## Access and admissions

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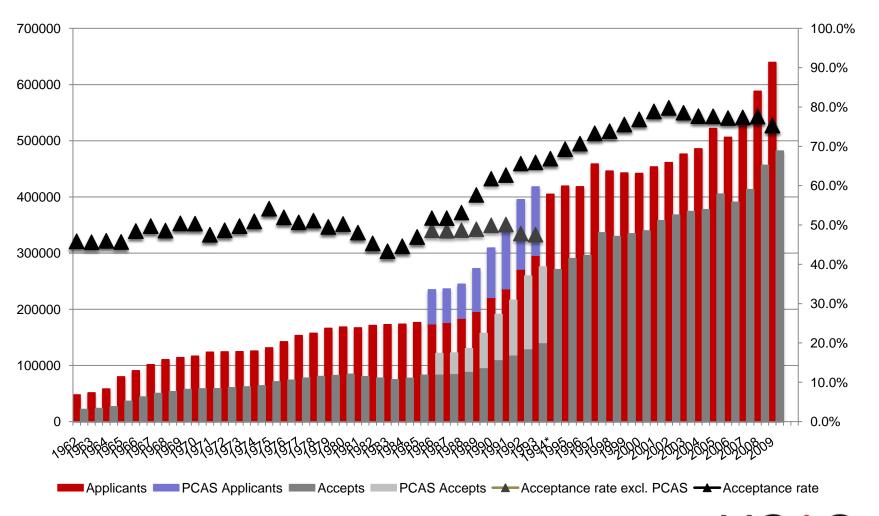


#### Overview

- Trends in admissions to HE
- 2011 admissions cycle latest statistics
- Access data from 2010 admissions cycle
- educational background
- area of low participation
- Supporting access, outreach and WP activities in 2012 and beyond
- Admissions Process Review & Qualifications Information Review

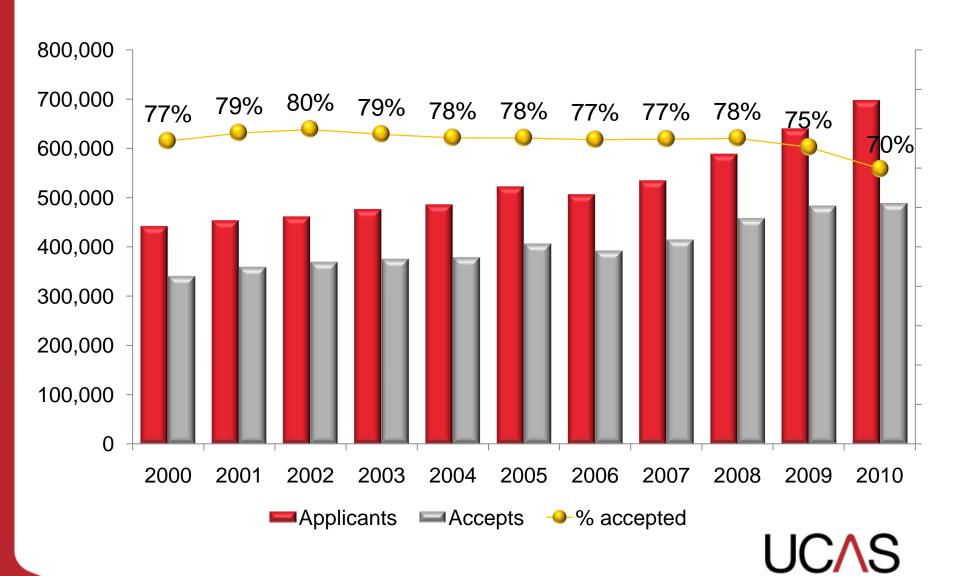


#### Acceptance rates





#### Total applicants & accepts 2000 - 2010



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Applicants:	683,325	691,449	1.2%	1
UK:	579,296	583,639	0.7%	
EU (excl. UK):	46,323	48,805	5.4%	
Non EU:	57,706	59,005	2.3%	

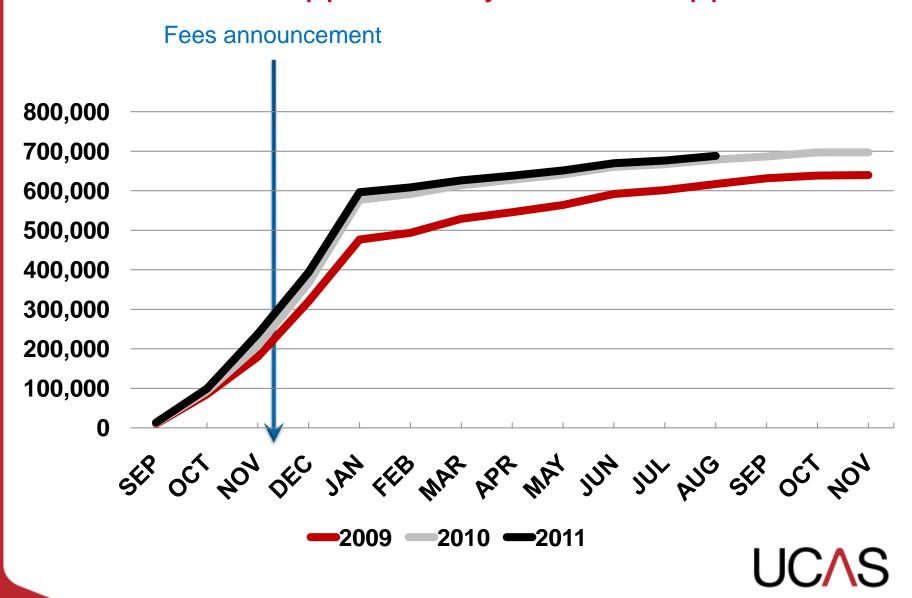


## Position at 12 Sept 2011 - UK applicants by age

_>	<b>- 2010 —</b>	<b>— 2011 —</b>	— % Diff
UK applicants	579,296	583,639	0.7%
19 & under:	371,311	374,688	0.9%
20 to 24:	119,243	121,781	2.1%
25 to 29:	35,456	34,699	-2.1%
30 to 39:	34,096	34,000	-0.3%
40 & over:	19,190	18,471	-3.7%



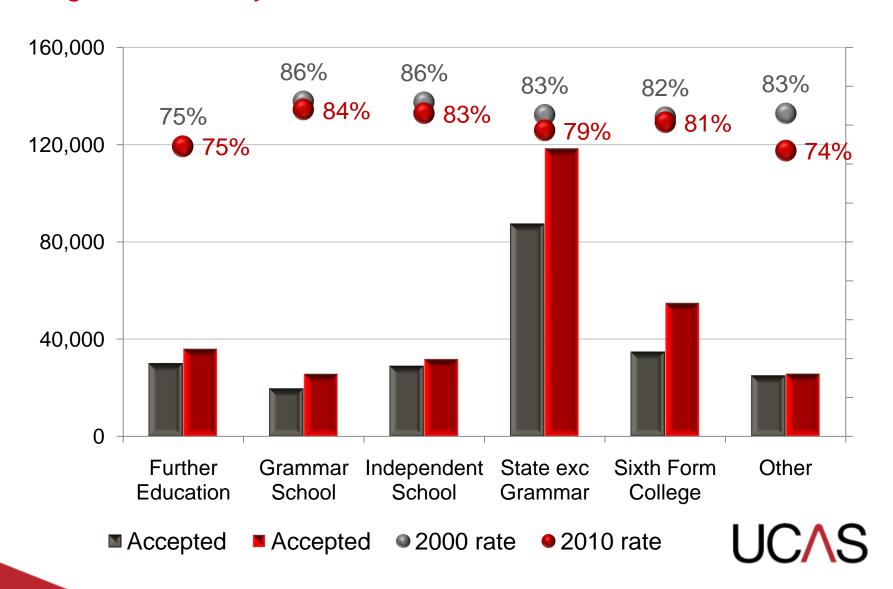
### Cumulative Applicants by month of application



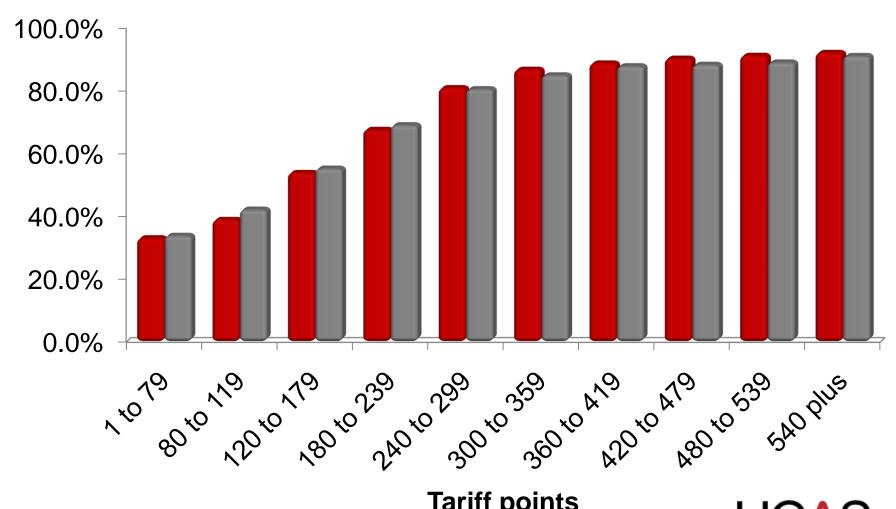
## UCAS Processing – 12 September 2011

_>	2010 —	— 2011 —	- % Diff
Applicants:	683,325	691,449	1.2%
Total Accepted:	469,530	480,369	2.3%
% Accepted:	68.7%	69.5%	1.1%
Accept via Clearing	j: 40,656	46,235	13.7%
Outcome Pending:	18,675	16,909	-9.5%
Eligible for Clearing	j: 180,777	181,770	0.5%

## Educational Establishment – Acceptance Rate - UK Dom. Aged 17-19 only: 2000 & 2010



#### UK 17-19 Acceptance rate of A level applicants by POLAR 2 & Tariff band: 2010



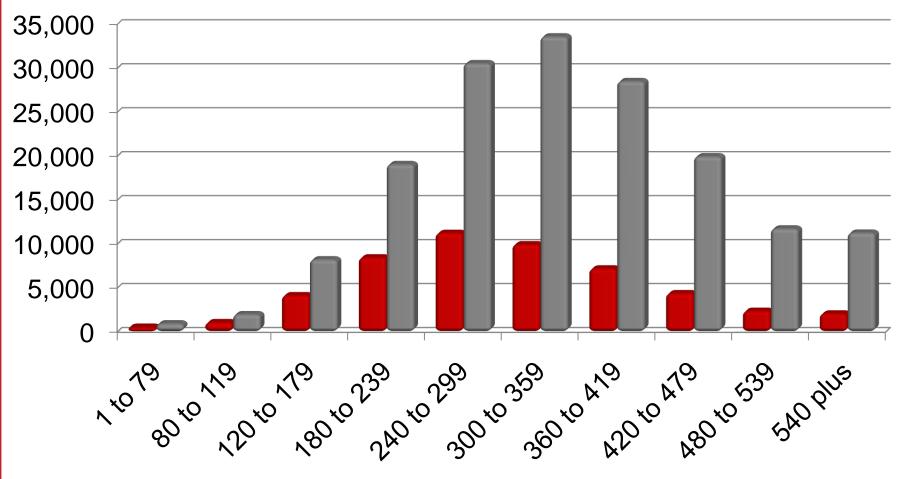
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Least deprived



#### UK 17-19 A level applicants by POLAR 2 & Tariff band: 2010



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#### Information for learners & advisers

- UCAS website, publications, social media, events
- UCAS Course Search & new Course Finder will include KIS, institutional audit information
- Supporting Independent Taskforce on Student Finance
- My Future: interactive pathway tool to help learners explore options
- Preparing the Professionals: provision of free, up to date resources about HE applications to universities and colleges
- Professional development service for schools and colleges



#### Contextual data service

- UCAS is providing a contextual data service to facilitate widening participation and fair access
- UCAS will deliver an initial basket of data to HEIs, free of cost, for 2012 entry, including:
  - Students entitled to free school meals
  - Applicants from a low progression neighbourhoods (Polar 2)
  - Average school GCSE performance of students achieving 5 A\*-C GCSE including English or Welsh and mathematics or equivalent



# Data for institutions, funders and stakeholders

- Monitoring and publishing information on the 2012 admissions cycle e.g. potential impacts on crossborder applications, application patterns
- Collaborating with OFFA and HEFCW on monitoring access and fee agreements
- Collaboration with UUK and sector bodies
- Supporting the National Scholarship Programme



#### The Qualifications Information Review

- The UCAS Tariff enables HEIs and learners to make comparisons between qualifications to facilitate admissions
- The number and diversity of level 3 qualifications has increased significantly
- The Tariff cannot accommodate different sized and composite qualifications & points are oversold
- The QIR aims to understand the needs that institutions and learners have for qualifications inform and develop better ways of meeting these needs
- We aim to develop new tools and services that will offer greater awareness and understanding of the full range of qualifications and support progression

#### Apprenticeship Frameworks

- Apprentices face a number of barriers to progression to HE
- The Tariff cannot accommodate the multiple pathways and components of apprenticeship frameworks
- Apprentices are slightly less likely to be accepted into HE when compared to the total cohort: 65.4% compared to 69.5% (2010 data)
- UCAS is developing a number of tools to help and support apprentices:
  - A new series of FAQs on the UCAS website developed specifically for apprentice learners
  - UCAS Course Finder will enable institutions to indicate whether they have progression agreements in place
  - The application system is being amended to enable learners to indicate on their application where they are applying via a progression agreement



#### The Admissions Process Review

- The Admissions Process Review is looking at improvements to support a wide range of applicants, with diverse portfolios of prior achievements, and with interests in different modes of study intensity and HE delivery models
- There has been extensive engagement with learners, schools, colleges, institutions, government, funders and regulators
- UCAS will be consulting this autumn on a number of options



## Thank you for listening – any questions?



