UNIVERSITY: HOW DO I GET THERE?
WHAT IS HIGHER EDUCATION?

• Higher Education is the next step in education after 6th form/college

• A Higher Education qualification is known as a degree which you can study at university

• It’s an opportunity for you to
  • study something you are interested in further
  • develop new skills
  • gain independence and experience something different
The further you progress, the more options you have

Each stage is important and will help you with your future career
There are many different routes to Higher Education

- Education qualifications are very important
- But universities also look for
  - Work experience
  - Volunteering
  - Extra-curricular activities
WHY GO TO UNIVERSITY?

• You need a degree for some jobs
• Study something you enjoy
• Better career prospects
• Transferable skills
• Develop confidence and independence
WHO GOES TO UNIVERSITY?

- Different backgrounds
- From across the country and the world
- Varied ages
CHOOSING A COURSE AND UNIVERSITY
HOW MANY DEGREE COURSES CAN YOU CHOOSE FROM?

- 370
- 37,000
- 3,700
WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

• **Traditional subjects** - English Literature, Mathematics, Geography, Chemistry, History

• **Vocational** - Teaching, Pharmacy, Speech and Language Therapy, Nursing

• **Unusual courses** - Ethical hacking, Meteorology, Theatre Practice & Puppetry

• **Combined Courses** – Art and Psychology, English Literature and French, Philosophy, Politics and Economics
DEGREE OR NOT A DEGREE?

- Glass
- Plant & Soil Science
- Golf Management
- Ballistic Engineering
- Harry Potter
- Naval Architecture
- Perfumery
- Digital and Social Media
REMEMBER...
EVERY COURSE IS DIFFERENT
HOW MANY HE INSTITUTES ARE THERE IN THE UK?

187

67

387
EACH UNIVERSITY IS DIFFERENT...

- Type of University
- Size
- Reputation
- Location
- Accommodation
- Facilities
- Security
- Scholarships and bursaries
- Visit - Open Days
- Research is key!
APPLYING
Not holding any offers? Extra is open – you might be able to add another choice.

1. Getting started
- The undergraduate experience
- Thinking about uni?
- What to study
- International and EU students
- Information for parents

2. Find a course
- How to choose between similar courses and unis
- Browse through our search tool
- Visit unis and colleges

3. Apply and Track
- Filling in your application
- Writing a personal statement
- Interview invitations
- Tracking your application

4. Finance and support
- Tuition fees and student loans
- Extra funding
- Getting student support
- Students’ unions

APPLICATIONS MADE VIA UCAS
Parents and guardians

Here you can find practical advice to help you support your son or daughter throughout the application cycle.

Video for parents

BSL Parents guide

How the application process works

GUIDES FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
Apply
- September 2017 – Applications open. 5 course choices
- 15 October 2017 – Deadline for applications to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science
- 15 January 2018 – Deadline for applications to most courses

Offers
- Universities process applications
- Applicants invited to interview
- End March 2018 – Majority of offers made by this date

Decisions
- May/June 2018 – reply to your offers
- Decide on a firm and insurance choice institution
- August 2018 – Results Day (clearing and adjustment)
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<th>A Levels</th>
<th>International Baccalaureate</th>
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<td>BA Business &amp; Management</td>
<td>AAA–AAB</td>
<td>35 points overall</td>
<td>English and Mathematics at grade B</td>
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<td>BA Archaeology</td>
<td>ABB–BBB</td>
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<td>ABB–BBB including grade B in Chemistry</td>
<td>30–32 points overall</td>
<td>Maths at grade B</td>
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2016 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AT UOR
ADMISSIONS TUTORS LOOK FOR

Academic results eg. A levels, IB, BTECs, GSCEs
Certain subjects (if required)
Work experience (if required)
Written work
Pre-admissions tests
Personal statements
Teacher’s reference
LIMITLESS POTENTIAL | LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES | LIMITLESS IMPACT

ADMISSIONS TUTORS LOOK FOR

Passion & interest in field
Research & knowledge
Independent learning
Application of skills learnt
Academic ability
Awareness of real world issues in their chosen area
Extra curricular activities
STUDENT LOANS & ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Student Loans

University bursaries and scholarships

Additional grants for: students with disabilities or dependents and care leavers

University hardship funds

Access travel bursaries
MORE INFORMATION...

- Prospectuses and subject brochures
- Websites
- University guides and League tables (Times, Guardian, Unistats, The Student Room, Complete University Guide)
- Taster and Masterclasses
- Social Media
VISITING A UNIVERSITY – OPEN DAYS & TASTER DAYS