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Positive About Futures

Applying to Higher Education

**Things to
consider and do**

Why Higher Education?

- **Big decision**
- **Higher earning potential**
- **Life experience**
- **Discuss your options with a
Careers Advisor**

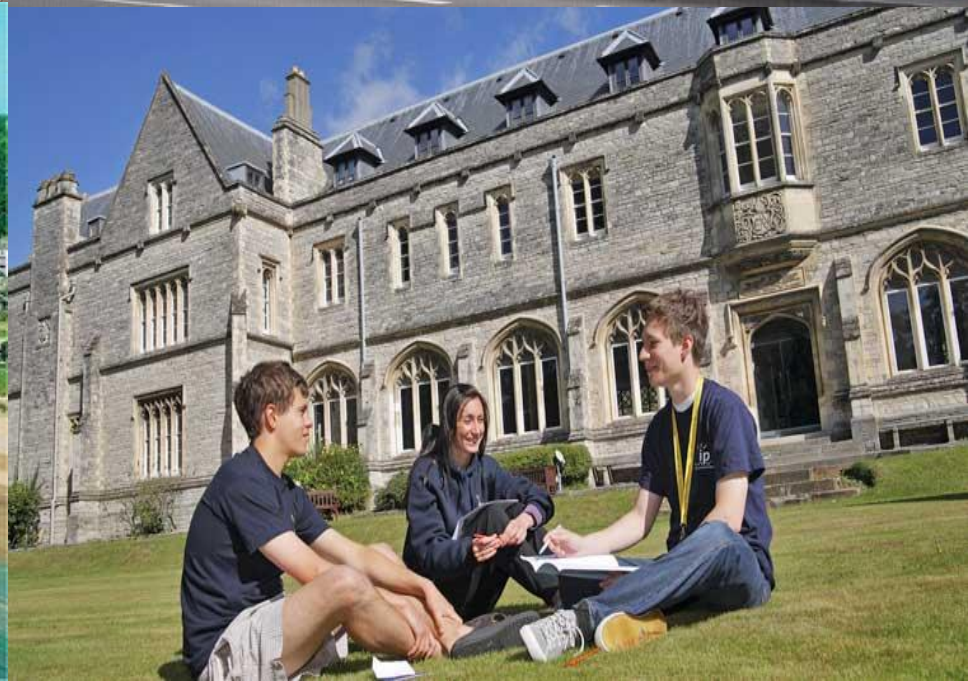


Where and what?



- **Vast range of choices – over 50,000 courses on offer**



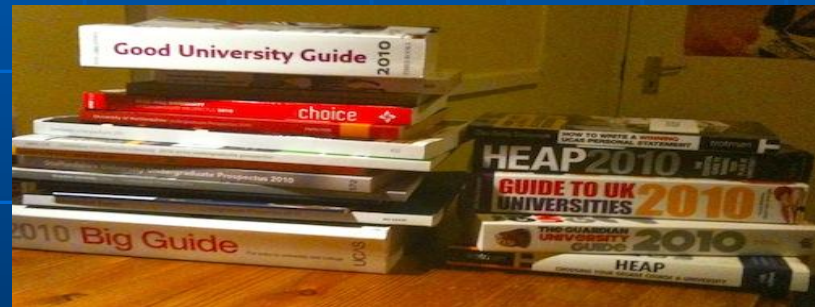


“The lively, cosmopolitan town centre is a short 45 minutes away on the university mini-bus”



Research Research Research

- Check out  www.ucas.com
- Go to Open Days – www.opendays.com



- Visit the Student Centre – good resources available

Mature Students Information Evening

Thursday 4th October 2012
5-7pm at

University of Portsmouth
Purple Door Information
Centre

Entry Requirements

- **UCAS Tariff and Points**
- **Specific subject requirements,
e.g. GCSEs**
- **Admissions Tests**

Costs

- Tuition fees
- Living costs



Financial Support

- **Student Loans**
- **Student grants and bursaries**

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Application

- Register with UCAS online
(College buzzword for entry to university in 2013 will be **chicol13**)
- Personal details
- Additional Information
- Student Finance
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal Statement
- Pay/Send
- Reference



Personal Statement

- Key points to consider
- What to include
- Dos and don'ts
- Size and presentation
- Similarity detection

Video time ...

Personal statements (how to)
03:13 | 13 comments

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External Deadline Dates

- **15th October** - Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary courses
- **15th January** – all others
- **March** for some Art & Design courses

College Deadline Date

**1st December
2012**

What Next?

- **UCAS** confirm application to you
- **Universities consider**
- **Universities respond via UCAS**

Types of Response

- **Decline**



- **Conditional**



- **Unconditional**



Responding to Offers

**Only decide when all responses
have been given**

- **Firm Acceptance**
- **Insurance Choice**
 - **Decline Offer**

UCAS extra

- **If no offers are received**
- **Able to apply for an extra course**

UCAS Clearing

Starts in August and you are eligible if : -

- **If you have no offers**
- **Failed to meet entry requirements**

**Able to apply for courses with advertised
places still available**

Remember ...

**If you have any questions
the staff in the
Student Centre
are available to help**

