

Post 18 Preparation

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Summer Term

- Choose a course at university
- Short list 6-8 universities
- Start to draft personal statement(July)
- Research apprenticeships

Autumn Term

- Finalise 5 university choices
- Work on personal statement and have completed by middle of October
- Apply for apprenticeships as they come up

Choosing a Course

Things to think about

- Weighting of assessment between coursework and exams
- Look at the modules to choose to study in 1st/2nd/3rd year. A course with the same name (eg English, History, Business, Architecture) will be very different at different unis depending on modules you choose.
- Contact hours ie number of lectures/seminars
- Entry requirements
- Opportunities for year in industry, studying abroad
- Is there an option to do combined courses?
- Future careers/career prospects
- Good university guide – rank by subject
- Talk to your teachers

Links to help with course search

- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/choosing-undergraduate-course>
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>
- **HEAP: University Degree Course Offers** has been a first-stop reference for university applicants choosing their courses and includes degree apprenticeship courses. We are subscribing to this site...Mrs Hart will be in touch shortly with the link. It is very good!

How to choose a university- What to consider

- Entry requirements
- Cost of living ie rent in 2nd and 3rd year when you will be living in private accommodation.
- Location: How far do you want to live from home? Think about travel and cost too!
- Do you want to be on a campus university or in the middle of a town or city? City universities are often a campus as well.
- Can you have a year working in industry?
- Can you have a year abroad if you want?
- What kind of sporting facilities does the university have?
- Look at the modules that the uni offers for your course
- Contact hours for your course
- Weighting between coursework and exams at the end of the 2nd and 3rd year
- Are there opportunities to get a part time job or relevant WEX in the summer
- Also consider the music /theatre/hobbies /student scene/ your interests/new hobbies.

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- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/universities/choosing-a-university>
- Heap Guide

