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APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

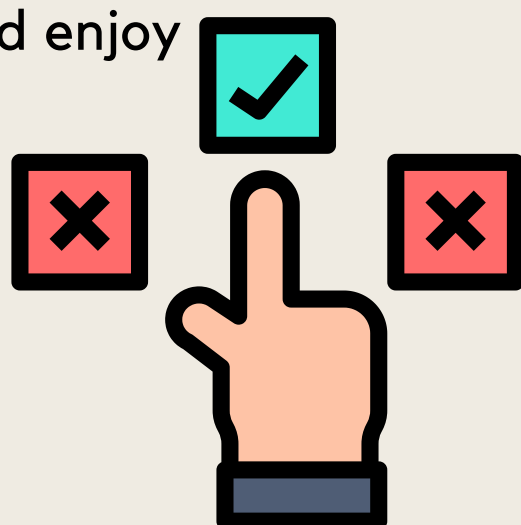
OUR TOP TIPS



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Choose the right course for you

Before applying, you should be clear on which course and university you want to apply for, and why it appeals to you. Make sure to check the course structure and curriculum to see if you would enjoy studying it!



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Decide if you're applying this year or deferred entry

University is a big jump for everyone. Many students like to apply for deferred entry and take a gap year before starting. Have a look at the application process for deferred entry so that you are familiar with it.



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Gather research on your universities

Once you have decided your list of universities, you can start doing more personal research on them, such as their entry requirements and scholarships they might offer.



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Build on your experiences

A lot of universities like to see students who do activities outside their studies. Having a hobby, sport, job or volunteering shows that you have other skills apart from academics.



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Write your personal statement

This is an application letter which goes out to every university you applied for. It's important to showcase your skills and experience to demonstrate why you're a suitable candidate for your course.



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Apply for scholarships

Lots of universities offer scholarships and bursaries to grant students additional support and funding. Make sure you check these out on their websites and make a note of the application deadlines.



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Manage your time and stay organised

Applications can be very time consuming. It's important that you set up a timetable to balance your time studying and writing applications. This will make sure you don't miss any key deadlines also.



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Prepare for application tests

Some courses such as medicine and courses at Oxbridge require you to sit aptitude tests before applying. Make sure you are aware of these and research how to prepare for them.



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Keep your eye on the prize!

Although your application to university is important, always remember that you need the A-level grades to get the offer on results day. Your A-levels should always be your main focus!

