

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?





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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

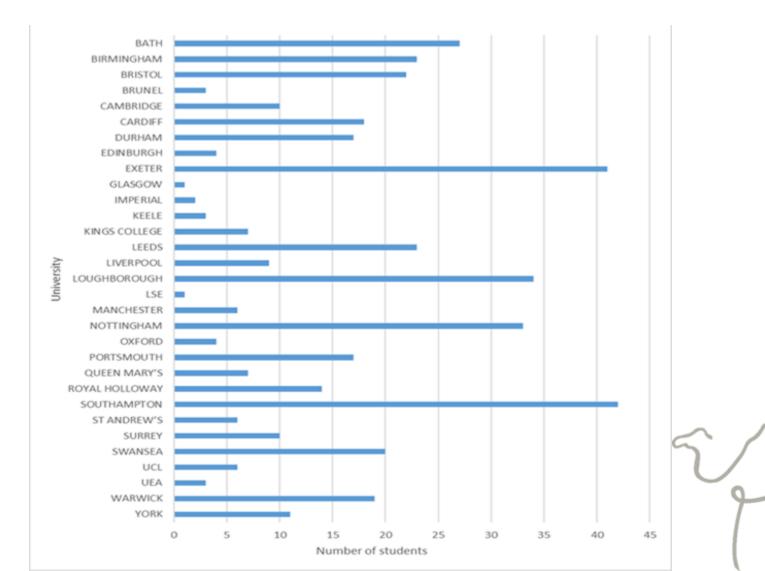
Containing research intensive universities = 'red brick'

'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?



WORK + LEARN = APPRENTICESHIPS

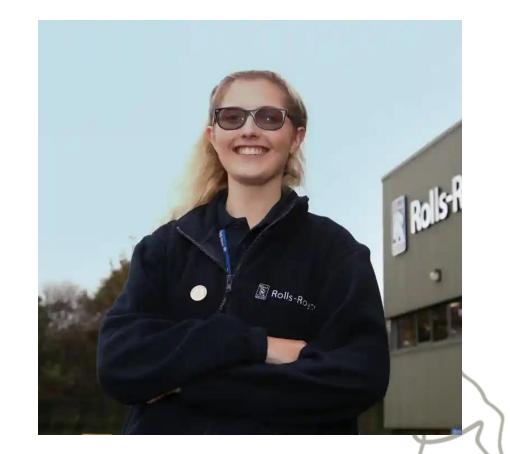
- ➢ A REAL JOB WITH A REAL EMPLOYER
- PAID A SALARY
- > QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
- ➢ CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT, HOLIDAY, SICK
- SUPPORT FROM TRAINING PROVIDER/UNIVERSITY
- > 3-6 YEARS





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



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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

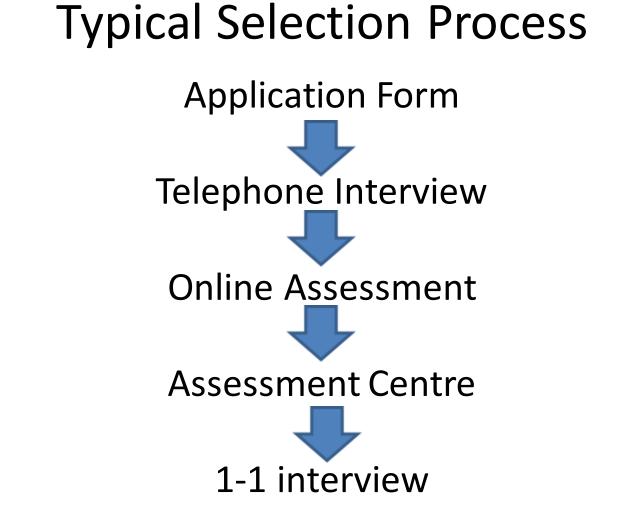




What are employers looking for?

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

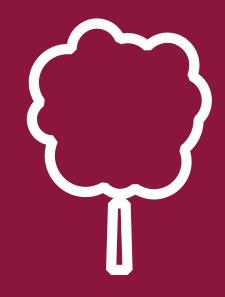
 Opportunities for studying abroad, industrial placements in the UK and discipline-related field trips



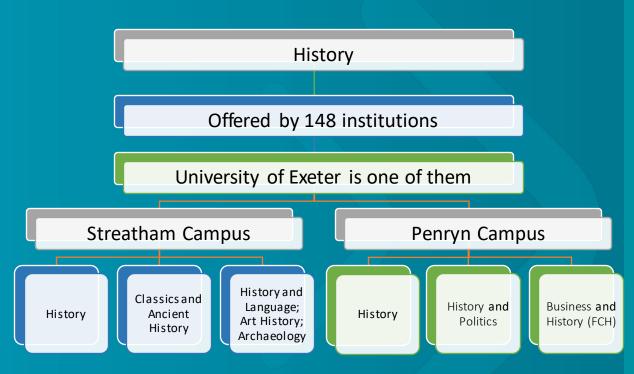
Undergraduate courses

- 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)



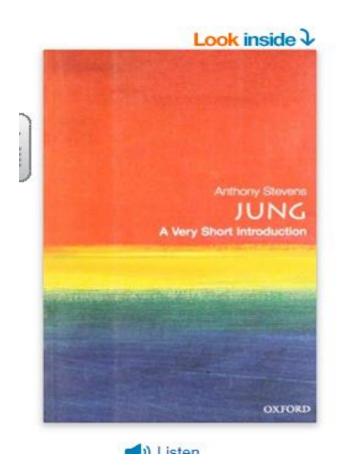
The support we offer

- 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)





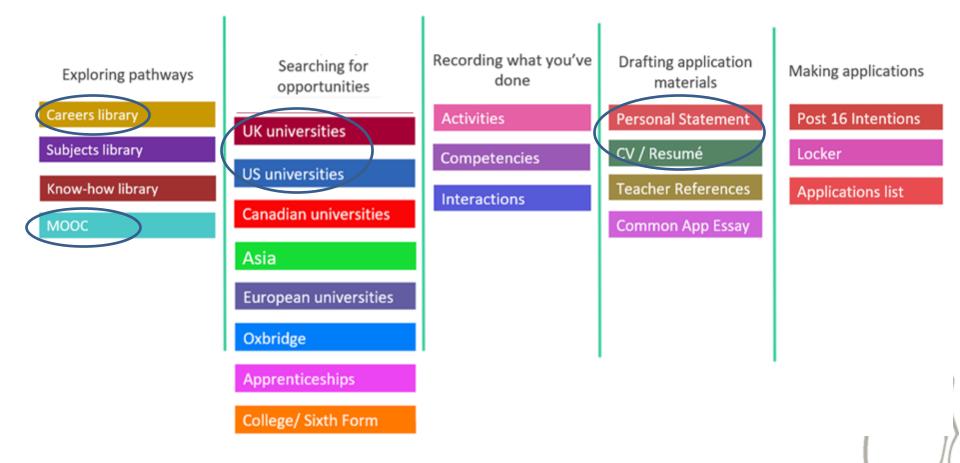
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Available resources





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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	
	Criminal Investigation and Psychology and Law and Criminology Foundation Year	
	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		
 Law - 3FT BA (Hons) University of Cambridge RG A Level: A*,A,A 	 Law (Certificate) - 3FT LLB University of Kent A Level: B,B,C 	 International Foundation Arts, Humanities and Law - 4FT BA (Hons) Oxford Brookes University Foundation year 		
 Law - 3FT LLB (Hons) King's College London, University o London A Level: A*,A,A 	Law - 3FT LLB (Hons) University of Lincoln A Level: B,B,C	UCAS Points: 88		
 Law (Bachelor of Laws) - 3FT LLB (Hons) London School of Economics and 	 Law for Business - 3FT BA (Hons) University of Lincoln A Level: B,B,C 	University of Westminster, London A Level: C,C,D Foundation year		
RG Political Science, University of	 Law - 3FT/6PT LLB (Hons) Oxford Brookes University 	🞓 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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Rank 👻 Filter 👻 Search 👻

Aspirational (46) Top of your range	Solid (149) In the middle	Safe (212) At the bottom
 Law - 3FT BA (Hons) University of Cambridge RG A Level: A*,A,A 	Flexible Combined Honours - 3FT BA/BSc (H) University of Exeter A Level: A,A,B-A*,A,A	 Law (Certificate) - 3FT LLB University of Kent A Level: B,B,C
 Law - 3FT LLB (Hons) King's College London, University of London A Level: A*,A,A 	 Law and Business Studies - 3FT BA (Hons) University of Warwick RG A Level: A,A,B 	 Law with Business Studies - 3FT LLB (Hons) Bangor University UCAS Points: 112-128
 Law (Bachelor of Laws) - 3FT LLB (Hons) London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London 	 English Law - 3FT LLB (Hons) University of Strathclyde A Level: A,A,B-A,A,A 	 Global Challenges (Planetary Health) with Professional Practice - 4SW BASc (Hon) Brunel University London A Level: B,B,C
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	 Law - 3FT LLB (Hons) University of Lincoln A Level: B,B,C
UCL (University College London) RG A Level: A*,A,A	 Law (Eng/NI) - 3FT LLB (Hons) University of Dundee A Level: A,A,B 	Law and Business - 3FT/4SW BA (Hons)
 Law with German Law (4 years) - 4FT LLB (Hons) UCL (University College London) 	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

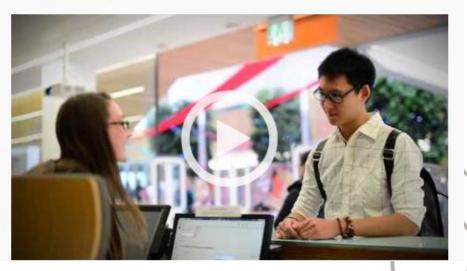
A Level: AAB

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)

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





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
 Finance Assistant Apprentice Cistor Ltd Distance: 7 miles 	 Accounts & Office Assistant Jafferies Ca Ltd Distance: 5 miles 	 Audit Apprentice Smith & Williamson Distance: 8 miles
 Finance Apprentice Brooklands College FE Distance: 8 miles 	 Apprentice Shift Manager Bracknell Pizza Hut UK Ltd Distance: 7 miles 	 School Leaver Trainee Accountant - Immediate Start - Sutton Mazars Distance: 20 miles
 Administration and Finance Apprentice A J Cooke Carpentry Limited Distance: 11 miles 	 Accounting Assistant Apprentice Tax Assist Accountants Distance: 14 miles 	 Audit School Leaver Trainee - 2016 - Sutton Mazars
 Accountant Apprentice Italian Continental Stores Ltd Distance: 13 miles 	 AAT Accountant / Bookkeeper Apprentice SIT-STAND.COM Distance: 15 miles 	Distance: 20 miles School Leaver Trainee Accountant - 2016 - Sutton
 AAT Accounts Apprenticeship Taxsolvers Ltd 	Apprentice Shift Manager Reading Oracle	Mazars Distance: 20 miles
Distance: 15 miles	Pizza Hut UK Ltd Distance: 16 miles	 Hospitality Apprenticeship Four Marks Golf Ltd Distanse: 22 miles
 Accounts Assistant Apprenticeship NAssounting Convises 	- 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 th October 2021	Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry deadline
16 th Oct 2021	All other students complete UCAS application
1 st Nov onwards 2021	Applications sent off

Early applications = early offers