



Applying to University

# Why University?

- Career requirement / improved career prospects
- Natural progression after school
- Enjoy studying / interest in subject
- Allows more time to choose a career if undecided now
- Limited employment opportunities
- An enjoyable experience

# Which University?

- **LOCATION**
  - Home / Away
  - Scottish / English / Irish / Welsh
  - Accessibility
- **TYPE OF UNIVERSITY**
  - Old / New
  - Big / Small
  - Civic / Campus / Collegiate
  - Prestige/popularity
- **COURSE**
  - Length / content / offer grades
  - Traditional / Vocational
  - Work Placement
  - Study Abroad

# Which University?

- **COST**
  - Accommodation
  - Fees - *Bursaries*
  - Travel
- **FACILITIES**
  - Guaranteed Accommodation
  - Halls of Residence
  - Libraries / Computers
  - Sports / Gym facilities
  - Interests / Hobbies

**Research – Websites, Heap, UCAS, Prospectus,**







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# GRADES

Different universities will ask pupils to achieve different grades at A level in order to study the same subject. Do some research: balance ambition with realism.

## ECONOMICS:

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|--------------|------|
| - Durham     | A*AA |
| - Manchester | AAB  |
| - Kent       | ABB  |
| - Aberdeen   | BBB  |
| - Stirling   | BBC  |

## ENGLISH:

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| – St Andrews     | AAA |
| – Cardiff        | AAB |
| – Dundee         | BBB |
| – Oxford Brookes | BBC |
| – Coventry       | BCC |



# What to do NOW

- Identify a **course** which interests you
- Check **grades** needed – highest and lowest – for different universities
- Research **tests** for Medicine, Dentistry, Vet. Med and Law courses
- Organise extra **work experience** where necessary
- Think about the different '**types**' of university available
- Research the **content** of the same course at different universities
- Work on your UCAS **Personal Statement**

*... Visit some universities in the summer?*