

# Online University Preparation– A guide

Universities and other organisations have developed an online offer to support prospective undergraduate applicants between March-July 2020.

This guide outlines some of the support on offer and suggests ways current Year 12 students can utilise increased time at home to prepare for University.

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## Online Open Days

Some Universities will run virtual open days between May and July 2020. These will be an opportunity for you to see the campus, hear from students at the University and gain a better understanding of what it is like to study at University.

If you are interested in a University that isn't on this page, check their website to see what they are offering to prospective undergraduate students.

	<p>Friday 15th May</p> 	<p>Tuesday 26th May</p> 	<p>Monday 1st — Sunday 14th June</p> 
<p>Monday 15th– Friday 19th June</p> 	<p>Friday 19th - Saturday 20th June</p> 	<p>Friday 19th- Saturday 20th June</p> 	<p>Friday 26th June</p> 
<p>Friday 26th- Saturday 27th June</p> 	<p>Throughout June</p> 	<p>Friday 3rd July</p> 	<p>Saturday 4th July</p> 
<p>Pre-recorded open day</p> 	<p>Pre-recorded open day</p> 	<p>Pre-recorded open day content</p> 	<p>Pre-recorded open day</p> 

## Subject Specific Opportunities

Whether you're still deciding which course to study at University, or already have a firm idea of what you'd like to study, now is a great time to carry out some research and wider reading.

Several Universities offer online modules called MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses). These are a great way for you to learn more about a subject and decide if it is something you would like to study at undergraduate level.

Completing a MOOC in your chosen subject area is also a good way to show evidence of your wider reading and indicates a genuine interest in your subject.

Looking for a subject that isn't on this list?  
Click [HERE](#) to browse hundreds of free MOOCs  
Click [HERE](#) to view the Open University's full online catalogue of free modules

Subject	Detail	University
Archaeology	Archaeology: from Dig to Lab and Beyond (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	University of Reading
	Exploring Stone Age Archaeology (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of York
	Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	Durham University and Teeside University
Engineering	Engineering the Future: Creating the Amazing (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of York
	Studying BEng/MEng Engineering courses at City- Tuesday 12 May— 13:30 - 14:30 <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	City, University of London
English Language and Literature	Literature of the English Country House (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of Sheffield
	Robert Burns: Poems, Songs and Legacy (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	University of Glasgow
	English Grammar in Context (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The Open University
	English virtual taster session- Thursday 14 May 2020 - 11:00 to 12:00 <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	City, University of London
Geography	Invisible Worlds: Understanding the Natural Environment (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of Exeter
	Climate Change- The Science (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of Exeter
History	Peterloo to the Pankhursts- Radicalism and Reform in the Nineteenth Century (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	Royal Holloway University of London
	Empire: the Controversies of British Imperialism (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	University of Exeter

## Subject Specific Opportunities– Continued

Subject	Details	University
Maths	Advanced Precalculus (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	University of Padova
	Number Theory (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The Open University
	Point Estimation (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The Open University
MFL	Advanced Spanish- Protest Song (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The Open University
	Advanced French (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The Open University
Politics and Society	Challenging Wealth and Income inequality (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The Open University
Psychology	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology: An Experimental Science (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of York
	Studying BSc Psychology at City, Online Chat session - Tuesday 12th May- 15:00-16:00 <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	City, University of London
Science (Biology and Biotechnology)	Small and Mighty- An Introduction to Microbiology (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of Reading
	What Drives the Body? (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of Aberdeen
	Genomic Medicine: Transforming Patient Care in Diabetes (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of Exeter
Science (Chemistry)	Discovering Science- Medicinal Chemistry (Starts 8 <sup>th</sup> June) (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to join the course</a>	The University of Leeds
Science (Physics)	The Discovery of the Higgs Boson (MOOC) <a href="#">Click here to access the course</a>	The University of Edinburgh

## Applications, Finance and University Life

These sessions cover a range of frequently asked questions from Undergraduate students. Don't worry if you aren't intending to apply to the University delivering the session, all content will be useful for Year 12 students applying to any UK University.

The deadline to apply for the majority of undergraduate courses, beginning in September 2021 is **Friday 15th January 2021**. Click [HERE](#) to view a UCAS applications timeline.

Session	When	University
<b>Choosing a course</b> <i>This session will provide you with insights in to how to make decisions about future courses to study. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.</i>	<b>Tuesday 12th May 2020</b> Time: 2pm-3pm <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Exeter
<b>Student Finance and Scholarships</b> <i>Join for a live chat on registration, eligibility and application of student finance as well as top tips on finding scholarships/bursaries.</i>	<b>Wed 13 May 2020</b> Time: 12:30 to 1:30 pm <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Leicester
<b>UCAS: The Application Process</b> <i>Find out about how to apply to university through UCAS. Learn about the key deadlines, what universities want to see in a potential student, top tips on writing an effective personal statement and more.</i>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> Time: 2pm-3pm <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Manchester
<b>Studying a degree apprenticeship</b> <i>This session will provide information about how Degree Apprenticeships differ to standard degree programmes and provide an overview of the degree apprenticeship programmes we offer at the University. You will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.</i>	<b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> Time: 2-3pm <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Exeter
<b>Student Life</b> <i>Two current students from the University of Exeter talk about the different types of student life available and what considerations you should make when thinking about study at Higher Education. You will have opportunities to ask questions towards the end of the session.</i>	<b>Tuesday, 19 May 2020</b> Time: 2-3pm <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Exeter
<b>Student finance, 2021 entry</b> <i>Tune in to find out everything you need to know about student finance. Suitable for UK students, this session will cover everything from budgeting tips and tricks to Student Finance England applications.</i>	<b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> Time: 11am-12pm <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Manchester
<b>Choosing what and where to study</b> <i>Tune in to receive top tips when choosing a degree programme and choosing a university. This session will answer the question; How do you make a decision when there are nearly 40,000 courses available at over 370 Higher Education Institutions in the UK?</i>	<b>Wednesday 3rd June 2020</b> Time: 11am-12pm <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Manchester
<b>Writing an effective personal statement</b> <i>Tune in to receive top tips, advice and guidance for writing an excellent Personal Statement.</i>	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b> Time: 11am-12pm <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Manchester
<b>Prepare for University (MOOC)</b> <i>This course explores and develops key analytical skills that students need in order to succeed at university learning environment.</i>	<b>Ongoing</b> <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	UEA
<b>Your Essential Guide to Living at University (MOOC)</b> <i>Prepare for the transition to higher education and think about the life skills for living at university and beyond.</i>	<b>Ongoing</b> <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	University of Reading

If you are applying to Oxbridge to begin studying in September 2021 you must submit your application on UCAS by **Wednesday 15th October 2020** at the latest.

**Due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19 it is advised that Year 12 students monitor any changes to the Oxbridge application process:**

- Sign up [HERE](#) to receive the latest updates on undergraduate recruitment from the University of Oxford.
- Click [HERE](#) to view any updates on undergraduate recruitment from the University of Cambridge.

Opportunity	University	Details
Application support	Oxford	Application timeline– <a href="#">Click here to view</a>
	Cambridge	Application timeline– <a href="#">Click here to view</a>
	Oxford & Cambridge	Which University Guide to Oxbridge Applications- <a href="#">Click here to view</a>
	Oxford & Cambridge	Applying to Oxbridge- <a href="#">Click here to view</a>
	Oxford	Applying to Oxford: Tips from Tutors- <a href="#">Click here to view</a>
	Cambridge	Interview Tips- <a href="#">Click here to view</a>
Choosing a college	Cambridge	Choosing a college- <a href="#">Click here to view a video</a> <a href="#">Click here to view the advice page</a>
	Oxford	Choosing a college- <a href="#">Click here to view the advice page</a>

## Medicine

If you are applying to study Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry or to begin in September 2021 you must submit your application on UCAS by **Wednesday 15th October 2020**.

Opportunity	Details	Organisation
Open Day	Online Open Day– Medicine: Friday 12th June 2020	University of Dundee
Work Experience	Virtual work experience, observe a GP <i>Observe GP provides relevant online experience to help prepare students who are submitting an application to medical school.</i> <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	Royal College of General Practitioners
Application information & preparation	UCAT free test preparation <i>All students applying to study Medicine or Dentistry in the UK must complete the UCAT. This site provides free practice tests.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	Kaptest
	Studying medicine- Entry requirements for all UK Medical Schools <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	Med Schools Guide
Wider reading	Heart Health- A beginners guide to cardiovascular disease <i>Learn more about how the heart works, the causes of heart disease and how to keep a heart healthy.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	The University of Reading
	Human factors in a Healthcare environment <i>Learn how the study of human factors can reduce error in healthcare with this course for healthcare professionals.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	UEA



Opportunity	Details	Organisation
University Experience	<b>Virtual Law 'Open Day'- Thursday 14 May 2020 - 13:00 to 14:00</b> <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	The University of Law
Work Experience	<b>Virtual Work Experience with Law firm Pinsent Masons</b> <i>In this programme, you will get a chance to work with Pinsent Masons' lawyers across three teams as you get involved in advising clients on a variety of commercial matters. This Virtual Work Experience Programme is designed to enhance your skills through practical training and feedback via model examples, and give you a flavour of what working at Pinsent Masons is like.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	Pinset Masons
	<b>Virtual Internship with Law firm White and Case</b> <i>As a White &amp; Case lawyer, you'll work on fast-paced, cutting-edge matters from the start of your career for some of the largest global companies. This programme offers you the opportunity to gain valuable experience during your studies and a way to differentiate yourself during the application process.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	White and Case
	<b>Virtual Internship with Law firm Linklaters</b> <i>In this programme, you will get to sample the cutting-edge work our trainees and lawyers do every day. You will get to build legal skills and better understand what a career at Linklaters offers.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	Linklaters
Application Tips	<b>Law Personal Statement Tips</b> <i>Helpful times to improve your personal statement.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	The Lawyer Portal
	<b>Birmingham Law School Recommendations for prospective students</b> <i>Recommendations for prospective Law students from staff and students from Birmingham's Law faculty.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	University of Birmingham
Wider reading	<b>Defending Dignity- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights</b> <i>Explore the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and learn how it empowers you to know, claim and defend your rights.</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	Amnesty International
	<b>Incarceration: Are Prisons A Suitable Punishment?</b> <i>Explore the ethics of imprisonment and identify prison alternatives</i> <a href="#">Click here to access</a>	University of Leeds

## Other useful information– all students

The UCAS application process for 2021 applicants currently remains undisrupted by Covid-19. Your teachers will closely monitor the situation, but you can view all **Covid-19 updates from UCAS [HERE](#)**

Click [HERE](#) to view a **UCAS application timeline** for 2021 applicants.

Click [HERE](#) to view a **personal statement checklist**.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the **Complete University Guide** website, to help you choose the best University for you.