Parents’ guides

Things to look out for at an Open Day

Open Days are the best way to get a feel for life at university. You can look around the campus, meet current students and teaching staff, and find out more about studying and living there.

Our top ten tips

1. Plan, plan, plan! Take a look at the programme before arriving to make sure you know when and where things are happening.
2. Attend as wide a range of talks as you can – to learn more about the university’s courses and get general advice and guidance.
3. Take time to speak to the academic staff to get your questions answered – they’re probably a leading expert in their field.
4. Meet current students who can help guide your son or daughter and relate their own experiences.
5. Take a student-led tour – student ambassadors are normally available on Open Days to show you and your son or daughter around the university.
6. Explore university accommodation – find out more about living on campus by freely exploring their accommodation.
7. Get hands-on in interactive sessions like demonstrations and laboratory exercises.
8. Get a taste of student life by watching any demonstrations by student clubs and societies.
9. Drop-in on the parents’ stand if there is one – ask all the questions YOU want answered.
10. If you haven’t got one already, pick up an undergraduate prospectus, so you know exactly how to contact the university with any follow-up questions.

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