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Skills Jersey, which includes Careers Guidance, Mentors, and the Skills Development Team, is part of the Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department. It is a centre of excellence with clear links connecting education and lifelong learners with industry.



Careers Guidance

Our Careers Guidance team offer free, confidential and impartial advice to people of all ages including school pupils, students aged 16 and over and adults.



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Skills Mentoring

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THE JERSEY

HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

11TH MARCH

Skills Jersey is proud to be hosting Jersey's Higher Education Fair for its 33rd year at The Radisson Blu Hotel on Tuesday 11 March in partnership with KPMG. This is an excellent opportunity for you to interact and connect with Higher Education representatives from over 35 universities from across the UK and further afield. Whether it's about kick-starting research or refining choices, you can discover a future that's right for you.

Schools will also be holding a range of inspirational talks from university representatives from the UK and abroad throughout the week. It's the perfect opportunity to ask those burning questions that Google just can't answer.

On the day, you can speak to the Student Finance team for advice on funding, plus specific queries such as deferring and gap years. Our Careers Guidance team will be available for general career advice.

Additionally, several companies offering apprenticeships will be present, ensuring students have maximum exposure to a wide range of Higher Education opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event and future Higher Education events.

Gary Thebault-Tobin

Skills Development Lead

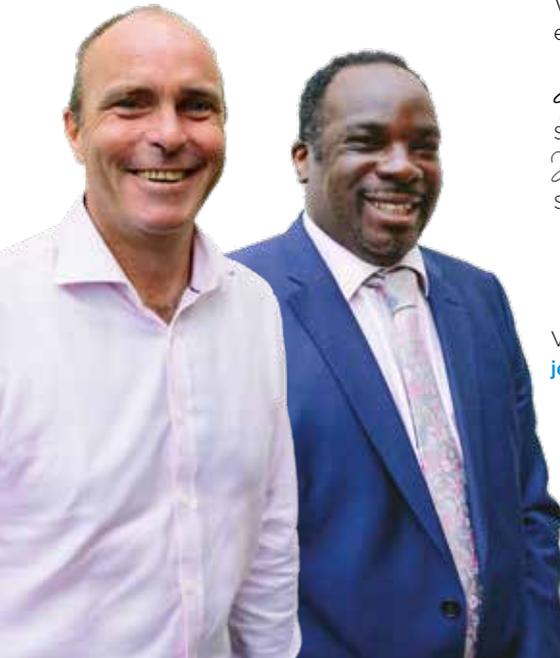
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DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS...

The aim of this guide is to help anyone interested in studying for a higher education qualification (whether in the UK, on-Island, distance learning (online) or elsewhere in the world), or looking into opportunities to study whilst in employment with the support of their employer.

In this guide we have compiled information on a wide range of options in order to help you with the important decisions you have ahead. We have included case studies from individuals that have already done their research, made their decisions and wanted to share their experiences of the process. This publication is a great place to start the process, but the key to making the right decision for you is research.

Whatever your age, whatever your situation, we're here to help and if you require any advice on your options please contact Skills Jersey on 01534 449440 to arrange a free and impartial guidance appointment.





WHY CHOOSE HIGHER EDUCATION?

What's it all about? University is not just about learning – the experience can enrich your life in other ways. You will:

Get your first true taste of independence and freedom - build self-confidence, experience all aspects of student life, broaden your horizons, meet new people and gain a qualification that's internationally recognised. UK higher education qualifications are respected by employers and academics worldwide.

Develop the essential skills you'll need in your career and working life – University can help you develop skills such as communication, organisation, time-management, problem-solving and independence

Experience student life – yes, you're expected to work hard but Uni is also fun. Whatever your interests, there are a huge range of clubs, societies and a diverse social life on offer.¹

ucas.com/undergraduate/student-life/why-choose-higher-education



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Atharva Menghal, Tax Associate



here...



"I was given the opportunity to choose what qualification I would like to study towards, and the company has been very supportive in my choices."

Carys Tostevin, Tax Associate

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Shreyash Rane, Business Advisory Associate

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STEPS TO UNIVERSITY



YEAR 12

OCT-SEP

Research Universities

- Consider your personal and professional goals and what's important to you
- Check university websites
- UCAS, Discover Uni and other university websites can help you narrow down your choices
- Attend University Open Days
- University Summer School – try out uni for a few days



MARCH

Jersey Higher Education Fair

A great opportunity to connect with universities in the UK; International and On-Island.



JUNE 30TH

Final application for all undergraduate courses.

Applications received after this date are entered into clearing

AUGUST

A level results day

Check your UCAS Hub from 8am. Your Conditional offers should change to Unconditional if grades are met.

Your Conditional will go to Unsuccessful if grades are not met. If no offers are held or, you have changed your mind you can go through Clearing to find an alternative course

JULY

5 July Clearing opens.

If you are a late applicant or do not hold a university place you can apply for an available course through Clearing.



YEAR 13



SEPTEMBER

Start to complete your UCAS application form online.

Decide on your 5 choices.
Find out when your school deadline is. It may be earlier than the UCAS deadline so your teachers can write your references.



OCTOBER

Deadline normally around 15/16 October for Oxford or Cambridge as well as for medicine, dentistry and veterinary courses.

Time to think about your personal statement.

MARCH/APRIL

Accept your "firm" and "insurance" offers

Decline any other offers
Make sure you complete accommodation applications for your "firm" choice if relevant

JANUARY

14 January 2026 is the UCAS Deadline for equal consideration for most undergraduate courses.

You may be invited to attend an interview, contact the university to arrange this online if necessary

FEB/JULY

Extra Choices

This is where you can add an extra choice if you have used all five choices and do not hold an offer.



WHAT HAPPENS ON RESULTS DAY



If your results meet the entry requirements for your first choice university, congratulations. But don't despair if they are not what you were expecting as there are options for you.

If you have at least one conditional place and you have met the requirements the offer will change to "unconditional". This is confirmed in UCAS Hub and you will then receive details on what you need to do next either from UCAS or the university itself.

If you haven't received the grades you wanted by just a few marks, you should speak to the university. They do not have to review their

decision but it may be worth speaking to them directly, especially if you will be appealing your grades.

If you aren't going to appeal you can accept it and go through the clearing process. You can also look at other options such as Apprenticeships, going straight into work or deferring your place for a year. This would also give you the chance to retake your A-levels if you feel you should have done better.

If your grades are better than you expected and you want to look at different universities with higher grade requirements you can easily do this through the clearing process.

To prepare for results day it is important that you are organised and have all the information you may need.

Things to have ready: -

- Charged mobile phone and charger.
- Notepad and pen.
- Details of conditional offers, university contact numbers, your UCAS number, universities' UCAS and Clearing numbers.
- Notes from having researched universities and courses beforehand, with a list of questions to ask course tutors.
- Your personal statement and A-level results.



**ADVICE FOR
PARENTS & GUARDIANS**



The UK application journey

Supporting your young person through the university application process can be exciting but also a little daunting as there is so much information out there. Here are some brief points to help you. For UK universities all applications are processed by UCAS - Universities and Colleges Admissions Service.

1. Register for a UCAS Hub Account

Registering for a UCAS Hub account is the first step. The hub is also where the UCAS application is completed.

2. Completing the UCAS Application.

The UCAS “How to Apply” guide gives detailed instructions and helpful tips.

3. Additional Steps

If your young person is asked to attend an interview Skills Jersey Jersey can support with mock interview practice.

Email: skillsjersey@gov.je

4. Replying to Offers

Your young person can accept two offers, one firm offer and one insurance choice.

5. Financial Preparation

It is advised to start the Student Finance process early to avoid any payment delays.

6. Accommodation Planning

If offered a place start exploring accommodation soon after.

7. Results Day

Advise your young person to check their UCAS Hub account where they will be notified of their next steps.

8. Clearing

Scan QR code for a guide to Clearing



9. Moving to the UK

Find a list of FAQ on Gov.je under ‘Going to the UK to study.’ It answers questions on Tax; Housing; Insurance; and Taking a car to the UK



FURTHER INFORMATION

UCAS

UCAS have dedicated web pages for Parents, Carers and Guardians. You may also find it helpful to sign up for the UCAS Parents Newsletter to ensure you don't miss out on any key dates or information.

**WHEREVER
YOUR LIFE
LEADS...**





INSTITUTE OF LAW JERSEY

At the Institute of law, you can study for prestigious University of London qualifications without having to leave the island!

We offer both full and part-time opportunities to study for a University of London Certificate in Higher Education in Common Law, LLB degree or Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law. Our classes are small, friendly, and supportive, offering you a bespoke and personalised learning experience. Our experienced tutors are on hand to help every step of the way, and you will be encouraged to develop both the knowledge and skills you need for legal and/or professional practice. You will have full access to the University of London resources and online library as well as a comprehensive Careers and Employability Service.

You will be supported throughout your learning journey by a dedicated Personal Tutor who will help you with the transition to Higher Education as well as challenge you to make the best of your experience. Our mentoring scheme provides direct contact with Jersey law firms and allied professions, helping you to plan your career right from the commencement of your course.

Many students undertake internships and paid employment throughout their studies which means that you can graduate with relevant knowledge and skills to boost your career prospects. The Institute has been providing legal education in Jersey for more than 15 years. Study with us in one of the world's leading offshore and financial centres. Please get in touch if you have any questions.



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QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED...

What are Level 3 qualifications?

Generally, universities require Level 3 qualifications and these are usually awarded UCAS Points. Examples of Level 3 qualifications include A-Levels, International Baccalaureate (IB), and BTEC Level 3 diplomas.

The list of recognised qualifications is vast however, the UCAS website gives you a full list of qualifications and more information on how the tariff works. Search 'UCAS tariff points' on ucas.com

You can check how many UCAS points your qualifications are worth by using the UCAS Tariff Points calculator. Just search 'tariff calculator' on ucas.com

Some universities may specify a number of UCAS points or grades required for a particular subject. If a university is asking for UCAS tariff points, it is important to check if there are any qualifications they will not accept. A university, for example, may ask for 112 UCAS tariff points but may add, "General Studies A-Level qualifications will not be considered".

The tables here shows UCAS points awarded for some of the most common Level 3 qualifications.

If you would like further information on routes into higher education you can contact Skills Jersey on 01534 449440 or email skillsjersey@gov.je

AS-Levels / A-Levels

AS-Level	A-Level	UCAS points
	A*	56
	A	48
	B	40
	C	32
	D	24
A		20
B	E	16
C		12
D		10
E		6

BTEC

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	BTEC Diploma	BTEC Extended Diploma	UCAS Points
		D*D*D*	168
		D*D*D	160
		D*DD	152
		DDD	144
		DDM	128
	D*D*	DMM	112
	D*D		104
	DD	MMM	96
	DM	MMP	80
	MM	MPP	64
D*			56
D	MP	PPP	48
M	PP		32
P			16

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CAREERS

Image: Eui Yeon (Julie)-Kim - BA (Hons) Make-up for Media and Performance

> CONNECT THE CAREER

Match the individual to the correct course and job

1



Mollysue
Deans

*-Resilience
-Confidence
-Teamwork*

2



Matteo
Pallot

*-Problem Solving
-Data Analysis
-Consulting*

3



Jack
Burt

*-Critical Thinking
-Interpersonal skills
-Adaptability*

4



Ellie
Morley

*-Intrapersonal skills
-Creative
-Entrepreneurship*

5



Joe
Richardson

*-Emotional Intelligence
-Analytical
-Emergency response driver*

COURSE

A

Musical Theatre

Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts

B

Events Management

Bournemouth University

C

Politics and English

University College Cork, Ireland

D

Sport and Exercise Science

Loughborough University

E

Physics

University of Exeter

JOB

1

Police Constable

States of Jersey Police

2

Character and Parade Performer

The Walt Disney Company

3

Marketing & Events Coordinator

Skills Jersey

4

Senior Data Consultant

Continuum

5

Senior Associate

PwC

Answers 1A2 2E4 3D5 4B3 5C1



WRITING AN EFFECTIVE PERSONAL STATEMENT

Crafting a personal statement can be tough, with the hardest part often being the beginning. If you're having trouble, start by jotting down other relevant information first.

Focus on Your Chosen Subject

Discuss what interests you about the subject, where does this interest originate from? What do you hope to gain from studying the subject further?

Extra Curricular Activities

Highlight activities related to your subject that you may have undertaken. This includes events attended; journals, relevant websites or other online material you have engaged with that will demonstrate your motivation.

Work Experience

Do you have any paid or voluntary experience in the area you are applying for. Reflect on what you have learned and link it to your course or career. This will show an understanding of the subject.

Reflect and Relate

Reflect on your skills and experiences and relate them to your chosen course or career. Show that you've thought about how your experiences and education have prepared you.

Summary

End with a brief summary of what makes you a suitable student for the university. If you have a career in mind mention these here or, if you don't simply say what you hope to gain from the course.

More advice and guidance on Personal Statements can be found at:



DECIDING WHERE TO GO

The Talbot Campus at Bournemouth University

Higher education institutions vary enormously in size, tradition, location and facilities. Some are situated in city centres, some have their own campus sites and others are in very rural environments.

Do your research

Prepare by following these simple steps:

- 1.** List the factors that are important to you - remember this isn't just about the course, include location, facilities, accommodation, services and the social, sporting or cultural activities available in your list of factors.
- 2.** Prioritise this list – decide which order of importance these factors are to you
- 3.** Research the universities
- 4.** Compare each university to your 'shopping list' of important factors
- 5.** Shortlist the universities that score highest on your 'shopping list'

Next steps

Once you have your shortlist:

Open days

University open days are a great opportunity to meet lecturers, visit campuses, see accommodation and check out the area. Living in Jersey often means attending open days can be difficult, but do not worry. If you're planning a trip to the UK contact the university directly to arrange a convenient time to visit; chances are they will offer to show you around anyway.



UCAS - Planning
for an open day

But what if I can't visit?

Information can be found on university websites. Take a look at virtual campus tours, digital prospectuses and online open days. If you have any specific questions regarding your course or accommodation then contact the university admission staff, who will be able to help you.

Visit our website for videos, contact details and further information on a range of universities.



Things to consider

- How many students study at the university and are on your course; do you want to be one of twenty or one of two hundred or more?
- Is the university based all in one area or is it spread out over a larger area such as a city?
- You will have to travel to lectures for at least three years so look into how far the commute is.
- High entry requirements do not always mean that this is the best course for you. These requirements can be influenced by other factors (e.g. the demand for the subject and the popularity of the university).

HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE

Look deeper. Research the course as thoroughly as you do the university. Prepare by following these simple steps to find out:

- What modules are taught on a course (this can vary greatly even for courses with the same name)
- How much contact time you will have with lecturers
- If the course is taught entirely by one faculty
- How the course is assessed
- If work experience is incorporated
- What the optional modules are
- What the teaching style is (module assignments, group work, examinations)

YOUR PLACE TO BECOME



Top 25

in the UK for
graduates in
employment and/
or further study*



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* Graduate Outcomes Survey 2024, HESA

Come and chat to us! We're at the HE Fair on Tuesday 11 March between 12am and 6pm.



When you become a Winchester student, you will have access to a rigorous and transformational education in a supportive,

creative, and historic environment. You will be nurtured, encouraged, and challenged to grow as a confident and successful individual with the determination and resilience to be successful in your future .



There is lots to do in the city of Winchester whether that is visiting one of our many pubs, coffee shops or restaurants or even

enjoying the culture and history through visiting the Cathedral or watching performances at the annual arts festival 'The Hat Fair'. career.



Winchester Student Union has a wide variety of activity groups ranging from societies, sports teams, and representational networks!

Winchester has excellent transport links with a direct train service to London Waterloo (which takes around an hour) as well as train services to

and from Southampton, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Weymouth, Brighton, the New Forest, and the North of England. Southampton Airport is located just 15 minutes away by train and offers flights within the UK, the Channel Islands and mainland Europe!



Check our website for opportunities to visit:
winchester.ac.uk/opendays

Any queries, teachers and advisors can contact:
schoolsandcolleges@winchester.ac.uk

Alternatively you can directly contact Lucy:
lucy.dixon@winchester.ac.uk



HOW TO CHOOSE
WHERE TO GO

STUDYING ON-ISLAND

The courses offered on-island are all accredited by renowned UK universities and are fully recognised anywhere in the world.

Leaving the Island to study for a number of years does not suit everyone and, as such, a number of students choose to stay and study in Jersey. It usually costs less too with tuition fees being cheaper and the opportunity to live at home. Also, if you plan to have a career in Jersey then the work experience you undertake as part of your course can give you an excellent opportunity to network with Jersey professionals, making those all-important contacts.

University College Jersey and The Institute of Law tell us about the advantages of studying on-island:

University College Jersey

The University College Jersey experience is one of independence and autonomy in an adult learning environment. We have the largest body of Higher Education students on the island and have developed campus relationships with the Institute of Law and JICAS to deliver the true university experience. UCJ does however retain the college atmosphere where students feel valued and part of a caring and supportive community: it is this sense of community that sets us apart from off-island options. Maybe it is this balance that contributes to our 99% pass rate and the fact that 85% of our class of 2022 graduated with a 1st or 2:1 (National average is 70%).

STUDYING ON-ISLAND

Our degree programmes either include significant periods of work placement or allow for part-time study alongside existing employment. With our links to over 100 local businesses, charities, and schools, our students develop their skills and build professional networks from which to springboard into employment upon graduation. In fact, last year, 9/10 students had progressed onto employment or further study within 2 months of graduating. Additionally, lecturers are drawn from both industry and academia, which means that the learning is always current and relevant.

The Institute of Law

At the Institute of Law students study for the prestigious University of London LLB degree and the Certificate in Higher Education in Common Law, while also benefiting from a personalised learning experience. We offer small classes, delivered by experienced law lecturers in a friendly and supportive environment, with tutors on hand to help every step of the way. Students have full access to the University of London online library resources to support their studies.

Each student is given additional one-to-one support from a personal tutor, who acts as a single point of contact providing important help and guidance during the transition to higher education. We also offer the opportunity to gain practical experience through our close connections with the vibrant local practising community, via our mentoring and work experience opportunities.

With part time and full-time options students have the unique opportunity not only to work in one of the world's leading off-shore legal and financial centres, but also to earn while they learn to support their studies. The Institute has been providing legal education on Jersey for more than 15 years and offers the opportunity to obtain a prestigious UK degree without the need to leave the island.



Discover a Bright Future in Finance



Opportunities
to travel



Meet like-
minded



Team building
community



Roles to suit
everyone



Training and career
progression

Finance is at the heart of Jersey's economy, with almost 14,000 people employed in the industry. It is the Island's largest working sector and provides a wide range of career opportunities that cater to various talents and aspirations.

For those seeking to build a rewarding career, whether straight out of school or contemplating a mid-career change, the finance industry in Jersey offers a wealth of possibilities both professionally and personally.

Working in Finance



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Mikayla Byrne

BA (HONS) CHILDHOOD STUDIES – YEAR 3
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE JERSEY

What do you most enjoy about university?

The sense of community. I get on well with my class and they're really supportive, but that was a fear at the beginning because I was one of the oldest in the group. I think people get scared they're going to be by themselves when they go to university, but you realise everyone's in the same boat, and you make such amazing friends.

Why did you choose UCJ/ what attracted you to it in the first place?

Being on-island is amazing and you can stay close to family and friends. I didn't know what I wanted to do, I was a nanny for four years, then someone suggested going to Highlands for university. It opened a whole new door for me, and I was like, 'wow, this is amazing. This is what I can do, I'm going to become a primary school teacher'.

What are some of the benefits to studying on-island?

You can learn how the education system works locally. Schools from the UK and Jersey have similar trends, but all schools are different. Having placements in each year means you get a feel for what a classroom would be like.

What is the most challenging thing about university?

Think it can be quite stressful and overwhelming at times. I'd been out of education for about six years, so it was hard to get back into that routine. When you take the feedback on, you realise how much you can grow and learn.

Why did you choose this course?

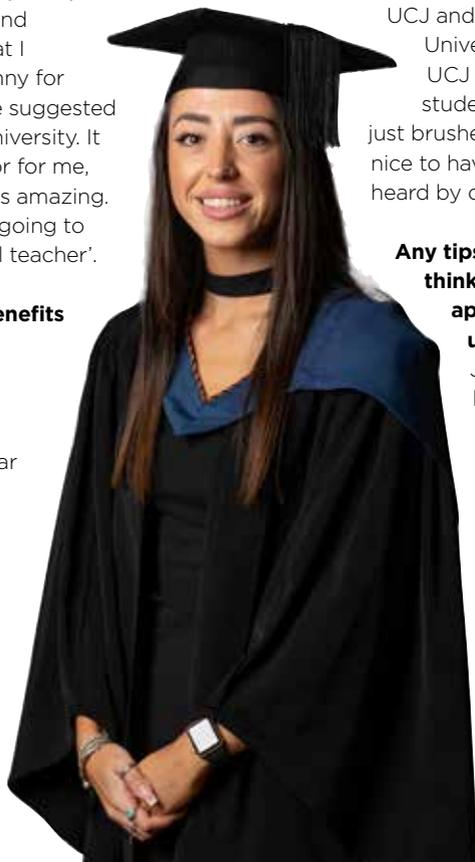
UCJ seemed to offer more support than other universities. Student life has been phenomenal, in my second year I was diagnosed dyslexia and dyspraxia and the support's been amazing.

What surprised you most about university life?

I get multiple graduations with UCJ and Plymouth University. Also, UCJ engages with students - we're not just brushed aside, it's so nice to have our voices heard by others.

Any tips for students thinking about applying to university?

Just do it. Don't let things hold you back. This is your future you're creating, no one else can do it but you. It's scary, but you're never going to know unless you take the leap.





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STUDYING IN EUROPE

An interview with *The University Guys*

Studying in Europe provides different advantages to studying in the UK. It helps demonstrate you can adapt to a different culture and native language whilst being successful in your studies which is great when it comes to recruitment in the future. Here's what they had to say....

1. What do I need to know about the European application process?

Each European country will have a different process, based on their local system. There are also private universities, some of which have their own admissions systems or which make use of UCAS, the US Common App or other systems to run

applications. You need to do your own research to understand how each system works – and don't assume it will work like UCAS does.

2. Will certain countries' degree frameworks suit my abilities more than others?

A European degree is usually quite similar to a UK one, with a focused degree on one or two subject areas. However, you will also find that there are often two types of universities: traditional, academic universities called 'Research Universities' and more modern universities, practical universities called 'Universities of Applied Sciences'. Depending on how you like to learn best, you may find one is more suited to your abilities.

3. What are the differences within public EU universities about eligibility vs admissibility?

Public universities in the EU are designed to match the high school system of that country – which often have different curriculums to an A Level system. Typically it is more of a baccalaureate qualification like the IB Diploma with students taking more subjects in their last two years of school than in A Levels. Many countries require students to prove that they have taken the same range of subjects to become eligible, or else you would not be able to attend.

For example, whereas in the UK you normally don't need to be taking Maths in the Sixth Form to study business at university, most European public universities would expect it. So you might have A*A*A* but not including Maths and be denied (due to being “ineligible”) while a student with CCC including Maths would get in.

4. Do Public EU Universities provide a residential campus experience?

A few will do so (such as the Dutch University Colleges) but many places will not. Students in the EU typically attend their local university and many will live at home – so you find that dorms, clubs, sports teams and similar activities are often not provided.

5. Are there any other things to consider i.e immigration permission, healthcare insurance etc?

You'll want to research how much of the native language you will need to have in order to get by in daily life. Some countries will work very easily in English; others will not. For things like paying taxes, registering for a doctor and other things, you may need to follow local procedures that are not always explained in English.

6. Where to visit for the best information?

At www.theuniversityguys.com we have a lot of helpful information; it is also a good idea to use search tools such as Unifrog and Eunicas to start to narrow down options. Then, reach out to the universities you want to apply to for more information.

University Guys
theuniversityguys.com



Unifrog
unifrog.org



Eunicas
eunicas.ie







STUDYING IN THE REST OF THE WORLD

It's a big old world out there and when it comes to studying abroad there are many different options and arrangements for degree level study. If you have a sense of adventure, want to stand out from the crowd or desire to have a different educational experience, then studying abroad could be for you.

Studying in another country is a unique opportunity for you to experience and become part of a different culture whilst gaining a degree. However, higher education systems can vary between countries so you need to do your research before applying. Assessment methods and course structures also vary between countries. Some allow for much greater structural flexibility allowing students to choose classes from other subjects as part of their degree. This is different to a rather rigid British system and allows students to consider how they want to structure their degree or be assessed.

A period of time spent abroad has also become a valuable addition to the CV in today's increasingly competitive graduate employment market and could help you to stand out from the crowd.

Term dates and application dates will be different in each country. Most countries do not have a central application system which means you have to apply directly to the university, often this means a quicker decision on an offer.

Visa applications can vary a great deal, so visit the specific government website for advice and details on how to apply for a student visa. Most countries wait until after you have been accepted onto a course before confirming your visa.

Higher education varies from country to country, it could be of benefit to compare different countries' higher education provisions for a particular subject.

STUDENT MEALS

A few examples of what you might consider making yourself



Breakfast

- Yogurt with Granola and Fruit
- Eggs and avocado on Bagel
- Cereals
- Banana Pancakes



Lunch

- Omelette
- Cheese and Ham Toastie
- Soup
- Chicken salad pitta
- BLT wrap

Cupboard essentials

- Seasoning...salt and pepper
- Pasta/ rice/ noodles
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Stock Cubes
- Tinned Soup, Beans, Tuna
- Sauce
- Olive oil



Dinner

- Stir Fry
- Pasta with Pesto/Tomato/Crème
- Fish, wedges, and peas
- Chilli Con Carne
- Fajitas
- Posh beans on Toast
- Loaded Jacket Potato



Water

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DISTANCE LEARNING & BLENDED LEARNING DEGREES

If you are interested in studying a degree, but do not want to study it in the conventional way it may be worth looking at distance or blended learning degrees.

Distance learning involves studying a degree from a recognised university or college without physically attending the institution for the whole of the course.

Blended learning degrees involve a combination of online learning and face-to-face learning, and can give you the flexibility of distance learning, with some face-to-face learning of traditional degrees.

The amount of time you study at university and how that time is organised can vary for blended degree study e.g. one course may include blocks of study at the university and another may involve weekends throughout the course. It is important that you check this out before enrolling on a blended learning degree programme.

If you are considering studying your degree via a distance or blended learning programme, you should think about issues such as:

- *How much face-to-face contact would I like to have with other students and tutors?*
- *If face-to-face study is part of the programme, what will the cost of travel/accommodation be?*
- *Does the university provide accommodation if necessary or will I need to organise this?*
- *What support and resources does the university provide when I am studying from home?*
- *What resources/equipment will I need to provide, for example a quiet place to study, access to the internet and a laptop/computer/tablet etc?*



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MENTORING

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We can advise on exploring internships and work experience opportunities and connecting with employers on-island. As the mentor team works closely with the careers advice and guidance team in Skills Jersey, we can help you to arrange an appointment with a careers advisor to signpost you to your areas of interest.

Working with a mentor can offer a different perspective, guidance, and help in finding answers to challenges that may arise. The mentors at Skills Jersey are experienced and qualified in working with people balancing study and work and are dedicated to supporting individuals in achieving their learning and career aspirations. Meetings can be in person, by TEAMS, or by phone – the choice is yours.

To request a mentor, scan the QR code and fill out the application and one of the team will make contact with you to discuss your needs.





Rhys Barrot

**CIVIL ENGINEERING HNC APPRENTICESHIP AT
BEAUMONT STRUCTURAL CONSULTANTS**
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE JERSEY IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH LONDON SOUTHBANK UNIVERSITY.

What attracted you to doing a degree apprenticeship over a full-time degree?

Having spoken to other people who have done a degree apprenticeship, they found learning and working at the same time has been very beneficial. It is a good way to get into the workplace without jumping into the deep end of a full-time job.

What have been the highlights of your apprenticeship?

I have enjoyed our site visits away to Ronez quarry, various beaches and harbours, and also our visit to London to see London South Bank University.



What have you found most challenging?

Juggling work and education was a concern at first, but my employers have been very accommodating and everything has been going well.

How do you feel having a mentor will help you during your apprenticeship?

I find it useful having someone outside of work and college to talk to and help give me support and advice throughout the course.

What would you say to someone who has never had a coach or mentor before?

A mentor is someone outside of work and college who will give external ideas and advice. They are always there to help your apprenticeship run as well as possible for you.

What are your career aspirations for the future?

I am aiming towards becoming a Chartered Structural Engineer once I have completed my Bachelors Degree.

Would you recommend the Civil Engineering Degree Apprenticeships?

I would definitely recommend the degree apprenticeship to anyone considering entering the engineering industry in Jersey. Working whilst still going to college keeps me motivated and this course is interesting and well taught.

Tom Jewell

ASSISTANT MANAGER,
AUDIT, KPMG IN THE CROWN
DEPENDENCIES

What made you choose to start your career at KPMG?

I personally didn't think I suited University, so I sought a new challenge through taking on accountancy. When looking for a place to begin my career, KPMG was an option I couldn't look past given the incredible reputation I'd heard from friends who had already been working here for the past couple of years. KPMG have a well-known track record of supporting their staff through their learning and development, making it an attractive place to pursue an ACCA qualification. A young office providing a great social aspect to the job is also a bonus!

How is your traineeship going?

I have very recently passed my final ACCA exams after only three and a half years of study, and recently been promoted to Assistant Manager. I cannot believe how fast the time has passed since I started my traineeship, and I absolutely could not have got through it all so quickly without KPMG's support. The firm offers paid tuition, time off for your exams, and study leave. You also join in an intake of peers studying for the same qualification, so you never feel like you are on your own in your studies.



What do you like most about working at KPMG?

The people you work with at KPMG make this firm a great place to begin, and then further your career. Over the last three and a half years I have built strong relationships with members at all levels at KPMG. The firm's open plan office allows for collaboration with colleagues, and it may sound like a cliché, but you will never be made to feel like a question is a silly question. I also love the social aspect KPMG provide, with a variety of after-work events which I very rarely miss!



What are your future career plans?

I'm looking forward to progressing my career with KPMG after becoming a fully qualified accountant. KPMG offer a variety of opportunities, including secondment to another office around the world, which is something I'm really interested in and looking at as my next challenge. I seriously recommend KPMG to anyone finishing their A-Levels or University and looking to begin their career in accounting.

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Jasmine Morley

COMBINED HONOURS DEGREE IN DANCE AND MUSICAL THEATRE

FIRST YEAR

LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

What do you most enjoy about university?

I am really enjoying studying two subjects that I am really interested in, in more detail and learning new and different approaches to learning. City life is also something that I am loving. It's a big change from Jersey but it is so much fun and there are endless things to do in Liverpool which is great because you can spend time getting to know your new friends

What factors influenced your decision to choose your university?

For me, the fact that at Liverpool Hope I could study two subjects (whether they be related or completely different) was a huge factor in my decision because I am able to combine all of my interests and give myself lots of options for the future. Also, going to see the university was very important as I needed to know that I felt comfortable and happy in that environment.

What is the most challenging thing about attending university?

I would say that being away from friends and family is the most challenging thing about university. However, I have made lots of amazing friends which helps overcome that and I keep in touch with my friends and family from home on a regular basis.

What inspired you to study your current subject?

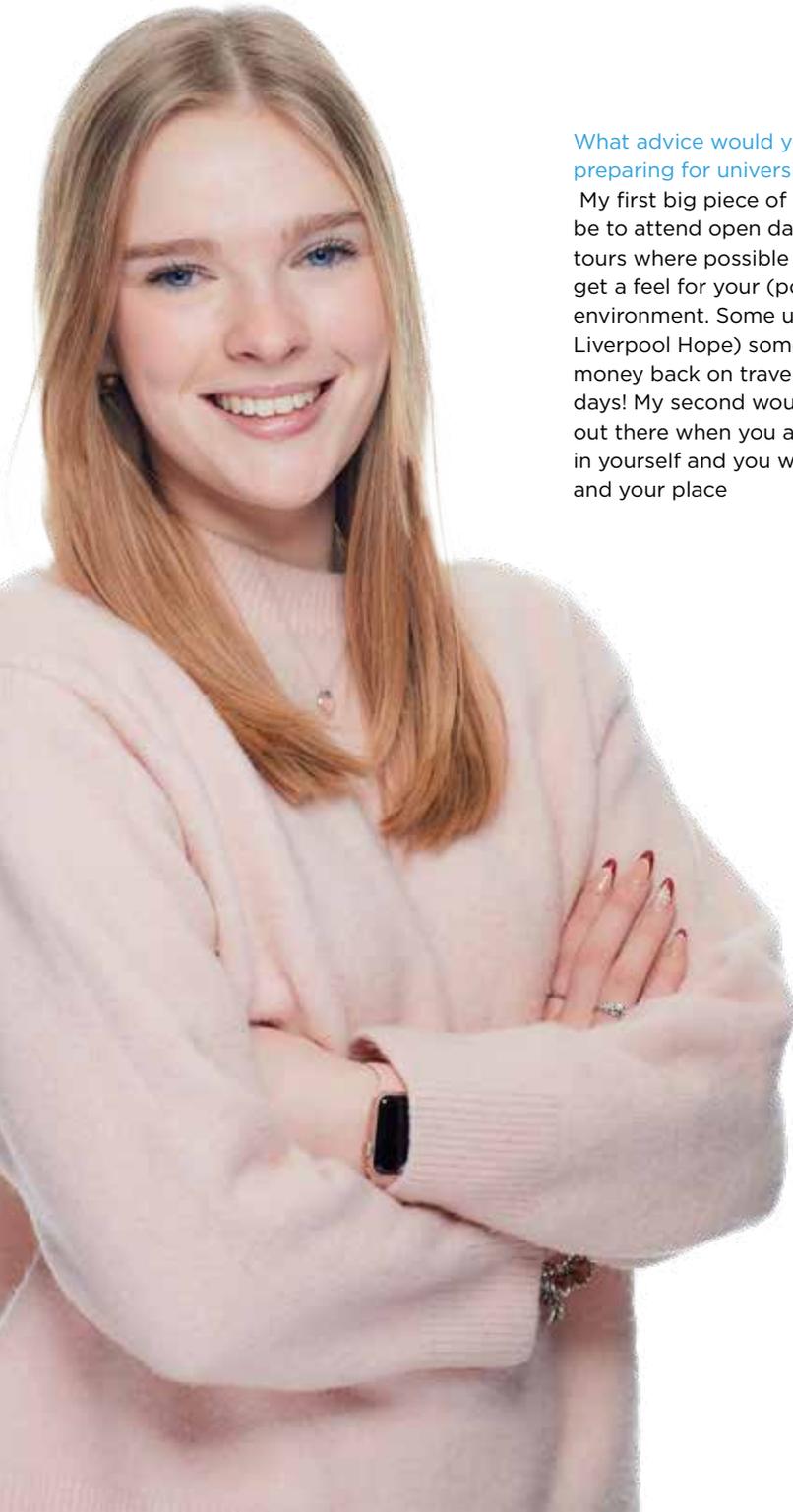
I have always been involved in the performing arts world and I am striving to pursue a career in performing arts teaching so taking these subjects was a no brainer for me!

What surprised you most about university life?

I was most surprised by how quickly you settle into your new life and space. Making friends and getting comfortable with everything is so much easier than you think as everyone is in the same position.

What advice would you give to students preparing for university life?

My first big piece of advice would be to attend open days and campus tours where possible so you can really get a feel for your (possible) future environment. Some universities (like Liverpool Hope) sometimes even offer money back on travel for attending open days! My second would be to put yourself out there when you arrive, be confident in yourself and you will find your people and your place



Daniel Riley

**NUCLEAR ENGINEERING WITH
PLACEMENT YEAR** FIRST YEAR
LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

1. What do you most enjoy about university?

Definitely the independence that comes with living away from home. I grew up in a house with 3 brothers, so having a space to call my own is a nice change! I'm kind of used to it now, but every once in a while when I'm cooking or going shopping it'll hit me that I really am living on my own now!

2. What factors influenced your decision to choose your university?

I was quite limited in my choices for university, as the course I wanted to study was very niche. But honestly, that was probably a good thing! I got an offer from one of my preferred choices, had a tour and liked the look of the campus, confirmed my offer and never looked back. I think people tend to put too much thought into choosing a university. As long as you enjoy the course you're studying, you'll enjoy university wherever you are.



3. What is the most challenging thing about attending university?

For me, it's finding the motivation to study outside of lectures. It can be quite tempting to just make notes in lectures and leave it at that, but unis expect you to study on your own time as well, and if you don't it'll be reflected in your grades! An easy trick is to go to the library to study - it helps to physically separate where you work and relax, and the library is a great environment for working in.

4. What inspired you to study your current subject?

I actually applied to do Politics on my UCAS application, but when I got my place confirmed on results day I realised I didn't want to spend 3 years studying an essay-based subject. I've always been interested in nuclear power, so after thinking it over for a few days I decided to apply for nuclear-related courses through clearing, and less than a week later I had my place at Lancaster confirmed. The UCAS application really isn't the be-all and end-all - don't get too hung up on it.

5. What surprised you most about university life?

How easy it is to make friends! Seriously, everyone else is in the exact same boat as you, and is just as nervous about meeting people and making connections. Just go up and talk to people! Even if you end up embarrassing yourself, no-one is going to remember one awkward conversation in freshers' week once term gets started. Even after freshers' week, it's still really easy to make friends - remember, you're on a course with hundreds of other people who share similar interests to you.

6. What advice would you give to students preparing for university life?

Don't worry about it too much - once you get here, everything will happen naturally. Also, try to bring a car when you move in if you can - trust me, trying to carry a whole room's worth of bedding, furnishings, and toiletries across campus to your room is not fun.



Jennifer Rodrigues

POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY, AND ECONOMICS THIRD YEAR

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

(CAN INCLUDES YEAR ABROAD AND NOW A YEAR IN INDUSTRY)

What do you most enjoy about university?

I enjoy the independence it provides, allowing me to manage my own time, decisions, and being able to grow as a person. Not only by living away from home in a big city for the first time but also by meeting people from diverse backgrounds and engaging in thought-provoking discussions at university which has been incredibly rewarding.

What factors influenced your decision to choose your university?

I chose the University of Manchester for its strong academic reputation as a Russell Group University but also its unique cultural appeal. The city's vibrant student life, rooted in the iconic "Madchester" music scene and its indie and alternative culture, promised a fun and friendly environment to grow academically, socially, and personally.

What is the most challenging thing about attending university?

Balancing academic work, social life, and part-time work has been challenging, but it's taught me time management and resilience. It is true that as the years go by, the harder it is, especially as a third year. Learning to navigate an array of responsibilities will be valuable in the future.

What inspired you to study your current subject?

A combination of interest in societal structures, problem-solving, and future career aspirations inspired me to study PPE. Not only do I find each discipline (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) interesting, but the interdisciplinary nature of the course has developed my critical thinking and analytical skills, which are essential for a successful career.

What surprised you most about university life?

I was surprised by how stressful housing can be, from finding the right place to managing contracts and housemates, and there is always drama. I also didn't expect how little direction there is in terms of careers—you're truly independent and need to take initiative, which has been both challenging and empowering.

What advice would you give to students preparing for university life?

Be open to new experiences and challenges, as they're essential for growth. Stay organised, prioritise your mental health, and build a strong support network. Get involved in as much as you can! University is a time for learning and self-improvement, so take advantage of every opportunity.

Poppy Parker

BA FILM PRODUCTION WITH ONE YEAR ON PLACEMENT FIRST YEAR
ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH

What do you most enjoy about university?

I have really enjoyed meeting like-minded people who share similar interests and hobbies to me. I am also liking studying a subject that I have a genuine interest in, which makes the whole experience much more enjoyable.

What factors influenced your decision to choose your university?

The location was a key factor for me, as Bournemouth is not too big or too small. I didn't want a massive city, but I also didn't want a small town with nothing to do. But the course content was the most important for me. I created a spreadsheet with all the possible courses, writing down pros and cons for each university and narrowing it down, such as from student reviews on websites like The Student Room.

What is the most challenging thing about attending university?

Staying motivated to do independent study can be difficult at times, as you are not pushed to do anything outside of homework. In terms of moving away from home, the most difficult part has been remembering to defrost my food from the freezer!

What inspired you to study your current subject?

I first took film for IB in sixth form after enjoying media studies GCSE, and I immediately enjoyed the subject more than any other subject I had taken. While I found other subjects interesting, such as Psychology and English Language, work for those subjects still felt like a chore. Film never really felt like work, if I wasn't studying it I still would have done it for fun.

What surprised you most about university life?

I was surprised that it didn't feel that different from being at home, and it wasn't as big or daunting as I expected. But this may be because I go to a fairly small university. I was also surprised at how quickly I settled in and made friends quite easily.

What advice would you give to students preparing for university life?

I would advise to make sure to go to as many freshers events as possible in the first few weeks, as it is an easy way to meet new people and the way I made my friends. I would also recommend buying a mattress topper because accommodation beds can be uncomfortable!





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Harry Barette

APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN

PORTS OF JERSEY

What made you choose to start your career with Ports of Jersey?

In all honesty, I didn't really have any idea what I wanted to do after I finished school. I have always felt that a practical job suited me better as I do enjoy being hands on and getting stuck into various projects and tasks that require different skills. I saw the advert for Ports of Jersey who were looking for an Apprentice Electrician and knew that it would be different to other electrical firms due to the sort of jobs and tasks that they undertake and the assets they work with.

I've always had an interest in all things 'Jersey', (I'm born and raised here), so being able to work in and around some of Jersey's well-known harbours and landmarks, such as Corbière Lighthouse, is quite an opportunity. Also being able to work at the harbours and airport gives me exposure to different areas and tasks, allowing me to gain knowledge and understanding in both.

Qualifications prior to starting:

Information Technology (IT) AS Level - B

Information Technology (IT) A Level - D

English Language - C

Art and Design: Fine art - B



From operating and maintaining the storm gate at Elizabeth Marina or working on the Liebherr crane, to working behind the scenes at the airport on the baggage handling units making sure luggage arrives on time, Ports of Jersey gives me the opportunity to be on the go and work in different places each day.

What has been the highlight of your apprenticeship so far?

Throughout my time at Ports of Jersey, I have had many amazing opportunities and experiences that few other companies can offer due to the nature of the job. These have ranged from working in and around Corbière Lighthouse ensuring each component works and allows it to light up, to working on the airport runway, testing and changing lights to allow planes to land safely.

It's so interesting being able to work on large assets within the Ports estate, as it's jobs like these that can only be worked on and learnt within this company. Some of these include the Liebherr crane on New North Quay, which deals with the importing and exporting of various goods and materials in and out of the island, and the Ro-Ro (roll on roll off) ramps at Elizabeth Terminal, which allow ferries to dock and operate by moving up and down to align with specific heights.

As the work at Ports of Jersey is very industrial and field-specific, it can be difficult trying to learn and understand the domestic side of being an electrician. I was given the opportunity to work with an electrical firm called DIS that allowed me to develop and further my understanding of areas that I wouldn't be able to practice at Ports. It was a 6-month secondment, giving me the opportunity to work on several aspects of the electrical world and alongside various other trades. This will now support me in becoming a more well-rounded electrician.

What have you found challenging?

There have been a few challenges that I have faced within my apprenticeship. One of the main ones being my confidence skills. I was quite shy and introverted when I first started, as coming straight from school into a full-time job can be quite daunting. It took me some time to come out of my shell and develop my confidence and communication skills. However, the two years that I've been with Ports of Jersey has really helped me to develop in this area.

Working alongside and communicating with other trades within the company, such as plumbers, carpenters, and mechanical fitters, is a significant part of the job, so being able to communicate and work together with these other teams helps enhance my confidence and knowledge of Ports of Jersey's estate.

What's next?

I've got a year and half left of my apprenticeship and once that's completed, I will be a fully qualified electrician. I do hope to stay with Ports of Jersey for a while as I enjoy the work and various projects that we undertake around the island.

The benefit of learning a skill such as a trade, is that once you have gained the knowledge, you can take it anywhere. There are thousands of airports and commercial ports all over the world, so having this field-specific knowledge and experience opens up many opportunities for me.

Freddie Sayers

TAX ASSISTANT

ALEX PICOT TRUST

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What attracted you to Alex Picot Trust?

After finishing school, I knew I wanted to work for a small company, to gain exposure to different aspects of the business and have opportunities to develop and grow! Through my research, I liked the vibrant social culture and the opportunities available for school leavers, which made Alex Picot Trust an ideal place to start my career.



What have you enjoyed the most so far?

I've really enjoyed getting to know all the team! I've attended various socials, such as the Christmas party and month end drinks, giving me the chance to get to know everyone across the different departments. I have learnt a lot and am looking forward to beginning my professional qualifications. I also appreciate the work-life balance culture, they value our personal interests!

What advice would you give a school leaver looking to start a career in Finance?

I'd recommend a placement or work experience to gain a more in-depth understanding of an industry whilst receiving on-the-job training. Leaving school and starting your career can be daunting but challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone and choose an employer whose values align with yours!

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Jamie Raphael-Hall

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VIBERTS LAW FIRM

What attracted you to a career in law?

The opportunity to help people who have been dealt an awful hand in life and need help in gaining justice and closure. All the while, making enough to fund my other passions such as travelling, and afford groceries.

How has your career developed since being with Viberts?

The experience of being in a busy but brilliantly hardworking dispute resolution team, who were always happy to help and teach me, really helped me thrive in an almost sink or swim manner fashion. This has given me invaluable experience dealing with clients, drafting documents and managing cases.

What 3 attributes do you need for your job?

Adaptability - to adapt to different situations, as sometimes things go wrong.
Determination - If law was easy, it wouldn't be prestigious.
Humour - Working in a law firm can at

times be challenging and sometimes intense, so it's important to be able to balance that and lift the mood at times.

What career tip would you give your younger self?

It took me a long time to realise that if I wanted to achieve my goals I would have to start working hard for them, so maybe something along the lines of; if you never really strive for anything, you'll never achieve anything.

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SETTING IN NEW STANDARDS IN THE WORKPLACE

Alex Jackson

FUND ADMINISTRATOR
HIGHVERN

Alex Jackson joined HIGHVERN in 2023, electing to start his career with us after completing his Business and Finance course at Highlands College. Eager to develop a career in the finance sector, Alex has developed his skills and was recently promoted to Funds Administrator in just over a year with the business. He is currently studying for his professional qualifications with the Corporate Governance Institute and has completed his first exam.

Alex shares 'Jersey has an enviable finance industry, so my goal was to work in this sector, although at the time I was not certain on the pathway I wanted to follow. I was drawn to the role at HIGHVERN because of the friendly nature of the interviewers and the business seemed to have an appealing culture and social environment, which I now know is true. My career in fund administration so far

has been interesting, challenging, and enjoyable. With the support and guidance of my colleagues, I am learning quickly and am excited to see where my career at HIGHVERN grows.'

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BUDGETING: OUR TOP TIPS

Budgeting for university can be tough. It's worth thinking about ways to make your money last longer for the whole year.

Here are some of our top tips:

Don't forget to budget

Budgeting is key when it comes to keeping tabs on your money, so you know exactly what's coming in and going out.

Start Budgeting Now

Before you go, start to budget whilst you're at home so you will be in a better place when you start your course. Look at how much you are earning and what you spend each week or month. This will give you a good idea where you need to reduce your expenditure or maybe things that you think 'do I really need that'. By doing this it will make the move to university a lot less stressful.

The UCAS website has some great resources on creating a budget and even has a budget calculator to give you a rough idea of what your key income and outgoings might look like. Search '*managing money*' on www.ucas.com

Make your money go further

Getting an NUS card (now called a Totum card) is a must! It gives you access to loads of student discounts and deals from food and travel to clothes and plenty more.

www.totum.com



Read the small print!

Check through the paperwork on things like your phone contract or bills as they may not provide the best deal. Especially when you arrive back on-island, you don't want to be paying in excess for things like data.

TV licence

One thing you may not realise, is that most students will need a TV licence. Check the UK's TV Licencing website. Your university's online forums may also have advice from previous students.

Trusts and bursaries

We have some fantastic trusts and bursaries available in Jersey that offer extra funding support for students. We highly recommend looking at ones that fit your course and applying for them! The bonus is that you can apply for these alongside your Student Finance funding.

A big benefit is that most providers will often offer extra support through work experience, career advice and future work opportunities. Just search for '*trusts and bursaries*' on www.gov.je

WEEKLY BUDGET WORKSHEET

Complete the table below of what items you would need to budget for and how much you think you would need depending on how you would live?

Remember:

- Think about where you will be living (i.e. London will be more expensive for accommodation)
- For books and materials – think about what you will be studying (i.e. art students will spend more on materials)

Accommodation	£
Books and materials	£
University/local travel	£
Food	£
Clothing and laundry	£
Personal items	£
Socialising	£
Phone/mobile	£
TV license	£
Unexpected costs/healthcare	£
Utility bills (off campus only)	£
Other emergencies	£
Other	£
Total	£

Other costs (non-weekly)

Travel home	£
Hairdresser	£
Clothes/ shoes	£



THINKING ABOUT A GAP YEAR?

So what's it to be? Travelling the world, volunteering abroad, or gaining work experience. A productive gap year can be valuable to many employers on your CV. Let's explore some options!

Travelling abroad

Explore the world, discover new cultures, learn a new language, volunteer or join an internship abroad. All while boosting your CV. There's a big world out there and...it's waiting for you!

Internships, work experience and volunteering

Unique, real-world experience from volunteering to interning sets you apart from other students. Plus, universities show preference to students who display commitment, passion, and perseverance to something bigger than themselves.

Part-time and online courses

Why not try something new with a short course. Learn a language, how to program, take a cookery course or learn a new sport or instrument. Some gap providers will even offer skills development. So do your research.

There are also a wide range of online courses, many are free, where you can study at your own pace. There's even some from the world's top universities! Check their websites to find out what's on offer. It's a great opportunity to add something different to talk about in your personal statement and university interview.

Save money for university

One advantage to working locally (or abroad) during your gap year is earning money that can be used to fund your life as a student. It's a great way to give you a taste of being self-sufficient too.

A gap year is what you make it!

A gap year can help you get into university, help you get a job, find yourself, or see the world. The gap year benefits are endless!

Search for **'gap year'** on ucas.com for more inspiration!

Apply and defer?

If you're planning a gap year you can still apply to university but defer your entry. This means you can still access the support provided by your school/college during the application process.

Confirming your place for the following year can take a huge weight off your shoulders whilst enjoying your gap year.

To be eligible for funding from Student Finance there are residency requirements you need to meet. If planning on travelling, please contact the Student Finance to ensure you will still meet this criteria.



SECOND THOUGHTS ON YOUR PLANS?

Plans change for many different reasons. If something doesn't feel right it's ok to change plans at any stage. It is really important to listen to yourself and speak up.

Our top tips:

- Don't be afraid to talk through your ideas or thoughts - make sure you get advice from your careers teacher, Skills Jersey careers advisers, friends, family or employers.
- Make sure you know all options available to you. There is always a solution.
- Worried about Student Finance? Whatever your situation, support and advice is on offer from Student Finance on last minute changes.

STUDENT FINANCE DEADLINE DATES

Government of Jersey's Student Finance team assess and administer higher education applications for funding. They offer a grant for those wishing to study for a degree, be it on or off-Island.

Students can apply for this grant to help towards university fees and living costs. The grant is means-tested and the amount that you will receive is based on household income. They take into account parents and/or their partner's or student's income, depending on the family situation.

Application timeline





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