

# University Open Day Checklist

## Before the Day

- Register/book a place
  - Check the event timetable and highlight sessions you want to attend
  - Prepare a list of questions (course, accommodation, support, social life)
  - Arrange travel and accommodation (if needed)
  - Pack essentials:
    - A bag to carry freebies!
    - Notebook & pen
    - Phone/camera & charger
    - Comfortable shoes & weather-appropriate clothing
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## On the Day

### Campus & Facilities

- Take a guided or self-guided campus tour
- Visit your subjects facilities, library, IT facilities, and study spaces
- Check sports and leisure facilities
- Explore social spaces, cafés, and student union

### Accommodation

- View at least one type of accommodation
- Ask about costs, contracts, bills included, and internet access
- Check safety, location, and distance from campus/town
- Ask if you can live with friends or return after first year

### Course & Teaching

- Attend subject talk(s) or taster sessions

- Ask about:
  - Course structure and optional modules
  - Assessments (exams vs coursework)
  - Placement or work experience opportunities
  - Industry/professional links
  - Typical class sizes and contact hours

### **Student Support & Life**

- Speak to current students about their experience
- Ask about:
  - Academic support (tutors, mentoring)
  - Disability and mental health support
  - Careers and employability services
  - Student societies, clubs, volunteering
  - Transport links to local area

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### **After the Day - REFLECT**

- Note first impressions (atmosphere, friendliness, facilities)
- Write down what you liked/disliked
- Make a pros & cons list for each university
- Consider how you will travel to and from university
- Follow up with admissions staff if you have unanswered questions
- Compare with other universities you visit
- Talk to Mrs Southern to decide if university or an apprenticeship is for you. If you have questions about your university application please speak to your UCAS adviser