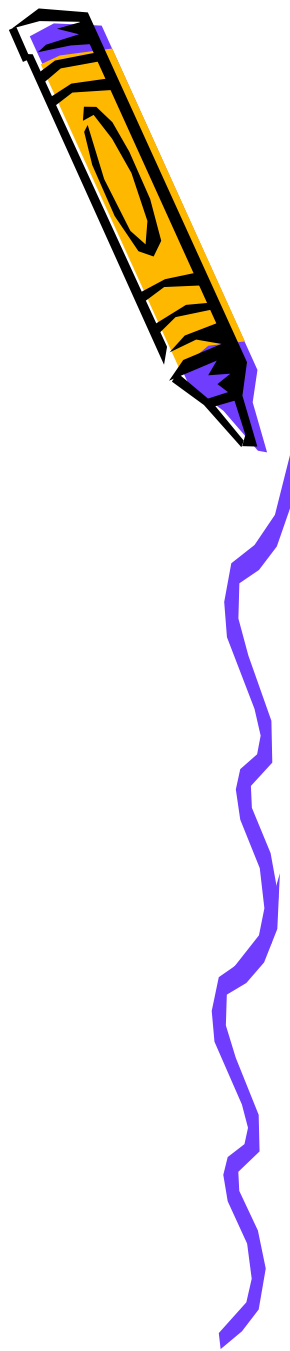


HIGHER EDUCATION

UCAS APPLY

CHOICES

1. What?
2. Where?



RESEARCH IS VITAL



- 6.4% - drop out after first year
- 31% - definitely/maybe chosen another course
- 87% - fairly/very satisfied with course
- Not possible to visit everywhere
- Virtual tours
- Student case studies

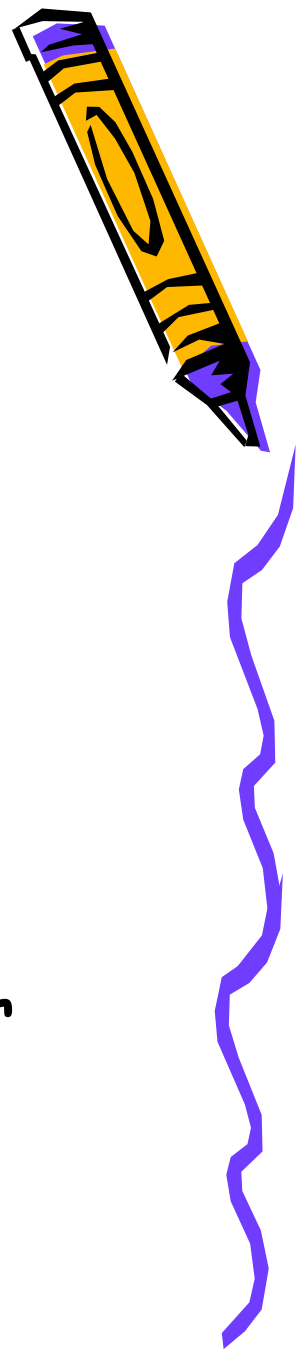


CHOOSING A COURSE

Thousands available!

3 main options:

1. Similar/related to A level subject
2. Related to an extra-curricular interest
3. In preparation for a future career



UNIVERSITY COURSES

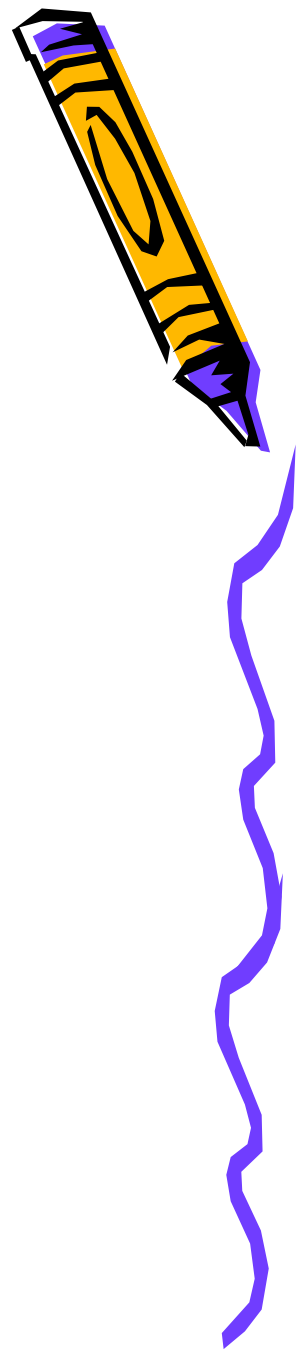


- Bachelor's / Master's degree
- Foundation degree
- Higher National Certificate (HNC) & Higher National Diploma (HND)
- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) & Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)



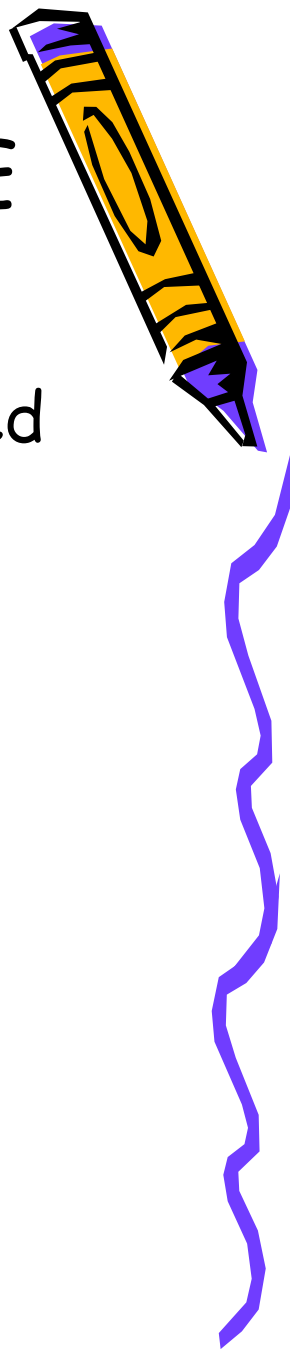
TYPES OF DEGREES

1. Single Subject
2. Joint honours
3. Major/Minor
4. Combined
5. Modular
6. Sandwich

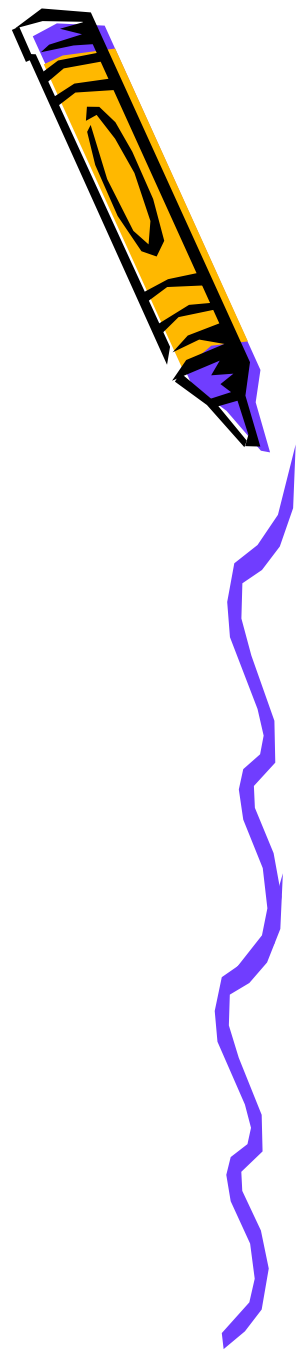


WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A COURSE

- What is the subject all about?
- What is different about this course compared to others?
- How big is the department?
- How is the course taught?
- How will my work be assessed and examined?
- What is the drop out/failure rate?
- What are the career / job prospects like for course graduates?

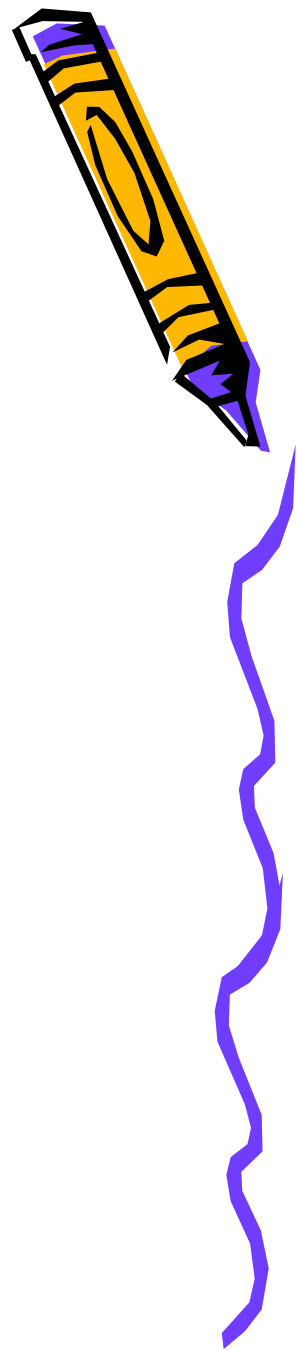


The Guardian's Top 10 2020 (2019)



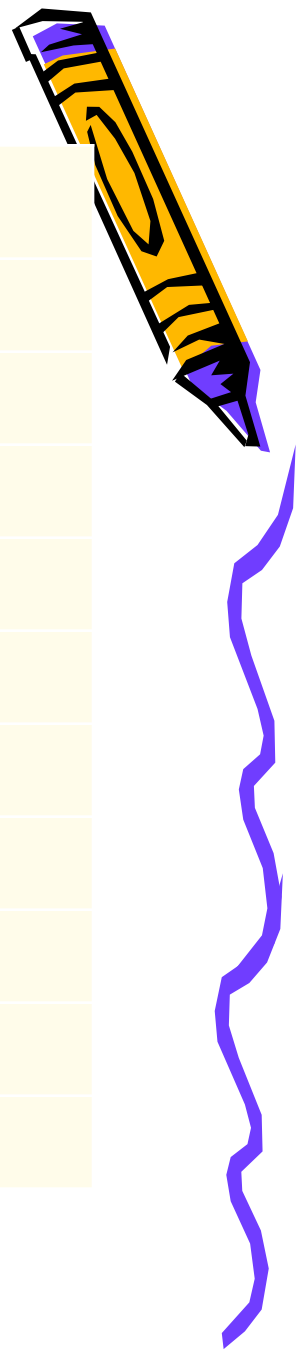
1. Cambridge
2. St Andrews (3)
3. Oxford (2)
4. L'boro
5. Durham
6. Bath
7. Imperial
8. Lancaster (9)
9. Warwick (8)
10. Exeter (14)





- 12 = Nottingham Trent
- 18 = Nottingham





	Law	Business	Mech Eng
1	Cambridge	Oxford	Imperial
2	Oxford	St Andrews	Bristol
3	UCL	Bath	Coventry
4	Dundee	Loughborough	Bath
5	Solent	Warwick	Loughborough
6	Glasgow	Leeds	Leeds
7	Durham	Exeter	Nottingham
8	Cumbria	Lancaster	Harper Adams
9	Aberdeen	Derby	Heriot-Watt
10	LSE	Southampton	Glasgow

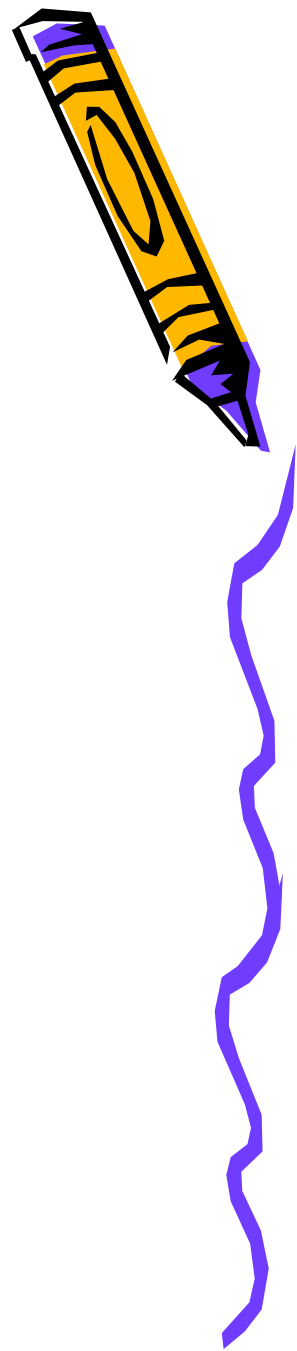


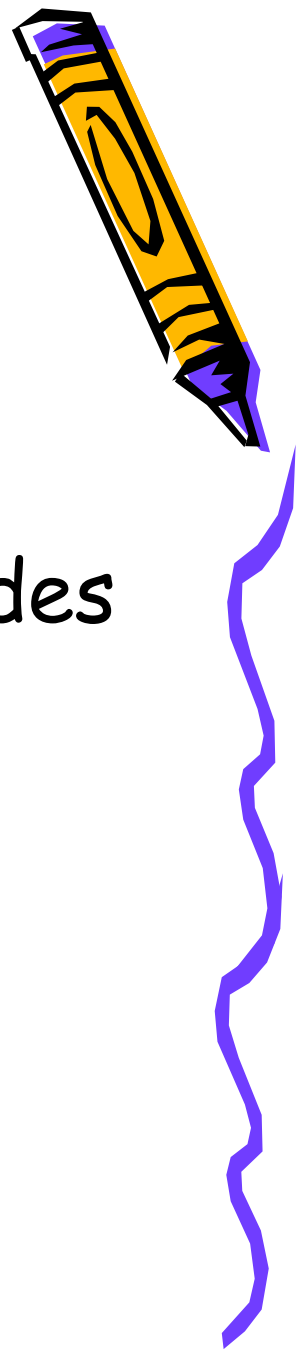
- It takes time
- You don't have to have a career in mind
- It's about you
- Course content is key
- Pick the right type of course
- Use official data
- Grades needed?
- Explore funding opportunities



Where to study

- The course
- The place
- Transport
- Support
- Facilities
- Accommodation
- Costs
- Graduate prospects





- There's no 'best' university
- Know yourself
- Consult prospectuses & course guides
- Make a shortlist
- Keep asking questions



WEBSITES



www.ucas.com

www.ukcoursefinder.com

www.education.gov.uk (children and young people/student support)

www.which.co.uk/University



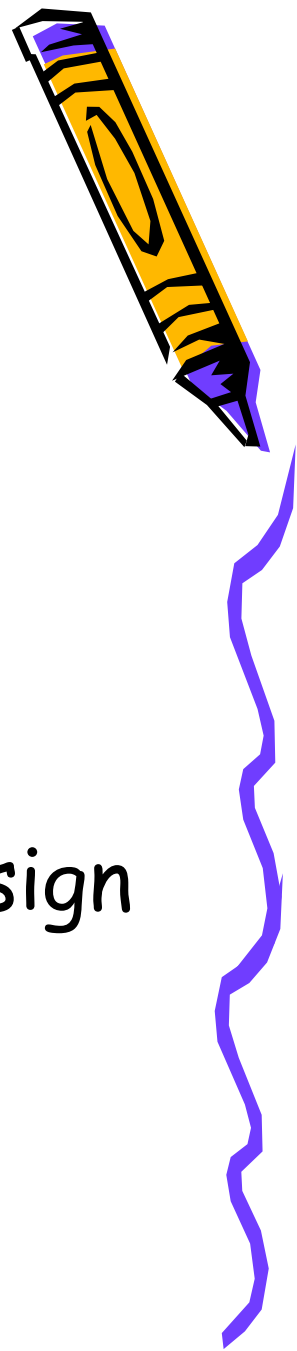


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BUZZWORD for entry
2020 or 2021 (deferred)

clocktower1914



Top tips for applications



- Don't rush it
- Know the deadlines
- Respect your referee
- Extra info needed? (EPQ, 4th subject, co-curricular)
- Oxbridge / MDV / some Art & Design
- You are not alone
- Keep track

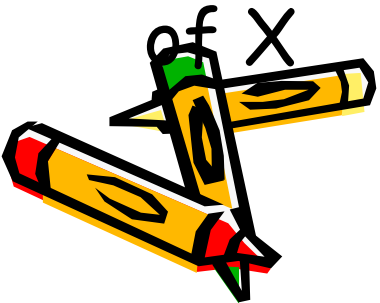


Personal Statements

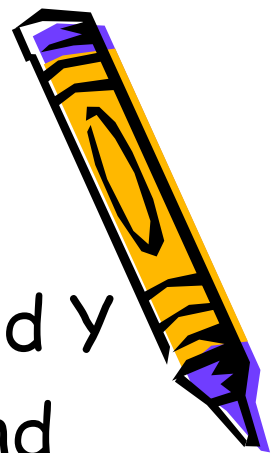
DO NOT PLAGIARISE.

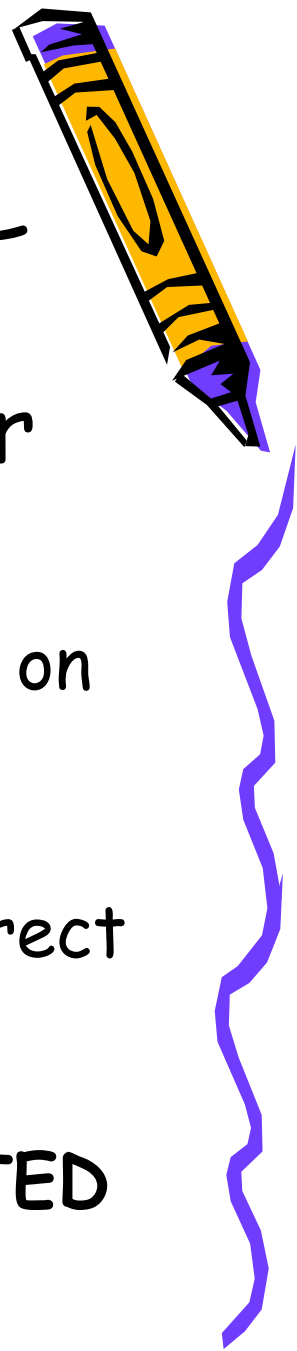
Universities are looking for:

- A clear understanding of what the course entails
- Commitment to the discipline (includes broad reading and extra curricular activities)
- Commitment to the study of X, coupled with curiosity about the study of a diverse range



- Ability to make connections between X and Y
- Ability to develop independent opinions and arguments on X, and use them to sustain an argument, identify weaknesses in other arguments and respond to criticisms
- Willingness to think creatively about using evidence from a range of sources



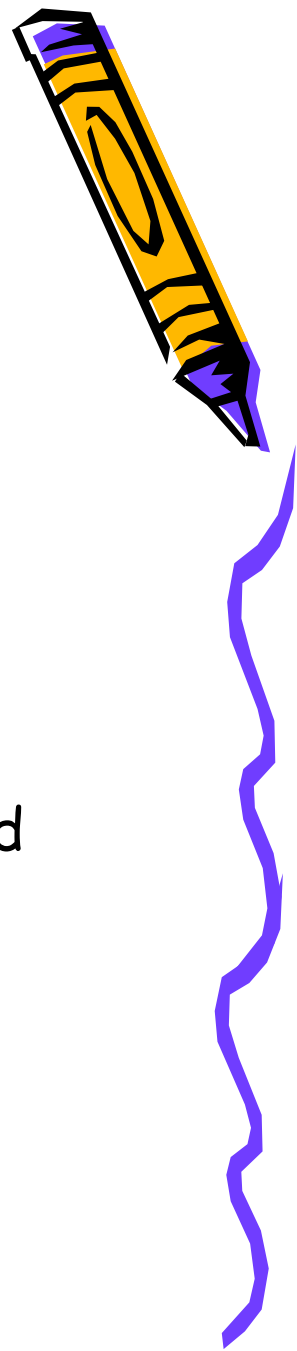


PRE-A LEVEL UNCONDITIONAL OFFERS - should be greatly reduced or non-existent this year

- 😊 you know exactly where you're going
- ☹️ could coast to lower grades - not good on CV
- ☹️ could make the wrong choice
- ☹️ feel pressured to make a decision / direct contact from unis (just say no)
- **ONLY ACCEPT AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFER IF YOU WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED IT AS A CONDITIONAL OFFER**



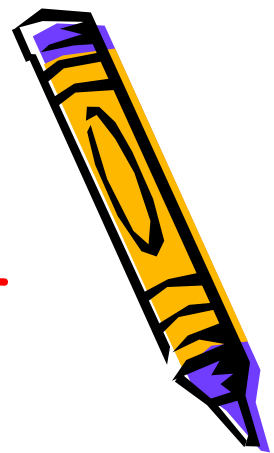
FINANCE



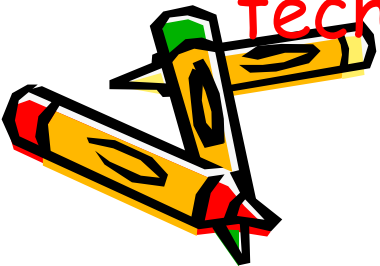
- Not our problem!
- www.gov.uk/student-finance
- www.grantfairy.com
 - GrantFairy is a scholarship app which matches students with thousands of scholarships and bursaries to help pay university tuition fees and living expenses.



DEADLINES/DATES



- Personal statements - early entry: first draft NOW
- Thursday 19 September - final submission of all Oxbridge, MDVs
- Thursday 17 October - 1 to 1 interviews for Oxbridge/Medics (£25)
- Thursday 17 October - lunchtime - Medical Ethics talk
- Thursday 17 October - P7/8 - Interview techniques talk for Oxbridge/Medics



DEADLINES/DATES

- Monday 18 November - final submission of all other applications
- Monday 18 November - final submission date for any prediction upgrades

