



UniTasterDays

# 5 things you need to know about university

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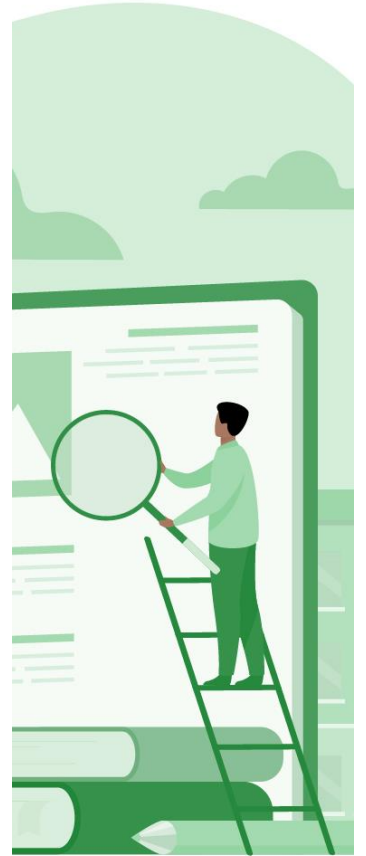


# A little about me

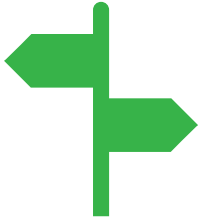


# The plan for today

1. Reasons to consider university
2. Deciding what to study
3. Deciding where to study
4. How you'll pay for university
5. Where to find help



# You have big choices to make



Is university  
right for you?



What should  
you study?



Where should  
you study?

# Reasons to consider university

There are lots of reasons why people go to university, far beyond what you might expect...



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**Why university?**



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To travel the world

To discover a new subject

To live in a new place

To delay the real world

# Deciding what to study

There are over 30,000 courses to choose from, ranging from academic to vocational courses



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# You'll be surprised at the options..

Animal  
Behaviour

Candle Making

Football Studies

Golf  
Management

Contemporary  
Circus

Brewing and  
Distilling

Viking Studies

Puppetry  
Design

Perfumery

Entrepreneurship






Actuarial  
Science

Operating  
Department  
Practice

# Remember...



Every course is different – even those with the same name. For instance, *Maths* at one university will have a different focus to *Maths* at another university!

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**Source: University of Essex**

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11:00 – 12:00	Dissertation Meeting	Lunch		Theatre and Human Rights	Lunch
12:00 – 13:00		Reading for classes			Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Gym	Gym		Wash clothes	
14:00 – 15:00					
15:00 – 16:00	Essay prep				
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After 18:00	Drama rehearsals	Working at the theatre	Socialise	Working at a pub quiz	Working at the theatre

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# Deciding where to study

There are over 160 universities  
in the UK, varying in location, size,  
history, specialities, and facilities



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# Which 3 universities aren't real?

De Montfort  
University

Falmouth  
University

Bath Spa  
University

Trafford  
University

University of  
Football Business

Buckinghamshire  
New University

Bishop  
Grosseteste  
University

Edge Hill  
University

St David's  
University

University of  
Yorkshire

Harper Adams  
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Robert Gordon  
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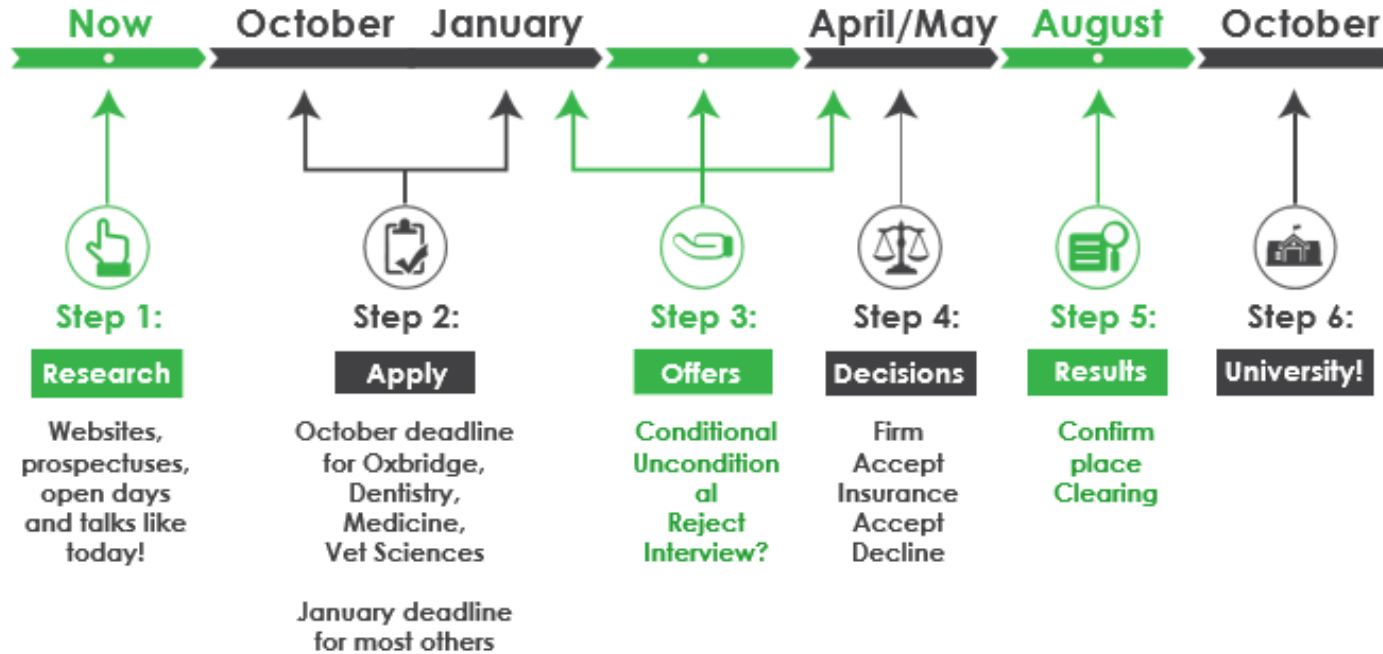
			Trafford University
St David's University	University of Yorkshire		

# **Your new home**



**You're not just picking a course. You're not just picking a university. You're picking your home for the next 3 years and (often) beyond!**

# You have time and options



# How you'll pay for university

There is a supportive and accessible student loan system to make university affordable for everyone



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# What do you get



## Tuition Fee Loan

- For course fees
- Up to £9,535 a year



## Maintenance Loan

- For living costs
- Up to £13,762



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Yearly salary	➤➤➤	Monthly salary	➤➤➤	Monthly repayment
£21,000		£1,750		£0
£22,000		£1,833		£0
£25,000		£2,083		£0
£30,000		£2,500		£37.50
£40,000		£3,333		£112.50
£50,000		£4,166		£187.50

# Finance facts

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But it can all change

# Where you'll find help

There is a treasure trove of helpful resources for you to access, such as guides, websites, videos, and...

A woman with dark hair, wearing a yellow top and large black headphones, is smiling and looking towards a man. The man is wearing a brown jacket, a grey shirt, and large black headphones. They are both sitting at a desk with microphones in front of them, suggesting a podcast recording or a video call session. The background is a bright, out-of-focus office or studio setting.

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# Podcasts



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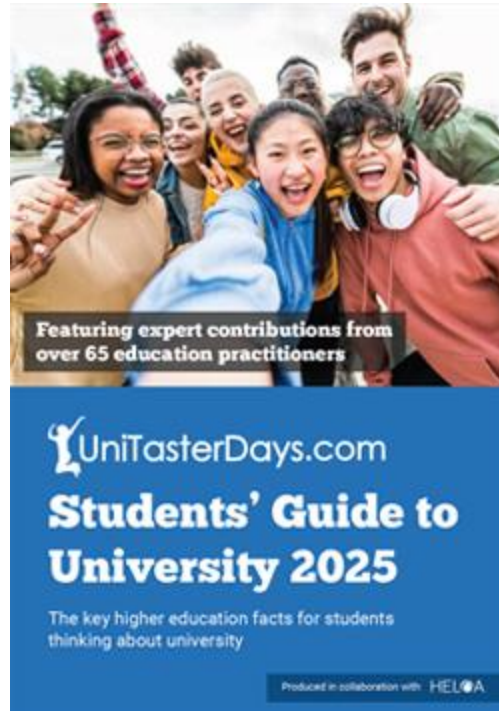
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| One personal statement tip  
| few think about is right on  
| your doorstep..





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# **Thank you**

**Best of luck with your university  
journey and decision-making.  
You got this!**

