – Psychology Pathways**
 - **BioSci – MDBS – Nursing & Midwifery – Pharmacy Pathways**
- **Pharmacy(Mpharm), Biochemistry, Social Work: 2 grade=1 grade off**
- **Medicine and Dentistry – not eligible to transfer grade reduction**
- **Nursing and Midwifery – not eligible to transfer grade reduction**

“EXTRA ACTIVITIES” ON UCAS

**Very
Important**

Add activity

Type of activity *

Other

Activity provider *

QUB – Pathway Programme

Name of the activity/programme *

Queen’s University Belfast Pathway Opportunity Programme

Characters used: 0 of 100 characters

Start date *

Day	Month	Year
30	01	2024

End date *

Day	Month	Year
23	11	2024

Save Cancel

Send us your UCAS Number

- e.g. 1813332222
- Send it WHEN your School SENDS the application to UCAS
- It will help us track your UCAS application as it works through the system
- Don't stress if the grade reduction isn't there – just tell us!



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Process to get to Queen's



Step 1: Complete the Pathway Programme

Step 2: UCAS

- Remember the deadlines
- Remember to apply for Pathway Courses as well
- On UCAS put the Pathway Opportunity Programme in under “Extra Activities”
- Send us your UCAS Number

Step 3: Apply for Accommodation

- **Opens late January 2026**
- **Elms BT1 - Elms BT2 - Elms BT9 (Elms Village)**
- **Early August Deadline**

Step 4: Apply to Student Finance NI

- **January – March 2026 but apply by April 2026**
(but can apply up to 9 months after first day of term)
- **Don't even need any University Offers yet**
- **Work to your “best guess” course and Uni**
- **“Course” is different for Student Finance NI and Queen's**

Step 5: Your UCAS Course Selection “Your Reply”

- **Within 3 weeks of last decision received (Target: April 2025)**
- **One Firm Offer – 1st Choice**
- **One Insurance Offer – back up choice, not necessarily second favourite (consider lower grade choice)**

Step 6: A-Level Grade Results - Confirmation

- **13th August 2026**
- **Qualify for your Firm Offer – Accepted**
- **Nearly Meet Firm Offer – May go “Pending”**
- **Miss your Firm Offer – goes to your Insurance offer**
- **Clearing**

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