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UK University Counselling 2020-21

Brexit

- **'EU and international students make an important contribution to our world-class universities, and our European neighbours are among some of our closest research partners' - Jo Johnson, former Minister of State for Universities and Science**
- *The latest government information on EU students status in the UK following Brexit on December 31 2020 is as follows:*
- The fee and loan status of EU students starting from 2021 onwards is still to be confirmed.
- Immigration rules for EU citizens who arrive from 1 January 2021 have not yet been announced. This means you might need a visa.
- Essentially, we do not know what will happen and nothing will be confirmed until nearer the time.
- What this means is that you can move forward with an application and, hopefully, we will have more information before you need to formally accept any offers.

This website has all the latest information: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/planning/eu-students>

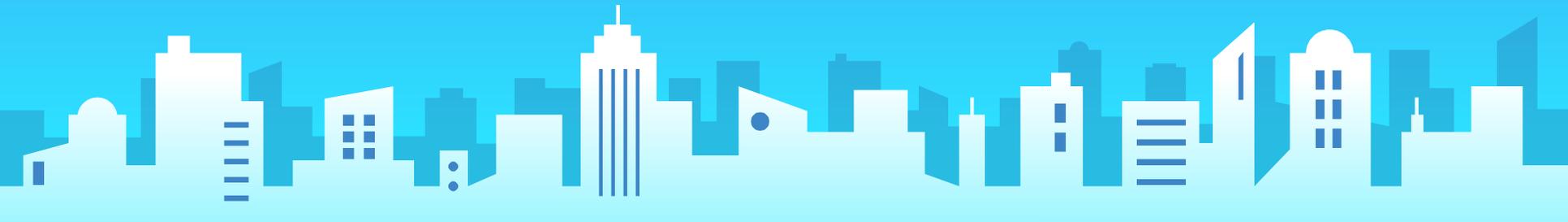
What you need to be doing over the summer

- If you are considering applying to the UK, you need to start thinking about what course you want to apply for.
- Use [UNIFROG](#), [UCAS](#) website and the [Which University](#) website as a starting point.
- Make a list of courses that interest you and look up universities that offer those courses.
- Then go to the university website and look at the course break down.
- It requires a fair amount of research on your end but it is an important decision so it is worth doing your homework!
- Choose your 5 universities and begin thinking about your personal statement. If you can come back in September with a first draft, you will be in a great position.
- Register on the UCAS website and begin filling out the form. (go to undergraduate, sign in, 2020 apply and register.)
- All the documents to help you are on Google Classroom (class code: 9jx8tic)





New Resource: UniFrog

- This year, we have access to a new resource called Unifrog (<https://www.unifrog.org>) that is available for you to use. Please set up your account using the code which you have been sent.
 - It has excellent search tools and will allow you to look for careers and courses, narrowing down your choices to find a university that suits you.
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Documents available on Classroom

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- Advice on choosing your 5 universities
- How to complete the UCAS form
- How to write a Personal Statement
- UK university application guide for parents
- University application: initial questions



Scotland

- Scottish universities are unable to promise the same fee status for EU students as they have in the past.
- They too are waiting to see what happens with Brexit.
- [This](#) website has up to date information on this.
- In the past, Scotland has been a very popular option for EU students. However, it is important to know that Scottish universities are hugely oversubscribed and have a fairly small number of places available for EU students each year.
- We highly recommend that you do not choose only Scottish universities when applying to the UK.

Oxford and Cambridge

- You can only apply to one of these universities; either Oxford or Cambridge.
- Your application is due 3 months earlier than for other universities meaning you apply for every one of your choices early. (15th October)
- If your initial application is considered, you will have to go through an interview process. It is highly likely that there will also be an admissions test.
- You will need to find out yourself if there is an admissions test for your subject (it is clearly marked on their website) and arrange to register and take the test in a local test centre. This is YOUR responsibility. There are practise tests online and you can see a counsellor for advice on how to prepare.
- The average offer is at least 17 overall in the bac.
- You will be expected to have extensive extra-curricular activities and be able to show real interest in your subject. Your personal statement needs to be excellent!
- Is is a highly competitive and particularly environment in which to study and is not for everyone although many people thrive.
- Think carefully before applying! If you would like to apply, please make yourself known to Miss Coghlan BEFORE the end of this year.

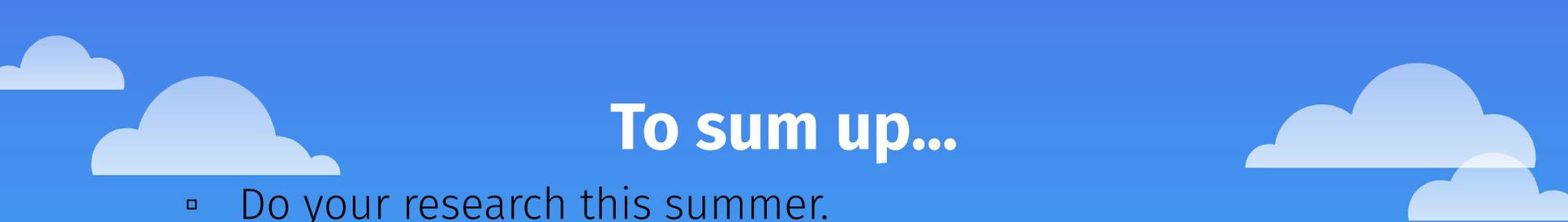


Independence and our role

- Applying to University is the first step you will take into the next phase of your life.
- Universities want to see students who are independent and mature and the application process is part of this.
- We are here to advise you and help you understand how the system works in the UK but we expect you to be organised and to take initiative.
- This is YOUR decision and you need to take control of it.
- A lot of the information you need can be found on the Google Classroom and online.
- We will remind you of deadlines but we do not expect to be chasing you for documents.
- Ultimately, it is your application that will suffer if you are disorganised.

Deadlines

- **Friday 18th September 2020:**
 - all 1^o bulletin must be submitted to Elsa in the Anglophone office.
 - you must have registered on UCAS and completed all personal details and education on the UCAS form.
 - Complete and submit the recap form.
- **Friday 16th October 2020 (Toussaint Break):**
 - all first drafts of personal statements must be submitted to counsellors.
 - All references forms must be handed to relevant teachers
- **Friday 27th November 2020:** UCAS form must be completed including your final 5 choices of university and courses.
- **Christmas holidays:** Applications completed (this is an internal deadline that allows us to check your application before it is submitted. The official UCAS deadline is **15th January 2021**. Any applications that are completed in advance of these dates will be sent.
- *If you are applying to Oxford or Cambridge (or for an early admission course like medicine, your deadlines will be set by your counsellor and will be earlier than this.)*



To sum up...

- Do your research this summer.
- Decide on your course and 5 choices of university if you can!
- Register on UCAS and start completing the form.
- If you want to meet with a counsellor before the summer or in September, complete the initial questions sheet and share it with the counselling email address when you organise a time to meet. (this can be done virtually)
- Write down any questions you have about the procedure and bring them to your counsellor meeting.
- We will be holding personal statement writing workshops after-school in September. We will give you the dates after the summer.

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UNIFROG

THE US AND CANADA



UNIVERSITIES IN THE USA

- ★ In the U.S one applies to a university and often declares the major later.
- ★ Programs of study:
 - Two-year community colleges leading to an Associate's Degree.
 - Four year colleges or universities leading to a Bachelor's Degree.
- ★ Some schools will credit or give advanced placement to students with a French Baccalaureate.
- ★ Costs vary according to the university but allow \$30,000-\$ 70,000.
- ★ Financial aid depends on each school's policies, but generally more restricted for non-US citizens.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE



- ★ Varies greatly from one university to another. Many allow a common application.
- ★ View university websites to find out about application requirements.
- ★ DEADLINES also vary greatly.
- ★ Early decision – by November
- ★ Regular– December to January
- ★ *Application costs can be up to \$300*

SATs

- Students are responsible for taking the SAT examinations as required by the schools they are applying to.
- Log onto www.collegeboard.com for information about the tests, test centres and dates.
- Grades from 3e to Terminale are taken into account
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- Often required of non-American citizens, usually by public universities.
- It can only be taken on a computer at designated centres.
- The CSI is not a an SAT or TOEFL center.

CANADA

- ★ Very much like US but with some differences:
 - Some provinces (Ontario) may have common application procedure.
 - Quebec has special arrangements for French citizens who may study in its universities for the same tuition as Canadian citizens.
- ★ Mostly it is on-line application.
- ★ <http://www.canlearn.ca/>
- ★ <http://www.macleans.ca/education/index.jsp>



THE REST OF THE WORLD



UNIVERSITIES IN THE REST OF THE WORLD

- ★ Use the Unifrog to search for university courses around the world.
- ★ Programs of study and cost vary according to the the university and country.
- ★ Several countries have a centralised system for university application eg CAO in Ireland or the Netherlands
- ★ In other countries, the applications are made directly to the university.
- ★ Why study in these universities: cost, cultural experience, professional advantages.

UNIFROG

- ★ Unifrog is a powerful search tool which enables you to explore and compare courses taught in English around the World. It will also enable you to explore career paths.
- ★ Start using it by following the pathways and doing some of the tests
- ★ The teachers of the guidance team will be able to monitor and support your progress. They may provide you with online advice and guidance.
- ★ Think carefully about your choices. Consider how you will linguistically and culturally adapt. Studying in the Netherlands, for example, may require you to learn some Dutch in order to live off campus.