

WHAT HAVE UCAS' ADVISORY GROUPS BEEN TALKING ABOUT?

JANUARY – MARCH 2021



FORMAL MEETINGS ARRANGED:

161
people attended

111
providers / stakeholders

11
groups met



THEMES DISCUSSED:

Myriad
2021 cycle
Clearing Plus
Teacher Training
Transition
Stakeholder Updates
Ofqual Consultation
Reform
Events



KEY FEEDBACK

- > UCAS thanked for their support to students, advisers and providers over the last twelve months.
- > Moving the Equal Consideration Date (ECD) seen as a positive change by providers and advisers this year, however, not all advisers thought the date should be permanently changed.
- > Group members raised concerns with Myriad.
- > The new enhancements for Clearing Plus were welcomed.
- > Advisers noted that a mixture of virtual and physical events should be the norm in the future. Students preferred physical open days as it helped them look at courses in details and make decisions between universities.
- > There were mixed views from students on whether applicants should apply with predicted grades or actual grades, as although applying with actual grades appeared a good option it could also hamper an applicant's hope if their predictions were low.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ARRANGED FOR:

- > International Advisory Group and Undergraduate Advisory Group to discuss Reform.
- > Welsh Standing Group and Undergraduate Advisory Group to discuss the 2021 cycle.
- > Undergraduate Advisory Group to discuss moving the Equal Consideration Date.
- > Advisory group members volunteered to attend additional Reform webinars.

