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UNIVERSITY
GUIDE
2023**

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Coming up at 6:30 :
**Supporting your child's UCAS
application**


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University Advice for Parents & Supporters



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Applying to University: Supporting your child's UCAS application

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Charlie Smith

30-35 min talk
30-25 min Q+A

Admissions & Outreach
University of Bath



Applying to University: supporting your child's UCAS application

Choosing a course and university

Opportunities to consider and what Bath has to offer

Supporting your child's application



Research



Course choice

- Favourite and most successful subjects
- Consider new subjects
- Investigate course content
- Placements and Study Abroad
- Think (but don't overthink) about possible career plans

We recommend students consider **course choice** before university choice



What can they study?

One of your A-Levels?	Something new or interdisciplinary?	A vocational course?
History	American Studies	Heritage Studies
Biology	Natural Sciences	Wildlife Management
Chemistry	Pharmacology	Medicine
Physics	Mechanical Engineering	Construction Engineering Management
French	International Management and Modern Languages	French and Translation
Sociology	Gender Studies	Social Work



Researching Universities

- **Home or away?**
 - Familial support close by
 - Live independently and explore a new city
- **Campus or city?**
 - Community feel & well supported
 - City freedom & access to more jobs
- **League tables**
 - Course & University rankings
- **Entry requirements**
 - Research a range
 - Enquire about flexibility
- **University facilities & accommodation**
 - What is important?
 - Accessibility
 - Sports facilities



Ways to experience a University

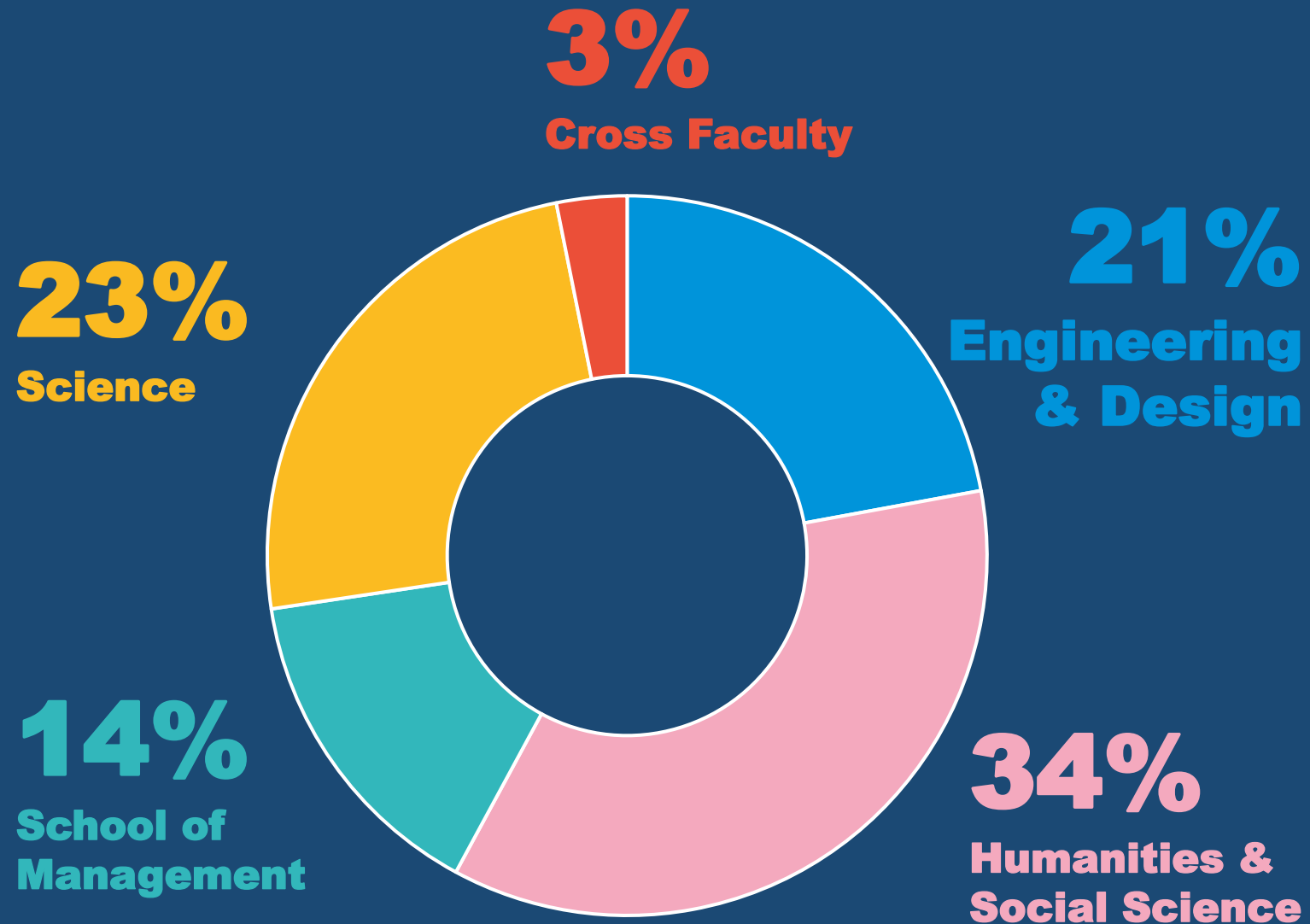
- Summer / Autumn open days
- Virtual open days
- Summer Schools or residentials
- Applicant Visit days (Offer holders)
- Talk, tour and stay
- Self Guided Tours
- Visiting a friend or relative



What Bath has to offer



What we offer



Professional Work Placements

- 1 year in industry, typically 3rd year a chance to:
 - Make Money
 - Put knowledge into practice
 - Try out a certain career path
 - Improve graduate prospects
- Support before as well as during your placement from **dedicated departmental placement teams**
- Placement providers have included **Microsoft, L'Oréal, Disney, the United Nations and Cancer Research UK**



“From my first day in Bath my Student Experience Officer and Placements Officer have been my pillars of support. They have always been there for me.”

Harsh,
BSc (Hons) Business Administration

Study Abroad

- Bath has exchange agreements with over **100 higher education institutions** around the world, in Europe, Australia, Asia, Latin America, Canada and the USA.
- Improve your **language skills**
- Demonstrate **ambition, confidence and a willingness to embrace new ideas**
- Experience a **different culture and study environment**
- Make **new friends**
- Enhance your **career opportunities**



Accommodation

4,100 university managed bedrooms on campus and in the city-centre

Accommodation contracts are **38 weeks**

Self-catered and eat and drink options available

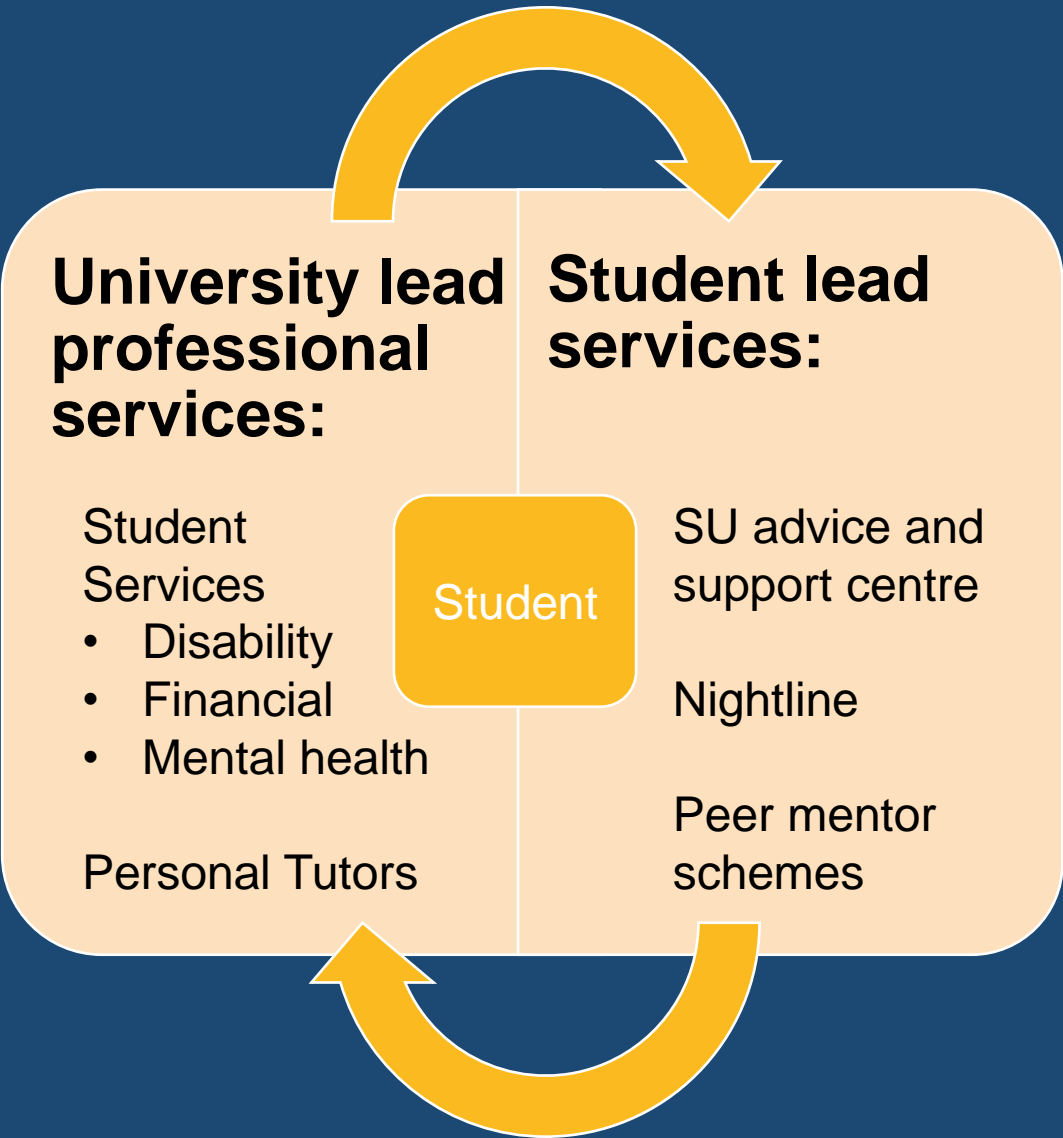
£139 - £268 a week

We **guarantee accommodation** to all first year students who:

- Have Bath as their **firm UCAS** choice
- Apply by the accommodation **deadline**
- Are **new** to Bath



Student Support



“You are really well supported throughout your time here, with peer mentors, personal tutors and Student Services all helping.”

Alfie,
Computer Science and Mathematics

Supporting your child's application



The Basics



- To start an application you need a **UCAS Hub account**.
- Register for a UCAS Hub account at any time.
- You have up to **five choices**, unless applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's **four choices**.
- Applying **costs £27.50**.
- Apply by the **equal consideration date 31st January 2024**
- Universities and colleges **can't see** your other choices when you apply.



**Understanding
school deadlines
and process**

**Conversations
around predicted
grades**

**How can
you help?**

**Supporting
firm/insurance
decisions**

**Knowing realistic
university
timelines**



What are university offers based on?

Prior academic performance

Predicted academic performance

Personal Statement

Interview

Contextual data

Mitigating circumstances

Admissions or aptitude tests



Personal Statements

What is a Personal Statement?

A maximum of 4,000 characters or 47 lines

80% academic in focus 20% personal

“Why do **you** want to study this subject, and what makes **you** the right person for the course?”



Only place to speak directly to the person making admissions decisions

Can be used as the basis for an interview

Personal Statements

It allows you to provide evidence of work experience and additional activities you've done to support your application

It will also be used when considering 'near miss' applications



Standing out from the crowd:

**Extended
Project
Qualification**

**Online courses:
MOOCs, Future
Learn and Open
University**

**Academic
projects**

**University
Summer
Schools**

Books

**Academic
Papers and
Journals**

**Articles in press
or periodicals**

Competitions

TED/TEDx talks



Online Resources



Applications can officially be submitted for 2024 entry



Deadline for those applying to Oxbridge/Medicine/Dentistry



Equal consideration deadline for all other 2024 applicants



University offer making window



Date by which students must make Firm and Insurance choice



IB Results Day



A Level Results Day



Official Registration and Welcome weeks



Events

Our upcoming events for parents and guardians

Supporting your child's UCAS application for courses starting in 2024 (May 25 2023)

25 MAY 2023 6.30PM
Online

A session for parents and guardians of children applying to university courses starting from 2024

Supporting your child: Student finance, scholarships, bursaries and budgeting (28 March 2024)

28 MAR 2024 6.00PM
Online

A session for parents and guardians of children applying to university courses starting from 2024

Accommodation, student support/life with current ambassadors panel session (2 May 2024)

2 MAY 2024 6.00PM
Online

A session for parents and guardians of children who receive an offer to study at Bath from 2024 and who would like to know more about our accommodation

PARENT, GUARDIAN AND CARER GUIDE 2024

Everything you need to support your child with their higher education choices



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Thanks for listening!

Please submit any questions to the
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