CHOOSING A COURSE & UNIVERSITY
WHY GO TO UNIVERSITY?
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• You need a degree for some jobs
• Study something you enjoy
• Better career prospects
• Transferable skills
• Develop confidence and independence
GRADUATES EARN MORE

Data from ONS, 2013
CHOOSING A COURSE
WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

- **Traditional subjects** - English Literature, Mathematics, Geography
- **Vocational** - Teaching, Pharmacy, Speech and Language Therapy
- **Unusual courses** - Theatre Arts, Education and Deaf Studies, Meteorology, Cybernetics
- **Combined Courses** – Art and Psychology, English Literature and French
POST-IT IS... OR POST-IT ISN'T

Glass
Plant & Soil Science
Golf Management
Ballistic Engineering

Ethical Hacking for Computer Security
Naval Architecture
Perfumery
Virology

Bovine Management
Brewing & Distilling
Automotive & Motorsport Engineering
Fishery Management
REMEMBER...
EVEY COURSE IS DIFFERENT
CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY
HOW TO CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY

**Type of university**
- City
- Campus based
- Large or small
- Reputation (university & subject rankings)

**Location**
- Travel time and cost
- Living costs
- Type of area

**Range of facilities**
- Course based
- Accommodation
- Sports
- Social facilities
HOW TO CHOOSE?

• 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
APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY
APPLICATIONS MADE VIA UCAS
Apply
- **September 2016** – Applications open
- **15 October 2016** – Deadline for applications to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science
- **15 January 2017** – Deadline for applications to most courses

Offers
- Universities process applications
- Applicants invited to interview
- **End March 2017** – Majority of offers made by this date

Decisions
- **May/June 2015** – reply to your offers
- Decide on a firm and insurance choice institution
- **August 2015** – A level results day (clearing and adjustment)
Thank you