# My university journey

## Year 12

### Research universities and courses:

- What subjects am I interested in?
- Where in the UK do I want to be?
- Do I want to live on campus or be based in a city?
- What field of study do I want to pursue?
- Am I studying the subjects I need to meet the entry criteria?
- Are the entry requirements within my reach?
- Do I want to do a placement year?
- Study abroad for a year?

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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!

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

### Timeline:

- **2019**: Autumn
- **2020**: Winter, Spring, Summer
- **2021**: Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer

## Year 13

- Finalise your personal statement
- Submit your UCAS application before the 15 January deadline
- Decide on Firm and Insurance choices
- Submit student finance applications
- Apply for accommodation

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**Results!**

Good Luck!