



Tuesday 25th September 2018

Key Notes Gifted & Talented Evening: KS5

Questions to ask when considering university:

- Why?
 - You enjoy studying
 - It's required for the career you want
 - Greater career choice
 - Aids promotion prospects
 - Unique experience it will give you

- What?
 - What are you learning now at school that you enjoy?
 - Have you heard about a subject that you would like to study?
 - Do you have a hobby which you could study?

- Where?
 - Can be reliant on what you want to study
 - Or proximity to home, the north, the sea, London etc.

Current list of Russell Group Universities:

- Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Imperial, King's, Leeds, Liverpool, LSE, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Oxford, Queen's Belfast, Queen Mary's College, Sheffield, Southampton, UCL, Warwick, York.

What about Oxbridge? (Oxford University or Cambridge University)

- You want to push both the academic boundaries of the subject
- They offer the right course
- You'll like the collegiate environment
- You'll like the tutorial/supervision method of teaching
- **Do not be put off by the mistaken stereotypes!**

Skills you need to succeed at university include the ability to:

- Work independently
- Write an extended essay
- Think critically
- Solve problems
- Manage time effectively
- Contribute to team thinking
- Use numeracy effectively

Demonstrate academic rigor and positive mindset:

- Read around the subject using the reading lists provided
- Research subjects you enjoy in more detail:
 - www.ted.com
 - www.thenakedscientists.com
 - www.nrich.maths.org/public
 - www.galaxyzoo.com
 - www.discoverengineering.org
 - www.lawstudent.tv
 - www.politicsinspires.com
- Complete additional, free, online courses (MOOCs):
 - www.futurelearn.com

Skills you need to be able to demonstrate on your UCAS statement (the personal statement written to get into university). You might do this through attendance of clubs, completion of Duke of Edinburgh etc:

- Leadership
- Organisation
- Resilience
- Initiative
- Communication
- Confidence
- Determination
- Effort

Additional information regarding financing yourself through university:

- www.moneysavingexpert.com/students2014
- www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
- www.NASMA.org.uk
- www.nus.org.uk
- www.ucas.com
- Individual university bursary schemes

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