



Widening Access offer 2020/21



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Introduction

The Widening Access team at Royal Holloway offers a wide range of in school, on campus and online activities for students in Years 7 — 13. We also have content for parents/carers and teachers/advisers.

As a new team, we will be adding more content as soon as we can. Look out for updates via our newsletters, our website and updated versions of this leaflet.

Over the next few pages you'll find details of our multi-intervention programme which is split into the following categories:

Information

Aspiration

Skills

Residential

Parent/carer

Teacher/adviser

Coming soon: [attainment](#), [subjects](#) and [long term](#)






















We are keen to hear from you and find ways of working together to support your students. Email us via schools@rhul.ac.uk

Thank you, Widening Access team

Visit our [website](#)



Information

	Available services	Year group
Why university? Discussing the value of a university degree, you'll talk to current university students and also get tips on choosing a university and course.	  	Year 10 Year 11 Year 12
Post-16 pathways Students explore the range of options available to them after school and beyond to possible futures at university.	  	Year 9 Year 10 Year 11
Post-18 pathways What are the routes that students can take after sixth-form or college? Here we will explore options related to Higher Education including apprenticeships and university.	  	Year 12 Year 13
University vs. apprenticeships Students will have the opportunity to examine the differences between these two popular Higher Education destinations. What are the benefits? How and when to apply?	  	Year 10 Year 11 Year 12
Is university worth it? An introduction to student finance for younger students with a focus on affordability.	  	Year 10 Year 11
How to choose a course & university How to select the right university & course for the student, including using league tables, websites and open days.	  	Year 11 Year 12
UCAS uncovered A presentation covering the ins and outs of the UCAS admissions process as well as top tips for writing a personal statement.	  	Year 12

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Face to face




















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To book

Personal statement support Talk — an overview of how to write a good personal statement Workshop — an interactive set of self-reflection activities which get students thinking about the structure & content of their personal statements.	  	Year 12 Year 13
Personal statement surgery One-to-one advice for students who have already started their statement or need help getting going.		Year 12 Year 13
Personal statement online review Students can submit their statements through our online service and receive personalised feedback and comments to help enhance their work (subject to availability).		Year 12 Year 13
Student finance A factual no-nonsense talk about student loans including repayments, bursaries and scholarships.	  	Year 12 Year 13
Student life A guide to the differences between school and university and what to expect from university life.	  	Year 11 Year 12 Year 13
Support at university Discover the range of academic, personal, career and financial support available at university.	  	Year 11 Year 12 Year 13
Contextual offers, access schemes and financial support Explore the various programmes and financial awards that universities offer to support students from Widening Access backgrounds.	  	Year 12 Year 13

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Skills

	Available services	Year group
Mock interviews We can support in school mock interviews or offer safe and secure online calls to give students the opportunity to practice their interview skills and receive feedback.	 	Year 11 Year 12 Year 13
Study skills An introduction to research skills, referencing & plagiarism, argumentative writing, reflective writing, critical thinking, independent learning styles and revision techniques.	  	Year 11 Year 12 Year 13
Career skills With this workshop we will help students to identify their skills and strengths and achievements to date. What skills are employers looking for? What does labour market information tell us about future employment?	  	Year 11 Year 12 Year 13
Revision for students by students A revision skills session with a difference. Current undergraduates share how they revised for GCSEs and A-Levels and help your students explore different revision techniques to suit various learning styles.	  	Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 Year 13
Resilience and wellbeing The importance of knowing how to be kind to ourselves and find ways of coping with periods of stress and anxiety drive this exploration of practical techniques. Suitable for any year group as well as those preparing for exams.	  	Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 Year 13

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Aspiration

	Available services	Year group
What is university? Find out what makes university different from school, meet current university students and discover the wide range of fascinating courses available to study.	  	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9
The university experience Living by yourself, making your own food, setting your own timetable: university students are very independent. Follow a day in the life of a current university student and find out what the university experience is really like.	  	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9
Subject stereotypes Girls can't be engineers and boys can't be nurses, right? Together we'll explore the notion of stereotypes within career pathways and offer unique experiences that help to challenge preconceptions.		Year 9 Year 10
Campus visits We can organise visits to campus that include meeting current students, exploring the campus facilities and taking part in engaging information and subject taster activities. Due to current circumstances please contact us to discuss options.		All
Campus experiences We are offering a series of online and on-campus experiences throughout the year. Due to the current circumstances places are limited and booking is essential. Click here to find out more.	 	Year 12 Year 13

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Residentials

Free*

3 day, 2 night
residential

Experience life at
university

Stay in student
accommodation

All meals included

Meet current university
students

Tour the campus

**Spring University
Year 10 & 11**

13th—15th April 2021

Year 12

Arts & Social Sciences

29th June — 1st July 2021

**Year 12
Science**

6th — 8th July 2021

Take part in subject
taster workshops

Discover the range of
subjects & experiences
available at university

Evening entertainment

* Students must meet 2 or more Widening Access criteria, for full details see our [website](#)

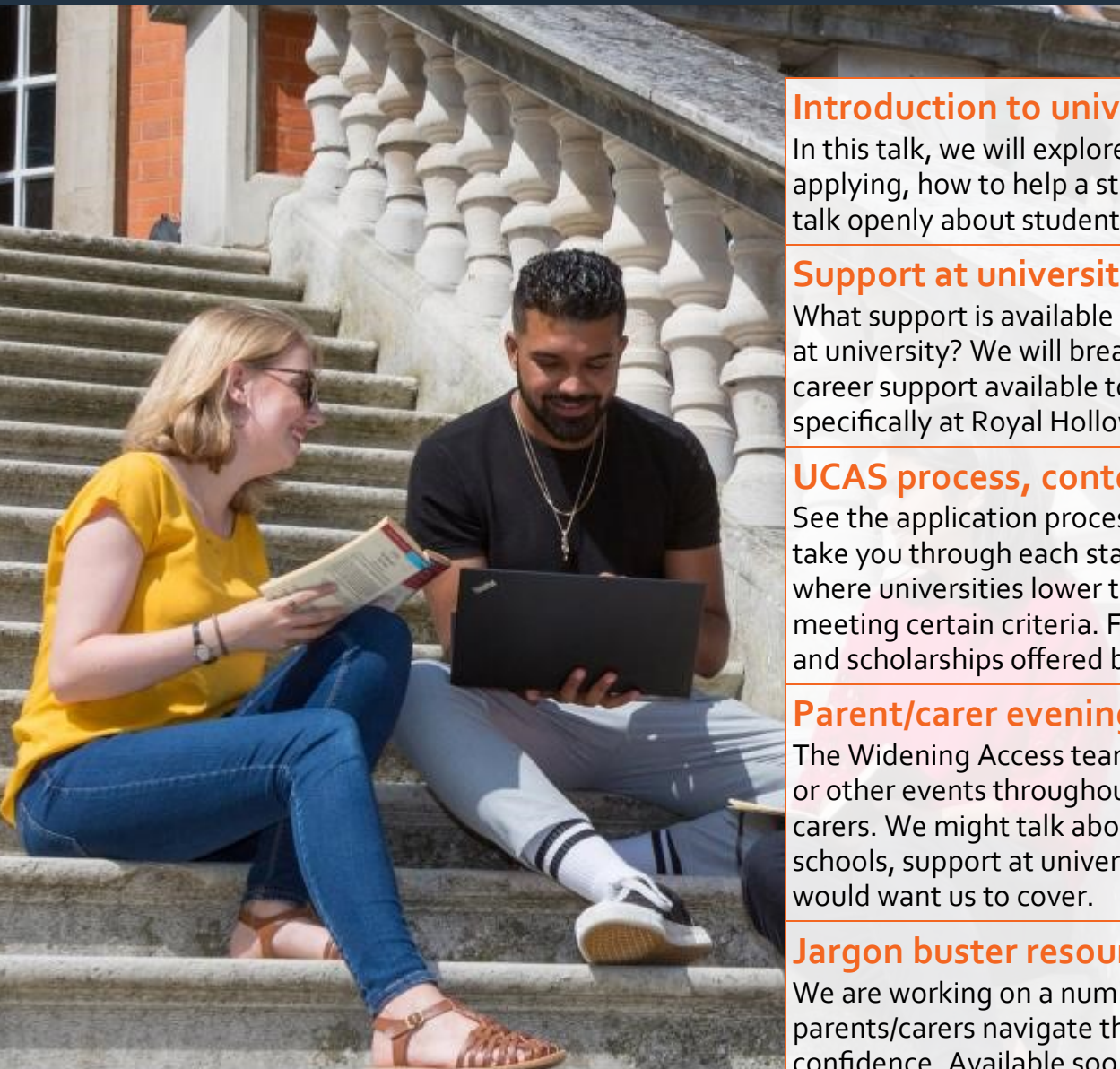


**Online applications open
October 2020**

Full details on our [website](#)

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Parents/carers



Available services

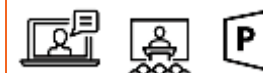
Introduction to university & student finance

In this talk, we will explore the benefits of university, the timeline of applying, how to help a student choose a course and university and talk openly about student finance.



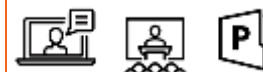
Support at university

What support is available before a student applies and whilst they are at university? We will break down the personal, financial, academic and career support available to students generally across the UK and specifically at Royal Holloway.



UCAS process, contextual offers & financial support

See the application process from the viewpoint of a university as we take you through each stage of application. Discover contextual offers where universities lower the grades on offers made to students meeting certain criteria. Finally, we'll explore the variety of bursaries and scholarships offered by universities.



Parent/carers evenings & options events

The Widening Access team is available to attend parent/carers evenings or other events throughout the academic year to speak to parents/carers. We might talk about student finance, residential summer schools, support at university or any area related to university that you would want us to cover.



Jargon buster resources

We are working on a number of jargon buster resources to help parents/carers navigate the world of Higher Education with more confidence. Available soon on our [website](#).



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Teachers/advisers

Available services

Writing a UCAS reference

Advice on the structure and content of the reference needed for a student's UCAS application.



HE Fairs

Staff and student ambassadors representing Royal Holloway are happy to attend your school HE fairs to talk to students and parents. We are prepared to support these face to face and online.



Coming soon

We are hard at work adding more content for teachers and advisors and will release the following as soon as possible:

- Online resources
- Embedding careers into subject sessions
- Literacy and numeracy projects

We are also looking at launching an online teacher advisory group to help steer our future programme of activities.

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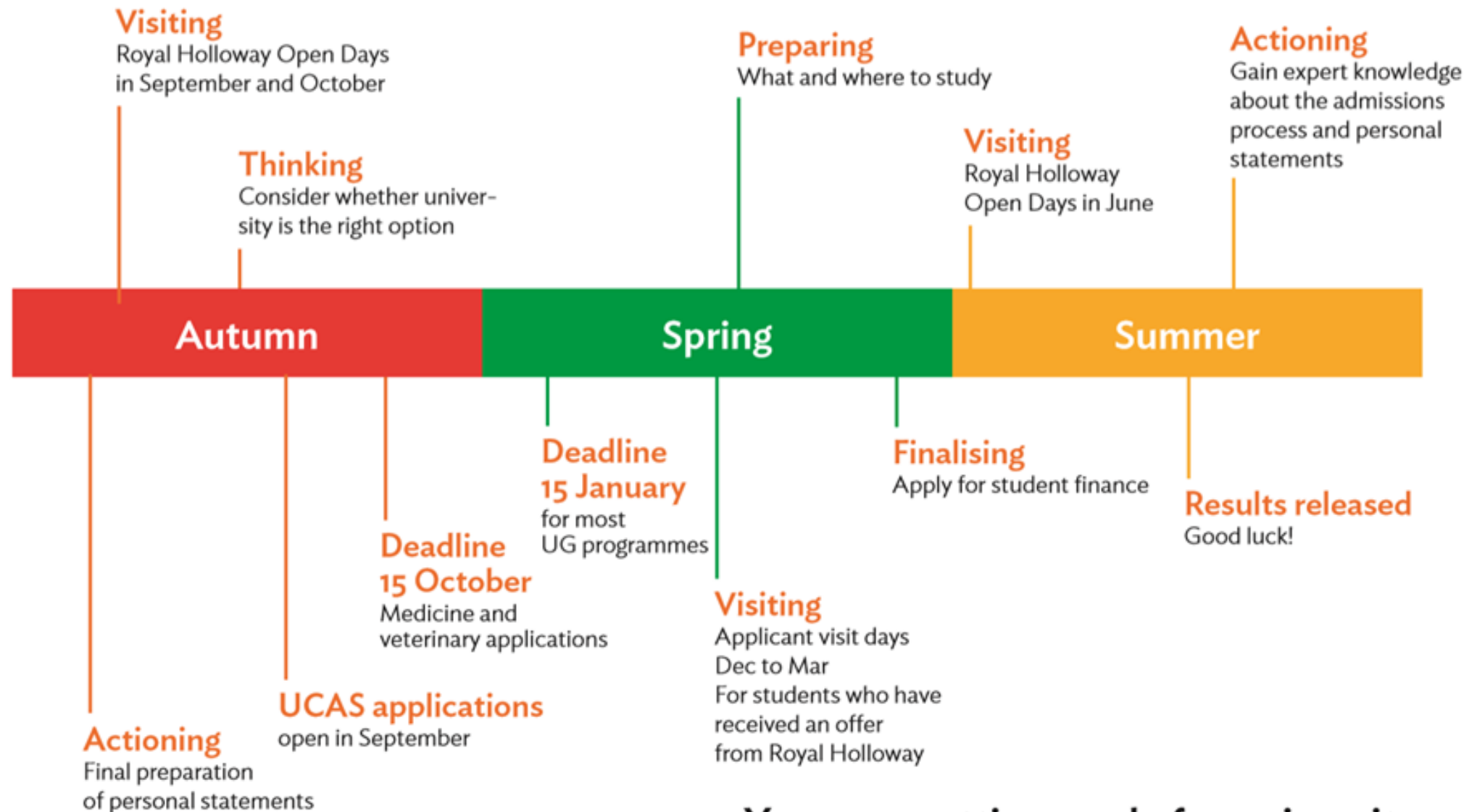
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Year 12 – what your students should be thinking about



Year 13 – getting ready for university

Contextual offers

Our contextual offer is a reduction of up to 2 grades lower* compared to the original entry requirements advertised on our website and undergraduate prospectus.

***Subject specific grades and GCSEs are not part of the contextual offer**

Who is eligible?

Students must meet 2 **Widening Access criteria**, which are:

- Attend an aspiring school (available on our [website](#))
- Have a disability or health condition that impacts daily life
- Been in local authority care for more than 3 months
- Mature student (21 or over at time of course start)
- Parents/carers have not attended university
- Home postcode is in a POLAR 4 Q1 area (you can search on our [website](#))

How do students apply?

They do nothing extra.

1. Just make Royal Holloway one of their 5 choices on UCAS when they apply
2. Ensure their application is as complete and accurate as possible: we look at specific pieces of data
3. If they meet the course entry requirements and the Widening Access criteria, we will do the rest
4. The offer they receive will be a contextual one

Discover more

For full details about contextual offers visit our website [here](#) or search "Royal Holloway contextual offer"

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To book or discuss any of our talks or activities, please email **schools@rhul.ac.uk**

For more information about Royal Holloway's events and activities please see our website **royalholloway.ac.uk**

Open Days information can be found at **royalholloway.ac.uk/opendays**

The Widening Access pages can be found [here](#)



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