



Guest Question & Answer Session



What to expect in the next 12-18 months

- Managing the transition to A levels/BTEC/equivalent
- Deciding if university is the right option
- Researching the university application process & financial support
- Finding the right course at the right university
- UCAS application process
- Exams & results day
- Managing the transition to higher education



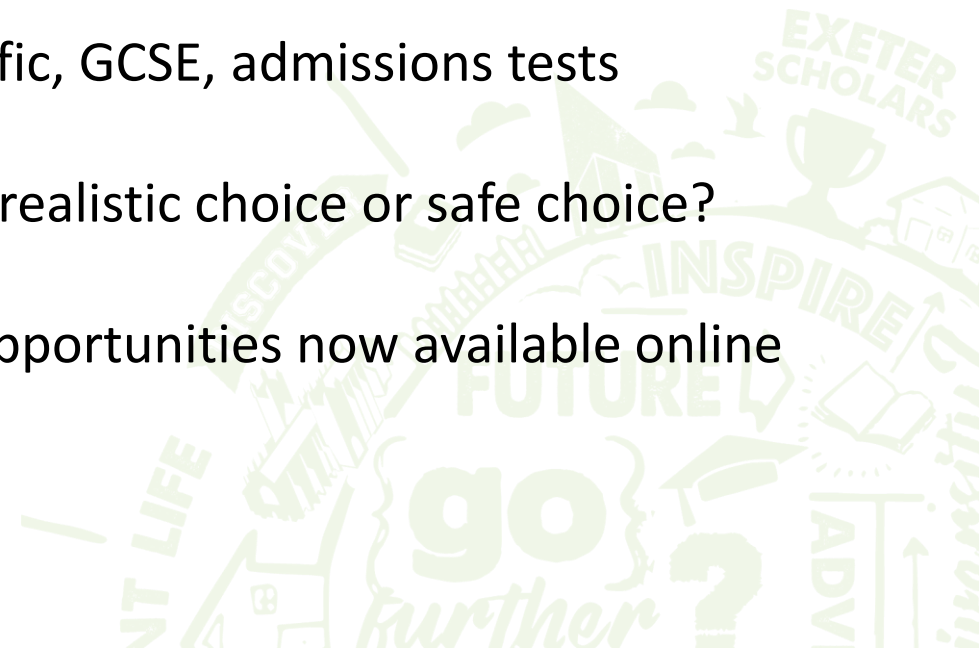


What happens when



Finding the right course at the right university

- Exploring their likes and dislikes/strengths & weaknesses
- Understanding their preferred learning style
- There's a lot of information out there. Research!
- Entry requirements – subject specific, GCSE, admissions tests
- Entry grades – aspirational choice, realistic choice or safe choice?
- Visit & ask questions – lots more opportunities now available online





Your role

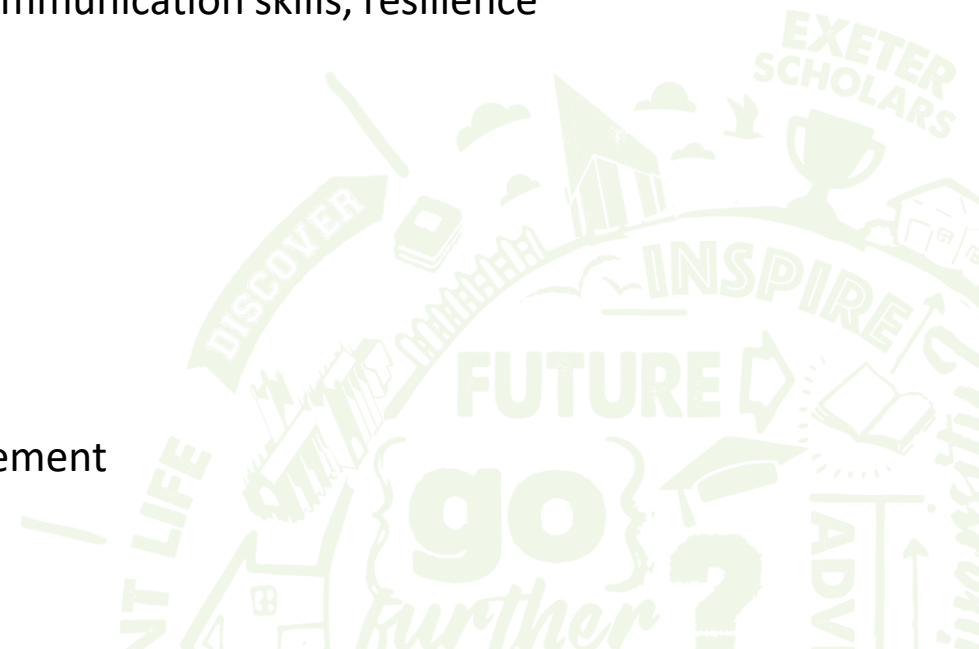
- Develop your own knowledge base
- Prompting and empowering
- Deadline awareness
- Developing money management skills & raising awareness of cost of living
- Travel advice & support
- Independent living skills





Our role

- Support decision making – in relation to university and current studies
- Challenge thinking
- Ensure inclusivity and provide personalised engagement plans
- Help participants to develop transferable skills which support in school attainment– confidence, independence, self-reflection, communication skills, resilience
- Normalise the university environment
- Stay in touch & provide one point of contact
- Prompting
- Help to overcome financial barriers to engagement





Useful websites

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/accessexeter/discoveruniversity/>

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/accessexeter/parents/>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university>



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER

DISCOVER
UNIVERSITY

Introduction to student finance





Tuition fees

- £6,000–£9,250 per year
- Exceptions: BMBS Medicine and courses with year abroad / in industry
- Fees don't need to be paid upfront

DISCOVER
UNIVERSITY

Living costs (self-catered accommodation)

Accommodation	Ave. £151 pw for 40 weeks	£6,040
Books and equipment		£300
Food (all food)	Approx. £35 per week x 32 weeks	£1,120
Clubs and societies		£300
Clothes, toiletries and haircuts		£400
TV License		£159
Travel home		£200
Phone and internet	Approx. £27 per month x 8 months	£216
Social life	Approx. £35 per week x 32 weeks	£1,120
House deposit for next year		£400
TOTAL		£10,241

Living costs (catered accommodation)

Accommodation	Ave. £233 pw for 40 weeks	£7,456
Books and equipment		£300
Food (lunches, coffees, etc.)	Approx. £20 per week x 32 weeks	£640
Clubs and societies		£300
Clothes, toiletries and haircuts		£400
TV License		£159
Travel home		£200
Phone and internet	Approx. £27 per month x 8 months	£216
Social life	Approx. £35 per week x 32 weeks	£1,120
House deposit for next year		£400
TOTAL		£11,177

Sources of income: government

Type of funding	Amount (per year)	Repayable	Non-repayable	Means-tested	Non-means-tested
Tuition fee loan	Up to £9,250	✓			✓
Maintenance	Up to £9,706*	✓		✓	

*If living away from home at the University of Exeter (or another university outside of London). Amounts differ for those living at home or studying in London.

Maintenance loan and household income

Household income	Maintenance loan*
£25,000 or less	£9,706
£30,000	£9,012
£35,000	£8,318
£40,000	£7,623
£50,000	£6,234
£62,311 or more	£4,524

*If living away from home at the University of Exeter (or another university outside of London). Amounts differ for those living at home or studying in London.

Extra help

You might be able to get extra money if you:

- are under 25, have no contact with parents and support yourself
- have a health problem, disability or learning difficulty.



DISCOVER
UNIVERSITY

Sources of income: universities

Type of funding	Amount (per year)	Repayable	Non-repayable	Means-tested	Non-means-tested
Fee waivers and bursaries	Varies		✓	✓	
Scholarships/awards	Varies		✓		✓



The Access to Exeter Bursary

Household income	Bursary (all years)
Below £16,000	£2,000
£16,001 - £25,000	£1,200

DISCOVER
UNIVERSITY

Other support from the University of Exeter

Available for students who are:

- care leavers
- estranged
- asylum seekers / refugees
- Carers
- Success for All



DISCOVER
UNIVERSITY

Other sources of income

- Charities and trusts
- Employer sponsorship
- Other scholarships
- Part-time work and savings



How and when to apply for financial support

- Student loan applications usually open in March and close in May
- Apply online – Student Finance England
- Varies for other forms of financial support



DISCOVER
UNIVERSITY

Paying back your government loans – as it stands

Annual salary	Total monthly repayment
£25,000 or less	£0
£28,000	£22.50
£31,000	£45
£33,000	£60
£35,000	£75



DISCOVER
UNIVERSITY