**MEET THE RUSSELL GROUP VIRTUAL EVENT – APRIL 2022**

**CHOOSING WHAT AND WHERE TO STUDY**

***37,000 undergraduate courses at over 370 higher education institutions in the UK***

**ACTIVITY**

**Your route to university**

**Why do you want to go to university?**

* **Think about end goal**
* **Do you have a specific career in mind?**
* **What subjects are you good at?**
* **What do you enjoy?**

**What subject area (s) are you interested in?**

* **Do you need to study a particular subject in order to reach your end goal?**

**What A levels (or other qualifications) do you currently study?**

* **What do you currently enjoy about your subjects?**
* **How do they link together?**

**What do you do outside of school?**

* **Do you belong to any clubs or societies?**
* **Do you play an instrument or are you involved in sport?**
* **Do you have any outside interests that you could study as a degree?**

**ACTIVITY**

**Researching the course**

* **How is the course structured?**
* **How is the course assessed?**
* **How is the course taught?**
* **Are there opportunities to study abroad/undertake an industrial placement?**
* **What are the core modules?**
* **Is there an opportunity to take optional modules?**
* **Can you pick up a language alongside your course?**
* **Does your course have the relevant accreditation? (For example, Psychologist)**
* **Do you need to sit entrance exams or submit a portfolio or work in advance? (For example, UCAT, portfolio for architecture)**
* **Is work experience a requirement of the course?**
* **Will you need to attend an interview?**
* **What jobs do recent graduates from this subject do?**

**ACTIVITY**

**Choosing a university**

* **Location**
* **Distance from home**
* **City university/campus university**
* **Transport links**
* **Cost of living**
* **Bursaries/scholarships**
* **Pastoral care**
* **Careers service**
* **Academic reputation**
* **Clubs and societies**
* **Social activities**
* **Sports facilities**
* **Part-time jobs**
* **Student Union**
* **Support for additional needs**

**Year 12 and start of Year 13**

**Research courses/universities**

* **Attend UCAS events/university open days**
* **Speak to teachers re predicted grades, be realistic in choices**
* **Decide which 5 universities to apply to**
* **Explore subject choices and career paths by attending university discovery days**

**Summer of Year 12 and start of Year 13**

**Complete UCAS application form**

* **Gather qualifications achieved and currently taking**
* **Write your Personal Statement**
* **Teachers write references**
* **Submit application form**
* **Sit any additional entry admissions tests**

**Wait for decisions**

* **Offers/declines/invitations to interviews**
* **Attend interviews and visit days**
* **UCAS Extra opens in February for students who have declined all their offers or not received any**

**Accept/decline offers**

* **Inform UCAS of Firm/1st choice and Insurance/2nd choice**

**Results Day**

* **If Firm choice grades are met, wait for confirmation of place from UCAS/university OR if Firm choice NOT met, check with the Firm choice – if not accepted, contact your Insurance choice**

**Firm/Insurance choice grades not met or no offers made**

**Enter Clearing – contact universities with vacancies**

**Firm choice grades met and exceeded – students may be eligible for Adjustment**

**Contact universities with vacancies available via Adjustment to ask about options available**

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