# My university journey

## Year 12

### Research universities and courses:

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2. Where in the UK do I want to be?
3. Do I want to live on campus or be based in a city?
4. What field of study do I want to pursue?
5. Am I studying the subjects I need to meet the entry criteria?
6. Are the entry requirements within my reach?
7. Do I want to do a placement year?
8. Study abroad for a year?

### First thoughts - my top eight universities:

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### What questions do I have about the course/university?

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### Tips on how to make the most of an Open Day

1. Plan, plan, plan! Take a look at the programme before arriving to make sure you know when and where things are happening.
2. Attend as wide a range of talks as you can - to learn more about the university’s courses and get general advice and guidance.
3. Take time to speak to the academic staff to get your questions answered - they’re probably a leading expert in their field.
4. Meet current students who can help guide you through the available activities and also relate their own experiences.
5. Take a student-led tour - student ambassadors are normally available on Open Days to show you around the university.
6. Explore university accommodation - find out more about living on campus by freely exploring their accommodation.
7. Attend hands-on in interactive sessions like demonstrations and laboratory exercises.
8. Get a taste of student life by watching demonstrations by student clubs and societies.

## Year 13

### Personal statement top tips:

- Start early
- Be concise and to the point
- Use evidence to back up your examples
- 75% academic focusing on your chosen course
- 25% extra-curricular, work experience and career choices
- Make sure it reflects you – it is a personal statement!

### Final five university choices

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## Year 12 Timeline

- **Attend Open Days**
  - Autumn
- **Consider if university is the right choice for you**
  - Winter
- **Start researching universities**
  - Spring
- **Start to prepare your UCAS application and personal statement**
  - Summer

## Year 13 Timeline

- **Finalise your personal statement**
  - Autumn
- **Submit your UCAS application before the 15 January deadline**
  - Winter
- **Submit student finance applications**
  - Spring
- **Apply for accommodation**
  - Summer

## Year 13 Results!

- Good Luck!