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VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY TOURS

UCAS
OVERVIEWS

**FOR STUDENTS
APPLYING FOR
UNIVERSITY
START IN
SEPTEMBER
2027
OR LATER**

Most universities provide online materials for students interested in attending their courses. Most will offer virtual tours of departments, particularly those with subject specific resources such as lab equipment or art studios. You can often chat using 'unibuddy' to students taking the courses you are interested in. A myriad of virtual experience is at you fingertips alongside taster days short courses and 'getting ready' for uni experiences.

Designed to give students an understanding of both the nature of the courses on offer and the structure and facilities available at university, much of the information given by the universities is applicable to and transferable to other universities or institutions.

In the following pages I have collected together a small example of what is on offer. Information is correct at time of publishing this guide. I would recommend visiting individual university websites for greater detail, universities will be continually updating this information so the links may be subject to change or redirection.

The examples given are to illustrate the variety of approaches adopted by the universities and serve as a guide rather than an endorsement or specific recommendation.

Virtual touring allows you to narrow down your choices so that you can make an informed choice as to which universities to visit in real time.

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1. The majority of our students (74%) study in the South

2. Over half of universities chosen are in the south

Students can choose From.....

Over 300 HE Institutions (164 Unis)

Over 50,000 courses

Over 700,000 students each year

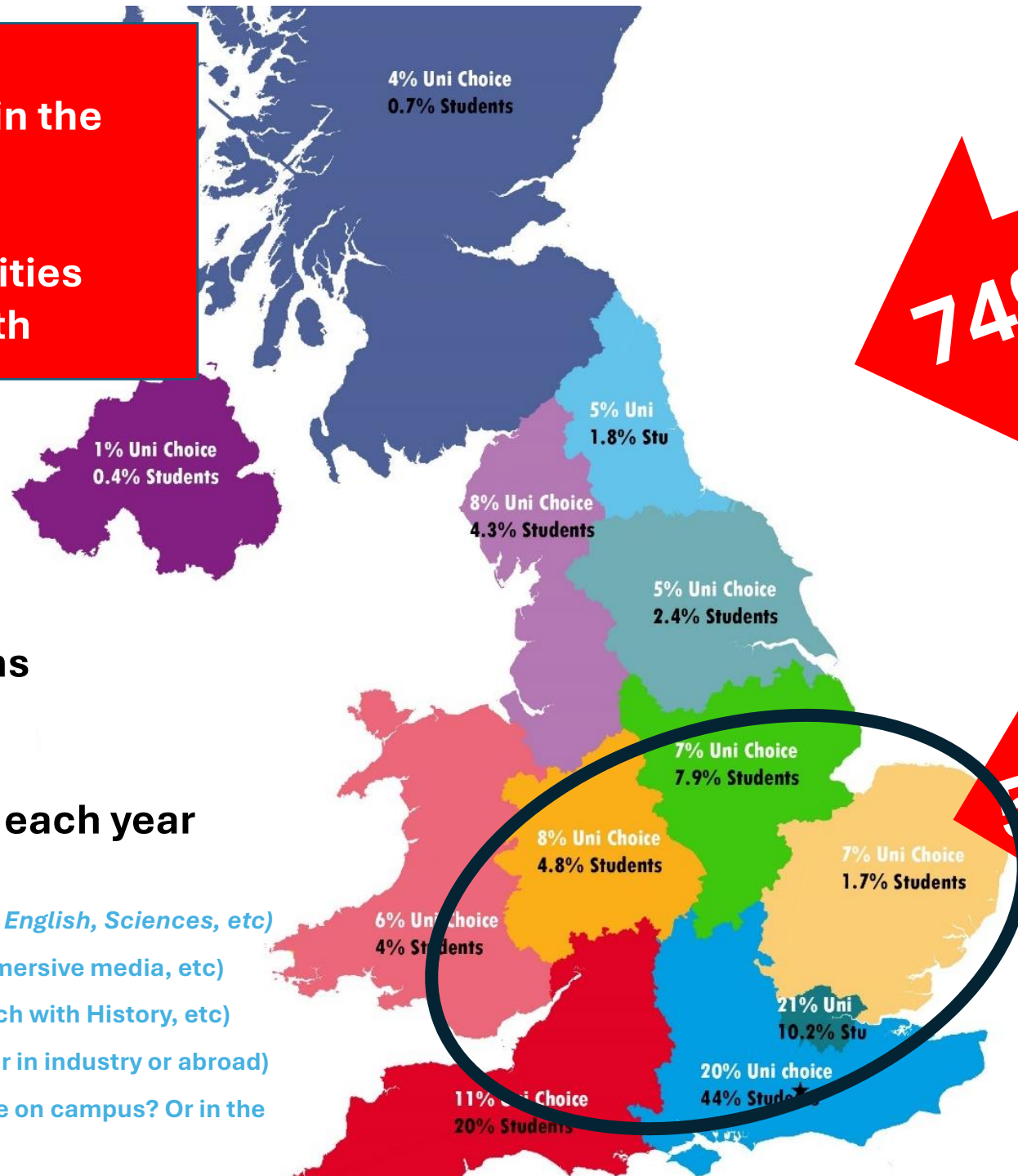
Traditional Courses (Maths, English, Sciences, etc)

New Courses (criminology, immersive media, etc)

Combined Studies (eg. French with History, etc)

Sandwich Courses (with year in industry or abroad)

Campus/Non Campus (live on campus? Or in the surrounding area?)



74% Of our Students study in the South

52% Chosen Universities are in the South

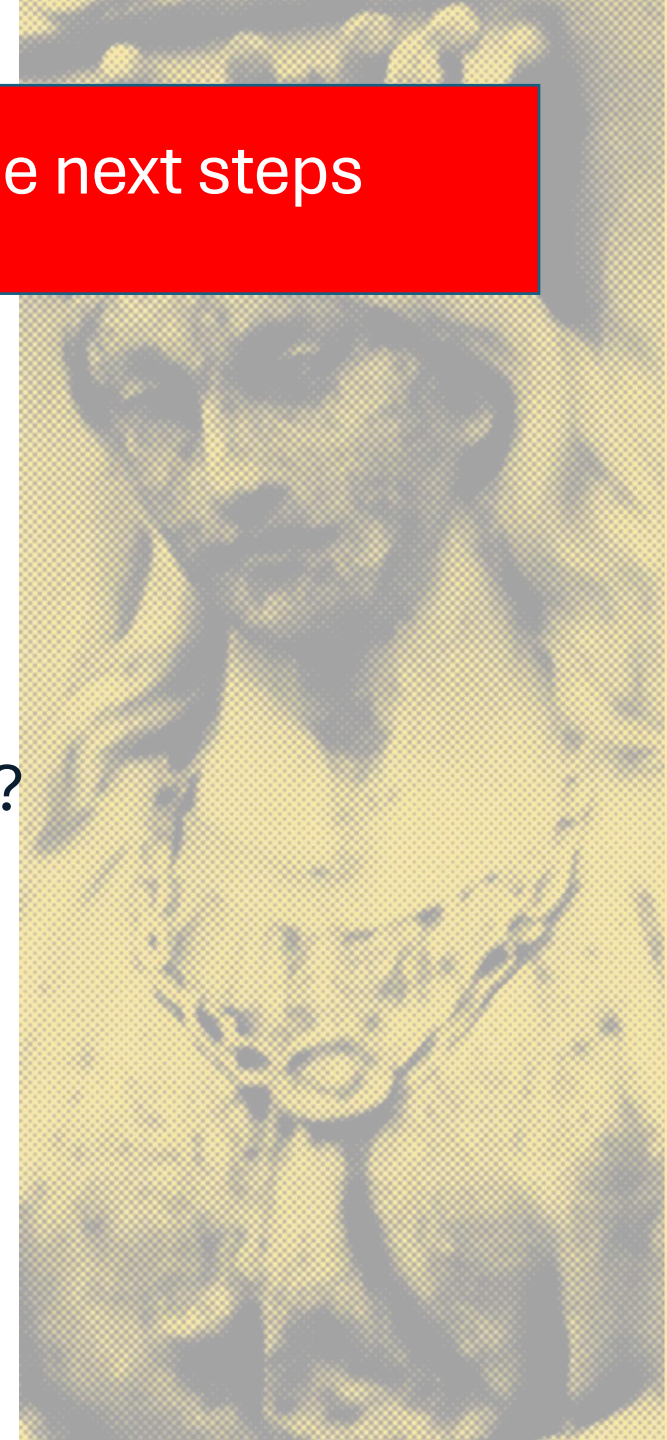
This is an
alphabetical
list of our
CURRENT
TOP
UNIVERSITY
CHOICES
BY
COLLYERS
STUDENTS

- BOURNEMOUTH
- BRIGHTON
- BRISTOL
- CHICHESTER
- EAST ANGLIA
- EXETER
- KENT
- NOTTINGHAM
- PORTSMOUTH
- RAVENSBOURNE
- READING
- SOUTHAMPTON
- SURREY
- SUSSEX
- UCL
- WARWICK
- WINCHESTER



Reflect upon these starting points when thinking about the next steps

- **R**anking for student satisfaction and care?
- **E**mployment - % of students post course ?
- **F**urther study % of students continuing after graduating?
- **L**ibraries, lecture halls and study spaces
- **E**xtra-curricular - student unions/societies/sports teams?
- **C**ampus or spread out over a city/ in a city centre ?
- **T**eaching standards/Research based study activity?
- **I**ndependence -living accommodation share/commute?
- **O**ther personal factors?
- **N**eed to have a part-time job as well?



Ask yourself these questions, consider the answers carefully....

Completely new course?

Already studying?

Related to a career?

Enjoy the subject?

Far away? Close to Home?

Undergraduate? Then post grad?

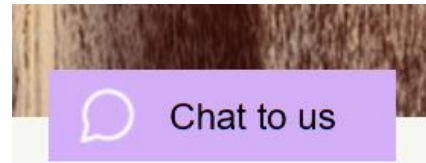
Life plan?



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BRIGHTON	https://www.brighton.ac.uk/accommodation-and-locations/campuses/index.aspx
BRISTOL	http://virtualtours.online-event.co/bristoluni/index.html
CHICHESTER	https://www.pan3sixty.co.uk/virtual_tours/university-of-chichester/#01-learning-resource-centre
EAST ANGLIA	https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate
EXETER	http://www.exeter.ac.uk/visit/campuses/virtualtours/
KENT	https://www.youtube.com/user/UniversityofKent
NOTTINGHAM	https://www.northampton.ac.uk/360-Tour/
PORTSMOUTH	https://www.port.ac.uk/study/open-days/virtual-portsmouth-experience
RAVENSBOURNE	https://www.ravensbourne.ac.uk/study-here/open-events-and-tours/virtual-tour-of-ravensbourne/
READING	https://www.reading.ac.uk/VirtualTour/
SOUTHAMPTON	http://virtualopenday.southampton.ac.uk/
SURREY	https://youtu.be/Gq10IYUawbo
SUSSEX	https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/visit-us/virtual-tour/
UCL	https://www.pan3sixty.co.uk/virtual_tours/institute_of_education/campus/
WARWICK	https://www.youtube.com/user/uniwarwick
WINCHESTER	https://www.winchester.ac.uk/virtualtour/

**VIRTUAL
TOUR LINKS
FOR
COLLYERS
TOP CHOICES**

You will find a wealth of information and helpful links to both virtual tours and virtual assistants alongside real time experiences. If you are concerned about any aspect of university life then it is more than likely that the university website will provide you with an answer or direct you towards someone who can answer. Here are just a few of the further information buttons available on a brief visit to Bournemouth Uni's website.



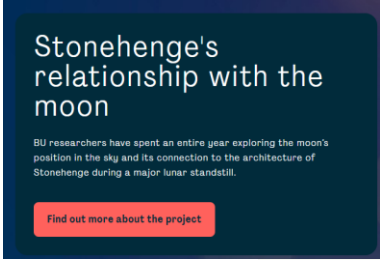
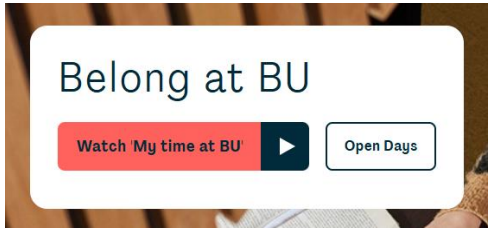
CHAT ONLINE WITH STUDENTS ABOUT COURSES

Book an Open Day

Request a prospectus

Take our virtual tour

Chat to a student



Find out how we can connect you to the right people

Take on an apprentice through BU



Further information:

Follow SUBU's Iris LGBTQ+ Society on Instagram

Check out SUBU's LGBTQ+ History Month events

Accommodation for NHS placements

Accommodation for current students

Accommodation for families and couples

Preparing to move here

Find out more about:

Projects

Centres and institutes

Our research environment

Public and student engagement



I have collected together some examples of the virtual output from our most popular universities. This collection does not serve as an endorsement of one university or course over another, simply it stands as an indication of the virtual sea of information upon which you can set sail.

Virtual experience | University of Portsmouth



Put yourself in Portsmouth

Wherever you are in the world, you can put yourself in Portsmouth with our virtual experience.

Explore a virtual day in the life of a Portsmouth student, tour our accommodation, discover our island city and experience your subject.

Take the virtual experience [↗](#)



If you are not familiar with the town or city your university is attached to then very often you will find that the virtual tours include tours of the surrounding area. It is also a good idea to have a virtual tour of the halls or accommodation as well to get an idea what is on offer.



STUDENT LIFE > CAMPUS LIFE

Entertainment | Food and drink | Getting around campus | On-campus services



CAMPUS LIFE

What to expect at your new home away from home.

Our beautiful campuses in Guildford have everything you need for your studies and beyond. Find a quiet spot to work on your latest project in the library, grab a fresh lunch with friends at the food market or try out our impressive sports facilities.

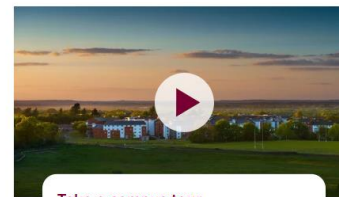
Many of the 'voices' on the sites are actual students genuinely telling you what they have gained from study at the uni

Campus life | University of Surrey

Though all images are advertising they are also trying to show you the opportunities you can have when you arrive at Uni. At the very least you could arrive more informed of what is on offer and therefore make the best use of your time at Uni

Take a look around

Discover the fun of Surrey life through the eyes of our students.



Take a campus tour



Hear from students currently in student halls



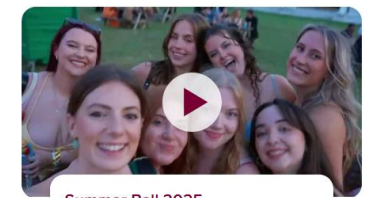
Day in the life of a University of Surrey student



Students' Union Thursday Food Market



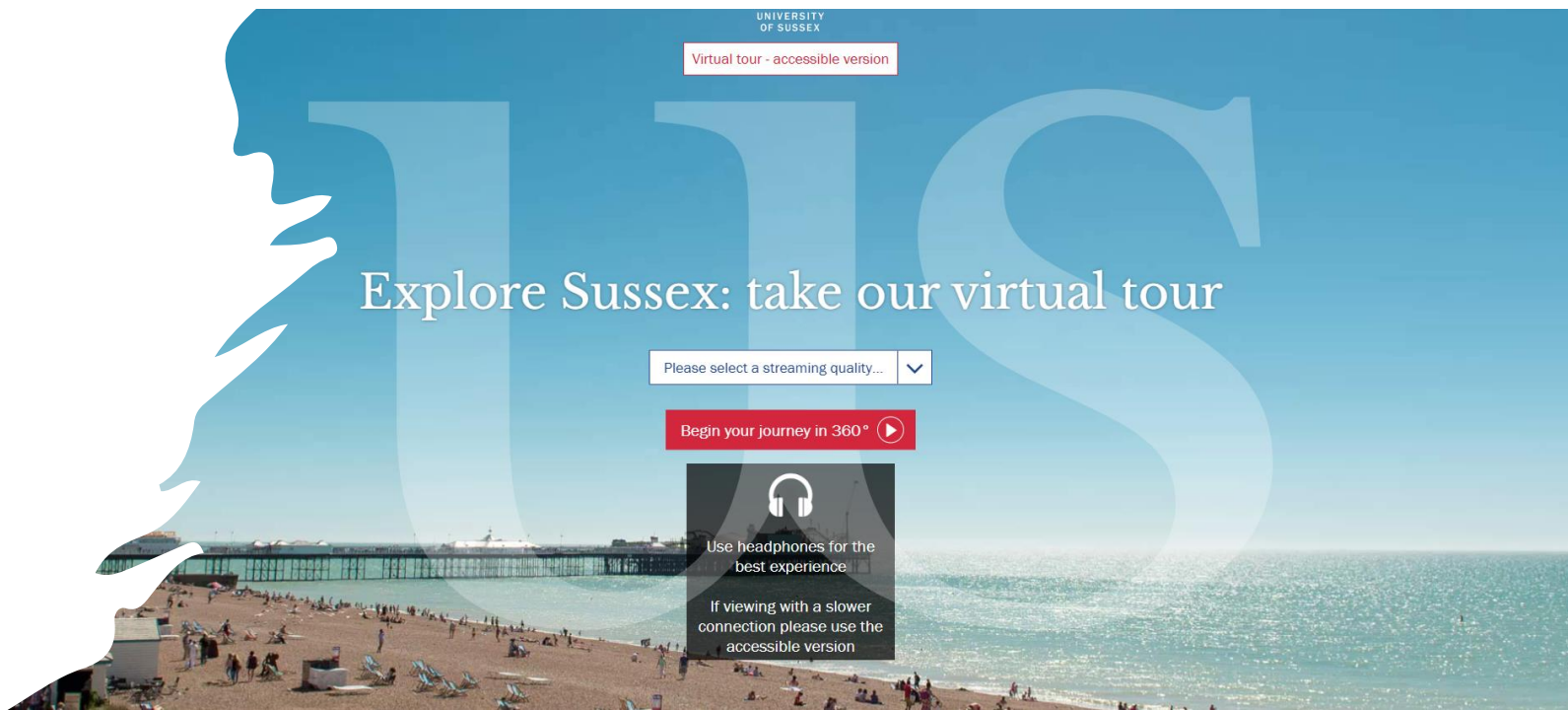
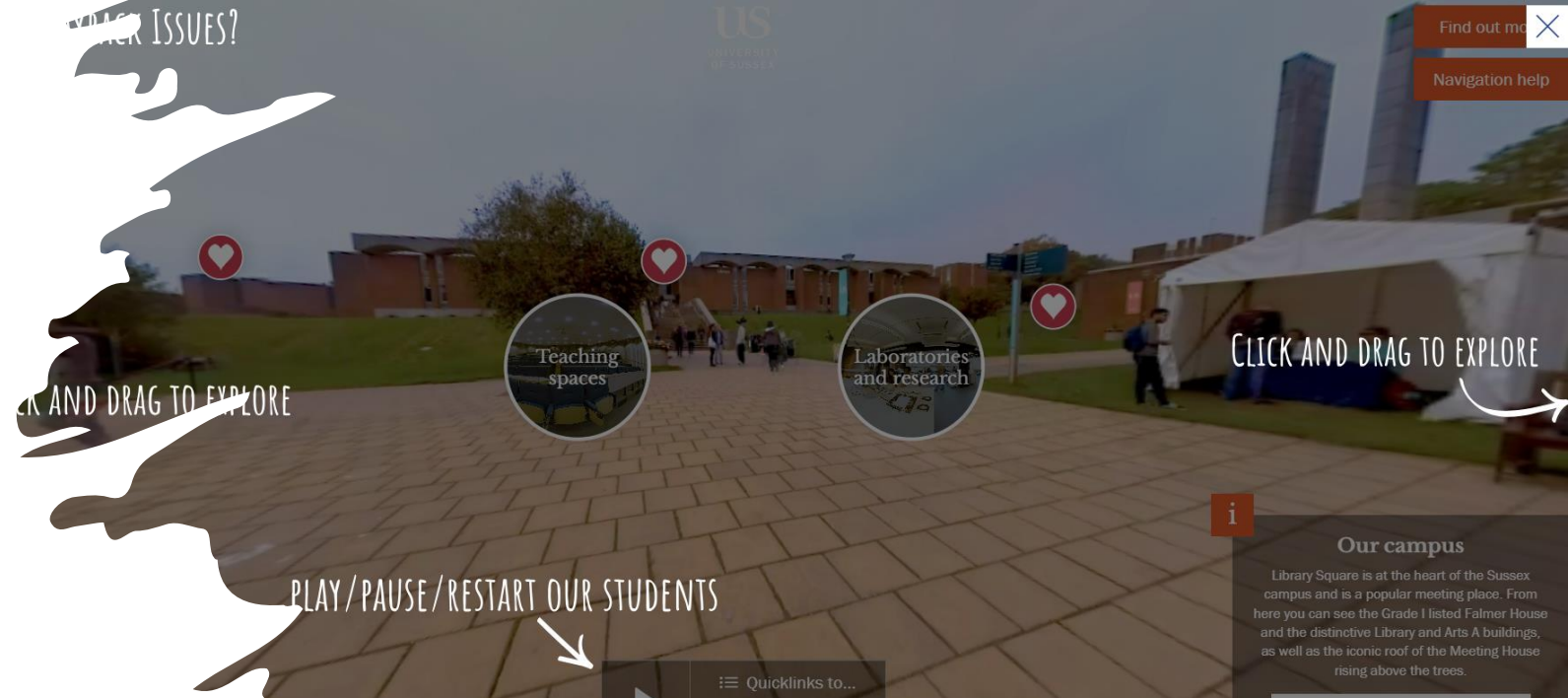
It's your first week on campus



Summer Ball 2025

A lot of the tours are self guided so you can move around within a landscape. Similar to using Streetview on Google maps or within a first player video game – revisiting locations and seeing them from different angles. It is quite like being there!

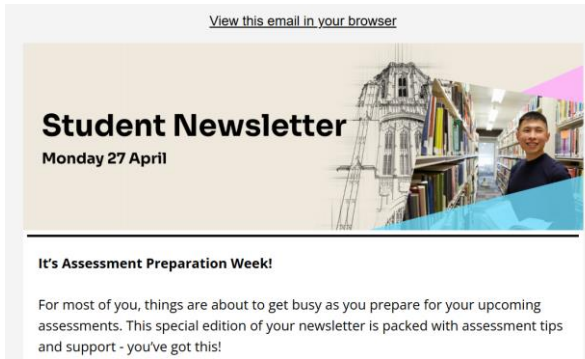
Welcome | University of Sussex | Virtual Tour



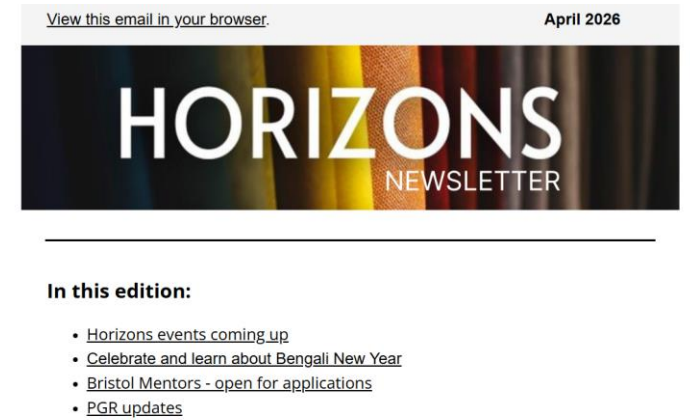
UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTERS

Many universities produce regular newsletters like this example from Bristol Uni, the University of Winchester and Brighton Unis Instagram newsletter, The 'Gull'. It is a great way to see what the university has to offer and to find out about events and upcoming opportunities to speak to students or drop in on online lectures. Why not see if the university you are interested in has a 'subscribe' feature and you can receive these regularly?

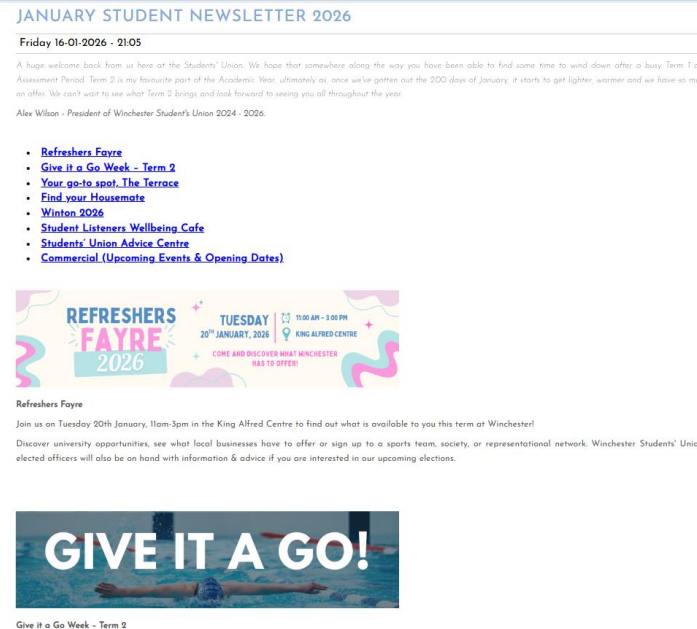
Student Newsletter - 27 April



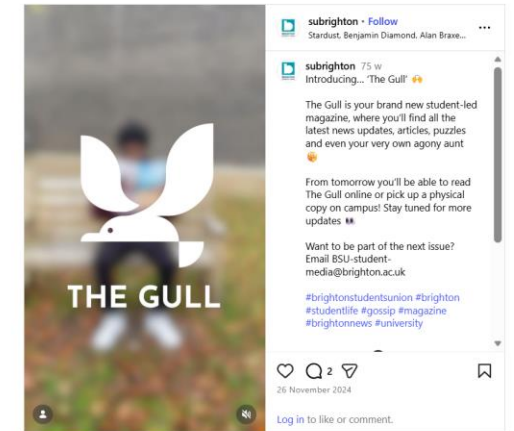
April Horizons Newsletter



January Student Newsletter 2026 @ Winchester Student Union



Instagram



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On UCAS HUB you can find a virtual tour alphabetical guide

UCAS

Further education

Undergraduate

Postgraduate

Alternatives

Careers



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Virtual tours

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CANT GET TO
THE
UNIVERSITY
THEN GO
THERE
VIRTUALLY!

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital?keywords=>

AFTER INVESTIGATING THE UNIVERSITIES VIRTUALLY

You can then use the university site to book an openday or view all current opendays on [opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com)

I recommend attending as you will get a better understanding of the reality of the university and how you will feel on campus by physically being there

Universities also hold

Applicant Days for popular courses. If you have applied for a university and not yet received an offer universities may use your booking of an applicant day booking to help choose which students are serious about application or to offer additional incentives such as bursaries or offer unconditional places.

opendays.com

university and college open days

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22-Mar Open Day



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12-Mar Open Day



15-Mar Open Day



12-Mar Open Day

Opendays.com - the university and college open day directory



University of Kent

📅 Next open day: 26 April 2025

📍 Nearest city: Canterbury

[More on University of Kent](#)

University of
Kent

[Open Day Search](#)



22-Mar Open Day

Join BCU's diverse student community and study at a university named as top university for work experience placements in the Midlands (RateMyPlacement).

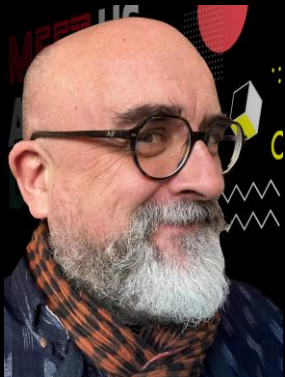
Get a feel for where you'll spend your time studying, living, and kickstarting your career at our Undergraduate Open Day.

- Explore our state-of-the-art facilities designed for practical learning – in which we've invested £400 million
- Chat to our students and get all your questions answered.
- Meet our expert staff to find out

The possibilities and opportunities to really get to grips with the next steps in your educational journey rest with the time you can spend researching what is on offer. Take notes, bookmark sites, contrast and compare. University is a new adventure and will be different from college. Proactive participation is the key to success at this point and also when you eventually attend at an undergraduate level.

This small sample is designed only to whet your appetite for discovery and I hope you enjoy searching for what your future may entail.

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