UCAS

CONFERENCE **GUIDE**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR TEACHERS AND ADVISERS 2024

MONDAY 26 – TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

EASTSIDE ROOMS, WOODCOCK STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B7 4BL

THANK YOU
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AGENDA DAY 1

Time	Session	Location
09:00 - 09:30	**REGISTRATION & EXHIBITION**	Registration
09:30 - 09:40	Conference Welcome	Affinity Suite
09:40 - 10:10	UCAS Welcome and introduction	Affinity Suite
10:10 - 10:55	The future of admissions	Affinity Suite
10:55 - 11:15	**MORNING REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION**	Belmont Suite
11:15 - 12:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 1	Navigating admissions: understanding the process in a competitive landscape	Affinity Suite
	Exploring pathways with the UCAS Hub	Ashstead Room 1
	Where next for post-16 qualification reform?	Ashstead Room 2
	Supporting students to find and apply for apprenticeships	Ashstead Room 3
	UCAS support - get your questions answered by our Adviser Support Team	UCAS Stand
12:15 - 13:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 2	Interview masterclass: how your students can make the right impression	Affinity Suite
	Conservatoires UK: How to support pathways to the performing arts	Ashstead Room 1
	Supporting students with individual needs discovering their pathways	Ashstead Room 2
	How to make the shift from career planning to career management	Ashstead Room 3
	UCAS support - get your questions answered by our Adviser Support Team	UCAS Stand
13:00 - 13:55	**LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBITION**	Belmont Suite
14:00 - 14:45	References - a forward look to 2025	Affinity Suite
15:00 - 15:45 BREAKOUT SESSION 3	Predicted grades: Balancing aspiration and expectation.	Affinity Suite
	Raising the profile of apprenticeships in your school or college	Ashstead Room 1
	The differing challenges of supporting HE applications in FE colleges and sixth forms	Ashstead Room 2
	Improving student transition: how to prepare the 2024 cohort	Ashstead Room 3
	The Adviser Portal: How to save time managing applications	Meeting Room 4
15:45 - 16:10	**AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION**	Belmont Suite
16:15 - 17:00	The challenges and opportunities for AI in education	Affinity Suite
17:00 - 17:30	Networking	Belmont Suite
	UCAS support - get your questions answered by our Adviser Support Team	UCAS Stand
19:00	**DRINKS RECEPTION & EVENING MEAL**	Eastside Rooms

AGENDA DAY 2

Time	Session	Location
09:00 - 09:30	**REGISTRATION & EXHIBITION**	Registration
09:30 - 09:35	Conference Welcome Day 2	Affinity Suite
09:35 - 10:20	6 themes that will empower student choice	Affinity Suite
10:20 - 11:00	CHATACLYSM! AI, Generation Z and the New World of Work	Affinity Suite
11:00 -11:15	**MORNING REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION**	Belmont Suite
11:15 - 11:50	UCAS Apprenticeships - applications for 2025	Affinity Suite
11:55 - 12:40 **BREAKOUT SESSION 4**	What we know about Clearing and how behaviour is changing	Affinity Suite
	Supporting October applications	Ashstead Room 1
	Supporting your student leavers: the gap year seekers, re-appliers, and mind changers	Ashstead Room 2
	Delivering careers in the curriculum	Ashstead Room 3
	Adviser Portal top tips: How to best manage and track applications	Meeting Room 4
12:40 - 13:30	**LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBITION**	Belmont Suite
13:35 - 14:20 **BREAKOUT SESSION 5**	Admissions practises - contextualised admissions and how decisions are made	Affinity Suite
	Understanding Admissions Testing – The approach at Imperial and Cambridge	Ashstead Room 1
	Gatsby benchmark 5 - what it really means and how you can achieve it	Ashstead Room 2
	Deep Dive Discussion: Shape of the Cycle Reform	Ashstead Room 3
	UCAS support - get your questions answered by our Adviser Support Team	UCAS Stand
14:35 - 15:20 **BREAKOUT SESSION 6**	Future-proofing CIAG: providing advice in a changing world	Affinity Suite
	The ultimate guide to creative admissions	Ashstead Room 1
	How to ensure your careers provision is ready for inspection	Ashstead Room 2
	LLE - what your students need to know	Ashstead Room 3
	How to use Adviser Reports - back to basics	Meeting Room 4
15:20 - 15:45	**AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION**	Belmont Suite
15:45 - 16:30	Financing studies: Students' worries and the support available	Affinity Suite
16:30	Day 2 close	Affinity Suite

UCAS CLINIC

Our Adviser Help Team are on hand throughout the conference to answer your questions in our UCAS Support Clinic. Situated in the reception area on the UCAS stand this is an opportunity to speak to your dedicated support team. The team will be available during breakout sessions and refreshment breaks.
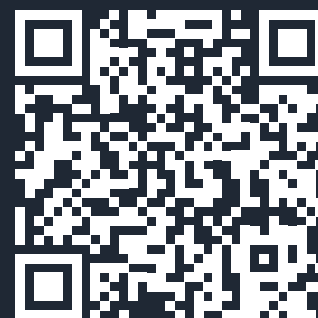
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▶ Ask questions during the sessions, don't forget to give your name.

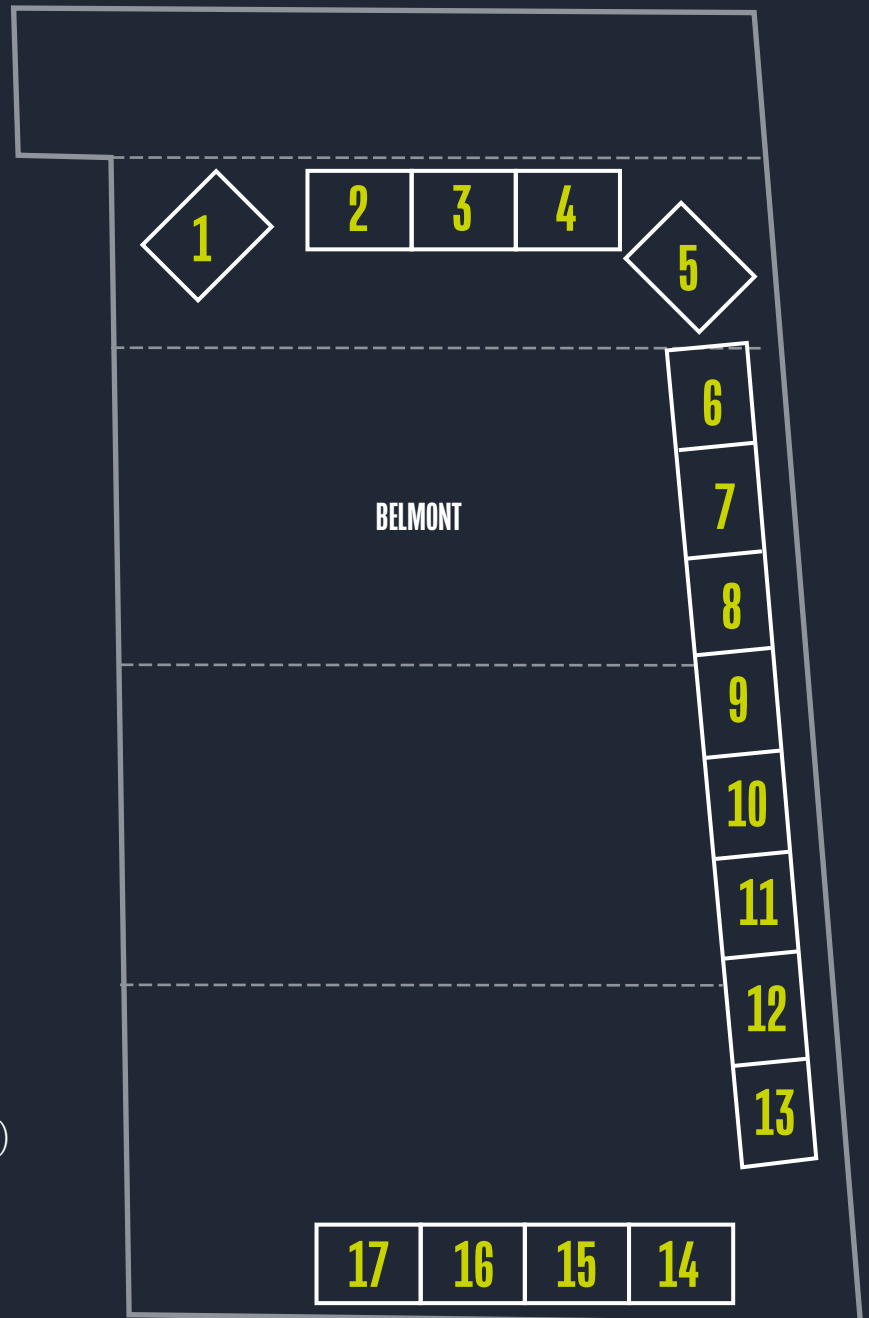▶ You can like other people's questions to upvote them and the most popular questions will be displayed.
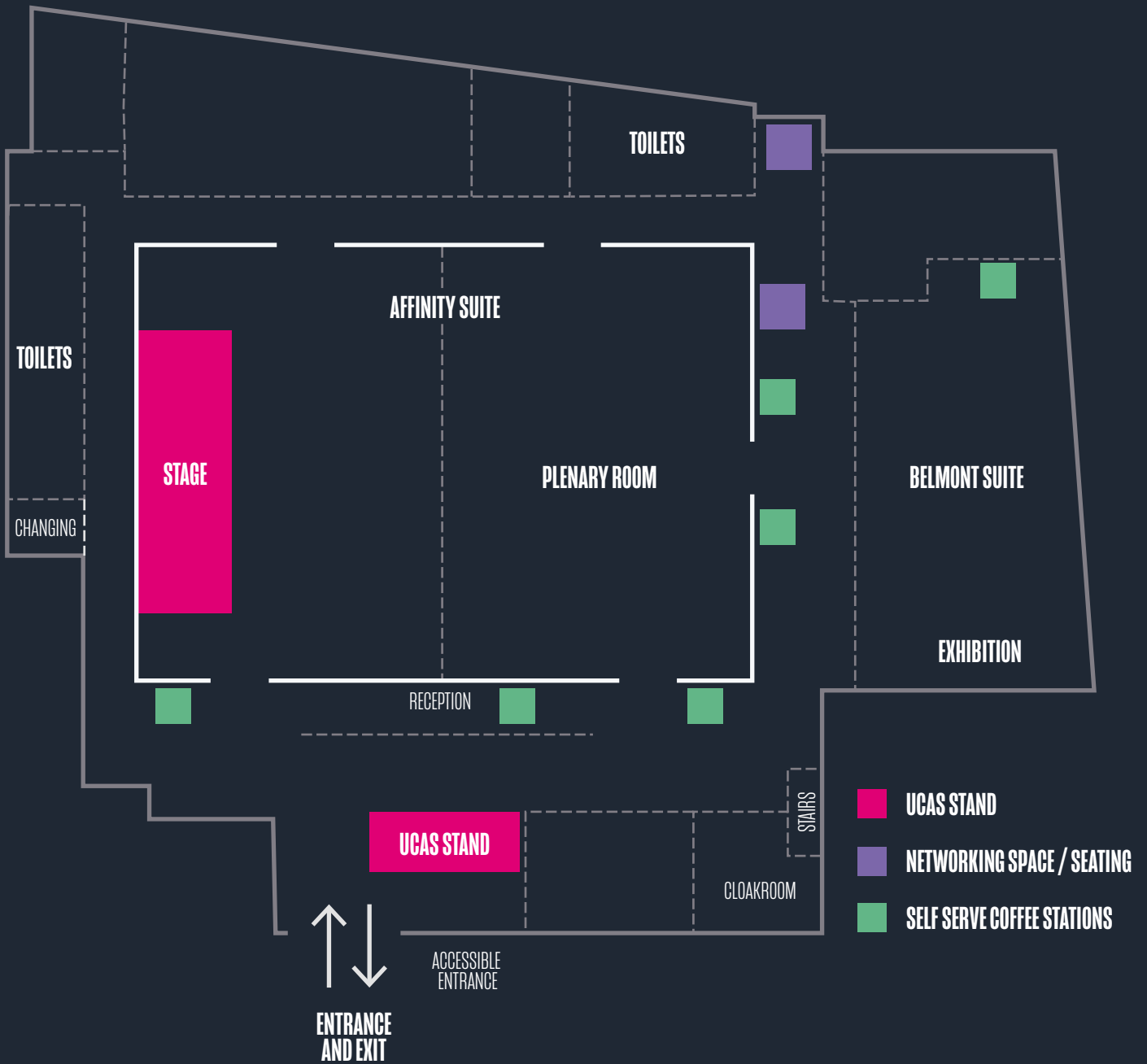
EXHIBITION

Our exhibition is in the Belmont Suite and is open throughout the conference. Come along and meet higher education providers, UCAS colleagues, and other organisations who can support you in your role.
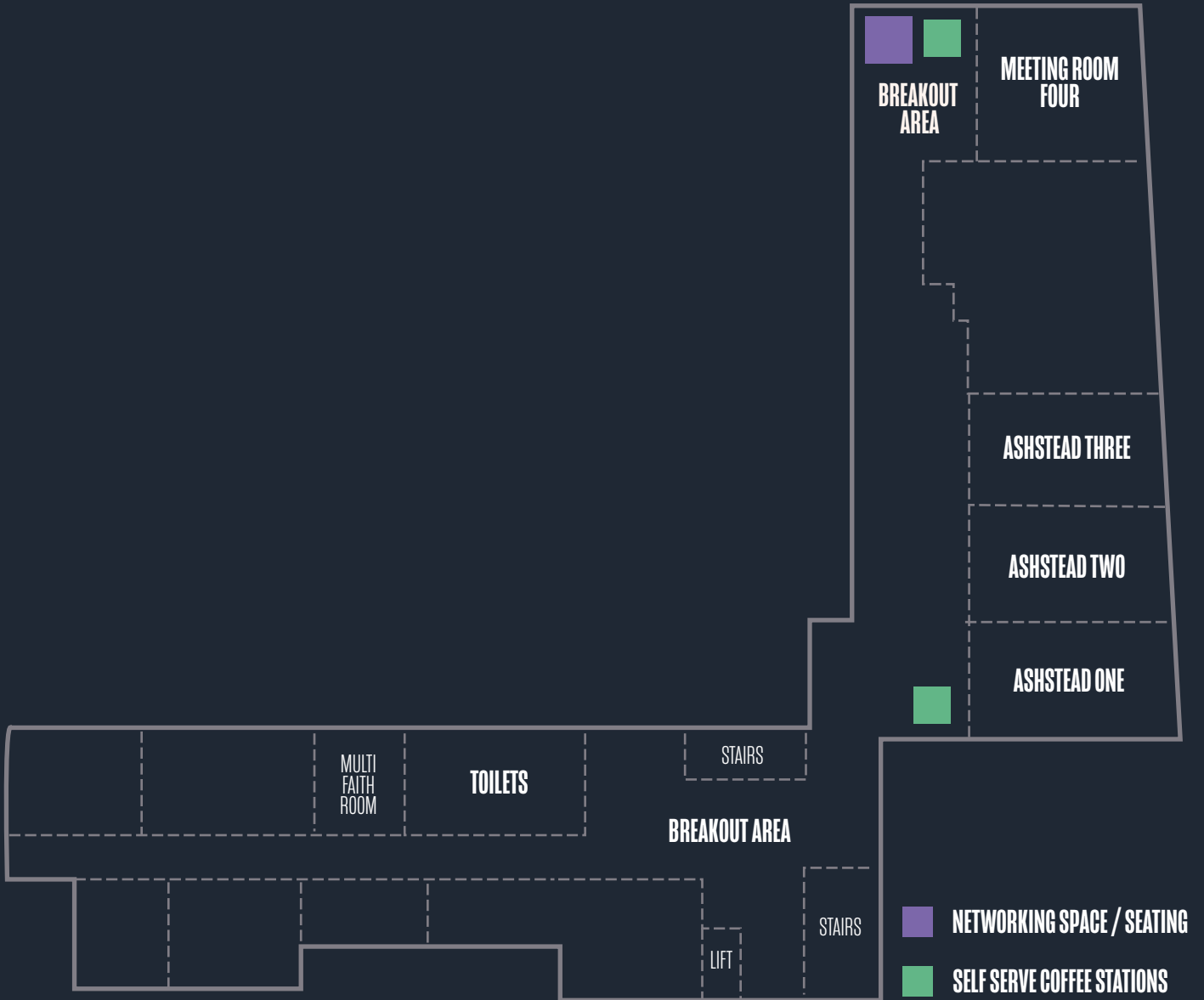
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3. Edge Hill University
4. HSBC
5. The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries
6. Lancaster University
7. Newcastle University
8. Northeastern University London
9. The University Guys
10. University College London (UCL)
11. University of Aberdeen
12. University of Central Lancashire
13. University of Derby
14. University of East Anglia (UEA)
15. University of Northampton
16. University of South Wales
17. University of Surrey

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