**THINKING OF APPLYING TO A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY?**

**NOTES TAKEN FROM THE RUSSELL GROUP ONLINE EVENT – 10TH FEB 2021**

* **Russell Group Universities are known for: world leading research (produce more than two thirds of the world’s leading research in UK Universities) / outstanding teaching and learning experience / unrivalled links with business and industry (includes careers fairs, internships, summer schools and other events/activities)**
* **Between the 24 in the Group, they can boast of 200 Nobel Prizes**
* **On average, Russell Group Universities spend 50% more per student than other UK Universities on academic services and student facilities**
* **80.5% of Russell Group graduates enter professional employment within 6 months of graduating – 68.9% for other Universities**
* **Students with undergraduate degrees in each skill level of job:**
* **High – Financial managers, Engineers, Teachers, Medical doctors (Russell Group, 61%, non Russell Group, 49%)**
* **The median average hourly pay rate for those who have attended a Russell Group University is £2:13 per hour MORE than those who have attended a non Russell Group University**
* **Entry requirements vary across the Universities – for example, at Warwick University, they ask for ABB for their Sociology degree and A\*A\*A for their Maths degree**
* **Admissions tests – can be BMAT / UCAT / LNAT / STEP for Maths (such as at Warwick)**
* **What are the Admissions Tutors looking for? – academic qualifications / a good Personal Statement /Teacher’s reference**
* **Misconceptions: tutors do not read Personal Statements or references (they do!) / an early application means you are more likely to be made an offer (many Universities can wait until the official closing date to assess applications and make decisions) / you will be rejected by a University unless you put them first on your list (applications are NOT made in priority order – they are invisible choices – that is the Universities will NOT see where else you have applied at this initial stage)**
* **UCAS Track – where you can check your progress with your application**
* **Offers – will be: Conditional Offer (need to achieve the grades requested and/or get through the interview or visit day, if appropriate) / Unconditional Offer (will be accepted regardless of what grades you achieve) / Unsuccessful**
* **Decisions – options are: Firm (your first choice – obliged to go there if gain the necessary grades) / Insurance (your second choice – a back up – usually requiring lower grades than your Firm place) / Decline (you can turn down any offers made and then try for UCAS Extra)**

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