**UK university Open Day checklist**

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| ◻ | Book your Open Day through the university's website. |
| ◻ | If necessary, book your lectures, tour, lunch in the canteen etc. |
| ◻ | Plan your transport. |
| ◻ | Prepare a list of questions. Example questions are given below. |
| ◻ | Research your chosen course. Questions to research before visiting are given below. |
| ◻ | Create a timetable of your day. |
| ◻ | Print off a map of the campus |

horizontal line**WHAT TO DO DURING THE VISIT**

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| ◻ | Ask the questions you prepared! |
| ◻ | Pick up the contact email of the admissions officer and tour guides to be able to follow up with more questions later. |
| ◻ | Talk to faculty and staff! If you have the opportunity to meet professors that teach the subject you are interested in, ask them questions about your future career path. |
| ◻ | Talk to current students! They will be able to speak openly about the student experience and offer a very different perspective to an admissions officer. |
| ◻ | Check out the university facilities (accommodation, cafeteria, gym, swimming pool, library) |
| ◻ | Walk around the campus to get a feel for the community and atmosphere. |
| ◻ | Explore the surrounding town/city to get a feel for the area. |
| ◻ | Take notes of all your findings to refer back to later. |

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|  | **QUESTIONS TO RESEARCH BEFORE VISITING** |
| **◼** | Does the university offer my course? |
| **◼** | What is a typical offer for my course? |
| **◼** | Is there a university campus or are the buildings spread across a town/city? |
| **◼** | Are there any particular subjects that my course requires? |
| **◼** | Does this department require applicants to take an admissions test / sit an interview / provide a portfolio? |
| **◼** | How long is my course? |
| **◼** | How well is this university ranked for my course? |
| **◼** | How far away is this university from my home town? |

**Suggested questions for the open day**

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| **◼** | What is the university policy on gap years and deferred entry? |
| **◼** | Are any particular subjects or qualifications favoured in applications? |
| **◼** | What do admissions tutors look for in an application? |
| **◼** | What is the percentage of international students? Where does the student population come from? |
| **◼** | What happens to students who don’t meet their offer? Are there places in clearing? |
| **◼** | What do admissions tutors think of extracurricular activities on applications? |
| **◼** | Am I at an advantage if I send in my application early? |
| **◼** | Does the university provide any bursaries/scholarships? |
| **◼** | How many students study my course? |
| **◼** | What is the completion rate for my course? |
| **◼** | What are the career options for graduates of my course? |

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| **◼** | Is it expensive to live here? |
| **◼** | How much does accommodation / a night out / travel cost? |
| **◼** | What’s the workload like in a typical week? |
| **◼** | How have you found the teaching / facilities / course so far? |
| **◼** | Where do you like to study? |
| **◼** | Do you self-cater or eat at a canteen? How much does that cost? |
| **◼** | Why did you choose to apply to this university? |
| **◼** | How flexible is the course? Are you able to choose modules or change course? |
| **◼** | What extracurricular activities do you do? |
| **◼** | What is it like to live in this area? What is the surrounding community like? |
| **◼** | Is there time to have a job during the term? |

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| **◼** | Do lecturers help students outside of class? What opportunities do I have to meet with my lecturers for extra help? |
| **◼** | How many hours of teacher contact time will I receive? |
| **◼** | What is the student to faculty ratio? |
| **◼** | How big are the classes? |
| **◼** | What is it like to teach a lecture hall versus a small class? Do you try and get to know your students in both scenarios? How? |
| **◼** | What percentage of students take part in research? |
| **◼** | How is my subject examined? Coursework or written tests? |
| **◼** | Will I have to complete any group projects as part of my degree? |
| **◼** | What is your favorite thing about this college? Why do you choose to work here? |