

OPEN DAY CHECKLIST

The best way to find out about a particular course or university is to go to an open day.

To help you get the most out of the day, and get a real feel for the university you're visiting, here's a checklist of useful questions to ask while you're there.

The university

- Where is the university? Near the centre of town or on the outskirts?
- Are the public transport links good?
- Is the university on one campus, or spread out?
- Is accommodation in university halls available for first years?
- Are the halls near to the main campus?
- How much is accommodation?
- What's the student support like?
- Are there any clubs and societies?
- Finance - are there any scholarships or bursaries?

The course

- How is the course taught? What's the balance between lectures/seminars and self-guided learning?
- What's a typical week like?
- How is the course assessed? Exams, coursework, both?
- What are the entry requirements?
- Are applicants interviewed for the course?
- What facilities are there to help learning? Are there any course-specific facilities?
- Are there built-in work placements or opportunities for hands-on experience?
- What are the course fees? Are there any additional costs?
- What are the graduate employment prospects from this course?