



University Admissions and Updates

For current applicants hoping to enter University in Autumn 2020

We have collated the latest information sent to us by admissions departments and from University websites. We will update you with any additional information in the weekly bulletin. Please note: This is not an exhaustive list. If information from the institution that you have applied to is not found below, please visit their website directly, as most have signposted changes to admissions clearly from the homepage. The [UCAS website](#) [external link] also carries useful information. They have a list of [virtual tours](#) [external link] currently offered by Universities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the team at careers@serc.ac.uk. We are here to help.

University	Details posted on university websites (Note: this may be subject to change – always verify at source)	Further information
University of Aberdeen	The university want to give you the opportunity to meet them remotely and are hosting a number of events. Click on this link for full listings https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/index.php	
University of the Arts, London	“Our Admissions team will be in touch with applicants regarding their application and how we will be responding to the latest updates. If you need to contact them, use the UAL portal .” (Links to an external site.)	https://www.arts.ac.uk/about-ual/press-office/stories/update-on-the-coronavirus-outbreak# (Links to an external site.)
University of Bath	Register for their undergraduate virtual experience and campus video tour: https://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/undergraduate-virtual-experience/	
Cardiff University	Cardiff are holding an Undergraduate Virtual Open Day on Friday 3 July. Register via this link: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/	
University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN)	“Get your students on the right track with our free personal statement guide (Links to an external site.). Currently our ‘chat to us’ service matches prospective students with current students, giving them real-time access to university ambassadors with relevant interests. We are now offering our support to this service by adding our staff profiles so that whilst we can’t visit colleges, students can still ask us questions and get	https://www.uclan.ac.uk/students/news/coronavirus.php (Links to an external site.)

	<p>the information, reassurance and confidence they need to make a successful application to University. Our profiles will be live shortly and we will contact you to let you know when we are ready to chat!</p> <p>During April we will be giving prospective students the opportunity to meet academics and students across our subject areas. These events will provide opportunities for deeper engagement with our subject experts enhancing A Level or BTEC study and enabling students to make an informed choice about Higher Education. We will be sending out further details next week on the subjects, dates and times.”</p>	
<p><u>University College Dublin</u></p>	<p>School of Agriculture and Food Science has developed online resources (Links to an external site.) for secondary school agricultural science students, as well as videos from online information events (Links to an external site.). We are hosting for the next couple of weeks, live Instagram Q&A (Links to an external site.) sessions every Friday at 4pm @myucd. We also have maths support resources (Links to an external site.) for leaving cert students. We launched our online chat (Links to an external site.) last summer where we have Student Ambassadors representing most of our courses available to receive questions and provide genuine answers within a couple of hours. We will also be updating the Guidance Counsellors page (Links to an external site.) shortly to include updates and links to other information, so please keep an eye on it. UCD Summer School is going to be run virtually with presentations and Q&A's, 5th and 6th years are invited to join but will need to book through ucdsummerschool.ie from 18th May.</p>	<p>https://www.ucd.ie/covid-19/ (Links to an external site.)</p>
<p><u>Dundalk Institute of Technology</u></p>	<p>“While our campus is currently closed due to the Covid-19 health emergency, the Schools Liaison team at Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) (Links to an external site) is here to support you over the coming months. Our team is working remotely to support applicant queries via email, telephone or video chat. (Links to an external site.) You can submit applications to CAO (Links to an external site.) until 1st May 2020 at 17:15, so there's still time to expand your third-level options and apply to study with us in DkIT. DkIT will be hosting a series of Virtual Open Days for applicants on Tuesday 21st April: 10am – 7pm (Links to an external site.) and Wednesday 6th May: 10am – 7pm (Links to an external site.). Our admissions team will be on hand during the day to answer any questions you may have about progressions routes from Further Education to Higher Education. We kindly ask that you</p>	<p>https://www.dkit.ie/about-dkit/coronavirus/ (Links to an external site.)</p>

	<p>register your interest in attending the virtual open day(s) by clicking the links above.</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact the Schools Liaison Team.”</p>	
<u>University of Dundee</u>	<p>“For any students that currently hold an offer for the University of Dundee, we have a web page (Links to an external site.) which we will be updating throughout this period. We understand that many students’ study plans will be affected by COVID-19, therefore we are putting in place a series of measures relating to our admissions processes.</p> <p>For any students that may be considering applying for the University of Dundee, we are currently looking at how we can provide Higher Education provision for students that may not have the same access at home than if they were still at school/college. We have created a folder that can be used both by staff and students which will be updated over time with content relevant to the University of Dundee, and this can be found HERE (Links to an external site.).</p> <p>We are running a series of virtual campus visits every Thursday at Noon and have just started a call back initiative. This will give pupils the opportunity to request a call with a University of Dundee staff member to discuss their options for university study.” https://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/visitus/</p>	<p>https://www.dundee.ac.uk/coronavirus (Links to an external site.)</p>
<u>University of East Anglia</u>	<p>Check out our online portal (Links to an external site.) for useful resources.</p> <p>We are holding regular webinars (Links to an external site.) for students in years 12 and 13, on topics such as student finance, next steps and life at UEA. They all include a Q&A session and a number feature current UEA students.</p> <p>“Our current understanding is that most qualification boards have confirmed that exams have been cancelled, but they will award grades so that you can progress on to Higher Education. We will be flexible with accepting our offer holders who aren’t able to meet the conditions of the offer in the way that they expected or at the time that they expected. We are in regular contact with the Government, UCAS and exam boards and will share any new information as soon as we have it. In the meantime the admissions service is here for you on email and live chat (available on our course pages (Links to an external site.)). Our current students (Links to an external site.) are also available so that you can ask them any questions you may have.</p> <p>Just to note that we have extended the deadlines for our music</p>	<p>https://www.uea.ac.uk/about/media-room/latest-news/statements/covid-19-advice (Links to an external site.)</p>

	and sports scholarships (Links to an external site.) – these will now be 26 April for music and 31 May for sports.”	
Edge Hill University	<p>“We have communicated with all students who are Edge Hill offer holders to confirm that we will honour the offer that we have made to them. This means that regardless of when and whether they are able to sit/complete their level three examinations, their place at Edge Hill University is guaranteed. We have made this decision on the basis of predicted grades, personal statements and references. We’ll be amending offers from conditional to unconditional on UCAS Track and applicants can expect to see these changes take effect in the next few days.</p> <p>The above does not, at this stage, apply to any applicants for Medicine, Medicine with Foundation Year or for any QTS teacher training applicants who still have an outstanding GCSE requirement as a condition of their offer. We will be in touch separately with these students to provide further details. Additionally, for any of your students whose offer contains ‘non-academic conditions’ (such as DBS or medical clearance) or conditions based on National or Professional Body requirements, we will contact them if we need to discuss this further.”</p> <p>Virtual Outreach (Links to an external site.)</p>	https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/announcements/coronavirus/ (Links to an external site.)
Edinburgh Napier University	<p>https://www.napier.ac.uk/about-us/coronavirus/prospective-students-faqs</p> <p>Latest News from Napier for 2020 applicants</p>	
The University of Edinburgh	<p>https://www.ed.ac.uk/news/covid-19/prospective-students</p> <p>The University of Edinburgh is aiming to start Semester 1 on Monday 21 September – watch this link for further details.</p>	
University of Glasgow	<p>The University of Glasgow have a Q&A page for prospective students via this link: https://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/</p>	
Lancaster University	<p>“Webinars: Why Lancaster and Student Life and Accommodation https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/open-days/visit-us-events/</p> <p>You can message current students and staff members your questions through our university website by following this link: https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/chat/” (Links to an external site.)</p> <p>Digital Content Ambassadors (Links to an external site.)</p>	https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/coronavirus/# (Links to an external site.)

<u>Leeds Beckett University</u>	<p>"If you require any advice, additional clarification or simply wish to speak to a member of the team, we have extended our operational hours via our schools and colleges phone number, which is available from 8am until 8pm, Monday to Friday until the end of April. You can speak to a member of the team on 0113 812 5907. In addition, you can continue to contact us by email at schoolsandcolleges@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.</p>	<p>https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/COVID19/ (Links to an external site.)</p>
<u>University of Leeds</u>	<p>"We have recently published an 'Information for applicants and offer holders' (Links to an external site.) webpage which addresses some frequently asked questions. These will be continually updated."</p>	<p>https://coronavirus.leeds.ac.uk/ (Links to an external site.)</p>
<u>Liverpool Hope University</u>	<p>Virtual Applicant Day, Wednesday 29th April, 12.30 – 5pm. Open to all prospective students looking to find out more about specific courses and subject areas. To join simply go to our website, hope.ac.uk, from 12:30pm on Wednesday and click Virtual Applicant Day to get involved.</p>	<p>https://www.hope.ac.uk/coronavirus/ (Links to an external site.)</p>
<u>Liverpool John Moore's</u>	<p>"Students should contact their relevant Faculty Admissions Team with any queries regarding their current admissions status. Further information for all prospective students is available here (Links to an external site.).</p> <p>We realise that for many Year 12 (Y13 NI) students this is usually an important time in researching university options and we are currently developing virtual resources to help students navigate Higher Education in order that they are not disadvantaged in this regard. Additionally we will continue to support Year 13 (Y14 NI) students who having finished school prematurely and may benefit from transitional engagements in order that they are fully prepared for university life in September. On-line chat platforms and video content will be utilised in an effort to support students over the coming months."</p>	<p>https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/information-on-coronavirus# (Links to an external site.)</p>
<u>University of Liverpool</u>	<p>"Students can view all our facilities and accommodation on our virtual tour (Links to an external site.). We will be in touch with offer holders as soon as possible, to reassure them and set out the University of Liverpool's position on this vitally important matter. If you need to contact the university, email uguk@liverpool.ac.uk if you're an offer holder. Accommodation enquiries: accommodation@liverpool.ac.uk</p> <p>If in doubt please contact our General Enquiries Team on 0151 794 2000 or via our virtual advisor. (Links to an external site.)</p>	<p>https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance/covid19/ (Links to an external site.)</p>
<u>London School of Economics</u>	<p>"Processing times for applications to LSE have been delayed, resulting in our final decision deadline being extended from 31 March to 1 May. This has been communicated to all applicants awaiting a decision through an email from our Undergraduate</p>	<p>https://info.lse.ac.uk/coronavirus-response/advice-for-students (Links to an external site.)</p>

<p><u>and Political Science</u></p>	<p>Admissions team. Applicants will receive confirmation of LSE's decision on UCAS Track by 1 May. Please be assured that our Admissions Team are doing all they can to support applicants in this fast-moving situation. The UCAS reply deadline has also been extended to allow applicants more time to make their firm and insurance choices. We will continue to review and update our Offer Holders' FAQ page (Links to an external site.) as the situation develops.</p> <p>Our Offer Holders' Day scheduled to take place on 22 April has been cancelled. Instead we will be offering a virtual offer holders' event which will include further departmental information, advice from students and staff, videos and blogs, and the opportunity to ask LSE staff and students questions about life at LSE. We will send all offer holders further details of this shortly.</p> <p>All on campus events, including our Undergraduate Open Day scheduled to take place on 29 April and our Taster Courses scheduled for May, have been cancelled. We will be offering a virtual Undergraduate Open Day instead, details of which will be available on our Visit LSE webpage (Links to an external site.) shortly. In the meantime, your students may be interested in our online resources (Links to an external site.), including webinars, student blogs and video diaries."</p>	
<p><u>University of Manchester</u></p>	<p>Why Manchester? Webinar https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/aspiring-students/manchester-live/ (Links to an external site.)</p>	<p>https://www.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus-response/ (Links to an external site.)</p>
<p><u>Newcastle University</u></p>	<p>"Our priority is to put in place a fair and transparent process for offer holders and applicants, and as more details become available from Ministers, we will be consulting with the Office for Students, Ofqual and other higher education bodies to inform what we do next.</p> <p>We've already been in touch with all our applicants and offer holders, and we will be emailing them on a regular basis to keep them informed and reassured as the situation evolves.</p> <p>Due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, we won't be holding our Open Days on campus this June. However, we're planning an innovative schedule of virtual tours, live chats, and helpful resources so they can still experience Newcastle University from their sofas. We will contact you with more details about these as soon as we can.</p> <p>If there are any questions that aren't covered by our FAQs, then you or they can contact us directly (Links to an external site.) or send queries to one of our current students through our online chat and messaging system. (Links to an external site.)</p>	<p>https://www.ncl.ac.uk/welbeing/coronavirus-updatedinformation/ (Link s to an external site.)</p>

<p><u>Northumbria University</u></p>	<p>Northumbria University are going to be holding a live Q + A session (similar to a UCAS fair) with Graduate Ambassadors from 9am-3pm on Tuesday 28th April and Wednesday 29th April.</p> <p>During the event you will be able to log on at a time that suits you and ask any questions you have through the live chat feature. The Graduate Ambassadors will also answer some of the most commonly asked questions at events which may be applicable for you.</p> <p>If you are interested in attending the virtual event you can register here and you will be sent a link prior to the event. https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU0125ntctGvXp</p>	<p>https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/covid19/ (Links to an external site.)</p>
<p><u>NUI Galway</u></p>	<p>NUI Galway are currently running live online Q&A sessions which might be of interest. http://www.nuigalway.ie/cao/virtual-events/ (Links to an external site.)</p> <p>NUI Galway Virtual Open Day Event Date: 7th May Duration: 1 day Register now: nuigalway.ie/opendays</p>	<p>http://www.nuigalway.ie/alert/ (Links to an external site.)</p>
<p><u>University of Portsmouth</u></p>	<p>Details on what A level cancellations means, Open Days and much more information can be found via this link: https://www.port.ac.uk/study/undergraduate</p>	
<p><u>University of Plymouth</u></p>	<p>Details of courses you can still apply for plus information on university live click on this link: https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/after-january?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=university%20of%20plymouth&creativeid=427459149045&utm_campaign=nn-post-jan-deadline&campaign_id=9710609438&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIj3i7fSI6QIVR9TeCh1WEAgjEAAYASAAEgl6hvD_BwE</p>	
<p><u>Plymouth College of Art</u></p>	<p>We have incredible 360 degree Virtual Tours (Links to an external site.) available on our website. Explore our extensive studios, check out our top class facilities and get acquainted with our social spaces.</p> <p>We are able to offer online discussion preparation for prospective students. Through a video call, one of our academics will discuss the different communication skills that might be needed online rather than face to face; allowing your students to stand out from the crowd, and to talk and display their work confidently in an unfamiliar setting. Potential students can receive tailored advice and guidance on their body of work from one of our expert academic staff through a digital platform.</p>	<p>https://www.plymouthart.ac.uk/blog/coronavirus/ (Links to an external site.)</p>

	Chat to our staff and students online (Links to an external site.).	
Queen's University Belfast	<p>QUB Virtual Offer Holder Events (Links to an external site.) – including subject events and webinars on student life.</p> <p>From School of Nursing and Midwifery:</p> <p>We are now scheduling interview dates after the Easter holiday, so please don't worry – we will give everyone the opportunity to interview. Some people are having tech issues – so please keep checking your junk mail every day as sometimes emails end up there. You'll also need to be able to hold a video call online – there is no other way to do interviews at the moment, so please take some time to test your connection and make sure you can do video calls. Please respond to the email and include your Skype ID, as these seem to change a lot. If you don't respond we'll assume you're not coming, and someone else will get your slot.</p> <p>If you have an urgent query please email nur.registry@qub.ac.uk and we will come back to you, but there will be delays. If it's not urgent please just hang on – we'll get to you as soon as we can."</p>	http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/coronavirus-faqs/ (Links to an external site.)
University of Reading	<p>Find out the latest information for Prospective Students and Applicants to Reading University – click on this link: https://www.reading.ac.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-information-applicants.aspx</p>	
Southampton Solent University	<p>Students can access online learning pages by clicking HERE (Links to an external site.). Once they have completed this short form, they'll be able to watch short presentations on transitioning to university and writing their UCAS personal statement, while crucially completing activities that underpin their learning. More units and resources will be released soon, focusing on how to prepare for university and how to plan a personal statement. We are still accepting applications. You can learn about our range of courses here (Links to an external site.) and on our YouTube channel (Links to an external site.).</p> <p>For admissions questions, please visit our information page or contact us at: admissions@solent.ac.uk or schools.colleges@solent.ac.uk. To contact our Accommodation Team, please email accommodation@solent.ac.uk.</p> <p>We have a Virtual Open Day (Links to an external site.) on our YouTube channel. Alternatively, please see our website for all our virtual tours (Links to an external site.). We have a number of videos on our YouTube page, including a Discover your course playlist (Links to an external site.)."</p>	https://www.solent.ac.uk/about/covid-19 (Links to an external site.)
Staffordshire University	<p>Book into a virtual Open day via this link: https://www.staffs.ac.uk/visit</p>	

<u>University of St Andrews</u>	Details of Spring Visiting Options (Virtual) and explore the campus https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/	
<u>University of Stirling</u>	Questions and Answers for Enquirers, Applicants and Offer holders can be found via this link: https://www.stir.ac.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-questions-and-answers-for-enquirers-applicants-offer-holders-and-agents/	
<u>Swansea University</u>	Undergraduate Open day will be on 20 th June – (virtually) register via this link: https://www.swansea.ac.uk/	
<u>Ulster University</u>	Online webinars (Links to an external site.) Latest info for applicants from NI colleges (Links to an external site.)	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/coronavirus (Links to an external site.)

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