



# DAVID GAME COLLEGE - LONDON

## 20 years success in university preparation education

David Game College was founded in 1974 and has consistently delivered the best quality teaching to ensure success. Over the last 30 years thousands of students have benefited from securing places at top UK Universities.

The College is situated in Notting Hill, one of the most fashionable areas in Central London which is served by the Central, District and Circle lines, giving quick and easy access to any part of Central London. Every year the college welcomes many international students thanks to its A licence status.

The location is very convenient for access to the many Central London museums and libraries as well as the major London tourist and leisure attractions.

One hundred and fifty years ago Notting Hill was known as "The Potteries". It is hard to believe that it has since become such a famous area of London, mainly due to the Portobello Road street market, the Notting Hill Carnival and of course the blockbuster film starring Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts "Notting Hill".

The College being situated in such an interesting area makes it a perfect location for study, particularly for those resident in the West or North West sides of Greater London .

The University Foundation Programme – UFP – is a full-time course, lasting one academic year, which offers students an alternative qualification for entry to UK university degree courses. UFP is equivalent to GCE A-Levels and International Baccalaureate – IB.

Established in 1989, UFP was the UK's first independent foundation programme. Today, UFP is recognised as the leading foundation programme in the country. Our team has a wealth of experience in preparing students for entry into the British university system, and we have excellent relationships with many UK and international universities.

UFP is a modular course, which allows students entry onto nearly all degree courses. The modular structure provides students with greater flexibility than is offered by other foundation programmes, which is particularly useful for students who are initially unsure about their choice of university or degree course.



# WHO IS UFP FOR?

## International students choice

UFP is designed for students who wish to enter a British university, and who do not wish to risk taking GCE A-Levels. The majority of UFP students are international students who have finished high school in their own country. These students may have excelled in their own country's educational system, but their qualifications are not recognised in Britain. UFP offers such students a faster route into British universities than A-Levels (which normally take two years), while at the same time broadening their knowledge, developing their study skills, and providing them with a sound academic base for degree-level education.

However we do accept UK students with good GCSE grades or students who have attempted A-Levels but did not achieve the grade required to enter the university course of their choice.

We also recommend UFP to students who have stopped at Certificate level on the International Baccalaureate –IB.

The UFP is offered by the David Game College Group in both **London** and **Bath**



# COURSE STRUCTURE

UFP has two start dates per year:

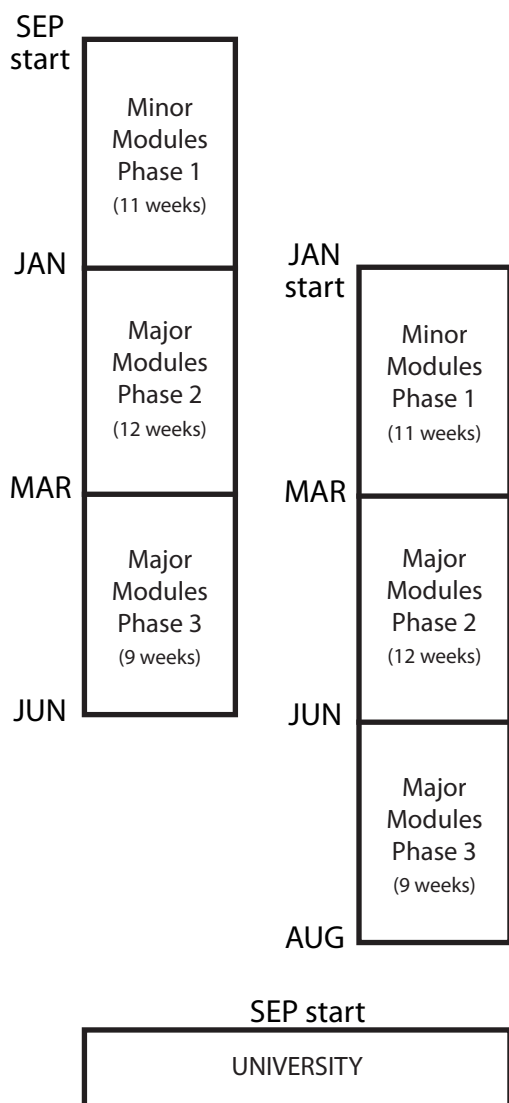
- September to June
- January to August

The UFP academic year is designed so that all students are ready to commence their university degree the following September.

Students study 6 modules in total, which are spread over the duration of the course in order to provide an even workload.

- 3 Minor Modules in pre-determined subjects
- 3 Major Modules relevant to the student's future degree programme. Students choose which three major modules they wish to study.

\* UFP Art and Design students follow a different course structure - see page 9



## Course Structure

Phase 1

### MATHEMATICS\*

Both Pure Maths and Statics are studied.

\*Law and Social Science students are exempt.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Students learn to use word processing programmes, spreadsheet and databases.

### COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Students develop study skills (such as effective reading methods and essay-writing) and oral communication skills (such as public speaking and group discussion).

3 modules are compulsory for all students, and are studied during phase 1. The subjects have been identified as provided a fundamental background to any academic work at university level. The courses in Mathematics and IT equip the student with essential skills in numeracy and computing, and the Communication Skills/IELTS course prepares the student for the demands of a degree course by building their skills in research, report writing and presentation.

## Major Modules

Phase 2 & 3

Students choose 3 major modules, which are relevant to their intended degree course.

- ACCOUNTING
- ART
- BIOLOGY
- BUSINESS ORGANISATION
- CHEMISTRY
- COMPUTING
- ECONOMICS
- FURTHER MATHEMATICS
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- HISTORY
- LAW
- MEDIA STUDIES
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PHYSICS
- POLITICS
- PSYCHOLOGY
- QUANTITATIVE METHODS
- SPATIAL DESIGN

# PROGRESSION FROM UFP TO UNIVERSITY

We have never failed to find a university place for students who pass UFP. We have a 100% success rate over the past 16 years.

All students applying to British universities must go through the University and Colleges Admission Service known as UCAS. The UFP Course Directors carefully assess each UFP student's academic record and future career ambitions before advising which universities and courses would be most suitable. The UFP Course Tutor helps each student individually to complete their UCAS application form, and complies a reference to accompany each UCAS application based on the students' performance on UFP.

**100%**  
success rate  
in university  
placement

Sep Start		Jan Start	
NOV	<b>Stage 1</b> Directors assess students' academic records and advise them on the most suitable degree course and universities. Course Tutor complies references for individual students and helps them to fill UCAS application forms.	FEB	
FEB	<b>Stage 2</b> Conditional offers from universities arrive 1 or 2 months after application. Each student selects their first choice 'firm' and their second choice 'insurance' of university after all offers have been received.	APR	
JUN	<b>Stage 3</b> Results are issued at the end of UFP and sent to 'firm' and 'insurance' universities.	AUG	
JUL	<b>Stage 4</b> Students who do not meet the conditions set by their first choice university will go to their 'insurance' university, or go through 'clearing', where they will be able to go to another university, provided they have 1) passed UFP and 2) achieved at least 6.0 in IELTS.	<b>Stage 4</b> Students who meet the conditions set by their Firm university will be confirmed a place at their first choice university.	AUG
SEP	Univeristy		SEP

## Universities that have accepted UFP since 1989

Aberystwyth University  
Aston University  
Bangor University  
Bath University  
Birmingham University  
Bournemouth University  
Bradford University  
Brighton University  
Bristol University  
Bristol, West of England University  
British School of Osteopathy  
Brunel University  
Buckingham University  
Cardiff University  
Cass Business School  
City University  
Coventry University  
Cranfield University  
Durham University  
DeMontfort University  
East Anglia University  
Essex University  
Exeter University  
Glamorgan University  
Glasgow University  
Heriot-Watt University  
Hertfordshire University  
Hull University

Keele University  
Kent College of Art & Design University  
Kent University  
Kingston University  
Lampeter University  
Lancaster University  
Leeds University  
Leicester University  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Liverpool University  
London Metropolitan University  
Loughborough University  
Luton University  
Manchester University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Middlesex University  
Newcastle University  
Northumbria University  
Nottingham University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Plymouth University  
Portsmouth University  
Reading University  
Roehampton University  
Salford University  
Sheffield University  
Southampton University

Surrey University  
Sussex University  
Swansea University  
Warwick University  
Westminster University  
Wolverhampton University  
York University

**University of the Arts, London:**  
Camberwell College of Arts  
Central St Martins College of Art & Design  
Chelsea College of Art & Design  
London College of Communications  
London College of Fashion

**University of London:**  
Goldsmiths  
Imperial College, London  
King's College  
London School of Economics - LSE  
London School of Pharmacy  
Queen Mary  
Royal Holloway  
SOAS  
University College London - UCL

UFP students have also been accepted at Universities in Australia, Canada and USA.



# ACCOMMODATION

The largest non-academic problem that students face in London is finding affordable accommodation which is comfortable and conducive to studying. David Game College helps UFP students overcome this problem by offering them a wide selection of rooms in its own self-catering and half-board hostels within central London which are close to the college.

## Single and Shared rooms

All of our Hostels are within easy reach of the College by underground, bus or bicycle. Prices vary according to the location of the accommodation, the type of room, and the facilities provided.

### Room are provided with:

Washbasins, central heating, fridge, TV, desk, kettle, table lamp, crockery (plates, bowls, etc.), cooking utensils and bed linen (but students must bring their own towels).

### It is also possible to have rooms with:

Shower, full cooking facilities.

Shared facilities include a kitchen, bathroom, and laundry.

## Host families (Homestay)

For those students who feel more comfortable in a family environment, we will find half board or full-board accommodation with families who are specially selected for their friendly and sensitive attitude to overseas students. Most families are 30 to 45 minutes' journey from the College.

## Finding your own apartment

The David Game College accommodation policy is very flexible. Many students like to book a room for the first few weeks of their time in London so that they have somewhere to stay as soon as they arrive.

If a student subsequently wants to move into their own accommodation, then they only need to give four weeks' notice.

A £200 deposit is required to reserve accommodation – single, shared or home stay. This deposit is refunded at the end of the student's stay, as long as no damage has been caused.

Rent is paid in advance for every 4 weeks, or per term. Four weeks' notice is required before moving out.

Maintenance and Assistance	Type of Accommodation	
Each resident has an on-site warden, who is responsible for the day-to-day running of the hostel. They, together with the Accommodation Officer help students with any problems they might have and also ensure that they respect the rules and regulations of the College.	Shared Rooms (Self-catered) from £95 per week	Single Rooms (Self-catered) from £120 per week
	Half Board Single Room from £170 per week	Host Family from £140 per week

## Student Welfare

We offer students the care and support they need to feel secure. It can be daunting starting at College, particularly for students who find themselves far from home. In order to help them settle in, we provide a comprehensive overview of the opportunities that London has to offer, students are also helped with practical matters such as registering with a doctor and a dentist.

We take our pastoral duties seriously and do everything we can to ensure that our students are content and able to achieve their full potential. Students are invited to seek support from whichever teacher or member of the administrative staff they feel most comfortable with, although there are people with overarching responsibilities for providing academic advice. The administrative staff can provide the necessary advice, certificates and documentation to secure entry visas and visa extensions. Advice is also readily available about anything relating to living in London including police registration, banking, travel and local services.

## Academic Welfare

Life for young people can be complex and confusing. It is a time of rapid change on many fronts and decisions are required of them that will have an enormous impact on the rest of their lives. For students travelling from abroad, the pressures can be even more intense.

Students benefit enormously from the course, enjoying the chance it gives them to become more autonomous in their studies. However, for those who have difficulty in adjusting, there are monitoring systems that will quickly register their problems, setting in motion programmes of supervision and assessment designed to assist.

On the UFP, all prospective university candidates benefit from the very close support of the UFP team, who advise students on choices of universities and courses, as well as assisting them at all stages of the application procedure.





# ACTIVITIES & THE INTRANET

## Sports & Activities

The college has football (soccer) and basketball teams that meet weekly. If students are interested in other sports and there are enough students to start a sports club or team, the school will set up a team, using facilities in the local area.

The College welcomes suggestions from students regarding extra-curricular activities or clubs they would like to start, such as debating society, film showings etc. Supervisors will assess the level of interest and organise them accordingly.

## The Intranet

The intranet is a web-based platform which allows communication and sharing of information between students, parents, teachers and administration without putting private information in the public domain of the Internet.

Parents or sponsors will be allowed a secured access to check on the progress of their children and will be able to communicate directly and efficiently with teachers and the course administration.

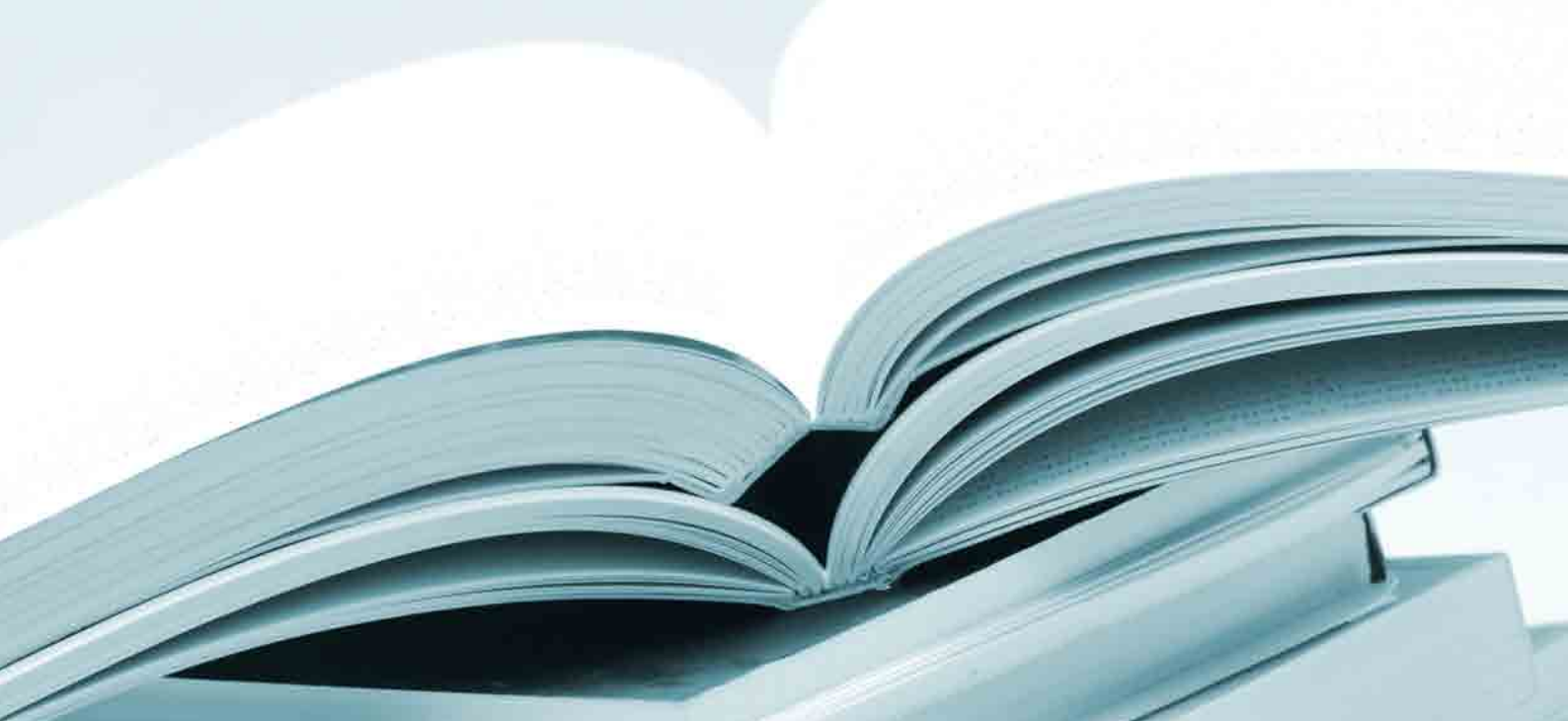
The intranet is kept up-to-date on a daily basis. Teachers post the results of students' tests and coursework grades, as well as keeping up-to-date records of attendance, and regular reports on each individual student.

### On the intranet, students can:

- Check the latest news and announcements online. This is particularly useful for staying informed of college announcements and other day-to-day matters such as timetable changes, exam dates and coursework deadlines.
- Check timetables, exam results, attendance records and teachers' reports, which is especially valuable during holiday periods when students are away.
- Communicate with teachers and administration

### On the intranet, parents can:

- Monitor attendance, reports and exam results of their child on a day-to-day basis so there is no need to wait until the end of term to get the news
- Communicate easily with their child, teachers and course administration to ensure that any concerns are dealt with quickly



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ON UFP

## IELTS – International English Language Testing System

IELTS is a globally recognised testing system of the English language, and it is a requirement of nearly all British Universities that overseas students have taken the IELTS examination (or another formally recognised English qualification). The points below demonstrate how David Game College prepares students for the IELTS examination, in order for them to reach their potential and achieve a good IELTS score to support their university application.

- At the start of the course, each student sits an IELTS assessment test (of a similar format to the IELTS exam), in order to assess their level
- Students are placed in classes according to their ability and needs
- Weaker students are generally given more hours in order to bring them up to the required level
- Small classes (10 students or fewer) enable students to get the individual attention they need
- Students work through a specific syllabus designed to meet their needs
- The syllabus aims to improve the student's ability in speaking, reading, writing and listening, as well as grammar and vocabulary
- The syllabus also includes specific techniques and approaches to the exam guaranteed to improve their performance
- Regular tests ensure that students are progressing towards the desired level for university entry
- All homework is assessed and graded according to the IELTS standard, which gives students a realistic indication of their performance
- In addition to the above, the IELTS course also provides the opportunity for students to develop their skills in interview techniques and job/course applications

# SUCCESS STORIES



## **Namaala Kanyanga**

**Currently studying Computing**

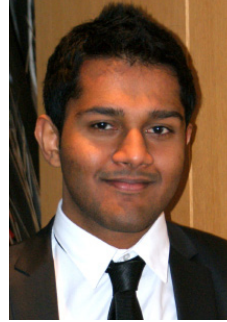
**Imperial College London**

I achieved an A grade on the UFP course and I am currently in my second year studying Computing (Beng) at Imperial College London.

I would definitely recommend UFP to anyone. I have actually recommended it to a few people who are currently doing the course or have just finished the course. I think that the great thing about UFP at David Game is that the staff is very determined to get you into the best University as possible.

Being an international student without A-levels, I think its the best opportunity to get into a great university, in fact for me it helped me get into my dream university, rare opportunity that I am always grateful for!!

(Imperial College London is placed third in the university league table for Europe)



## **Anson Hosein**

**2.1. Business Studies**

**City University.**

I am currently doing his Masters at Cass Business School in Energy, Trade and Finance. I have already recommended the UFP to a few people and will continue to do so.



## **Anton Zraeljan**

**2:1 in Engineering with Business Management**

**King's College London**

I am now working as Sales and Project Manager at a wood & plywood factory located in Estonia

The UFP was very nice and helpful as a preparation for university.

## **Kristina Monahhova**

**2:1 in BSc Business Studies**

**Cass Business School, City University**

I have returned to my country - Estonia, and I'm currently looking forward to starting a workplace. I would definitely recommend my friends to take the UFP. The year I've had there was the best experience I've had in London. I was able to make many friends, few of which went to City University as well, so it was way easier for me to get around at first. Moreover, when it comes to academic issues, I got strong basics for business in David Game, which helped me greatly in my 1st year in University.

## **Neslihan Kahraman**

**2:1 in BSc Psychology**

**Leicester University**

I am currently doing a MSc at City University in Health Psychology now.

I would strongly recommend the UFP as a preparation for university. All the staff were involved with students and their progress. The atmosphere that was provided was family like. The subjects that were covered were very relevant to university degrees that one might want to pursue. And finally, it was a very encouraging environment to experience student life in London.

## **Aley Khreis**

**GPA: 3 in Accounting**

**American University of Science in Beirut, Lebanon**

I am working as an accountant at Azadea, a Fashion Retail Company in the Middle East. The UFP program is equivalent to the first year at university and I highly recommend it .

## **Jessica Tjendana**

**2:1 in BSocSc Politics and International Relations**

**University of Manchester**

I am currently doing a law conversion degree at the College of Law, in Manchester and hopefully will qualify as a solicitor next year. In regards to the UFP course, the major modules had helped me during my studies at University.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Entry Requirement

In general we expect applicants to have completed secondary school education in their own country with a recognised qualification at a satisfactory grade. The following are some of the school-leaving qualifications which are recognised by UFP:

- Arab countries: General Secondary School Certificate
- Bangladesh: HSC
- Brunei: 'O' Levels
- China: Senior High School Certificate
- Europe: Secondary School Leaving Certificate
- India: SSC or HSC
- Iran: High School Diploma
- Japan: School Leaving Certificate
- Malaysia: SPM
- Nigeria: West African Examinations Council
- Pakistan: Intermediate Certificate
- Korea: School Leaving Certificate
- Russia: Senior High School Diploma
- Taiwan: Senior High School Certificate
- Thailand: Mathayom 6
- Turkey: State/Private High School Diploma
- Vietnam: School Leaving Certificate
- Students who do not possess the required entry qualification can arrange to undertake additional studies (ie. GCSEs) at David Game College, either alongside or before commencing UFP (visa status permitting).
- Non-native speakers of English requiring visa sponsorship for study on the UFP must have a recognised English language qualification. Some applicants may be required to take an academic English course before commencing the UFP.
- Applications made from mature students (over the age of 21) are considered on a case-by-case basis.

## Accreditation

David Game College is a fully accredited member of the British Accreditation Council, which means that it meets the high standard set by the Council, It has been fully accredited since 1993.

- The most recent inspection by the British Accreditation Council reported that:
- The standard in all areas of the school was either good or excellent
- The lessons were well prepared, with clear aims and objectives, with tutors who were sympathetic to the needs of the students
- In the area of IT, the College was particularly commended

### **Overall the report stated that:**

- "The College has an excellent record of enabling students to gain places on highly competitive degree programmes in British Universities."
- The College is "well managed, with a highly efficient administration"

## Certification

At the end of the UFP, successful students are awarded a certificate signed by independent external examiners. The UFP is the only foundation course to use examiners from a number of British universities to monitor the course and ensure quality assurance. A UFP certificate is, therefore, full endorsed proof of a student's level of competence.

## Scholarships

The UFP team assesses requests for assistance with fees on a case-by-case basis. Normally, a student must have an exceptional academic performance in order to be considered for a scholarship. The maximum reduction we offer on fees is in the region of £1000.

Applicants who wish to be considered for financial assistance should accompany their application with a detailed personal statement sent by email to [a.willatt@ufp.uk.com](mailto:a.willatt@ufp.uk.com). In the personal statement, the applicant should provide a full explanation of all qualifications achieved to date, any special circumstance (financial), talents and achievements, and their intended degree course and university choices.



# ADMISSION PROCEDURES

## To apply

you can apply online at:

[http://www.ufp.uk.com/application\\_form.asp](http://www.ufp.uk.com/application_form.asp)

The Admissions Office will contact you as soon as your application form is received

If your secondary school results are available and have been approved, you will be given an UNCONDITIONAL OFFER to start UFP

If your results are pending, you will be offered a CONDITIONAL place in the course

Details of how to accept your offer (ie. Make a payment towards your fees) will be given on your offer letter. Generally, the deposit for the course is £2000 (this is refundable only if you fail to obtain a student visa, in which case an administration fee of £100 is retained.)

International students who require a visa to enter the UK will be sent their CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) reference number in order to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa.

## Fees

Tuition fees for the course are £8,450 generally paid in 3 instalments:

£2000 Deposit

£4000 At the Start of Phase 1

£2450 At the Start of Phase 2

There is also a practical fee of £500 per subject for the following major modules; Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Each Art module, Further Computing.

Please note that the tuition fee for the full Art Foundation (£8,950) covers the cost of all Art modules

## Fees are payable to:

Bank: Barclays Bank, Knightsbridge Business Centre  
P.O.Box 32014 , London NW1 2ZG

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