



# Make Your Move



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# Welcome

09.45-10.15	<b>Arrival &amp; registration</b>		
10.15-11.00	<b>Why go to university – Is it worth it?</b> Mike Thompson G31	<b>Preparing for Open Days &amp; UCAS Fairs</b> Anna Jenkins G33	
11.05-11.45	<b>Preparing for Open Days &amp; UCAS Fairs</b> Anna Jenkins G31		<b>Why go to university – Is it worth it?</b> Mike Thompson G33
11.55-12.25	<b>Access to Competitive Courses</b> Shaheen Barkat G34	<b>Routes into Teaching</b> Georgina Linton-Smart G36	<b>Personal Statements &amp; Applying</b> Jeff Chilton & Alice McGowan G31
12.25-12.55	<b>Exhibition</b> Shell Lounge		<b>Lunch</b> G26 - G28- G42
12.55-13.25			
13.30-14.00	<b>Home or Away?</b> John Connolly G29	<b>Vocational Pathways</b> Mike Thompson & Simon Chatterton G31	<b>Personal Statements &amp; Applying</b> Jeff Chilton & Alice McGowan G34
14.05-14.35	<b>STEM Pathways</b> Dr Julia Brown G33	<b>Creative Industries in Higher Education</b> Hope Nightingale G26	<b>Student Life</b> Mohammed Ansar & Undergraduates G31
14:40	<b>Complete Evaluation Forms &amp; Depart</b>		

# Housekeeping

- There are no scheduled fire alarms today. If you do hear an alarm, follow the instructions of university staff.
- There is no need for visitors to leave this building until the end of the day.
- Toilets are signposted.

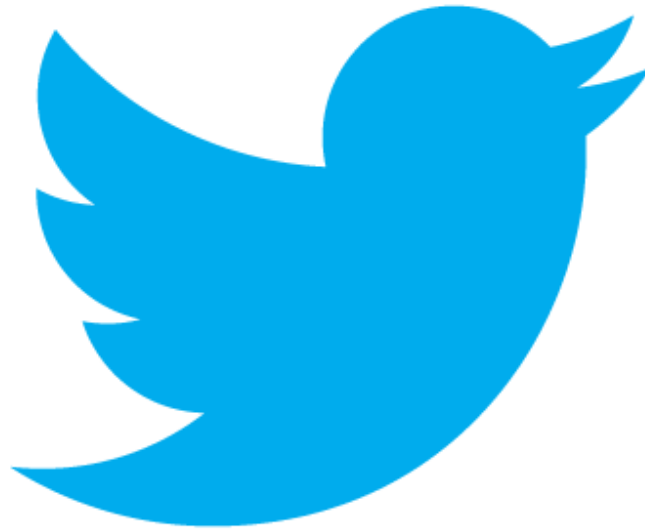


You have been told which seminars you will attend, please stick to these choices.

Student ambassadors and university staff are available throughout the day to help you.



If you like to tweet, please use  
the **#MakeYourMove** hashtag!



In your pack is a Higher Education **quiz!**

Use your time in the university fair later today to answer as many questions as you can.

The winner will receive a **£20 high street voucher** which will be sent to them at their school.



# Final Rules...

- Listen carefully
- Ask Questions
- Take notes
- Enjoy the day!



# Preparing for Open Days & UCAS Fairs



**Make**  
**your** move

**Anna Jenkins**  
**Student Recruitment Officer**  
**University of Birmingham**



# To include

- Choosing a course
- UCAS Fairs
- Open days
- Preparing for your visits



# GCSE Answers

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport

Q: Describe respiration

A: When you breath you inspire, when you don't breath, you expire

Q: Name the 4 seasons

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q: What does 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight

Work Hard!



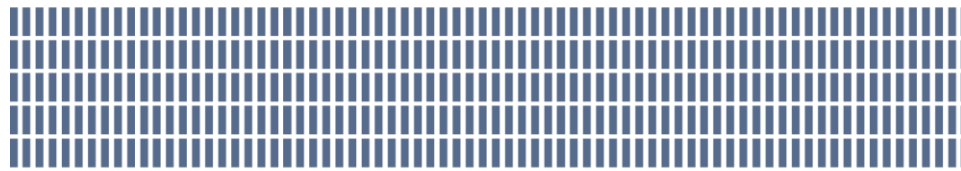
# In the UK....

- How many Universities?
- How many courses?



**37,000**

**COURSES AT OVER**



**370 PROVIDERS**

**IIGAS.COM**

# Which course?



- Vocational courses
- Have you studied the subject before or do you want to study something new?
- Look at course content and style
- Joint Honours





# Detective work

- Prospectuses
- Internet
- Social Media – facebook, youtube etc
- League tables
- **UCAS Fair**
- **Open days**



# Timeline

- **Now – Research**



- **March-July – UCAS Fairs**



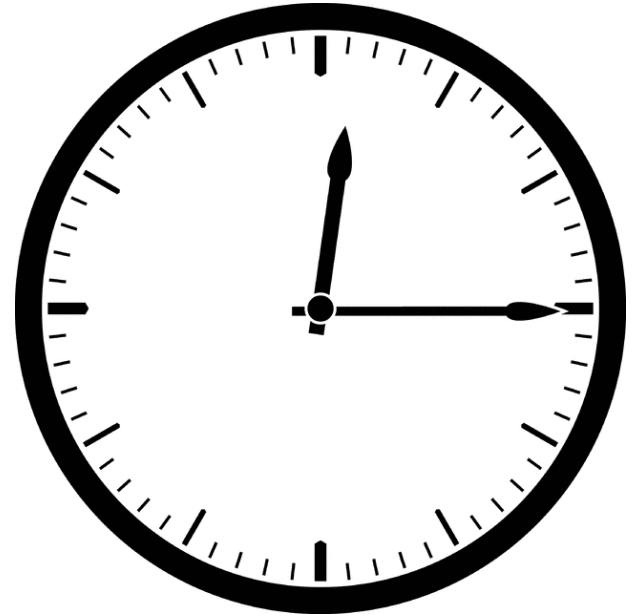
- **June-October – Open days**



- **September-January – Apply via UCAS**



- **December-March – Applicant visit day**





# Why attend UCAS Fairs?









Top Tip:  
Take a bag to  
carry all your  
prospects!







*TOP 5 WAYS TO  
PLAN FOR A  
UCAS FAIR*

1. Book to visit [www.ucas.com/exhibitions](http://www.ucas.com/exhibitions) OR is your school/college running a group visit?
2. Which universities do my course?
3. What's important to me?
4. Plan seminars
5. Put the Exhibitors in the hot seat



# Question do's and don'ts

- **Don't** just ask about entry requirements
- **Don't** ask very general questions 'why should I go to your University'
- **Do** ask questions specific to your interests
- **Do** take notes





# Example questions



- What is unique about the course at your university?
- Am I guaranteed a place in Accommodation?
- Is your University based on a campus? Which campus (if more than one)?
- Can you tell me about the Sports Facilities?
- How can your university support my disability?
- Are there opportunities to study abroad as part of the course?
- When are open days? Do I need to book?





Why attend  
open days?





# Spot the Similarities...



- Attractive buildings
- Attractive people
- Sun is shining



**95.1%**  
**OF STUDENTS**  
**COMPLETE THEIR**  
**DEGREE PROGRAMMES**



Do your  
Research!  
Visit open  
days!







# Why attend open days?

- Experience first hand where you may learn AND possibly live
- Detailed course research
- What else can a University offer you?
- Ask questions
- Gut instinct



# What is on offer on the day?

**ACCOMMODATION**, Campus tour, Subject Fair, Student Ambassadors, City Tour, Library, Art Gallery, **Sport Centre**, Students Union, Careers, Music, Disabilities, Finance, Languages, Parents, **Societies**, Study Abroad, **Tips for Applicants**, Year in Industry, Lunch and Refreshments, **Subject talks**, Subject tours, **SUBJECT TASTERS**

- <https://youtu.be/UcZr74GrFpo>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AC3VX\\_rweUI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AC3VX_rweUI)

# “I don’t know what to ask”

## Detailed questions about your subject area

- What does the course cover?
- How many hours a week will I be in timetabled teaching?
- What assessment methods are used?
- How will you learn?
- What’s the split between lectures, tutorials and self-directed study?
- What size are tutorial groups?
- Does it have the facilities you expect?
- What opportunities are there for you to broaden and deepen your understanding of the subject?
- Are placements or study abroad on offer, where are they, how are they organised, are they paid, how do they affect tuition fees?



# “I don’t know what to ask”

## Questions to ask current students

- What is the Accommodation like?
- Are there options for catered and self catered Accommodation?
- What is the town/city like?
- How have you found the course so far?
- What are the facilities/opportunities like?
- Which clubs/societies are you part of?



# Open day do's and don'ts

- **Do** keep an open mind when selecting universities to visit
- **Do** be prepared
- **Do** plan a schedule before you visit
- **Do** be a motivated visitor
- **Do** think about what is important to you
- If you visit with your friends, **do** visit separate talks/activities and meet up for breaks
- **Parents/carers can help you to make the most out of open days, but don't leave all the talking/decision making to them**
- **Don't** try to visit too many subject areas
- **Don't** run out of time – there's a lot to fit in





Plan for your  
future...and enjoy  
it!





# HELOA

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## MIDLANDS UNIVERSITIES

# Open Day Dates 2016



**Aston University**  
Birmingham

25 June - 13 September - 29 October



**UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

24 & 25 June - 10 September  
15 October



**UCB**  
University College Birmingham

23 April - 2 July  
8 October - 10 December



**BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY**

5 June - 6 July - 19 August - 25 September  
16 October - 16 November



**BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY**

11 June - 8 October - 19 November



**Coventry University**

18 June - 10 September  
15 October - 12 November



**DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY LEICESTER**

2 July - 17 September  
15 October - 12 November



**UNIVERSITY OF DERBY**

4 & 10 June - 17 September  
19 October - 19 November  
10 December



**Harper Adams University**

10 July - 20 September  
16 October - 20 November



**Keele University**

18 June - 21 August  
17 September - 16 October



**UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER**

22 July  
17 September - 15 October



**UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN**

15 & 16 July - 24 September  
8, 12 & 29 October - 19 & 30 November



**Loughborough University**

24 & 25 June  
23 & 24 September



**Newman University Birmingham**

2 & 16 July  
8 October - 11 November



**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
Transforming lives, inspiring change

11 June - 15 July - 24 September  
29 October - 19 November

**NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY**

12 July - 17 September  
15 October - 12 November



**The University of Nottingham**

UNITED KINGDOM - CHINA - MALAYSIA  
24 & 25 June  
9 & 10 September



**STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY**

23 April - 11 June  
(check our website for further dates)

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK**

24 & 25 June  
24 September - 22 October



**UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON**  
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18 June  
(check our website for further dates)



**University of Worcester**

26 June - 11 September  
1, 28 & 29 October - 27 November





# Questions?



## Resources

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- [www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk](http://www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk)  
(search for activities page)

