

# UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

## 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024



# Choosing courses

- Nearly 400 institutions offer over 50,000 different courses (according to UCAS)
- Only the USA has more choice for undergraduates

# Therefore...

- Researching all the options available and making an informed choice is vital. In surveys, current university students say their number one piece of advice for new students is to **do more research**

# Because...

**On average, 1 in 10 UK undergraduates will drop out of university before their second year of study.**

**But in some institutions, that figure is as high as 1 in 4.**

# Choosing Courses

- If you want to study Business, you can do this at most universities in the country
- Some courses will have far fewer options, e.g. Burmese or Veterinary Science
- You need to be using the **Unifrog tool** and **UCAS Hub** to search courses you could study
- **UCAS** – courses starting September 2025 will be updated on 30<sup>th</sup> April (at the moment you are searching courses starting September 2024). You can search through your UCAS Hub or here <https://digitalucas.com/coursedisplay/results/courses?studyYear=2024&destination=Undergraduate&postcodeDistanceSystem=imperial&pageNumber=1&sort=MostRelevant&clearingPreference=None>
- **Unifrog** – go to the University tool from your homepage

# Choosing Universities

What is important to you?

- City centre location? (Bristol)
- Campus location – often away from the city? (Keele)
- Near good sports facilities?
- Close to home or far away?
- Near a train or bus station?
- London?

# Choosing Universities

University websites have lots of information about location and sell the city or campus through identifying the positives.

**BUT...**

the only way you can really tell if you like a place is by visiting it. And sometimes, you don't react in the way you'd expect.

# Organising An Open Day Visit

1. Firstly, you need to find out when they are.

**You can do this through:**

- [Opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com) – click on their calendar
- The universities' own websites
- UCAS





20-Apr Open Day



27-Apr Open Day



20-Apr Open Day



20-Apr Open Day



27-Apr Open Day



28-Apr Open Day

# Open day calendar

Browse the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days

Select a month: [Jan](#) [Feb](#) [Mar](#) [Apr](#) [May](#) [Jun](#) [Jul](#) [Aug](#) [Sep](#) [Oct](#) [Nov](#) [Dec](#)

## June 2024

← May

July →

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**Saturday**  
**1**  
Jun.

### Falmouth University

Saturday 1 June 2024 open day [📍 Falmouth, Cornwall](#)

### TEDI-London

Saturday 1 June 2024 open day [📍 London](#)

### University of Exeter

Saturday 1 June 2024 open day [📍 Exeter](#)



# Organising An Open Day Visit

2. Secondly, you need to work out if/when you can go.

- Your exams are the weeks beginning **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**
- You need to book **Saturdays** – you don't want to be missing school
- If you normally work on a Saturday, you need to book time off in advance
- **If you really have no other option other than a weekday, you need to request permission from Mr Williams and your teachers and fill in a form (from Mrs Flannery)**
- You also need to consider how you are going to get there before booking. Train? With parents/carers? With someone else? Bus? Take a friend?
- Will you have to stay overnight before? Scottish universities and Exeter are a long way away and it may not be practical to drive down on the morning of the open day

# Organising An Open Day Visit

## 3. Thirdly, you need to book.

- Some universities use Eventbrite and some use their own systems
- Some won't let you book straight away as booking isn't yet open. So, you **register your interest** and they will send you an email when booking is open. Use your personal/home email address and not your school one. Once that email comes through, be quick as places for some courses are limited and fill up quite quickly
- You normally book on for a subject area of interest. If you haven't yet decided between subjects, you should be able to book for more than one
- Make sure you book spaces for others going with you

# Making The Most Of Open Days

**In order to make the most of an open day it is essential to plan in advance; open days are typically very busy and there won't be time to see and do absolutely everything**

**Take pictures and make notes; after Open Day 5, these will help you remember Open Day 1**

# Making The Most Of Open Days

Get there on time!

Many open days start at 9am and last until 4 or 5pm. Leave time to find parking.

Make sure your travel arrangements will enable you to experience the whole day. Otherwise, why bother going all that way?

# Making The Most Of Open Days

## Areas to visit:

- General Introduction to the University – Welcome Talk
- Subject specific talks – very important!
- Finance
- Accommodation – make sure you **visit accommodation** as well as listening to talks. How many students in a flat? Cost?
- Parent talks

## Also:

- Personal Statement
- Student Life



Lots of current student helpers will be around to direct you if you get lost

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| <p><b>Non-Teaching Buildings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Day Nursery</li> <li>○ Michael Tippett Centre (MTC)</li> <li>○ Refectory</li> <li>○ Stewards Lodge (SL)</li> <li>○ Library (L)</li> <li>○ East Wing Coffee Shop</li> <li>○ Main House (MH)</li> <li>○ Dairy (D)</li> <li>○ Students' Union (SU)</li> <li>○ The Vinery</li> <li>○ Walled Garden</li> <li>○ Sophia (SO)</li> <li>○ Stable (ST)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Visitor Reception</li> <li>● Student Information Desk</li> <li>△ Security</li> <li>⚡ Energy Centre</li> <li>🚌 Bus Stop</li> <li>🅇 Parking</li> <li>♿ Disabled Parking</li> <li>🚲 Cycle Parks</li> <li>☕ Refreshments</li> <li>🚻 Washroom</li> <li>🏟 Sports Pitches</li> <li>🎭 Amphitheatre</li> </ul> | <p><b>Residences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🏠 Hiscocks</li> <li>🏠 Harlington</li> <li>🏠 Temple House</li> <li>🏠 Temple</li> <li>🏠 Langton</li> <li>🏠 Sydney</li> <li>🏠 Pope</li> <li>🏠 Gore House</li> <li>🏠 Beech</li> <li>🏠 Chestnut</li> <li>🏠 Elm</li> <li>🏠 Maple</li> <li>🏠 Holly</li> <li>🏠 Lime</li> <li>🏠 Oak</li> <li>🏠 Redwood</li> <li>🏠 Walnut</li> </ul> | <p><b>Teaching Buildings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commons (CM)</li> <li>○ Twiverton (TW)</li> <li>○ Compton (CP)</li> <li>○ Ashton (AS)</li> <li>○ University Theatre (UT)</li> <li>○ Newton (NT)</li> <li>○ Stanton (ST)</li> <li>○ Twinhoe (TH)</li> <li>○ Corston (CV)</li> <li>○ Castle (CA)</li> <li>○ Wellow (WL)</li> <li>○ Gatehouse (GH)</li> </ul> |
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# Timetable

## GENERAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

10.00am		11.30am	12.15pm	1.00pm	1.45pm
<b>Introduction to York St John</b> Fountains Lecture Theatre		<b>Introduction to York St John</b> Fountains Lecture Theatre			
<b>Student Life</b> De Grey 017	<b>Student Funding</b> Temple Hall	<b>Mature Learners</b> De Grey 126	<b>Student Funding</b> Fountains Lecture Theatre	<b>Student Life</b> Fountains Lecture Theatre	
	<b>Applying to University</b> De Grey 124	<b>Student Support</b> Skell 128	<b>Mature Learners</b> Skell 036		<b>Applying to University</b> De Grey 124





## HUMANITIES

**American Studies:** 12.15pm and 2.30pm in De Grey 126

**Creative Writing:** 11.30am and 1.45pm in De Grey 016

**English Literature:** 10.45am and 1.00pm in Skell 037

**Geography, Human Geography & Environmental Geography:** 11.30am and 2.30pm in De Grey 223

**History and War Studies:** 11.30am and 1.45pm in De Grey 125

## LANGUAGES & LINGUISTICS

**English Language & Linguistics:** 10.00am and 12.15pm in Skell 037

**Languages:** 12.15pm and 1.45pm in De Grey 223

**Linguistics & TESOL and TESOL & Modern Foreign Languages:** 11.30am and 1.00pm in De Grey 014

## MEDIA & PRODUCTION

**Film Studies:** 11.30am and 2.30pm in De Grey 124

**Media:** 10.00am and 1.00pm in De Grey 124

**Media Production:** 10.45am and 1.00pm in De Grey 019

## PERFORMANCE

**Music:** 12.15pm and 2.30pm meet in Arts Foyer

**Music Production:** 11.30am and 1.45pm meet in Arts Foyer

**Drama, Theatre and Dance:** 11.30am and 1.45pm meet in Arts Foyer

## PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELLING

**Counselling, Coaching & Mentoring and Psychology with Counselling:** 12.15pm and 2.30pm in De Grey 016

**Psychology:** 10.45am and 1.00pm in De Grey 017

## RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

**Christian Theology, Religion, Philosophy & Ethics, Religious Studies and Theology & Religious Studies:** 11.30am and 1.45pm in Skell 037

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Children, Young People & Families:** 11.30am and 2.30pm in De Grey 121

**Early Childhood Studies:** 10.45am and 1.45pm in De Grey 121

**Education Studies:** 11.30am and 1.45pm in De Grey 123

**Criminology:** 10.00am in De Grey 123

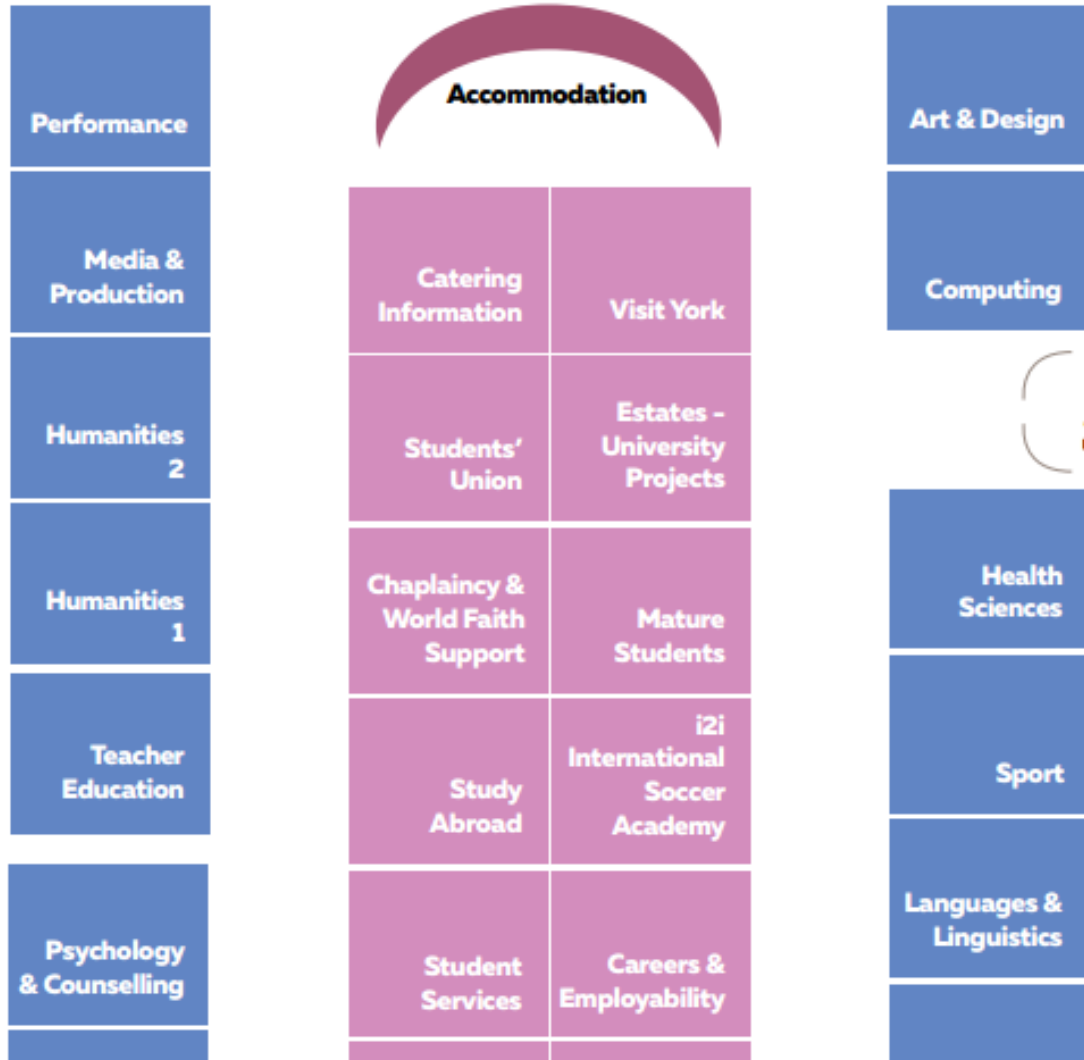
**Police Studies:** 11:30am in De Grey 120

**Sociology:** 10.45am in De Grey 223

**Sociology & Criminology:** 1.00pm in De Grey 223



# SUBJECT STANDS



These are extras to the subject talks and well worth a visit; often these are situated in a central location like a big entrance hall so you can walk through on your way to another venue.



# UNIVERSITY- MANAGED ACCOMMODATION

## CITY RESIDENCE

YO31 8JY

Distance: 0.5 mile

Walking Time: 8 minutes

Walking Tour (meet point E on the campus map, tours take approximately 1 hour):

10.15am, 11.30am and 1.00pm

## ST JOHN CENTRAL

YO1 7PA

Distance: 0.8 mile

Walking Time: 15 minutes

Walking Tour (meet point E on the campus map, tours take approximately 1 hour):

10.45am, 12.15pm and 1.45pm

## THE GRANGE

YO31 8ST

Distance: 0.4 mile

Walking Time: 10 minutes

Walking Tour (meet point E on the campus map, tours take approximately 1 hour):

10.15am, 11.30am and 1.00pm

## PERCY'S LANE

YO1 9PA

Distance: 1 mile

Walking Time: 15 minutes

Bus to Accommodation (meet point E on the campus map, tours take approximately 45 minutes):

10.30am, 11.00am, 11.30am, 12.00pm, 12.30pm, 1.00pm, 1.30pm, 2.00pm and 2.30pm



# Plan Of The Day

Time	Talk / session	Location
9 am – 9.30 am		
9.30 am – 10 am		
10 am – 10.30 am	Introduction	Fountains Lecture Theatre
10.30 am – 11.00 am		
11.00 am – 11.30 am		
11.30 am – 12.00 pm	Geography	De Grey Theatre 223
12.00 pm – 12.30 pm		
12.15 pm – 12.45 pm	A chance to look at a student's room? Lunch?	
1 pm – 1.30 pm	Finance	Newton 7
1.30 pm – 2.00 pm		
2.00 pm – 2.30 pm 2.15 -	Accommodation	Peak Lecture Theatre
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm 2.45		



# Making The Most Of Open Days

## So, you need to:

- Organise, book and plan well in advance. You need to complete a form to request permission to miss a school day and Mr Williams is the only person who can grant your request
- Track your open days using the Unifrog Interactions tool
- June and July are going to be very busy for you. You may need to attend some open days in the autumn
- Once there, speak to as many lecturers and current students as you can. Remember, though, that **they are all trying to sell the university to you!**
- Visit as much accommodation as you can
- Be flexible – remember it's normal for your opinions to change
- Make notes and take photos as you will forget after seeing a few new places
- Start to compare universities. Draw up a table of pros and cons?
- Ring the university afterwards if you have any further queries.

# Remember...

- Gaining a place at university is increasingly competitive. For your year group, there are more 18 year-olds than ever before so more people competing for the same number of places
- Going to university will cost you (and probably your parents) a lot of money in the long-run but is likely to increase your earning potential
- You don't want to be stuck somewhere for three years without having visited the place first!
- **Find out about year in industry/employment in Year 3. This will make you more employable when you finish as you will have workplace experience. This applies no matter which course you are applying for – not just science or business.**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

**Get booking 😊**