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working together with  
schools and colleges

# Introducing Advancing Access



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University of Birmingham / University of Bristol / University of Cambridge  
Cardiff University / Durham University / University of Edinburgh  
University of Exeter / University of Glasgow / Imperial College London  
King's College London / University of Leeds / University of Liverpool



London School of Economics and Political Science / University of Manchester  
Newcastle University / University of Nottingham / University of Oxford  
Queen Mary University of London / Queen's University Belfast  
University of Sheffield / University of Southampton / University College London  
University of Warwick / University of York



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## **Advancing Access**

Aims and Objectives

# Context

- Schools and colleges increasingly required to support and measure progression
- Increased demand from schools and college for university outreach services
- HEFCE funded project as a part of NNCO initiative.

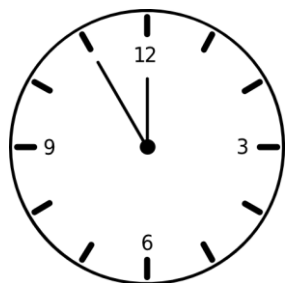
# Aims and objectives

- Work in partnership with teachers and advisors
- Provide CPD for staff supporting KS4, KS5 and university decision making
- Support the provision of IAG around progression to selective universities and courses.

# Aims and objectives

- Produce resources and training, free of charge, and make them easily accessible online
- Deliver virtual teacher conferences to supplement 'live' events
- Provide resources for you to use in the classroom with learners.

# Timing



Jul

BETA  
WEBSITE  
WILL BE  
LAUNCHED



Sep

FULL WEBSITE  
AND FIRST VIRTUAL  
CONFERENCE  
DELIVERED



Dec

PROJECT WILL BE  
REVIEWED AND  
EVALUATED



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## **Advancing Access** The Website





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Online CPD Resources

About

# Aims of Advancing Access



Advancing Access is a partnership between 24 leading universities working together with schools and colleges to develop continuing professional development that will support progression to selective universities and courses. To find out more about Advancing Access university partners visit the Leading Universities page.

The focus of Advancing Access is to support the school and college staff that provide advice and guidance to learners making their Key Stage 4, Key Stage 5 and university decisions. We want to help more learners, particularly learners from under-represented groups, to access higher education at a selective university. We believe one way of doing this is by providing continuing professional development for teachers and advisers to aid their understanding of what leading universities are looking for and how the admission process works.

Advancing Access partner universities deliver a wide range of opportunities for teachers and advisors to hear first-hand from university staff and students. We want to build on this provision by providing it via an online platform to ensure school staff can access information and advice without having to make time for university visitors or travel to a university campus.

[Aims of Advancing Access](#)[Background of Advancing Access](#)

# Strands of CPD

- Making choices for post-16 study
- Choosing a university and course
- Applying to university
- Understanding university admissions.



## Each strand will include:

- A presentation for peer to peer CPD
- An interactive guidebook
- Quick reference sheets
- Worksheets for staff reflection evaluation
- Activities for use with learners
- Video case studies.



## Guidebook – How do I help my students choose a university and course?

### Content type

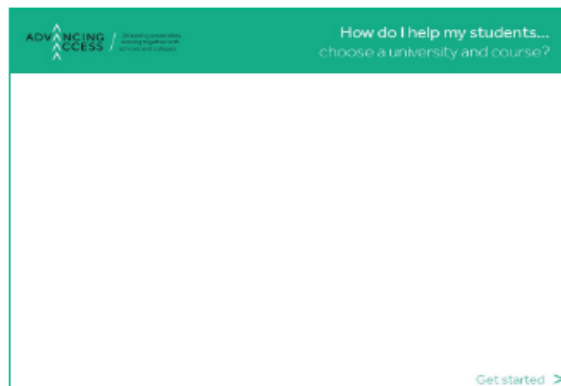
Booklet

### Audience

Teacher training resource

### Description

### Download



### Create an account

Do you want to be able to download and save your resources?

Email

user

Password

Password confirmation

Create an account

### Booklet

Guidebook – How do I help my students choose a university and course?



### Info Sheet

Quick reference guide – A leading university



Quick reference guide – Sources of information



Quick reference guide – A day in the life of a university



Quick reference guide – How to read a league table



### Presentation

Peer to Peer training – How do I help my students choose a university and course?



### Video case study

Sarah's story



Josh's story



Emily's story



Samra's story



Orin's story





# How do I help my students... choose a university and course?



Get started >

DECISION-MAKING	HIGHER EDUCATION
DEGREE SUBJECT CHOICE	UNIVERSITY CHOICE
RESOURCES	FURTHER INFORMATION

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## Benefits of a leading university

### Extending knowledge

Leading universities are centres of opportunity and inspiration where the boundaries of knowledge are continually extended.

Over two-thirds of all research takes place at Russell Group universities.<sup>1</sup>

A critical mass of talent and expertise means that leading universities are able to pre-empt the issues of tomorrow and respond to future challenges.

### Employment

Graduates from leading universities are amongst the most sought after by graduate recruiters.

  
94%  
of first degree graduates from leading universities are in employment or study six months after graduation.<sup>4</sup>

The estimated average salary of Russell Group university students in full-time employment within 6 months of graduating is

  
12%  
higher than non-Russell Group graduates.<sup>5</sup>

### Facilities

Russell Group universities' libraries and IT facilities are highly rated, with   
**89%**  
of students saying they have good resources and sufficient access.<sup>2</sup>

On average, Russell Group universities spend **50% more per student** than other UK universities on academic services and staff and student facilities.<sup>3</sup>

Internationally recognised for providing high quality environments

Russell Group universities produce over **80%**   
of the nation's doctors and dentists.<sup>6</sup>

## At a glance guide

All league table measures what goes universities put in (for example, expenditure by the university on its students) and what they get out (for example, the likelihood of finding a graduate level job).



The measures each one includes:	Guardian	Times (or Good University Guide) <sup>1</sup>	Complete University Guide
Student experience of the teaching	✓		
Student experience of assessment and feedback	✓		
Overall student satisfaction	✓		✓
Value added score (entry grades compared to final degree)	✓		
Number of firsts and 2:1s		✓	✓
Staff student ratio	✓	✓	✓
Expenditure per student	✓	✓	✓
Entry grades and standards	✓	✓	✓
Career prospects	✓	✓	✓
Research quality		✓	✓
Research intensity		✓	✓
Completion rates		✓	✓
Academic and facilities spend			✓

<sup>1</sup> In developing the ranking scores for student satisfaction and research quality were weighted by 1.5; all other indicators were weighted by 1.

# Case study example

Orin's story      A final year Law student at The University of Oxford

Josh's story      A second year Computer Science student at Newcastle University

Rob's story      A University of Nottingham Medicine graduate in his first year as a Junior Doctor

# Advancing Access website

- Access all strands of CPD
- Download resources free of charge
- Find 'on campus' CPD delivered by our university partners
- Become an Advancing Access partner.

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# **Advancing Access**

## Virtual Conferences



# Virtual Conference for Teachers and Advisors

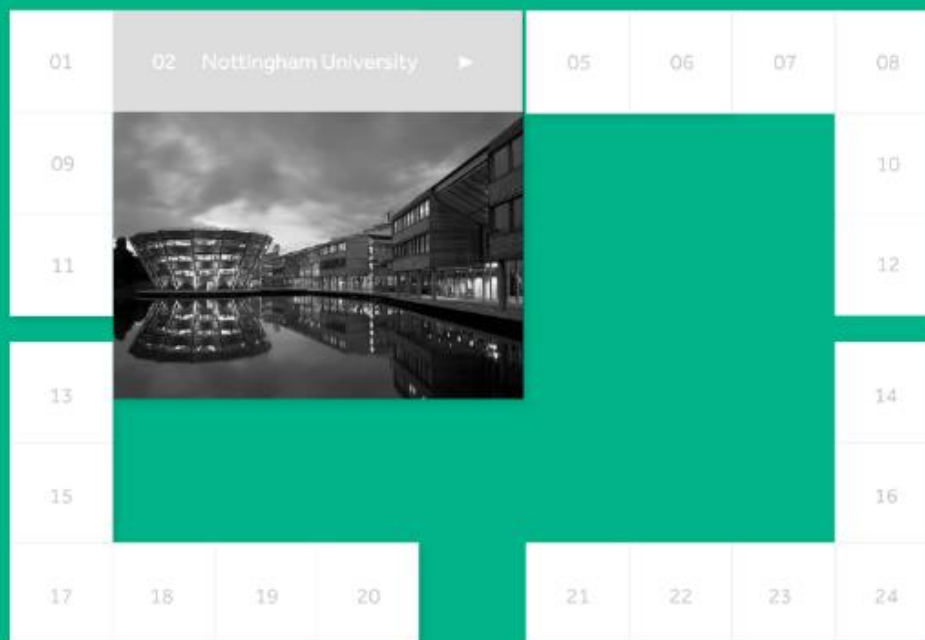
- Hear first-hand from university staff on admissions processes and entry requirements
- Share ideas with colleagues
- Access the guidance provided during ‘on the ground’ conferences with no requirement for travel

# Conference Programme

- Personal statements
- Academic references
- Additional admissions requirements
- Applying to Medicine
- Careers and employability.



# Explore the exhibition hall



## Exhibitor list

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# Exhibition Hall

## Cambridge University

About



With more than 18,000 students from all walks of life and all corners of the world, nearly 9,000 staff, 31 Colleges and 150 Departments, Faculties, Schools and other institutions, no two days are ever the same at the University of Cambridge.

Videos



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Undergraduate 2014

Ask me a question



Alison Brown  
Senior Lecturer  
Cambridge University

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# Event bag

## My Schedule

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The Internet of Things

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## My Bag

Cambridge University



Nottingham University



Oxford University



Warwick University



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