Useful Higher Education (HE) Websites

<u>www.ucas.com</u> - **VITAL** for all higher education research, applications, and general information

Other websites that are useful for general university research

- http://www.applytouni.com/university-guides.aspx for many university guides all in one place
- http://www.applytouni.com/articles/beyond-uni-%E2%80%93-best-degree-courses-for-landing-a-job.aspx best degrees for getting a job
- www.applytouni.com
- www.push.co.uk
- www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk
- www.whatuni.com
- <u>www.thestudentroom.co.uk</u> forum for students and potential students
- www.studenthut.com
- https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni

- The Informed Choices website helps you match level 3/A level subject choices with degree options, at: www.informedchoices.ac.uk
- To access Spartan an online visual quiz to help you start researching your HE
 options and future careers, and a quiz to match A level subjects to degrees register
 for free at:
 www.sacu-student.com
- www.opendays.com
- The publication *What Do Graduates Do?* gives the first destinations of graduates from the various broad subject areas. You can access this publication via: https://luminate.prospects.ac.uk/what-do-graduates-do
- QS World Rankings (an official league table and information on studying for a degree in many countries world-wide) www.topuniversity.com

League Tables

- www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-universities-uk
- https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2023/sep/09/the-guardian-university-guide-2024-the-rankings

Student Finance

- Government web site for student loans https://www.gov.uk/student-finance
- Student Loan Company http://www.slc.co.uk/
- <u>www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator</u>

- You can find information and search for available HE scholarships (after first registering) at: www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk
- QS Top Universities website has advice on applying for scholarships for HE courses around the world: www.topuniversities.com/student-info/scholarship-advice
- The Turn2us website has a charitable grants search facility: http://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk

Information for those Students with Disabilities

- Students with disabilities can also find education factsheets and guides at: http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/how-we-can-help/benefits-information/factsheets/education-factsheets
- www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas

Personal Statement

For the 2026 UCAS entry cycle, the traditional, essay-style personal statement is being replaced with a structured set of 3 questions. These questions focus on your motivations for choosing a specific course or subject, how your qualifications and studies have prepared you and what else you have done outside of formal education to prepare you for studying the course/subject – see www.ucas.com for advice

Interviews

- You can find interview tips, including for teacher training interviews, and a video guide on preparing for interviews on the UCAS website
- For Oxbridge interviews the Oxford and Cambridge university websites are good sources of information.

Gap Year

- <u>www.gapyearworld.com</u>
- http://gapforce.org
- Year Out Group an association of leading year out programme providers. The
 Group promotes good practice. Their website has advice for those seeking structured,
 year out opportunities and gives links to members' websites.
 www.yearoutgroup.org
- The Year in Industry the website has information about the scheme for students, lists placement vacancies and allows you to apply online: www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry
- BUNAC work, internships and volunteering in Canada, the USA, Australia, New Zealand and Japan, at: https://bunac.org/uk
- The Government provides very useful advice at: www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-adventure-travel-and-volunteering-overseas

Study Abroad

www.topuniversities.com

Careers Information related to Degree Subjects

• Use www.prospects.ac.uk, go to Careers Advice and then find What can I do with my degree? in e.g. maths

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