

## Ready, steady, visit

Nothing beats visiting a uni or college on an open day. It's your chance to tour the campus and facilities, get answers to your questions, and see if you'd feel happy studying and living there. Here are our top tips to help you make the most of your visit.

### Find an open day

Once you've found a few unis or colleges you're interested in, use our [open days search tool](#) to see when their next open day is.

### Things to check before the day

- Do you need to book, or can you just turn up on the day?
- Is there anywhere to park?
- Will there be talks for parents and carers too?
- What will the tour cover – will you get to see student accommodation and sports facilities as well as the campus?
- [Download and print our checklist](#) to help you plan your time on campus, and ensure you ask, meet, and see everything/everyone you need to.

### On the day

The open day itself will be a busy, exciting experience, and it can be easy to forget about the questions you want to find answers to. We've put together a [list of questions to ask](#) about the campus, the course, and the university itself. Use these examples to structure your visit and to make sure you get all the info you need, as the day will pass really quickly!

### What if I can't get to the open day?

If you're not available on the date of the open day, or if you can't get to the university or college, don't panic! There's loads of info online to help you.

- See if the uni you're interested in has a [virtual tour](#) – a great way to have a look round the campus and facilities, from the comfort of your own home!
- If the uni you're interested in isn't listed on [our virtual tours page](#), take a look at their website instead. If they don't have a video, they might have a load of pictures instead.

- Follow any unis you're interested in applying to on social media – they'll post all sorts of helpful things to give you a full picture of what studying and living there is like.
- Find current students doing the course you're interested in on [Campus Society](#). This is a great way to get honest answers to any questions you might have about the uni or course itself.

### **'Don't be afraid to ask the awkward questions'**

Juan, 24, is a psychotherapy student at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN). He's registered blind and has a guide dog. Here are his top five tips for disabled students at open days.

1. Don't be afraid to ask awkward questions. The answers will help you work out if the university is willing to go that extra mile to support you.
2. 'Go with somebody who knows you. It's good to get a second opinion.
3. Seek out useful people – disability services, student services, accommodation services – and say hello. If they know your face, it's easier to ask for help when you start term.
4. Talk to student ambassadors. The staff won't know how noisy halls can be at 03:00, but the students will!
5. Go with your gut feeling. I felt like UCLAN wanted me there and I was right. It's a university, but it feels like home.

