

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP YOU GET PREPARED FOR UNIVERSITY



Our partner universities have moved some of their support for prospective undergraduate applicants to online resources that you can access over the summer months.

This guide outlines some of the online support on offer from some of our partner universities and other organisations and suggests ways current Year 12 and Y13 students can maximise opportunities to prepare for University at home.

WHAT YOU CAN FIND IN THIS GUIDE:

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OPEN DAY OPPORTUNITIES



Our partner Universities will be running virtual open days over the summer period. These will be an opportunity for you to virtually see the campus, hear from current 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.

YOU CAN REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL OPEN DAY BY CLICKING ON THE DESCRIPTION FOR EACH UNIVERSITY



Tuesday 26th May



Thursday 2nd and
Friday 3rd July
2020



Monday 1st June—
Sunday 14th



Monday 15th—
Friday June



Friday 26th—
Saturday 27th June



Keep a look out for
this on their website



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Check out their
webinars



Online Applicant Open Day
will be recorded live and will
be available online
after 22.4.20



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OPEN DAY OPPORTUNITIES



University of Manchester

- Manchester Live [webinars](#)
- Students can now register for [our virtual open week](#)
- As an alternative, we'll be running a virtual open week from Monday, 15 to Friday, 19 June 2020. You'll be able to learn more about the University and experience our campus from the comfort and safety of your own home.
- We'll be running a range of popular open day talks and subject information sessions, as well as providing plenty of videos and images for you to explore.
- Register your interest to receive further information about this event

University of Exeter

- Most of the material will be delivered via [our facebook page](#).
- It would be fantastic to get students liking the page so that they get regular updates of upcoming events

St George's, University of London

- In planning - teachers/Year 12 students who'd like to be kept informed of future virtual events/resources can register on this [webpage](#) (under the 'Prospective undergraduate applicants for 2020 or 2021 entry' tab).

University of Sheffield

- Online Applicant Open Day will be recorded live and will be available online after 22.4.20
- Registered applicants will be sent an email with all relevant communications.
- Departmental resources launched after Easter



OPEN DAY TRANSPORT SUPPORT/BURSARIES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

University of Manchester

- Currently no university wide support for Open Days
- We can cover costs for care experienced or estranged students contact: careleavers@manchester.ac.uk

University of Sheffield

- Open Day [travel bursary](#)
- [Access bursary](#) for Subject Taster Days



SUPPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION: INCLUDING PERSONAL STATEMENTS



The UCAS application process for 2021 applicants currently remains uninterrupted 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.

University of Manchester

- [Updates re COVID-19](#)
- [Aspiring Students](#)
- [Preparing for Interviews](#)
- [Writing a personal statement](#)
- [Choosing the university for you](#)

University of Exeter

DisciverUniExe has IAG sessions every Tuesday and Thursday, starting next Thursday (23rd April). These are under the events section

University of Sheffield

- [New Students](#)

AccessEd

ReachUni Step 3: [Apply](#)

- A structure and guidance Personal statements to help show off subject experience and avoid common mistakes

Tim Adelani

- [Free online workshops](#) for students covering personal statements, admissions tests and interviews

Oxbridge Preparation Days

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STUDENT FINANCES, ACCOMMODATION AND LEAVING HOME



University of Manchester

- [Wellbeing](#) support
- [Aspiring Students](#)
- [Student Finance](#)
- [Guide](#) to student finance

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University of Sheffield

- [Explore](#) Sheffield
- [Accommodation](#) at Sheffield
- 360 [virtual tours](#)
- [Fees and funding](#)
- [Tuition fees](#):

AccessEd

ThinkUni:

- This is a [site](#) for students to explore universities based on the experience and benefits they may offer from teaching to campus style. Simply put in preferences through our online survey and students can explore universities that may be a good fit and they hadn't considered!

ReachUni Guidance Pages:

- We have a suite of [guides](#) compiled with universities to get students started thinking about these issues, but obviously advise they should consult potential universities about services and support they provide



ONLINE SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



TEG Summer School:

- We are excited to announce that the online TEG summer school will be taking place on the week commencing 3rd August
- Brought to you by the University of Exeter, the University of Sheffield, Newton and The Brilliant Club
- Please keep a look out for further information on how to apply for this in coming weeks

University of York:

- [York Experience Summer School \(YESS\)](#)
- We are working to deliver an alternative programme of online activities. We've designed these virtual activities to help you discover more about university, the subjects you can study and student life, bringing you as much fun and insight as you would have enjoyed on our residential events.
- Who can apply? Students who are part of The Elephant Group (TEG) (theelephantgroup.org)
- Please email yess@york.ac.uk with queries

BURSARIES, HARDSHIP FUNDS AND OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

University of Manchester

- [Student Finance](#)
- [Guide](#) to student finance
- [Additional Support](#)
- [University support](#)
- [Living cost support fund](#)

University of Sheffield

- [Bursaries](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Stephen Lawrence Trust Scholarships](#) for BAME students studying Architecture, Law and Journalism (must apply for a Experience Sheffield Scholarship)



CONTEXTUAL OFFERS ELIGIBILITY

University of Manchester

- [Contextual offers](#)
- [Access support](#)

University of Sheffield

- [Access](#)

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
<p>Choosing a course:</p> <p>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.</p>	Tuesday 12th May 2020	The University of Exeter
	Time: 2pm-3pm	
	Click here to register	
<p>Student Finance and Scholarships:</p> <p>Join for a live chat on registration, eligibility and application of student finance as well as top tips on finding scholarships/bursaries.</p>	Wed 13 May 2020 Time: 12:30 to 1:30 pm	The University of Leicester
	Click here to register	
<p>UCAS: The Application Process</p> <p>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.</p>	Thursday 14th May 2020	The University of Manchester
	Time: 2pm-3pm	
	Click here to register	
<p>Studying a degree apprenticeship:</p> <p>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.</p>	Thursday, 14th May 2020	The University of Exeter
	Time: 2-3pm	
	Click here to register	
<p>Student Life:</p> <p>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.</p>	Tuesday, 19 May 2020	The University of Exeter
	Time: 2-3pm	
	Click here to register	

Session	When	University
<p>Student finance, 2021 entry: 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.</p>	Wednesday, 27th May 2020	The University of Manchester
	Time: 11am-12pm	
	Click here to register	
<p>Choosing what and where to study: 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?</p>	Wednesday 3rd June 2020	The University of Manchester
	Time: 11am-12pm	
	Click here to register	
<p>Writing an effective personal statement: Tune in to receive top tips, advice and guidance for writing an excellent Personal Statement.</p>	Thursday 11th June 2020	The University of Manchester
	Time: 11am-12pm	
	Click here to register	
<p>Prepare for University (MOOC): This course explores and develops key analytical skills that students need in order to succeed at university learning environment.</p>	Ongoing	UEA
	Click here to register	
<p>Your Essential Guide to Living at University (MOOC): Prepare for the transition to higher education and think about the life skills for living at university and beyond.</p>	Ongoing	University of Reading
	Click here to register	



WIDER ACADEMIC CONTENT: TASTER SESSIONS OR WIDER READING



Elephant
Access

University of Manchester

- This [page](#) is being regularly updated and includes content for parents/teachers and students
- We will be restructuring it soon to be easier to navigate!

University of Exeter

DiscoverUniExe has a lecture series w/c 20 April under the events section

University of Sheffield

- Full list of subject taster days and how to book on can be found [here](#)
- FutureLearn [courses](#) delivered by the University of Sheffield
- Information and Digital Literacy [Tutorials](#)

Causeway Education

- See their main [website](#)
- [Wider reading](#)

AccessEd

- See their main [website](#)

ReachUni

- Subject Online Library: We have compiled a [library](#) of videos, podcasts and readings across subjects from art & design to physics, which is great for students exploring more in their subject and looking to dive into an area.

Research-Based Curricula:

- Fantastic as a [subject-experience project to complete](#) and deepen knowledge in their area of interest. The course books that take students through a six tutorials designed by PhD researchers on cutting-edge areas of research, with readings, activities, and a final assignment. Key Stage 4 and 5 course books across 45 subjects:

Mathematics Education Innovation

- Extra support during school/college closures
- We've put together a package of [free resources](#) to support remote teaching

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ONLINE 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.

- You can search for your subject [here](#) from hundreds of Massive Online Open Courses if it is not on the list below.
- You can check out the Open University's bank of free online courses [here](#)

English Language and Literature	Literature of the English Country House (MOOC) Click here to join the course	The University of Sheffield
	Robert Burns: Poems, Songs and Legacy (MOOC) Click here to join the course	University of Glasgow
	English Grammar in Context (MOOC) Click here to join the course	The Open University
	English virtual taster session- Thursday 14 May 2020 - 11:00 to 12:00 Click here to register	City, University of London
Geography	Invisible Worlds: Understanding the Natural Environment (MOOC) Click here to join the course	The University of Exeter
	Climate Change- The Science (MOOC) Click here to join the course	The University of Exeter
History	Peterloo to the Pankhursts- Radicalism and Reform in the Nineteenth Century (MOOC) Click here to join the course	Royal Holloway University of London
	Empire: the Controversies of British Imperialism (MOOC) Click here to join the course	University of Exeter
Maths	Advanced Precalculus (MOOC) Click here to join the course	University of Padova
	Number Theory (MOOC) Click here to join the course	The Open University
	Point Estimation (MOOC) Click here to join the course	The Open University

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

OXBRIDGE APPLICATIONS



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 Click here to view
	Cambridge	Application timeline Click here to view
	Oxford & Cambridge	Which University Guide to Oxbridge Applications Click here to view
	Oxford & Cambridge	Applying to Oxbridge Click here to view
	Oxford	Applying to Oxford: Tips from Tutors- Click here to view
	Cambridge	Interview Tips Click here to view
Choosing a college	Cambridge	Choosing a college Click here to view a video Click here to view the advice page
	Oxford	Choosing a college Click here to view the advice page

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**.

Details	Organisation	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>	Royal College of General Practitioners
	Click here to register	
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 practices tests.</i>	Kaptest
	Click here to access	
	Studying medicine- Entry requirements for all UK Medical Schools Click here to access	Med Schools Guide
	Click here to access	
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>	The University of Reading
	Click here to access	
	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>	
	Click here to access	UEA
	Click here to access	

Opportunity	Details	Organisation
University Experience	Virtual Law 'Open Day'- Thursday 14 May 2020 - 13:00 to 14:00	The University of Law
	Click here to register	
Work Experience	Virtual Work Experience with Law firm <i>Pinset Masons</i>	Pinset Masons
	<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>	
	Click here to access	
	Virtual Internship with Law firm <i>White and Case</i>	White and Case
	<i>As a White & 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>	
	Click here to access	
Application Tips	Virtual Internship with Law firm <i>Linklaters</i>	Linklaters
	<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>	
	Click here to access	
Application Tips	Law Personal Statement Tips	The Lawyer Portal
	<i>Helpful times to improve your personal statement.</i>	
	Click here to access	
Application Tips	Birmingham Law School Recommendations for prospective students	University of Birmingham
	<i>Recommendations for prospective Law students from staff and students from Birmingham's Law faculty.</i>	
	Click here to access	
Wider reading	Defending Dignity- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights	Amnesty International
	<i>Explore the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and learn how it empowers you to know, claim and defend your rights.</i>	
	Click here to access	
	Incarceration: Are Prisons A Suitable Punishment?	University of Leeds
<i>Explore the ethics of imprisonment and identify prison alternatives</i>		
	Click here to access	



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



RCGP

- [Virtual work experience](#)
- Observe GP. Registration from 30 April.

King's College London

- [Virtual Medical Careers Fair 2020](#)
- 21 May 2020, 15:00 to 17:00

UCAS

- List of virtual [open days](#)

AccessEd

- See their main [website](#)

The Brilliant Club

- [Resources](#) for students from 10-18

UniBuddy

- [Chat](#) to a current student

OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE Collaborative Outreach Network

- Check out their main [website](#) to filter the resources you would like to see

Oxbridge Preparation Days

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SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND MEETING STUDENT AMBASSADORS



University of Manchester

Twitter: [@UoMSchools](#)

[Facebook](#)

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Twitter account aimed solely at teachers/advisers - [@DiscoverUniExe](#)

University of Sheffield

- [Twitter](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Snapchat](#)
- [Instagram](#)

AccessEd

Twitter: [@_accessEd](#)



ENGAGING WITH STUDENT AMBASSADORS OR CURRENT STUDENTS

University of Sheffield
[Chat](#)

University of Manchester
Students will be available for online chat via our Open Week

King's College London
[Chat](#) to students & staff



RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS: KEY CONTACTS FOR Y12/Y13 QUERIES



University of Manchester

www.manchester.ac.uk

rachel.bailey@manchester.ac.uk

University of Exeter

www.exeter.ac.uk

k.devincenzi@exeter.ac.uk

St George's, University of London

www.sgul.ac.uk

fcairns@sgul.ac.uk

University of Sheffield

www.sheffield.ac.uk

Contact re: Y12 (applications, resources etc):

- <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/study/explore>
- <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/study/askus>
- Mailing list

<https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0375kX1PbkIQ>

Contact re: Y13 (admissions, contextual offers etc):

Please email study@sheffield.ac.uk

University of Newcastle

www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/resources/



RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS: CPD AND GUIDANCE



University of Manchester

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- [Access](#)

University of Sheffield

- [Teacher](#) support

AccessEd

- ReachUni
- Reading list for teachers to use, [PDF](#)
- Our free remote learning resources including above [Subject Experience](#)
- We are working on a 'Benefits of Project and Research Skills' webinar/video for Teachers which we will aim to share once created (might be May/June) to build confidence on using RBCs and EPQs with more students.

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Future Learn

- [How To Teach Online](#): Providing Continuity for Students
- Explore online teaching with this practical course for educators designed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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