

# Applying to Top Universities



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# What is an AB University?

- It is all about the grades – A\*A\*A\* - ABB
- One where the quality of teaching and depth of research means the lecturers and professors are of the highest calibre
- One where, traditionally, drop out rates are low, employment rates are high, top degrees rates are high and student satisfaction is high

# The universities

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- London School of Economics & Political Science
- University of Manchester
- Newcastle University
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University College London
- University of Warwick
- University of York

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2019	2018	Institution	Guardian score/100	Satisfied with course	Satisfied with teaching	Satisfied with feedback	Student to staff ratio	Spend per student/10	Average entry tariff	Value added score/10	Career after 6 months	Continuation
1	1	<a href="#">Cambridge</a>	100	89	91	70	11.0	9.7	225	5.8	88	99
2	2	<a href="#">Oxford</a>	97.4	90	92	68	10.5	9.9	217	6.6	85	99
3	3	<a href="#">St Andrews</a>	97.2	93	94	82	11.6	5.2	206	7.1	82	97
4	6	<a href="#">Loughborough</a>	87.9	90	89	75	13.8	6.3	162	6.1	82	96
5	4	<a href="#">Durham</a>	87.6	89	89	76	14.9	5.1	198	6.7	84	97
6	5	<a href="#">Bath</a>	84.1	88	88	72	15.8	6.3	186	6.6	85	97
7	6	<a href="#">Imperial College</a>	83.3	83	85	65	11.4	8.6	219	5.7	90	96
8	8	<a href="#">Warwick</a>	80.9	88	87	71	12.8	7.8	182	5.8	80	95
9	9	<a href="#">Lancaster</a>	80.2	90	88	75	12.7	7.7	157	4.2	85	92
10	14	<a href="#">Leeds</a>	78.8	89	90	74	13.2	7.3	168	6.6	82	95
11	10	<a href="#">UCL</a>	78	81	84	63	10.3	8.8	191	6.9	81	96
12	17	<a href="#">York</a>	77.9	88	90	76	14.6	5.9	159	4.8	82	96
13	12	<a href="#">Coventry</a>	77.8	88	90	78	14.6	5.9	126	6.9	81	92
14	13	<a href="#">Exeter</a>	77.2	89	89	75	16.5	3.7	176	5.8	84	97
15	15	<a href="#">London School of Economics</a>	76.8	73	78	60	11.9	7.9	203	5.7	86	97
16	34	<a href="#">Nottingham Trent</a>	76.6	89	87	80	14.8	4.8	143	5.1	76	91
17	19	<a href="#">Nottingham</a>	76	87	88	72	13.9	6.3	163	7.0	83	96
18	18	<a href="#">UEA</a>	75.7	90	89	72	13.4	4.4	153	7.5	79	94
19	15	<a href="#">Birmingham</a>	75.6	88	89	72	14.8	7.2	166	6.4	86	96

# Interviews -

- Not used much, but will for some leading universities and for some vocational courses
- We will help you practise

# Contextual offers

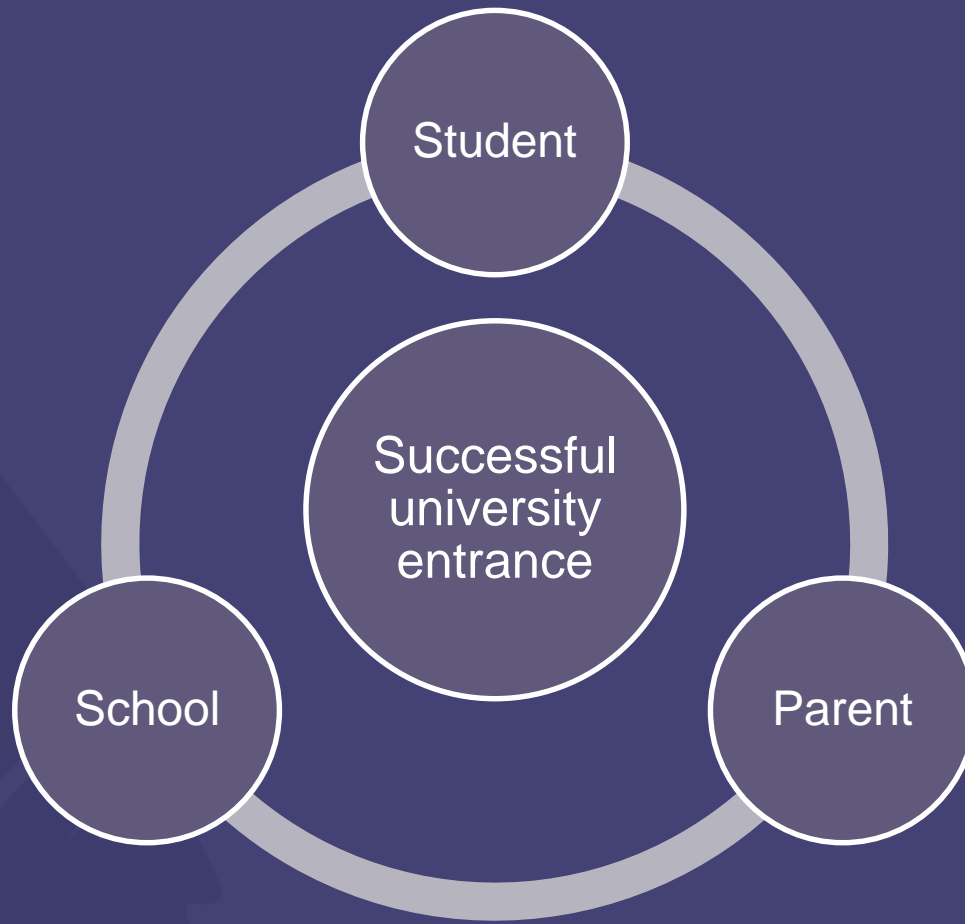
- Some Russell Group (and other universities) may give these lower than standard offers to certain applicants
- Examples include Bristol, Manchester, Southampton
- Worth googling for – often depends on POLAR 4 quintile
- <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/>

# Sutton Trust –Entry Factors?

The Sutton Trust in a 2010 report indicated that the following factors as vital in terms of entry to top universities:

- Attainment – getting the grades to apply
- Aspiration – having the confidence to apply
- Advice – getting the precise guidance on UCAS applications including personal statements
- Subject Choice – certain universities favour certain subjects
- University Choice – financial factors playing a part

# Mutual Aim





# Key features of a top student

- Persistence, organisation and determination
- Intellectual rigour
- Passion – for getting things done and for exploring your subjects
- ‘Walk the talk’
- Securing opportunities for work experience & enrichment

# What are they looking for?

## Grades

GCSE grades will be looked at

## UCAS Personal Statement

This must highlight an underlying **passion** for your degree course. It must stand out in terms of the quality of your writing, reasoning and experience.

## Practical experience matters a lot for some courses

Especially health and education

# UCAS – Year 12

- Research, research, research
- Course options
- Course requirements
- Universities
- Summer schools (summer 2019)
- Widening participation opportunities
- Taster lectures and courses (Jan 2018)
- Enrichment
- Work experience