

Making the most of Open Days



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What is an Open Day?

- Opportunity to visit a prospective university
- Access to the campus
- Tours of facilities
- Will usually have talks to attend covering admissions, student opportunities and more
 - These usually require you to book a place online beforehand
- Open to all subjects
 - There may be subject specific talks and stalls to visit
- Opportunity to talk to current students and academics
- Try food offered on campus
- Visit accommodation
- Visit the city



When to go on one?

- Most universities will run days in the summer aimed towards current Year 12 students who are beginning to narrow down choices
- Open days offered in the autumn are aimed at current Year 13 students as a final look before handing in UCAS applications
 - You can usually still attend these as a Year 12
- Many universities now also have Virtual Open Days
 - Might be one specific day or on-demand



What could the day look like?



1. Travel to the university
2. Explore the campus by yourself
3. Talk from an admissions tutor
4. Visit student accommodation
5. Lunch from one of the campus outlets
6. Sample lecture for your chosen subject
7. Chat to current students from your subject
8. Talk to a lecturer
9. Tour the sports facilities
10. Travel off campus to see what the city has to offer



What to ask?

You might already have done a lot of research into the university, or be using the Open Day as a starting point. Either way, talking to current students and academics can give you useful insight you won't get anywhere else. If you don't know where to start, here are some example questions of things you might want to know.

- What ranges of modules are available to me?
- What skills will I learn on this course? E.g. research methods, referencing, drawing graphs
- How much reading is there each week?
- Do I need to read anything before I start the course?
- Do I have to organise placements or work experience myself or will I have help from the university?
- What is the split between exams/coursework/group project?
- Is a place in university managed accommodation guaranteed?
- How far do you have to travel to get into uni and around the city?
- Are there any jobs available on campus for students?
- What sports and societies are available?



Where to visit?



Visiting a university campus for the first time can be very overwhelming compared to a college or sixth form. Here are some key spots to make sure you see:

- Libraries
- Campus cafes and restaurants
- Any green spaces or parks on campus
- Gym and sports facilities
- Students union
- Facilities in your department
- Accommodation



Open Day Checklist

- Research travel in advance – do you need to buy a train ticket or book a parking space on campus?
- Have you booked places on talks you want to attend? (if applicable)
- Get in touch with the uni if you have any special requirements or disabilities so they can be prepared to accommodate you
- Make a list of questions you would like answers to
- Have a look at a map of campus – universities might publish an Open Day specific one with the location of talks and stalls



Top Tips

- Plan what you want to see in advance
- Make a list of things you want answered
- Try and talk to a mixture of lecturers and students – they will be able to tell you so much more than what is on the website
- Don't rush – this might be your only visit to the university so take time to absorb everything
- Take lots of photos for future reference. They will be helpful when comparing universities
- Wear comfy shoes as there will be a lot of walking



Bath Open Days



- 13th and 14th June 2025
- 11th October 2025
- Visit campus and tour the facilities
- Attend subject information talks and sample lectures
- Speak to academics and students
- Find out more about services offered by the university
- If you can't make it to one of our open days, you can book onto a group campus tour. [Book here.](#)



Useful Links



[Top Questions to ask at an open day – The Uni Guide](#)
[Questions to ask about each subject – The Uni Guide](#)
[University of Bath Open Days 2025 Information](#)
[University of Bath Undergraduate Virtual Experience](#)
[Preparing for a University Open Day - UCAS](#)

