

Welcome to Pathway Programme

Next Steps Session





YOUR GRADE REDUCTIONS AND TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER PATHWAY COURSE



YOU CAN APPLY FOR <u>ANY</u> 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"

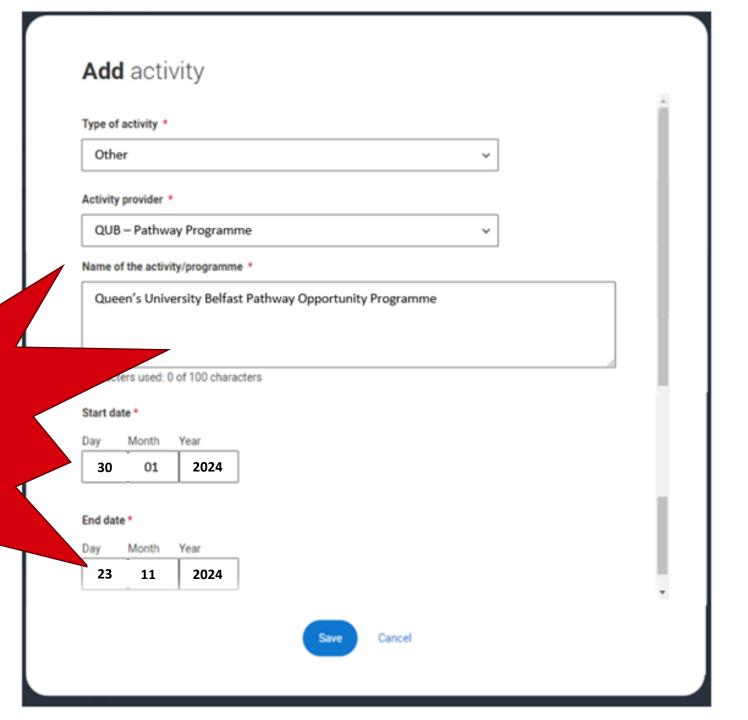


OUT-OF-PATHWAY GRADE REDUCTION

- 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



Send us your UCAS Number

- e.g. 1813332222
- Send it <u>WHEN</u> your School <u>SENDS</u> 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!



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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