

GCSE Options

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Our Values



Curious

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matter that you don't just give up."

- Stephen Hawking



S. Hawking

Kind Curious Resilient 



Kind

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

- Mother Theresa



Mother Teresa

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Resilience

"It is really wonderful how much resilience there is in human nature. Let any obstructing cause, no matter what, be removed in any way, even by death, and we fly back to first principles of hope and enjoyment."

- Bram Stoker

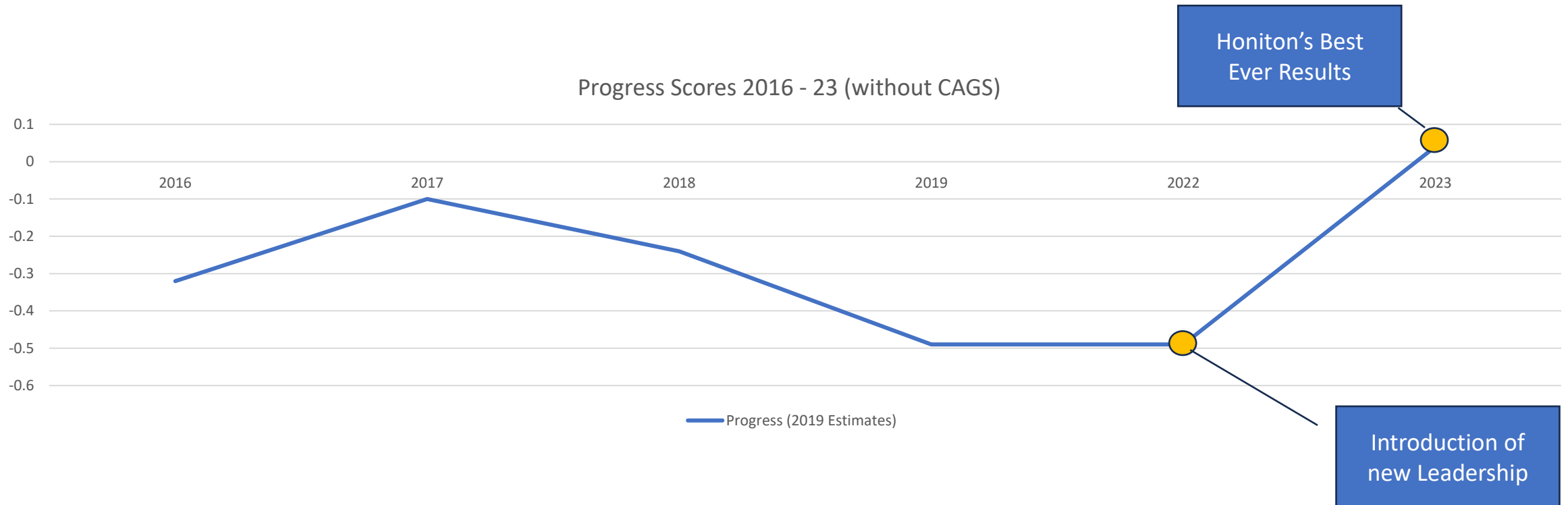


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Exciting Times at Honiton Community College



Making changes at Honiton Community College that will support your child to be successful and have all of the attributes to thrive in life



Guiding Principles

- Ambitious
- Academically rigorous
- Guided and supportive
- Access to Post 16 and further education or training



Guiding Principles

“Many pupils will be the first in their family to attend university. Leaders organise an aspirational programme which helps pupils to consider a degree, or an apprenticeship, as a route into their preferred career”



English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

1. Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.
2. A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education.
3. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/761031/DfE_EBacc_Leaflet.pdf



Structure Overview

Core	English Language and English Literature
	Mathematics
	Science – Biology, Chemistry and Physics
Core non-examined	Beliefs and Values
	Personal Development
	Physical Education
Ebacc	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography
	<input type="checkbox"/> History
	<input type="checkbox"/> French
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish
Option Subjects	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science
	<input type="checkbox"/> Design and Technology – 3D Art and Design
	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art
	<input type="checkbox"/> Food and Nutrition
	<input type="checkbox"/> Music
	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education and Sport
	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education
	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate Sciences



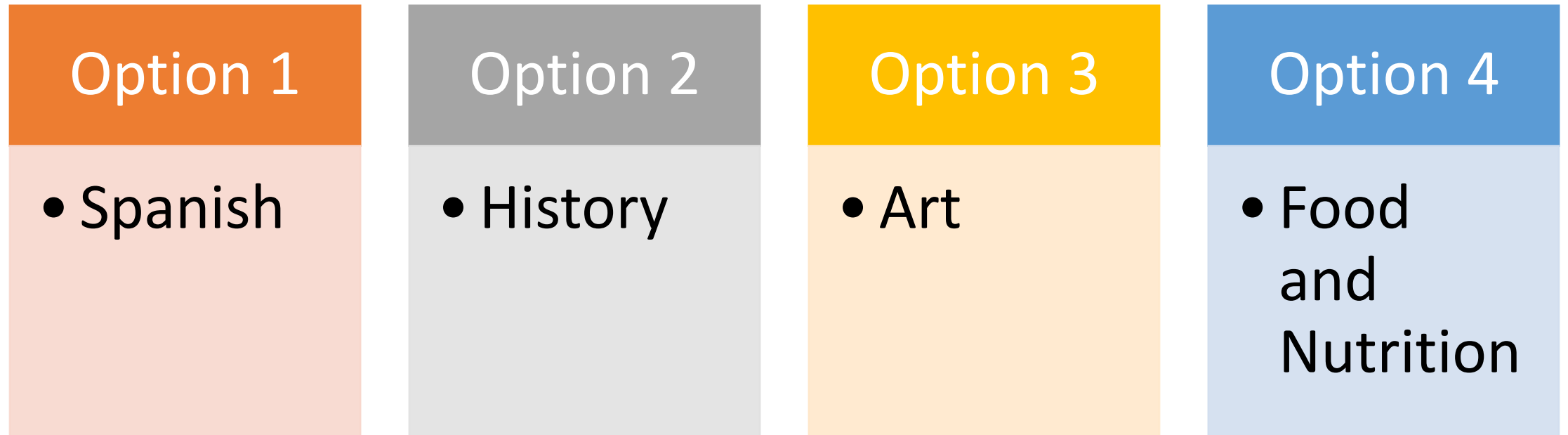
Making your choices

- You will study four 'option subjects'
- Indicate your choices in order of preference
- Order subjects from 1 to 14 – the first four would be your preferred choices

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	<input type="checkbox"/> History
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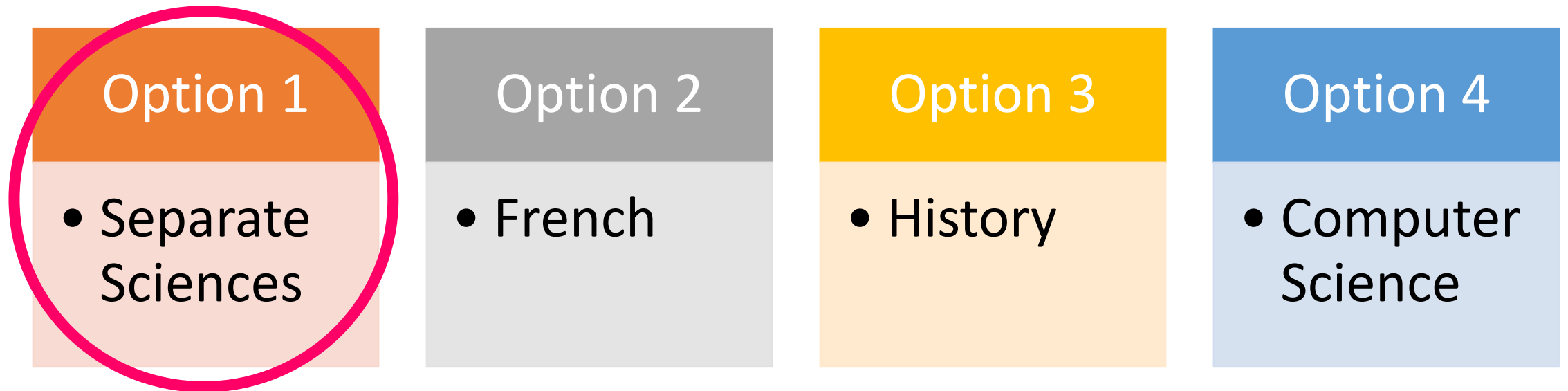
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Followed by other subjects in order of preference



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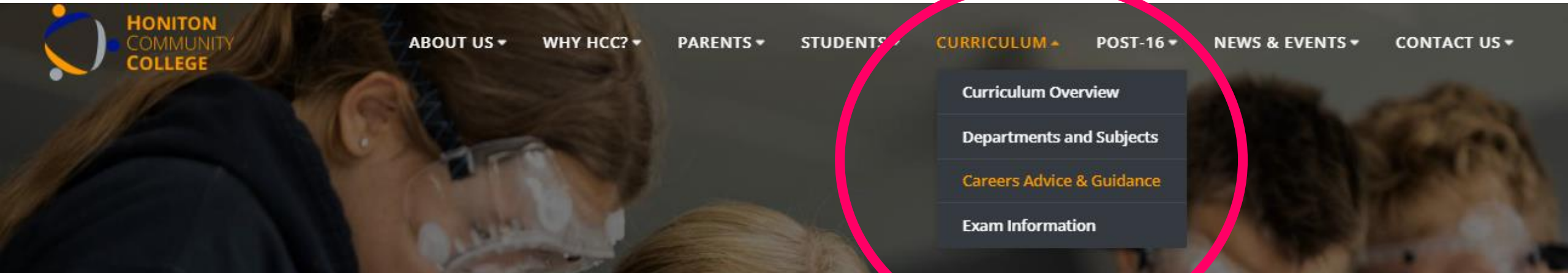


Process Overview

January 11th	GCSE Options Evening (onsite)
January 18th	Reports issued
February 1st	Progress Evening (onsite) After this event the online form for making choices will be available
February 21st	Deadline for submitting online choices
March	Interviews to discuss choices
April	Options confirmed towards the end of the Spring Term



Link to our website and info ref apprenticeships



Link to our website and info ref



LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

The Local Enterprise Partnership is funded to provide impartial and up to date resources. Its NEW Padlet is full of information and is updated twice a week.

[PARENTS / CARERS PADLET](#)



LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

The Local Enterprise Partnership doesn't just provide advice for parent or carers. There is also another padlet just for students!

[STUDENT PADLET](#)



APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly popular as an alternative to University. Their website provides details of local and national apprenticeship vacancies.

[APPRENTICESHIPS WEBSITE](#)



NOTGOINGTOUNI.CO.UK

This website is great to give students an idea of companies that offer new routes into



UCAS

Navigating university progression can be overwhelming! UCAS makes the process easy



PROSPECTS

Prospects is an intuitive website where students take quizzes, browse undergraduate





Do.....

- Choose your optional subjects because you think you'll be good at them, and that they will interest you
- If you're not sure what career pathway you may take - ensure you've got a good mix of GCSE subjects
- If you're already thinking about a particular type of course, [take a look at the entry requirements](#) for specific courses at different unis and work back from there
- Talk to your Teachers and Careers Team

Don't....

- Don't choose subjects because you want to be with a best friend or an preferred teacher - your friendship may change or that teacher may leave





Find a course ▾

Where to study ▾

Get advice ▾

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Search for university courses

Search by course and/or university

Search

A-Levels



SQA Highers



UCAS Tariff Points



Search for a course or uni above, to find the right subject and degree for you. You can filter by entry requirements based on your predicted (or known) grades.

Reset

Not sure what to study at university?

We'll show you degree courses that match the A-levels you're taking.

Get degree ideas

Explore our subject guides

Choose a subject to discover what it's like at degree level, as well as how to apply and what careers might follow.



Architecture, building and planning

Business, management and maths

Accounting >

Business and management studies >

Construction management >

Economics >

Enterprise and entrepreneurship >

Environmental management >

Finance >

Marketing >

Maths >

Operational research >

Statistics >

Tourism and travel >



Environmental management courses

The study of how and why humans interact with the environment, with a focus on the application of scientific principles and management techniques to real-life environmental problems such as pollution, energy provision and climate change.. May include environmental sciences, environmental economics and law.

[Search for all courses >](#)

At a glance:

- EXAMS
- TIME IN LABS
- PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING
- RESEARCH
- FIELD TRIPS
- ESSAY-WRITING
- REPORT-WRITING
- BSC
- WORK PLACEMENTS

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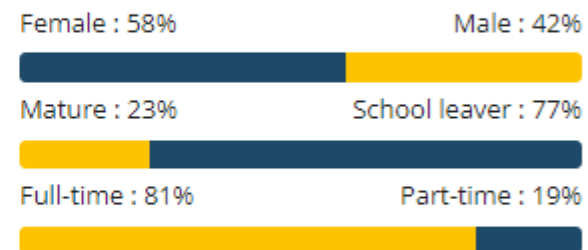


Studying environmental management at university

Example course modules

- Environmental issues
- Environmental sustainability
- Research techniques
- Analysing geographical and environmental data
- IT communication, field and laboratory skills
- Data management
- Climatic change
- Natural hazards

Who studies this subject



What you need to get on a course

Subjects you need

A-levels (or equivalent) usually required

- No Specific Requirements

Useful to have

- Economics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics
- geography
- Mathematics
- Geology
- Environmental science

Application checklist

Here's a guide to what to expect from the application process - also check individual university entry requirements, as these may differ.


- ✓ January application
- ✗ ~~October application~~
- ✓ Personal statement
- ✗ ~~Portfolio~~
- ✗ ~~Interview~~
- ✗ ~~Entry test~~
- ✗ ~~Work experience~~
- ✗ ~~Audition~~

Personal statement advice

Your personal statement is a core part of your university application, and getting it just right takes time. Before you start work on yours, take a look at our five quick tips on writing a personal statement. We'll help you past that writer's block!

We have **24** results



 City, University of London | Islington

Energy and Sustainability Engineering (with placement)

MENG (HON) 5 YEARS FULL-TIME WITH YEAR IN INDUSTRY 2024

UCAS Points: 128

REQUEST INFO

GET PROSPECTUS


VISIT WEBSITE

OPEN DAYS

Similar courses (4)

Shortlist +



 Bangor University | Bangor (Wales)

Zoology with Conservation

BSC (HONS) 3 YEARS FULL-TIME 2024

UCAS Points: 104-128

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Flow of the Evening

1700 – 1715 - Introductory presentation from Leadership

1715 – 1900 – Tour of the subject areas – led by a member of staff

Tour Guides and example of a tour route below;

Group Number	Tour Member of Staff
Group 1	Mrs Meek
Group 2	Mrs Rose
Group 3	Mrs Hunt
Group 4	Mrs Boyce
Group 5	Mr Dagger

Group	5.00-5.15	5.15 – 5.30	5.30 – 5.45	5.45 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.15	6.15 – 6.30	6.30 – 6.45
1	Presentation	F and N - C4	French and Spanish	Science	History	Computer Science	Optional Q&A
	Dining Hall	Art and Photo	L3	S4	Geography	IT3	Refreshments
		C3	PE	Music	RS	Careers Hub	Post 16 Centre
		Design	PE3	Drama	L1 and L2	SEND Team	
		C1		Mu 1 and 2		Refreshments	
	Corner CreATE Block	Top CreATE Block	Top Science	Bottom CreATE	Post 16 Centre		



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