



Activities to Support Your University Application

If you see university as your chosen route you need to give yourself the best possible chance of gaining a place on your course of choice and also prepare yourself for this new form / subject of study. The best way to go about this is to undertake some super-curricular studies.

Not only will they give you some interesting items to talk about in your personal statement and interview (if required) but it also proves that you are prepared to go above and beyond the school curriculum and it is a step into academic study.

Universities use it to understand if a student has chosen an appropriate course for themselves. It also demonstrates to them an interest in the subject, and that you can study independently and are motivated.

In addition to work experience, volunteering and participating in various clubs or societies you could also try these:

General

- **Gresham College**

www.gresham.ac.uk/watch/

A vast number of recorded lectures on numerous subjects available to all to watch

- **Channel Talent**

www.channeltalent.co.uk

A vast number of recorded lectures on numerous subjects available to all to watch

- **TED talks**

www.ted.com/talks

TED Talks are influential videos from expert speakers on education, business, science, tech and creativity. They are free, vary in duration and cover a vast array of topics.

- **MOOCs**

www.mooc.org

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free short online courses available for anyone. There are 3000+ courses to choose from.

- **Books, Documents, Articles**

Available from USIC, Surrey County Council Public Libraries, internet, History Study Centre

- **Academic Podcasts**

- **YouTube lectures**

- Research university websites for example Imperial, Manchester, Sheffield...
- News and current affairs

- **Staircase 12**

<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/staircase12/>

- Radio 3 - iWonder
www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p021qgwr

- Radio 4
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/category/documentaries?sort=popular>

- FutureLearn
www.futurelearn.com

- explore
<https://explore.org/about>

- HE+
myheplus.com

Multiple subjects

- University of Oxford
<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/suggested-subject-resources>

- Kings College Cambridge
<https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/reading-lists>

- University of Manchester
<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/impact/>

- University of Sheffield
<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/research>

Oxbridge

- HE+
myheplus.com

- Staircase 12
<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/staircase12/>

- University of Oxford
<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/suggested-subject-resources>

- Kings College Cambridge
<https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/reading-lists>

- University of Cambridge Engineering
<https://www.admissions.eng.cam.ac.uk/information/reading>
- University of Cambridge Maths
- <https://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/undergrad/admissions/files/reading-list.pdf>

Maths and Science

- nrich
<https://nrich.maths.org/post-16>
- isaac physics
<https://isaacphysics.org>
- iWantToStudyEngineering
<https://i-want-to-study-engineering.org/>
- Advanced Mathematics Support Programme
amsp.org.uk
- University of Cambridge Engineering
<https://www.admissions.eng.cam.ac.uk/information/reading>
- University of Cambridge Maths
- <https://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/undergrad/admissions/files/reading-list.pdf>
- Cut the Knot (Maths)
<http://www.cut-the-knot.org/>
- Imperial College London
<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/research-and-impact/>
- University of Manchester
<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/impact/>

Medicine

- University of Oxford
<https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/applying/reading>
- FutureLearn
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-nhs-explained>

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/politics-and-society-courses/social-issues>
- Causeway Education
<https://causeway.education/blog/2020y/1m/16d/widening-participation-workshops-kan3m>
- Imperial College London
<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/research-and-impact/>

- University of Manchester
<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/impact/>

Architecture

- <https://www.architecture.com/>

Veterinary

- Veterinary Schools Council
<https://www.vetschoolscouncil.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/VSC-course-guide-2021.pdf>
- Causeway Education
<https://causeway.education/blog/2020y/1m/16d/widening-participation-workshops-kan3m>

You will often find a recommended reading list on the faculty pages of the university courses you are applying for.

All students should be reading the news regularly and be able to apply current issues to their course subject.

NB Usually fictional reads or films are not considered useful unless they are specifically relevant to your chosen subject / course.