

# Welcome to the Year 12 Higher Education Launch 3rd February 2021

# Mrs Radford Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)



# Aims

- To inform both students and parents of key aspects of the HE application process.
- To outline the various Post 18 options.
- To inform both students and parents of support at Gordon's Sixth Form for the various options.
- To hear from University of Exeter for a university perspective.



# Sixth Form team for Post 18 steps

Head of Sixth Form Mrs Radford Deputy Head (Y13) Mrs Hughes Deputy Head (Y12) Mrs Nash

Oxbridge Co-ordinator: Mrs Wright Medical/Dentistry/Veterinary careers co-ordinator: Miss Ali Careers Advisor: Mrs Sims SIXTH FORM TUTORS



# Post 18 Options







# University pathway

Unifrog as research base for short listing universities and courses

UCAS.com registration and form completion

Application sent off



### Phase 1 Unifrog: February – June

1. HE launch event- tonight! Focus from now on should be on research.

2. April UCAS Fair – virtual

3. Attend Open Days at Universities of interest – may be virtual for now

4. Higher Education meeting for parents (in June)

5. Higher Education Day (in June for students): personal statement writing workshop

6. Log on to UCAS and begin the application



### Second phase UCAS: June- December 2021

- UCAS account is created by students
- There are several sections which students fill in:
  - Personal details June deadline
  - Education June deadline
  - Choices
  - Personal statement
  - School reference (tutor writes this)





# The UCAS Process - an overview June – December 2021

- 1. Students create a UCAS account in summer term
- 2. They add **5 choices** of courses/universities that they think they can access based on their predicted grades
- 3. They need to write **one personal statement** to convince admissions tutors to offer them a place
  - Deadline for this is by October half term 2021
- 4. We write a reference for them during October/November
- 5. I send the application off with the students
  - UK deadline typically 15 January 2022 but my deadline is November 2021
- 6. We wait to receive offers
- 7. Students then narrow down their 5 choices to final two by May: a firm choice and then an insurance choice



# What are the different types of universities?





### RUSSELL GROUP

#### RUSSELL

**University of Birmingham University of Bristol** University of Cambridge **Cardiff University Durham University** University of Edinburgh University of Exeter University of Glasgow Imperial College London **King's College London** University of Leeds University of Liverpool London School of Economics and Political Science University of Manchester **Newcastle University** University of Nottingham University of Oxford **Queen Mary University of London Queen's University Belfast** University of Sheffield University of Southampton University College London University of Warwick University of York

GROUP

'Typical' offer A\*AA or AAA at A Level

**Could** be AAB with an EPQ (Grade A\*- A)





# **THE FORMER 1994 GROUP**

- Birkbeck, University of London
- University of East Anglia
- University of Essex
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- Institute of Education, University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Lancaster University
- University of Leicester
- Loughborough University
- School of Oriental and African Studies
- University of Sussex

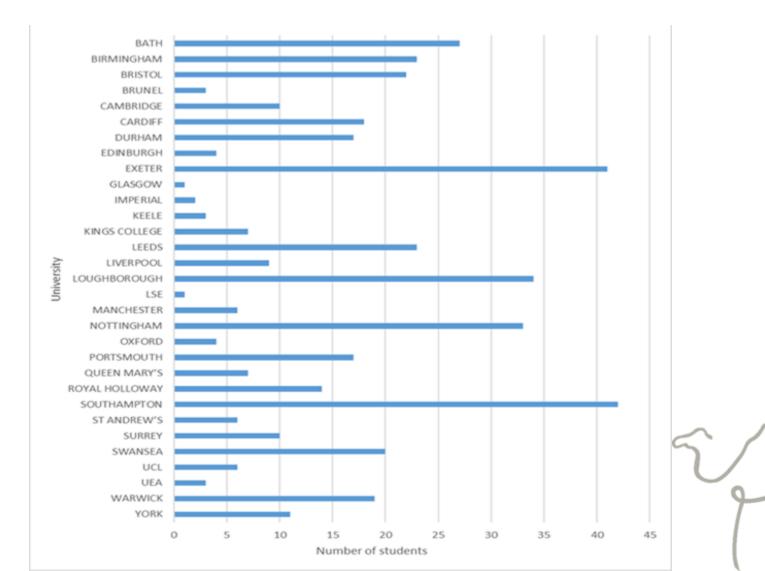
Containing research intensive universities = 'red brick'

'Typical' offers AAB or ABB





### Top destinations over time





# **Open Days Information**

- www.unitasterdays.com/
- www.opendays.com/
- <u>www.ucas.com/events/exploring-</u> <u>university/find-open-day</u>
- www.uni4me.co.uk

Make an informed choice

Visit us at an Open Day









# Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Mrs Hughes





# Preparation for employment & Higher Apprenticeships

What does Gordon's offer?

- apprenticeships events and assessment centre preparation
- work experience
- careers interviews
- CV writing workshops
- Insight talks





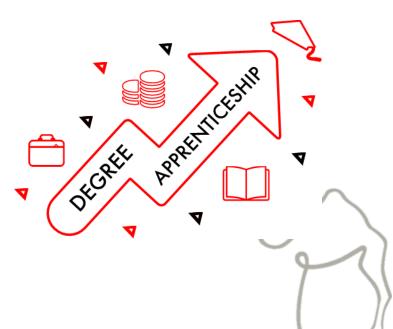


# What are apprenticeships?



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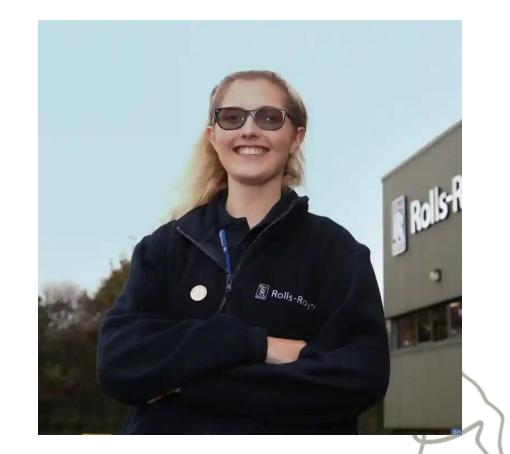
- ➢ A REAL JOB WITH A REAL EMPLOYER
- PAID A SALARY
- > QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
- ➢ CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT, HOLIDAY, SICK
- SUPPORT FROM TRAINING PROVIDER/UNIVERSITY
- > 3-6 YEARS





# Degree apprenticeships

- Students study for a degree and earn money at the same time.
- Apprentices are employed throughout the training and spend part of their time at university (minimum 20%) and the rest with the employer.





#### Degree Apprenticeships at Russell Group Universities



#### Queen Mary University of London

- Chartered Manager
- Software Engineer

#### **University of Exeter**

- Civil Engineering
- Applied Finance (J.P. Morgan)

#### **University of Birmingham**

 Computer Science with Digital Technology

#### University of Warwick

- Engineering (Dyson)
- Social Work





# **Current** apprenticeships

#### https://www.dysoninstitute.com/media/1642/thedysoninstitute\_2021entry\_presentat



#### An immersive engineering degree for the next generation

The Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology is unlike any other higher education institution. It's for those with a passion for solving problems and a fascination for how things work; people who'd rather get hands-on with real engineering challenges.

Our Undergraduate Engineers work alongside the Dyson Technology Global Engineering team from day one. They contribute to live projects, while





Locationnationwide
Salary£21,000-£28,000
Posted14 Dec 2020
Closes18 Jan 2021
Specialism <u>Finance</u>
SectorAccounting, Banking & Financial Services
Role Type <u>Apprenticeship, Degree</u>
Start Date <u>September</u>
Duration 24 months +

RecruiterGovernment EconomicServic



### **Typical apprentice employers**

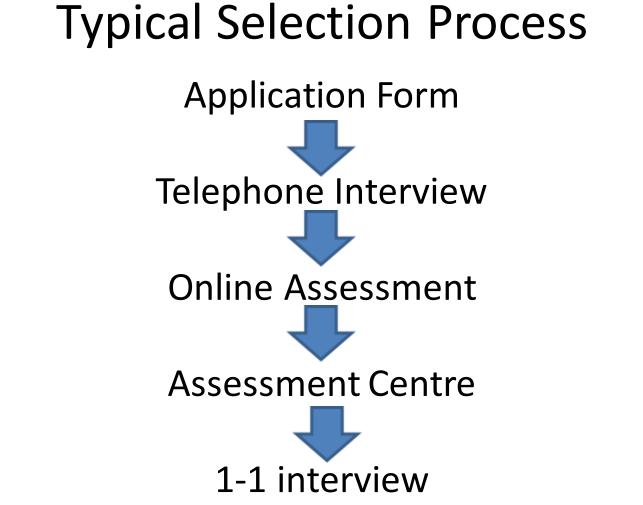




# What are employers looking for?

Flexibility and adaptability	Team work	The ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines
The ability to be proactive and work on your own initiative	Honesty and reliability	Attention to detail
Discretion / understanding of confidentiality issues	Ability to think quickly in a crisis	Resilience









### Ellen

- Left Sixth form in 2019
- 2 year Higher ApprenticeshipSports Journalism
- Selected from over 300 applicants
- Completed exams on shorthand, journalism, law public
   affairs, OFCOM and video
   journalism
- Started in studio in January 2020

# sky sports





### Where to find advice on apprenticeships

- The National Apprenticeship Service <u>website</u>.
- Take a look at company websites you are interested in.
- UCAS website
- The <u>National Careers Service</u> is good for advice.
- Careers department at Gordon's. Contact Mrs Sims who is Head of Careers.







# From a university perspective

#### University of Exeter





# Applying to The University of Exeter

Amy Williams

**Outreach Officer** 



#### **University of Exeter Campuses**



#### **Undergraduate courses**

 At Exeter: over 600 programmes (UG, PGT, PGCE, PGR) In the UK: over 36,000 UG courses!

 Humanities, Social Science and International Studies, Engineering, Maths and Physical Sciences, Exeter Medical School, Life and Environmental Sciences

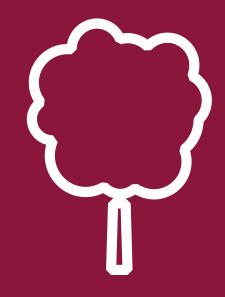
 Opportunities for studying abroad, industrial placements in the UK and discipline-related field trips



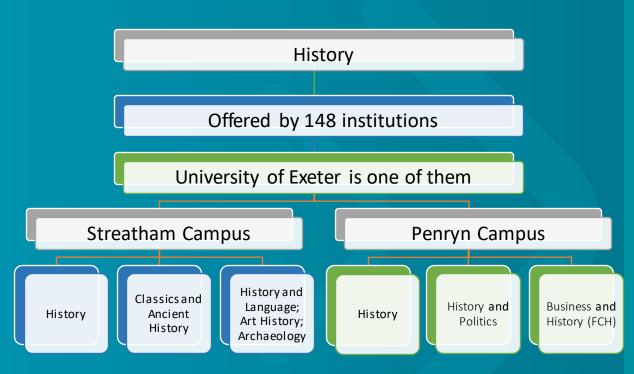
#### **Undergraduate courses**

- BSc: Bachelor of Science (typically 3 years)
- BA: Bachelor of Arts (typically 3 years)
- MSci: Master of Science (integrated masters degree – typically 4 years)
- "Sandwich years" Industrial Experience/Year in Industry Study Abroad year
- During your degree: Internships, Field Work, Work experience, Languages and more.





### Making your choice: Subject







#### Making your choice: Competitive Universities

Ranking	University	Ranking	University
1	University of Oxford	11	University of Bristol
2	University of St Andrews	12	University of Glasgow
3	University of Cambridge	13	University of Edinburgh
4	Durham University	14	UCL
5	LSE	15	University of Strathclyde
6	University of Bath	16	University of Exeter
7	Loughborough University	16	University of York
8	University of Warwick	18	University of Leeds
9	Imperial College London	19	University of Dundee
10	Lancaster University	20	University of Aberdeen

Source: The Guardian league table 2021

#### **Admissions to Exeter**

- 42,000 applications
- Planned intake is approx. 5,900
- Approximately 35,000 offers
- Offer ranges published on UCAS and on our web pages





#### **Entry Qualifications**

- GCSE English grade C (4) or equivalent
- Check specific subject requirements: GCSEs relevant here
- Range of Level 3 qualifications accepted including A Levels, International, European & Welsh Baccalaureates, Pre-U and BTECs;
- A mixture of A-Level and Pre-U (or other quals) is fine
- We don't offer on General Studies A Level
- Offers are based on 3 subjects but extras may be considered if you are borderline in the summer
- Extended Projected can make a difference students who obtain an A may receive a lower offer





#### **Our Process**

- Personal Statements
- References
- Qualifications predicted & achieved
- Contextual data
  - Non-academic excellence
  - Extenuating Circumstances
  - Low Participation Neighbourhood (LPN)
  - Care leavers
  - Carers & estranged students
  - School type/performance





#### **Our Offers**

- Personalised: geared to predictions but will not be higher than the stated range
- May be lower (contextual offers) or incentivised (reduced if you make us Firm)
- No unconditional offers *before* your exams





#### **Personal Statements**

- Support our decision
- Should be 75-80% on subject
- Additional/substitute statements rarely needed
- Rarely decisive overall
- Provide helpful context
- Reviewed for borderline applications (prior to offer or in the summer)





#### Interviews

- Medicine requires an interview if selected these are competence based
- Some other programmes may invite you for an interview; this is an opportunity for you to explore whether the course is right for you





## We are looking for applicants who...

- Are suited to the course
- Have the *qualifications* and *qualities* to <u>succeed</u> on the programme
- Are ambitious, conscientious & hardworking
- Are able to work under pressure
- Can adjust to the new university environment
- Show dedication to the course & have researched it
- Have a genuine interest in the subject
- AND a desire to learn more...



## EXETER

## DISCOVER





exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity



## Oxbridge

### Co-ordinator: Mrs M Wright





#### Process

BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT), in November.	Classics Admissions Test (CAT)		English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)	
History Aptitude Test (HAT)	Mathen Aptitude Te		Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT)	
Oriental Languages Test (OLAT)	Physics Aptitude Test (PAT)		Philosophy Test	
Thinking Assessm Oxf	ent (TSA)	Medicine and B		

- Early deadline for UCAS: internal
   15 September
- UCAS 15 October
- Admissions tests: 3 November 2021

#### https://www.admissionstesting.org/

Interviews: early December

Please note: It is the responsibility of each applicant to check which test is required and to register as required (via Mrs Clinch, examinations officer or online) and to ensure the date is in the diary as **it may fall in October half term.** 



# Oxford/Cambridge & Medicine applications

Is it right for me?

- Excellent academic credentials: A/A\*PGS across the board
- Wide range of further reading
- Passion, interest and love of subject
- Extensive work experience (medicine related courses)



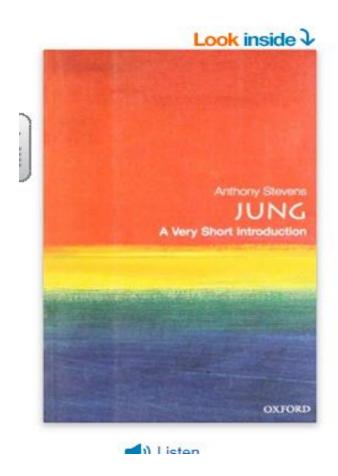
## The support we offer

- Talks with Oxbridge graduate and outreach officers in Spring term
- HE day: guidance on *personal* statement; UCAT & BMAT support
- September: 1:1 session on statement & support with UCAS form
- Reference using guidance from Oxbridge tutors
- Support within departments on further reading and admissions test preparation
- November/December: interview practice



## What are they looking for?

- Independence
- Intellectual curiosity
- Studiousness
- Love of subject
- Determination and willingness to work hard & under pressure
- A demonstrable scholarly instinct
- Flexibility of thought





## Unifrog

### Mrs Nash - Deputy Head (Year 12)





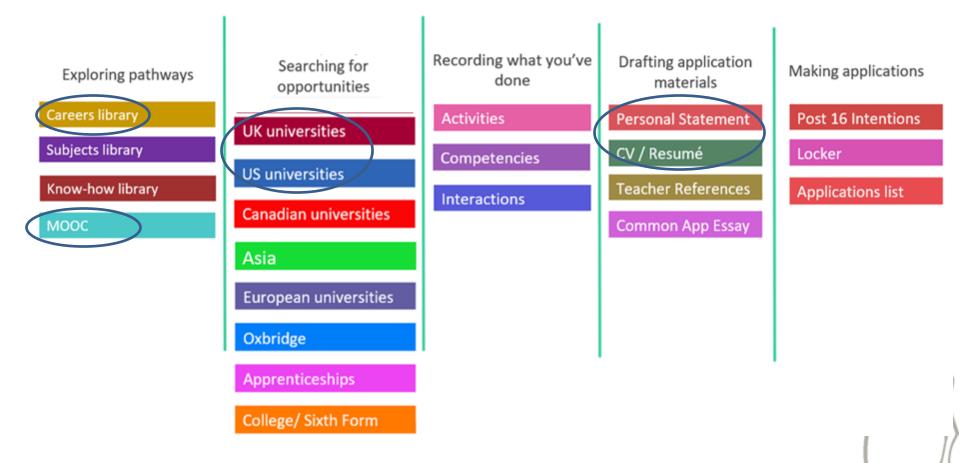
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## unifrog

### The Complete Destinations Platform



### Available resources





### Featured guides

#### Featured guides

Here are some of our latest and most useful guides



Writing like a boss: the Personal Statement 12 tips for acing the UK Personal Statement Read the guide >

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How to manage your workload Learn how to make the most of your time Read the guide >



What are MOOCs and why should you take one? Find out why these online courses can be so beneficial Read the guide >



## What are the **best grades** you're likely to get by the time you leave school / college?

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* Qualification 1	A Level	\$	A (48 points)	\$
* Qualification 2	A Level	\$	A (48 points)	\$
* Qualification 3	A Level	\$	B (40 points)	\$
* Qualification 4	AS Level	\$	B (16 points)	\$
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#### Any of these interest you?

Select up to 10 at a time by clicking on the subjects you like

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Subjects you might like (49)	Accounting and Law	
(4)	Archaeology and Law	
	Business Law	
	Business Management and Law	
	Commercial Law	
	Corporate Law	
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	Criminology and Criminal Justice and Law	
	Criminology and Criminal Law	
	English Language and Law	
	English Literature and Law	$\leq \wedge$
	Human Resource Management and Law	$\mathcal{O}$
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#### Search Unifrog to find the best university courses for you

* Subject	Law			
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Aspirational (157) Top of your range	Solid (100) In the middle	Safe (87) At the bottom		
<ul> <li>Law - 3FT BA (Hons)</li> <li>University of Cambridge</li> <li>RG A Level: A*,A,A</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Law (Certificate) - 3FT LLB</li> <li>University of Kent A Level: B,B,C</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>International Foundation Arts, Humanities and Law - 4FT BA (Hons)</li> <li>Oxford Brookes University Foundation year</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Law - 3FT LLB (Hons)</li> <li>King's College London, University o</li> <li>London</li> <li>A Level: A*,A,A</li> </ul>	Law - 3FT LLB (Hons)     University of Lincoln     A Level: B,B,C	UCAS Points: 88		
<ul> <li>Law (Bachelor of Laws) - 3FT LLB (Hons)</li> <li>London School of Economics and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Law for Business - 3FT BA (Hons)</li> <li>University of Lincoln A Level: B,B,C</li> </ul>	University of Westminster, London A Level: C,C,D Foundation year		
RG Political Science, University of	<ul> <li>Law - 3FT/6PT LLB (Hons)</li> <li>Oxford Brookes University</li> </ul>	🞓 Law, Criminology and Criminal		



## Use the ranking and filtering tools to narrow down your university searches

Entry requirements A	verage points	% Graduate jobs	Fees Starting	g salary Dropou	t rate Hours of lect	ures Hours (	of tutorials	
Hours of workshops	% Satisfaction	% Application succe	ess (Overall) %	Application success	(UK) Size of uni	% internationa	al	
Guardian rank Guardi	an Law rank	Guardian Accounting	g & Finance rank	QS world rank	Accommodation cost	Distance fro	om hom	Social life
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#### Select courses below

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Rank 👻 Filter 👻 Search 👻

Aspirational (46) Top of your range	Solid (149) In the middle	Safe (212) At the bottom
<ul> <li>Law - 3FT BA (Hons)</li> <li>University of Cambridge</li> <li>RG A Level: A*,A,A</li> </ul>	Flexible Combined Honours - 3FT BA/BSc (H) University of Exeter A Level: A,A,B-A*,A,A	<ul> <li>Law (Certificate) - 3FT LLB</li> <li>University of Kent</li> <li>A Level: B,B,C</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>Law (Bachelor of Laws) - 3FT LLB (Hons)</li> <li>London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>English Law - 3FT LLB (Hons)</li> <li>University of Strathclyde A Level: A,A,B-A,A,A</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Global Challenges (Planetary Health) with Professional Practice - 4SW BASc (Hon)</li> <li>Brunel University London A Level: B,B,C</li> </ul>
A Level: A*,A,A Law with Hispanic Law (4 years) - 4FT •	Law - 3FT LLB (Hons) University of Exeter RG A Level: A,A,B-A,A,A	<ul> <li>Law - 3FT LLB (Hons)</li> <li>University of Lincoln</li> <li>A Level: B,B,C</li> </ul>
UCL (University College London) RG A Level: A*,A,A	<ul> <li>Law (Eng/NI) - 3FT LLB (Hons)</li> <li>University of Dundee</li> <li>A Level: A,A,B</li> </ul>	Law and Business - 3FT/4SW BA (Hons)
<ul> <li>Law with German Law (4 years) - 4FT</li> <li>LLB (Hons)</li> <li>UCL (University College London)</li> </ul>	Combined Honours - 3FT + Abroad BA (Hons)	Liverpool John Moores University A Level: B,B,C



#### 🞓 Law - 3FT LLB (Hons)

University of Exeter

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A Law degree from the University of Exeter offers a unique blend of academic rigour; including critical, theoretical and reflective dimensions; from one of the top global universities that is also a member of the prestigious Russell Group; with the excitement of experiencing the law in action. Our programmes are taught with a legal profession-facing emphasis on substantive content that is of real-life relevance, whilst developing the academic and practical skills required by the legal profession and employers more generally. In addition, the Exeter Law School challenges its undergraduate law students to maximise their potential.



#### Getting in

Overall Application success rate 14%

UK Application success rate 14%

**Entry requirements A Level** A,A,B-A,A,A Full-time 3 Years: Excluding General Studies

*You're taking more than one type of qualification, so on the course page double check that you will still meet the entry requirements.* 

#### Last year's successful applicants

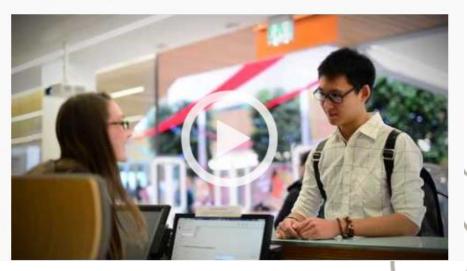
A Level: AAB

69.8% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was:

#### Unofficial overview

"The University of Exeter is split across three campuses with the main one being based in the gorgeous surrounds of the Devonshire countryside walking distance from the city centre of Exeter. The Guild is central to student life and is member-led, meaning that students have a direct say in events that are put on and how it is run. The ambitious university is consistently ranked in the top 10 and is investing heavily in new facilities ensuring that its research and teaching are always at the top of their game. The state of the art sports facilities are just one reason why Exeter is considered one of the best universities for sport as well. The small city means that students will find it easy to feel at home."

#### Campus or City: CAMPUS





#### Oxbridge

Here's how Oxford and Cambridge compare at a glance (you can only apply to one of them):

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	University of Oxford	University of Cambridge
Date founded	1096	1209
Total students	22,600	19,900
City population	158,000	138,750
State / Independent school students	57% / 43%	63% / 37%
Male / Female students	52% / 48%	54% / 46%
Average UCAS points	571	601
Average graduate starting salary	£25,460	£25,610
Wealth	£4,900,000,000	£4,355,000,000



#### University of Oxford (14)

#### University of Cambridge (23)

<ul> <li>Worcester College Est 1714</li> <li>Beautiful, friendly, relaxed</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Trinity College Est 1546</li> <li>Grand, traditional, rich</li></ul>
Academic ranking: 2nd	Academic ranking: 1st
<ul> <li>Jesus College Est 1571</li> <li>Small, close-knit, welcoming</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Trinity Hall Est 1350</li> <li>Idyllic, small, central</li></ul>
Academic ranking: 4th	Academic ranking: 3rd
<ul> <li>St John's College Est 1555</li> <li>Academic, rich, big</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Jesus College Est 1496</li> <li>Friendly, historic, secluded</li></ul>
Academic ranking: 5th	Academic ranking: 4th
<ul> <li>Hertford College Est 1740</li> <li>Democratic, unpretentious, central</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Emmanuel College Est 1584</li> <li>Traditional, beautiful, academic</li></ul>
Academic ranking: 7th	Academic ranking: 5th
<ul> <li>St Catherine's College Est 1963</li> <li>Social, friendly, sporty</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Churchill College Est 1960</li> <li>Friendly, informal, recreational</li></ul>
Academic ranking: 11th	Academic ranking: 6th
<ul> <li>St Anne's College Est 1952</li> <li>Sociable, relaxed, down-to-earth</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Queens' College Est 1448</li> <li>Large, friendly, relaxed</li></ul>
Academic ranking: 12th	Academic ranking: 7th
<ul> <li>Christ Church Est 1546</li> <li>Prestigious, proud and touristy</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Clare College Est 1326</li> <li>Musical, informal, welcoming</li></ul>
Academic ranking: 16th	Academic ranking: 8th
<ul> <li>Keble College Est 1870</li> <li>Friendly, buzzing, gothic</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Christ's College Est 1505</li> <li>Friendly, intellectual, green</li></ul>
Academic ranking: 18th	Academic ranking: 9th
<ul> <li>Brasenose College Est 1509</li> <li>Old, stately, warm Academic ranking: 19th</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Magdalene College Est 1428</li> <li>Small, old, welcoming</li> <li>Academic ranking: 10th</li> </ul>





## Apprenticeships

#### Select Vacancies below

Pick the best vacancies for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done. We are only showing vacancies within 100 miles of your house. Remove this filter?

Rank 
Filter 
Search

Intermediate (68) Equivalent to GCSEs	Advanced (62) Equivalent to A-levels	Higber / SLP (38) Equivalent to a degree
<ul> <li>Finance Assistant Apprentice</li> <li>Cistor Ltd</li> <li>Distance: 7 miles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accounts &amp; Office Assistant</li> <li>Jafferies Ca Ltd</li> <li>Distance: 5 miles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Audit Apprentice</li> <li>Smith &amp; Williamson</li> <li>Distance: 8 miles</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Finance Apprentice</li> <li>Brooklands College FE Distance: 8 miles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Apprentice Shift Manager Bracknell</li> <li>Pizza Hut UK Ltd</li> <li>Distance: 7 miles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School Leaver Trainee Accountant - Immediate Start - Sutton</li> <li>Mazars Distance: 20 miles</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Administration and Finance Apprentice</li> <li>A J Cooke Carpentry Limited Distance: 11 miles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accounting Assistant Apprentice</li> <li>Tax Assist Accountants Distance: 14 miles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Audit School Leaver Trainee - 2016 - Sutton</li> <li>Mazars</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Accountant Apprentice</li> <li>Italian Continental Stores Ltd Distance: 13 miles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AAT Accountant / Bookkeeper Apprentice</li> <li>SIT-STAND.COM Distance: 15 miles</li> </ul>	Distance: 20 miles School Leaver Trainee Accountant - 2016 - Sutton
<ul> <li>AAT Accounts Apprenticeship</li> <li>Taxsolvers Ltd</li> </ul>	Apprentice Shift Manager Reading Oracle	Mazars Distance: 20 miles
Distance: 15 miles	Pizza Hut UK Ltd Distance: 16 miles	<ul> <li>Hospitality Apprenticeship</li> <li>Four Marks Golf Ltd</li> <li>Distanse: 22 miles</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Accounts Assistant Apprenticeship</li> <li>NAssounting Convises</li> </ul>	- Appropriate Accountant Accistant	Distance: 23 miles



## So what's next...

Mrs Radford





## UCAS

Planned timeline 2021

3rd February 2021	HE Launch: Spring = research using Unifrog
April 2021	UCAS Fair - Virtual
June 2021 tbc	HE Evening parents and students
June 2021 tbc	HE Day - Personal statement writing workshop (Unifrog & UCAS)
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry deadline
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	All other students complete UCAS application
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov onwards 2021	Applications sent off

Early applications = early offers