HIGHER EDUCATION EVENING

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH, 2017

Aims of this evening

Increase awareness of the post 18 options available to students at BVGS.

To map-out the application process for students at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

To present ideas connected to making a strong university application.

To outline the financial considerations of a university study.

To answer any questions related to this process.

A "warm welcome" to our keynote speaker Mohammed Ansar; 'Outreach Officer' from the University of Birmingham

This evenings presentation

Will be available on the Sixth Form area of the School website.

Also available:

'BVGS Guide to a Strong University Application'

'BVGS Preparation for UCAS 2017-2018'

• Provides a timetable that maps out the process at BVGS.

•It is important to consider that we have our own internal deadlines at B.V.G.S, which enables us to manage this process for nearly 200 applicants.

•Draw your attention to some key dates:

Recommended Website

https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/ucas-undergraduate-parents-and-guardians

Not yet updated for '2018 entry' but most of the important advice remains the same.

Careers Resources

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

https://careerfinder.ucas.com/

www.getingofar.gov.uk

http://university.which.co.uk

The UCAS news app is available to download for free

Application

GCSE grades

AS Level grades Need to be declared (maybe unit scores)

Predicted A-Level grades

Personal Statement (Work Experience) **Teacher Reference**

Aptitude Tests

UKCAT/BMAT LNAT Admission Testing Interview

Personal statement

Most importantly it is your chance to sell yourself to your University.

For courses that don't require interviews or aptitude tests as part of their admissions process – it is your only chance to establish an applicant-university point of contact.

We have included some exemplar statements.

Basis for interview

Anti-plagiarism software

Demonstrate a real interest in the subject. It is really important to focus a significant amount of the statement on your chosen subject and to detail what you have read or participated in to evidence a genuine interest in it. For example, by reading around the subject area, talking to someone in the relevant profession or gaining some relevant work experience. Nathalie Mortimer | Head Of UK Student Recruitment - University Of Nottingham

Location

City/ Rural

Campus

Distance away from home

Cost of living

The experience that you want



Different University = Different Course

Course Content

Modules

Optional Modules

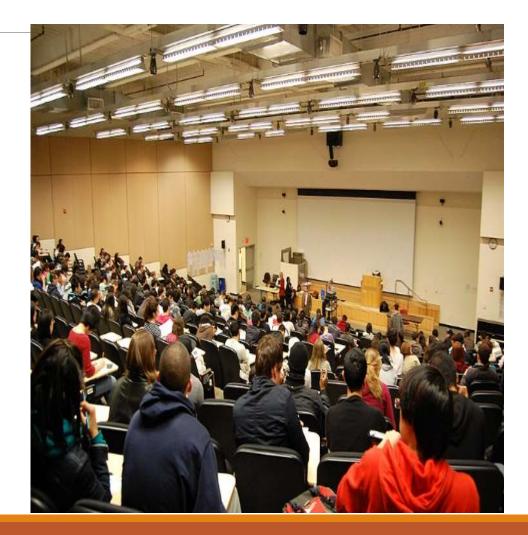
Modules Outside your Main discipline

Assessments/ Coursework

Teaching Methods

Contact Hours

Size



Look at Entry Profiles on UCAS website

Use 'course search' on UCAS APPLY

Choose a course at a university: Example English at Birmingham

10 different courses at Birmingham alone with 'English' in the title

Look at 'entry profile' for the subject you have chosen. On the next slide you will see the example of English at Birmingham University



Summary

Studying English will enable you to explore past and present cultures and societies through a wide range of perspectives and in a variety of different literary genres. Learning about and applying different theoretical approaches such as postcolonialism, historicism and feminism will open your eyes to different ways of considering literary texts and wider culture.

View course details on provider's website

Compare course information on the Unistats website

Contact

Admissions



Start dates

Why study this course

BA English offers a flexible, wide-ranging English Literature degree that draws upon extensive academic expertise in the School of English, Drama and American & Canadian Studies, which includes the internationally-renowned Shakespeare Institute. Our foundational first year gives you an excellent grounding in the major historical periods and genres of literature, inviting you to engage with a variety of authors and texts, encounter new ways of thinking about literature and improve your analytical and writing skills. You will also have the opportunity to explore areas of creative practice. In your second year, you will benefit from our Shakespeare resources on our innovative Shakespeare modules and our residential trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to work at the Institute and benefit from our connections with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Location

Academic and Student Division

Edgbaston

Birmingham

B15 2TT

United Kingdom



Qualification requirements

A Levels

BTECs

International Baccalaureate

Cambridge Pre-U

14-19 Diplomas

A Levels

The University of Birmingham will make offers based on the following qualifications individually and when they are combined with others

GCE A Level

AAB Typical offer

Specific subjects/grades required for entry: (English Literature at grade A or English - Language & Literature at grade A).

Specific subjects excluded for entry: General Studies.

Unit grade policy

The University of Birmingham does not make offers based on the unit grades achieved in AS and A2 level examinations. However, unit grade achievement may be taken into account when considering applicants who have just missed the terms of their offers.

What To Ask About The Course

Entry criteria – ? Work Experience a necessity for application

What is special about the course

How will you study – structure/content/teaching style

Work Placements – if needed does the uni find it?

Overseas opportunities

Is there any professional recognition?

What have other graduates gone on to do

Are there bursaries offered?



Individual choice

Open Days

League Tables

http://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide

Learn to Ask

Unistats





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What does UoB look for in an applicant? Mohammed Ansar- Outreach Officer

Business Studies

Assess Fashion's House plc decided to locate it's factory to Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of Business?

No- People from Birmingham are not very fashionable.

Biology What is a fibula?

A small lie

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What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery

How can you delay milk turning sour?

Keep it in the cow

English

What does the word benign mean?

Benign is what you will be after you be eight

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What do admissions tutors look for?

- Will you be able to cope with the academic demands of the course?
- Do you meet the minimum entry requirements for the course
 - Are they realistic?
 - Any specific grade requirements?
 - Do you have to sit any admissions tests?
 - Law (LNAT)
 - Medicine/Dentistry (UKCAT/BMAT)
 - Maths (STEP)
 - Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

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Sound academic background

Physical stamina

Manual dexterity

Communication skills

Team working



Empathy



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Highlight your interest in the subject

'The English dramatist Edward Bulwer-Lytton wrote that, "The pen is mightier than the sword." The written words power is precisely the reason why I wish to study English Literature at university. I have always been fascinated by the effect good writing can have on a reader.'

(English)

'My interest in Maths has supported my study in Biology: I especially enjoyed the statistics module (mark 97/100) which helped me with the health statistics I studied in biology module 2'

(Maths)

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Evidence of work experience is important

These courses will expect some work experience in Year 12:

Nursing Medicine Pharmacy
 Teaching Social Work Physiotherapy
 Dentistry Veterinary Science





Evidence of work experience is important- Have you learnt anything?

"During my work experience at Honeywell I joined a team of chemical engineers and was able to observe them on a project at a petrochemical plant. This not only gave me an insight into their work, but also allowed me to gain an insight into the petrochemical industry."

(Chemical Engineering)

WHAT IS MISSING?



If you have done well- tell us

'I was awarded for my voluntary work at a ceremony in the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor of the City.'

'I was picked to be the Captain of the regional netball team for Staffordshire'

'I was fortunate to raise £500 for a local cancer charity by running the Birmingham Marathon. I felt a great sense of achievement'



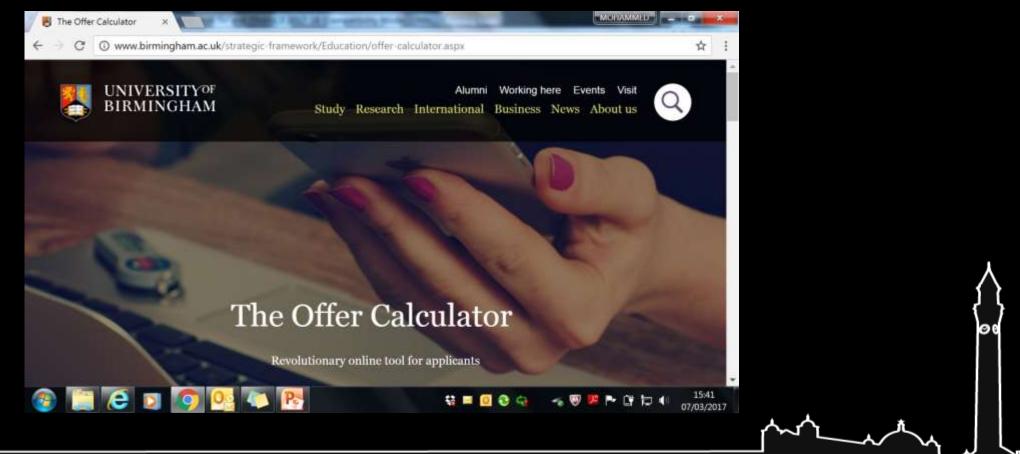
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AVOID silly mistakes

- " I have always wanted to be a Vet or a Dentist" Physiotherapy
- "I have always wanted to be a Radiographer" Birmingham does not offer Radiography as a degree programme



University of Birmingham Offer Calculator



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Finance 2017-18

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Mohammed Ansar- Outreach Officer





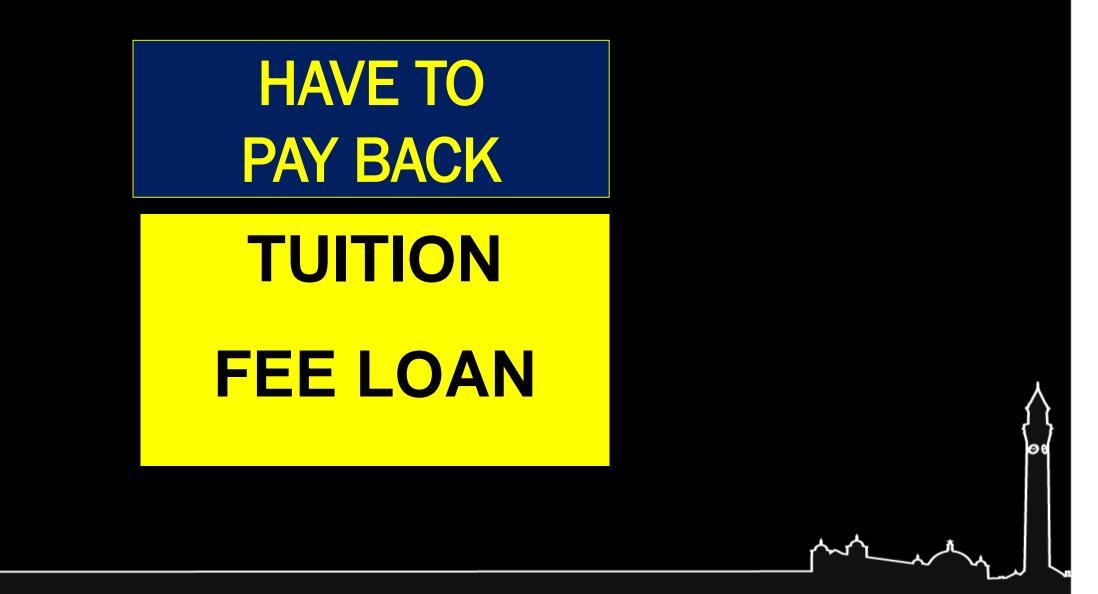
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Bursaries & Scholarships

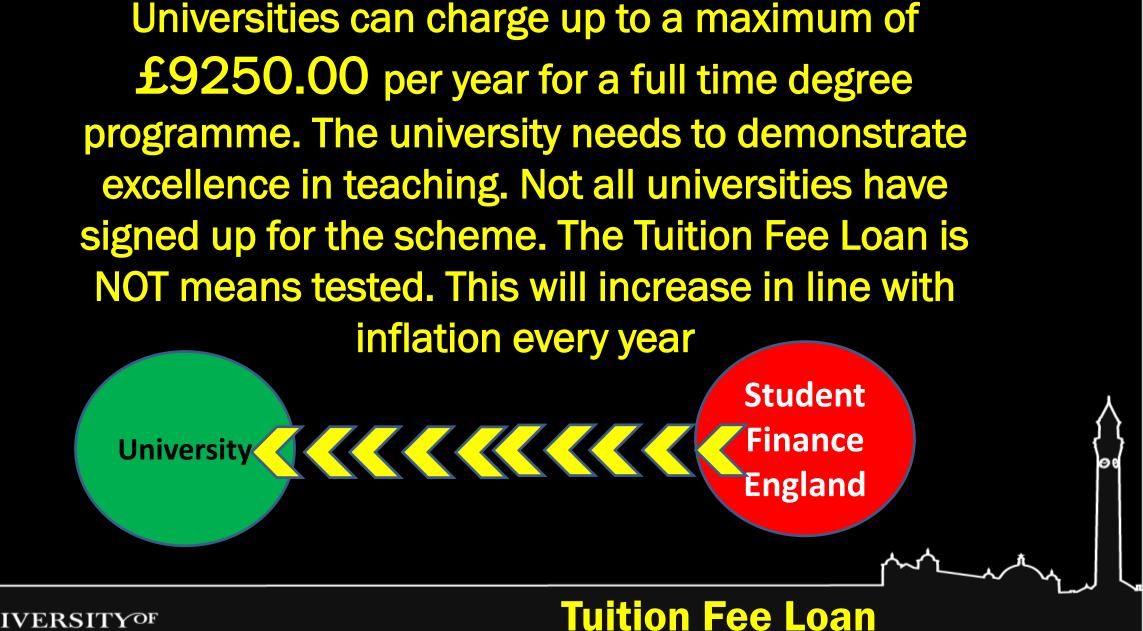
Help from universities

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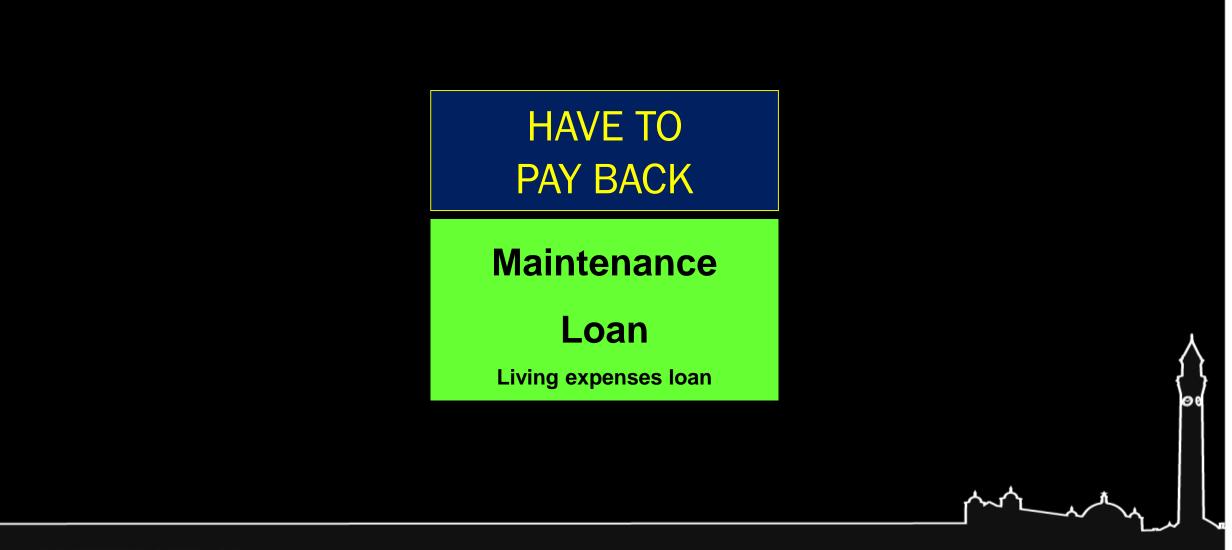


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• Used for accommodation costs, travel, entertainment, food, course materials etc

•How much you get depends on where you go to study and household income



Maintenance Loan 2017-18

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	Living at	Living away	Living in
	home	from home	London
Maximum per year	£7,097	£8,430	£11,002

If you apply for the full Maintenance Loan, you will need to provide details of your household income to Student Finance England



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Maintenance Loan Rates- how much you can get?

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Household Income	Home	Elsewhere	London
Below £25,000	£7,097	£8,430	£11,002
£30,000	£6,499	£7,825	£10,387
£35,000	£5,901	£7,220	£9,771
£40,000	£5,303	£6,615	£9,155
£45,000	£4,705	£6,009	£8,539
£50,000	£4,107	£5,404	£7,924
£55,000	£3,509	£4,799	£7,308
£60,000	£3,124	£4,193	£6,692

DO NOT HAVE TO PAY BACK Bursaries & Scholarships Help from universities

FREE MONEY





Chamberlain Awards (University of Birmingham Awards)

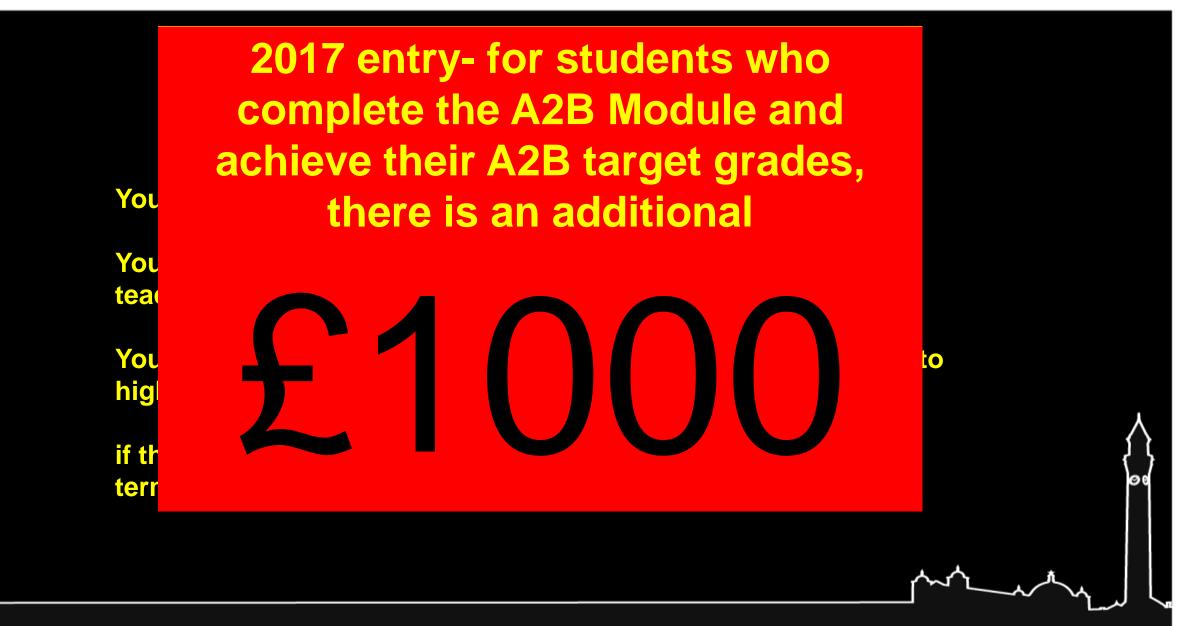
Household Income	Award Amount	
Less than £25,000	£2000	
£25000-£36000	£1000	











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Tuition fess of up to £9250 per year paid for

- Top performer in each College of the University in the A2B module: 5 in total
- You must qualify for the A2B scholarship AND the National Scholarship Programme (household income below £16,190)
- Need to commit to help out with outreach work

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Lloyds Scholars Programme

- £1,000 annual bursary plus extra awards every year for high grades at university 2:1 or First
- Paid internships- 10 weeks
- Lloyds bank mentor
- Possible place on Graduate Leadership
 Programme if you perform well
- Volunteering commitment: 100 hours per year
- Rigorous selection process

Visit www.lloyds-scholars.com

Other Scholarships and Bursaries

- Subject-based scholarships
 - □ Chemistry £1000
- □ Music scholarships
- □ Sport scholarships

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- □ BP Scholarship- £5000 p/a for certain courses
- □ Brockhouse Scholarships- typically around £1000
- Clingan's Scholarship- for those that come from Bournemouth
- □ Disability Awards- £200-1200 per year

Repayment of Loans

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Repayment of Loans

Do not start to pay your loans back Until April after the year you finish your degree If you earn below £21,000 a year, you DO NOT pay back anything

You have 30 years to pay off the outstanding amount. After that, whatever amount is outstanding, it gets written off by the Government Your Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans are added together into one lump sum

Once you earn over £21,000 a year, then you only pay back 9% of your salary over £21,000

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SALARY	Amount of salary from which 9% will be deducted	Monthly Repayment
£21,000	£0	£0
£25,000	£4,000	£30.00
£30,000	£9,000	£67.50
£35,000	£14,000	£105.00
£40,000	£19,000	£142.50
£45,000	£24,000	£180.00
£50,000	£29,000	£217.50
£55,000	£34,000	£255.00
£60,000	£39,000	£292.50

Annual Salary	Rate of Inflation	Plus
£21,000 and under	Currently 4.5%	0%
£21,000-£41,000	Currently 4,5%	Up to 3%
£41,000+	Currently 4.5%	3%



Interest on your loan

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www.birmingham.ac.uk/cashclever





Age	Non Graduate	Graduate	% Difference
21-25	270	351	30
26-30	310	436	40.6
31-40	402	659	63.9
41-50	400	688	72
21-50	373	580	55.5

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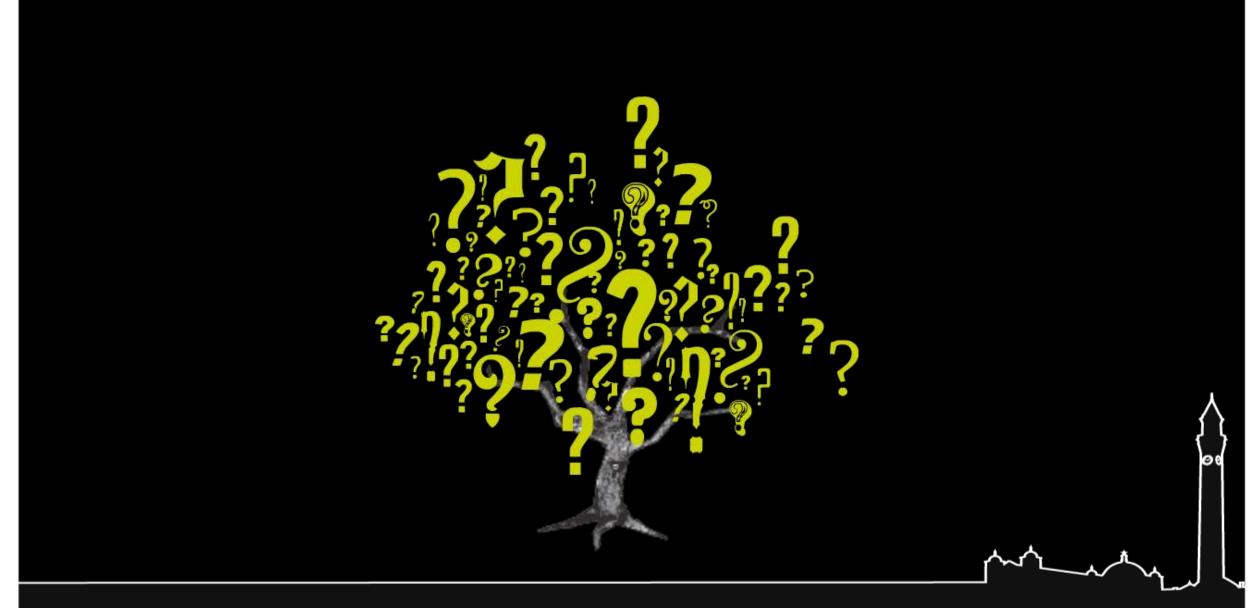
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Alternative Routeways

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN UNIVERSITY

- DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS
- SPONSORED DEGREES
- SCHOOL LEAVERS PROGRAMMES
- GAP YEAR



I'm Not Going to Uni

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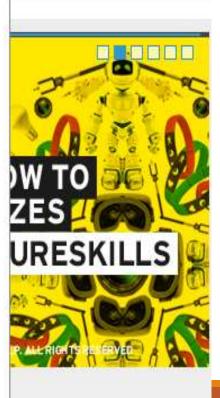
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Cycle Maintenance (1)	Humanities (1)	Recruitment (35)
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How do degree apprenticeships work?

Degree apprentices achieve a full Bachelors or Masters degree but avoid the colossal debts from tuition fees and maintenance loans.

Degree apprentices are employed throughout the programme, completing paid work from day one.

funding for degree apprenticeships is divided between the government and your employer.

The government pays two-thirds of your costs and fees, capped at £18,000, while your employer coughs up the rest.

Apprentices will work for a minimum of 30 hours a week for 30 weeks a year.

Degree apprentices will be expected to achieve academically while they are in full-time employment.

do not guarantee a permanent job

apprentices are highly employable graduates. Building a relationship with an employer over a programme of work and study will open doors into an industry.

Retention rates for apprentices can exceed 80%. (UCAS, 2016)

There are currently 13 degree apprenticeships in different industries on offer. These programmes – and some of the companies supporting them – are listed below:

- Chartered Surveying Axis, EC Harris & Faithorn Farrell Timms
- •Electronic Systems Engineering ARM, Embescosm & Flexenable
- Aerospace Engineering Airbus, BAE Systems, Rolls Royce
- Aerospace Software Development Airbus, BAE Systems, Rolls Royce
- Defence General Dynamics, Raytheon & Serco
- Laboratory Science Astra Zeneca, GSK & Pfizer Inc
- Nuclear EDF Energy, Magnox Ltd, Sellafield
- Power Systems EDF Energy, Magnox Ltd, Sellafield
- Public Relations Claremont, Golin & KOR Communications Ltd
- Digital Industries BT, Fujitsu & Network Rail
- Automotive Engineering BMW Group UK, Toyota Manufacturing UK & Vauxhall Motors
- Financial Services Barclays, HSBC & Santander
- Construction BAM Construct UK Ltd, E-ON Energy Solutions Ltd

Degree Apprenticeships – Did you know?

•61% of parents would prefer to see their child embark on a degree apprenticeship with a leading British employer than an Oxbridge degree.

•81% of parents think a degree apprenticeship would provide their children with a better chance of getting a job than going to university.

•78% of parents believed degree apprenticeships were better value for money than a traditional university degree. Even if money were no object, 62% of parents would rather their child did a degree apprenticeship.

•Before the study, only 13% of parents had heard of degree apprenticeships.

Sponsored Degrees

students can get work experience at the company while they study

a qualification that will enhance their skillsets

become graduates who know more about their work

work with the company during holidays or part time

study at university for a degree related to your job for the rest of the time

It's much the same way that apprenticeships work but instead of a NVQ, you will end up with a degree

advantage of employer sponsored degrees is that you not only get a salary

but you also get 3 years of building up valuable work experience

Average starting salary of £17,500...

Sponsored Degrees – What industries?

Engineering

Business & Management

Project Management

Accounting

Finance

Digital and Technology

Airbus – Sponsored Degree Programme

Aeronautical engineering

Finance

Manufacturing business support

- 300 UCAS points
- 3 A-levels at grade B or above
- Six GCSEs at grade C or above
 - Highly sought after and applications close on 31st March
 - Starting salary of £14,321
 - BEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering

KPMG – Sponsored Degree Programme

6 year course

KPMG Audit team

Study at Durham or Birmingham

After 5 year training programme start final year in a permanent job

Working towards becoming a fully chartered accountant

Starting salary £20,000

Tuition free degree & permanent job

School Leaver Programmes

School leaver programmes were created to provide an alternative route for A-level students, who otherwise may have ventured down the purely academic path of university.

School leaver programmes are apprenticeships that are aimed at students in year 13

a middle ground between full-time employment and higher education.

a healthy balance between work and study

Companies sponsor, or part-sponsor students to study towards qualifications that are relevant to the business or industry they work within

you get a salary

School Leaver Programmes

The structure of these programmes are similar to sponsored degree programmes.

The structure is similar in the way in which blocks of study are combined with work placements in a company.

The arrangements for study blocks and work placements are dependent on each company.

BDO's school leaver programme use external tutor firms to train their accountancy students.

KPMG school leavers spend an entire year at university before returning for work placements.

This is why school leaver programmes are so exciting. The variety. The mystery.

School Leaver Programmes

Here is a list of industries that offer opportunities for school leavers.

- •Accounting & Finance
- •Banking
- Business
- •Engineering
- Events
- •FMCG and Retail
- •Health, Science and Pharmaceuticals
- •IT, Technology and Telecommunications
- •Legal and Law
- •Leisure, Tourism and Hospitality
- •Social Care

Application Process-

Application forms and CVs (online and paper)

Complete employer tests

Interviews

Assessment centres

Entry requirements

Gap Year - What is a gap year programme?

a popular option among school leavers

it allows having a break overseas after studies

putting some valuable experience on the CV

most students are excited by the chance to see the world

Volunteering, Summer Camps, TEFL. Some could even see you earning money

UK-based volunteer and charity work programmes

more accurate to class a gap year as simply a time to try something new, get away from the 'reality' of life at home and develop as a person



How does a gap year scheme work?

can last for as long as you like and be done anywhere at any time

get involved in a number of different projects in different places

OR just want to jump on a plane, head off to an exotic location and find work, jobs or volunteering opportunities along the way

companies out there like Frontier designed to help you find structured gap year work experiences and voluntary experiences abroad

Who would suit doing a gap year internship?

If you're the kind of person who's not scared of a little adventure

want to see the world?

gain some great experience to stick on your CV

Immersing yourself in a foreign culture and travelling to different cultures

Each person suits different things, so don't feel like you're missing out if you're friends do a gap year placement, and don't feel like you're wasting your time if you head abroad while your friends start apprenticeships or go into higher education.

Where? Why? When? – Gap Year

The world is your oyster

Student gap years let you get stuck into some amazing projects, including saving endangered species, helping out wildlife and marine conservation groups, teaching English abroad and working on community development projects.

It all depends on where you're going. For example, you probably don't want to travel to India during the standard monsoon months of June to October!

For more detailed information on all alternative route ways go to:

* RATEMY APPRENTICESHIP



Bishop Vesey's Enrichment Week 2017

What is enrichment?

Enrichment is... 'anything that someone chooses to do outside of school which is of benefit to themselves or others'.

Enrichment broadens horizons, develops new skills and contributes to students' personal and social development as well as their university applications.

For one week (July 10th-14th 2017) students are off timetable.

They complete a week long enrichment activity of their choice. This is compulsory.

On their return to school students will write up a report on their enrichment experience.

Enrichment is the development of certain qualities of mind

These include : problem solving creative thinking, initiative self direction, Discovery higher order thinking skills Profound personal interests Self acceptance and the courage to be different.

What do you get out of enrichment?

Gain and develop important skills such as:

- Commitment
- Good citizenship
- Initiative
- Leadership
- Team work
- Worldliness

All of these are of interest to employers and universities!!!

Enrichment Opportunities

- Work-related learning
- Community participation
- Personal development
- Academic development

The activities you choose should provide you with:

- challenge
- enjoyment
- exposure to new knowledge and ideas
- thinking in different or unusual ways
- risk-taking

Ideas and examples of Enrichment week activities 2016

Work-related learning	Community Participation	Personal Development	Academic Development
Work experience	Voluntary work	First aid	Museum visits
Hands on experience	Local charities	Languages	Travelling abroad
Work shadowing	International charities	Travel	Wider reading + reports
Engineering education scheme	Peer mentoring	Arts	Research
Enterprise project	After school clubs	Music	Extending subject knowledge
	Duke of Edinburgh	Theatre	University visits
		Trips expeditions	Lectures

Enrichment Week

July 10th – July 14th Anyone who does not secure enrichment week options will be in school.