Open Days and Course Choice

Open Days

Open Days can play a huge part in choosing which university to go to. If travelling in person isn’t an option, a number of universities now have virtual open days too so pupils don’t miss out. Some universities even offer a travel fund for individuals to apply to visit, such as the [University of East Anglia](https://www.uea.ac.uk/visit/travel-fund).

[UCAS](https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/events-and-open-days) have a helpful page with information on how to prepare and get the most from a visit, as well as [dates for scheduled in-person and virtual open days](https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/events?query=open%20days) and we have some further advice [here too](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68pozJPcg7I).

Course Choice

Subject choice at university will come with a number of factors, based on pupil enjoyment of a subject through to current career aspirations and the qualifications needed to get there which will require some research.

[Informed Choices](https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/) has a useful site to see how subject choice might affect what courses are open to pupils at Russell Group universities. It’s important to remember that some courses will have required and preferred subjects and this will vary depending on the university. You should also bear in mind that for some professional qualifications or professions, such as surveying, accountancy and law, there are options for conversion courses once students have completed their undergraduate study. As an example, a student may study engineering as their undergraduate degree and then choose to enrol with a professional body that will allow them to train as an Accountant. You can find a more detailed explanation on the process [here](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/accountancy-banking-and-finance/how-to-become-an-accountant).

You can explore course choice further on the [UCAS](https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/how-choose-right-undergraduate-course-you) site where they have a section full of top tips, how-to guides, subject guides and course outlines.