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Year 14 - Student Finance & UCAS etc.

What this Presentation will Cover?



- ▶ UCAS - Firm & Insurance Choices
- ▶ Applications to Further Education Courses
- ▶ CAO
- ▶ Finance



UCAS

- ▶ **Check the specific conditions of your offer on UCAS TRACK**
- click on the actual offer to view specific details e.g may need a A/ B in a particular; 60 credits at Dist. In BTec
- ▶ Make sure you read any letters/ E-mails that you receive from UCAS/ CAO very carefully and act immediately



- ▶ Most students will now be able to reply to their offers.
- ▶ Your personal reply deadline will be displayed in UCAS TRACK
- ▶ Applicants who received all their decisions by 31st March will have a reply date of **5th May**
- ▶ Applicants who didn't receive all decisions by this date will have a later reply date
- ▶ **DO NOT miss the deadline - you will lose all your offers!!**



Foundation Degrees & Part-time Degrees

- ▶ If concerned about your grades / cost of degree consider making an application to:
- ▶ **Foundation degrees** - excellent choice @ SWC
- ▶ **Part-time degrees** - direct application to university - exact same course as full-time but can be much cheaper - assessed on your income.
- ▶ **Apply now** - date of application crucial in making offers come August!!



Choosing your Firm Choice (CF)

Pick the degree Course you really want as your Firm - If you meet the conditions of your CF your CI does not have to take you!

- ▶ Your Firm choice may not actually be the offer with the Highest Grades!



Choosing your Insurance Choice (CI)

- You should only consider selecting an Insurance course that you are genuinely interested in studying and at a university/ city you are prepared to live in
- If possible pick an Insurance which has lower Grades than your Firm e.g. Firm - ABB, Insurance - BBB but really choose in order of your own personal preference



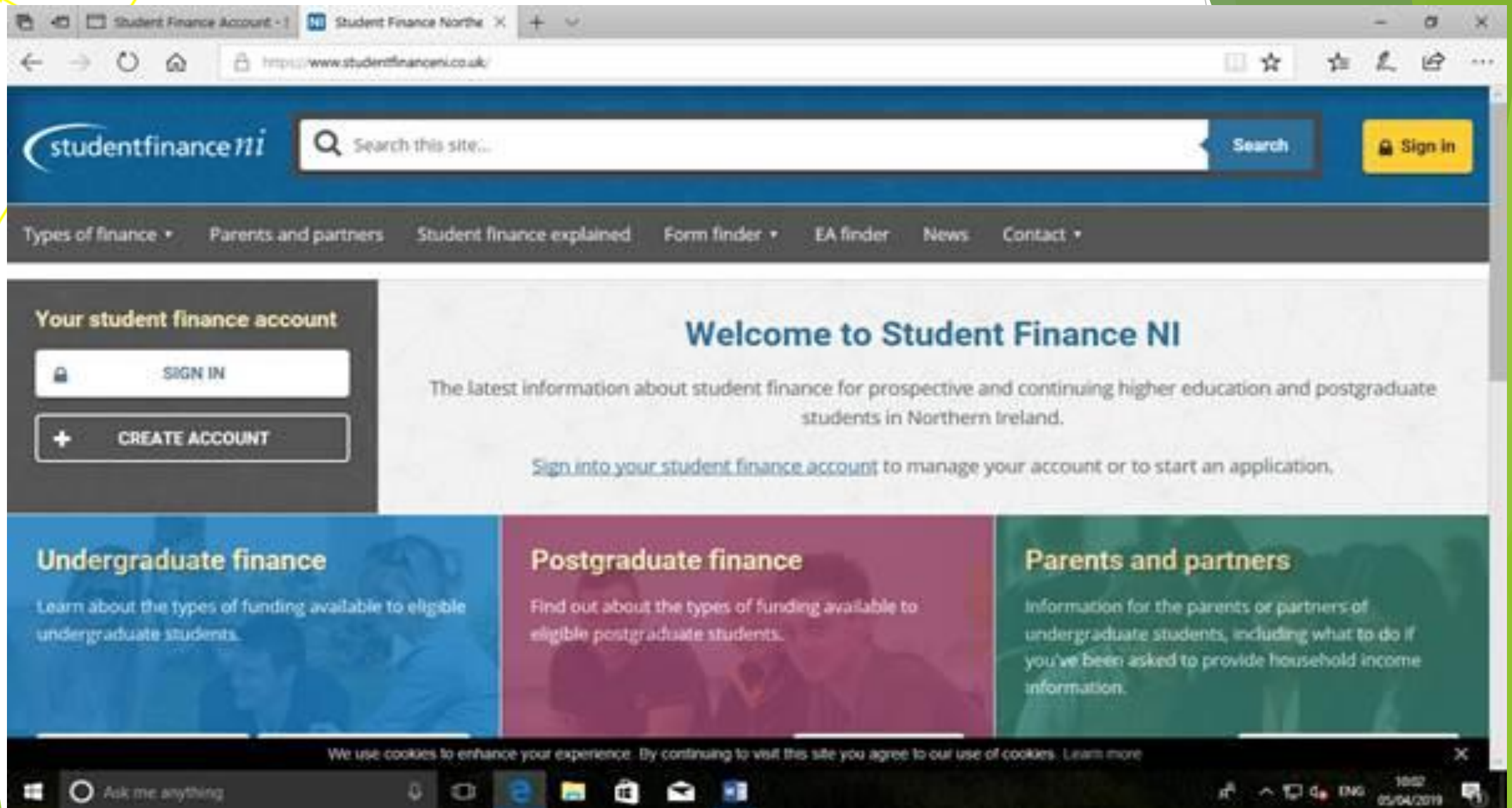
CAO

- ▶ Late Application Deadline is 1st May.
- ▶ You will receive notification of the chance to change your CAO choice(s) in June - including adding/ removing / changing the order of a choice
- ▶ Please also ensure all your qualifications have been correctly entered - **they will not accept any amendments after June**
- ▶ Book accommodation for Dublin - **EARLY!**
- ▶ Can any student who has applied to CAO please let Mrs McCaughey or me know



Finance

- ▶ Student Finance NI forms - for all Fdn/ hon degree courses - complete online & bring in ID on **Wed. 10th April** when student finance will be in to check forms & ID.
- ▶ **ID - Passport & photocopy of photo page or birth certificate and photocopy of page - NB you will also need an ID verification form from me**
- ▶ If considering P/T study complete the Student Finance NI form as they will pay your fees and you will also be eligible for a small loan -income assessed on YOUR earnings - can study for free!!
- ▶ Applications for finance for **further education** must now be made - also made via Student Finance NI Website
- ▶ Allied Health Professions - apply to Student Finance NI for UU; NHS Student Grants, Fleetwood for England; NHS Student Awards Unit, Cardiff for Wales; SAAS for Scotland



What Funding Students can apply for/ could receive:

Tuition Fees - All pupils are entitled to receive a loan for the full amount of tuition fees regardless of family income.

N.B. Tuition fees will be paid directly to the university or college.

Maintenance Loan for living expenses: Part of the maintenance loan is means tested (25%) but all students should be entitled to borrow 75% (approx.. £3,600) regardless of family income. Students on family incomes of more than £52,000 will only be able to borrow 75% of the maintenance loan (i.e. the £3,600.)

Grants are available for some students based on income or any additional/ special needs - pupils can ask Student Finance Staff about these.

N.B. If family income is above £52,000 approx. then students will not be eligible to borrow the full maintenance loan and the following documents are not required.)

For pupils with family income of **less than £52,000 they will need to bring in copies of their parents' income documents (ie.P.60s etc. for the 18/19 tax year).**

Parents should also have entered their income details online or provided the details on a PFF1 form which can be downloaded from the Student FinanceNi website www.studentfinancenl.co.uk.

Make sure you save / keep a record of your Login details – username & password!
Enter the course & uni you hope to be studying at in September - do not worry if you need to change this come August – simply contact Student Finance and let them know of your new course/ university.

Do not worry if it says it doesn't recognise the course ID you have entered – as long as you have the university and course name clearly stated.

You will need your National Insurance Number to complete the form.