

University Planning – Useful Websites

General Advice on Higher Education

www.unistats.com (*figures on individual university departments*)

www.aimhigher.ac.uk/home/ (*for students with no family background of uni*)

www.notgoingtouniversity.com (*alternatives to university explored*)

www.icould.org.uk (*case studies of individual's career paths*)

Course Choice

www.ukcoursefinder.com (*helps narrow choice with questionnaire*)

www.ucas.com (*course search and Stamford Test*)

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/good_university_guide/

www.push.co.uk (*ranks unis on wide range of criteria*)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/universityguide>

www.opendays.com (*plan some visits in the Summer*)

www.london.ac.uk/tasters

(*taster days for huge range of courses – already promoted at school*)

Individual university websites & prospectuses

(*vital for the necessary detail once the search is narrowed*)

Student Finance

Apply online to “Studentfinanceengland”

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/index.htm>

Careers/Jobs

www.prospects.ac.uk

www.yini.org.uk (*work in industry for a year before starting university*)

Student Networking/Opinion

www.thestudentroom.co.uk (*includes student guides to all unis*)

www.yougoferther.co.uk (*meet students attending same uni*)

Gap Years

www.gapyear.com

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Use the morning at home (or use Common Room/Library, if no internet access at home) to research courses. Overleaf is a wide range of relevant websites to explore.

To start:

Go to www.ucas.com.

If you have some idea of what degree you might be interested in, then go to their course search area and follow the simple instructions. This will throw up a range of universities that offer the courses you are interested in and you can begin to research these individually.

If you have no idea of what you might want to study, take the **Stamford Test** to get a general idea first. You will have to register with UCAS online to do this (but it only takes a couple of minutes). Sample their suggested courses. Try to establish in your mind some distinct differences between these courses.

Alternatively, or in addition, try www.ukcoursefinder.com. This site, again after registering for free, allows you to take a questionnaire to establish likely degree course interests.

Once you have some idea of possible courses try to establish from at least 3 different university websites what:

- The indicative A level, IB or UCAS tariff requirements are.
- If there are any specific qualifications required for entry onto the course.