

Preparation for University Checklist

To do ☑	
Keeping up with any updates during Covid-19 pandemic	
Check your emails regularly as UCAS, student finance England (SFE) & institutions will communicate with you this way.	
Follow social media accounts of organisations like <u>WIN</u> , your College/6 th form, <u>SFE</u> , <u>UCAS</u> & <u>Discover</u> <u>Uni</u> as they will post updates. Also follow your university's social media for updates/information.	
Offers	
Check all offers on <u>UCAS Track</u> & any emails you have been sent. Contact a WIN HEA, your careers team or your university if you are unsure about any of your offers.	
Make sure you have replied to your offers on <u>UCAS Track</u> before the deadline	
Check if there is any additional paperwork the university need (e.g. qualification certificates or ID).	
Accommodation	
Research accommodation options available for you. You will need to consider: price, location, facilities, sharing options & accessibility	
Make sure you are aware of how much the deposit is & when this needs to be paid (you may need to save up for it over summer).	
Apply for accommodation. Most places will ask you for a ranked ordered list of your preferences. They should email you details of this or will be on the accommodation pages of their website.	
Finance	
Complete the SFE online form, parents will also have to complete a supporting application. Do this ASAP so you can make sure you have funding in place for the start of term.	
Use the <u>student finance calculator</u> to give you an idea of how much funding you could get. Once you have an idea, you can start budgeting, working out what you have to pay for & when. You can find budget calculators at <u>save the student</u> .	
If you have a long-term health, mental health or additional learning need, you can also apply for <u>Disabled Student Allowance.</u>	
Research any additional <u>financial help</u> , scholarships & bursaries that you might be able to apply for. You can find details on the <u>Scholarship Hub</u> website as well on your university's website.	
Moving away	
Write/find a list of what you will need to pack and take with you. There are some useful guides from UCAS and Save the Student	
Research the place	
If you are moving/commuting somewhere new, spend some time researching the area & transport links. Try a Google search of 'A student guide to'	
Check your university's website & social media for information about the area for new students.	
Academic preparation	
Find/ask for a reading list to read around your chosen subject. Also keep up with subject-relevant news & any developments on online journals/videos or search for any introductory books/videos.	
Check if there are any specific resources you may need (e.g. art supplies, computer hardware or software).	
Emotional preparation	
Starting university can be scary, even if you are staying at home. You are not alone in having those feelings. The student minds website has some useful information including this 'Know before you go' guide.	