



How to Help Your Child Pick the Right University Course

A degree is an important personal and financial investment, so it helps to show an interest in your child's decision-making. **Whatuni.com** offers some great advice to parents to help their child choose the right university course.

By following the checklist below, you can ensure that you're helping to guide your child to the best decision.

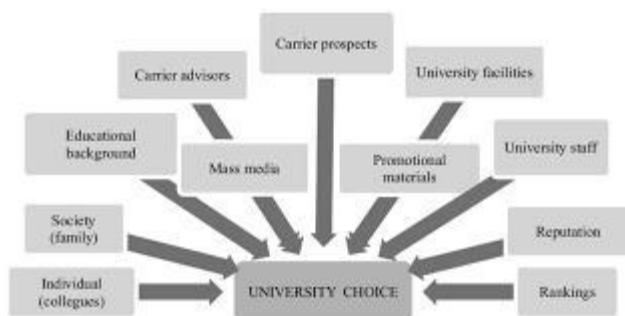
Be Supportive at Every Stage

The extent of support that your child will need largely depends on how undecided they are about their degree. If they don't have a clear idea of what subject they want to study, they may need more help than someone who has narrowed their search down to a few courses.

Regardless, general words of encouragement and support are really important. Showing an interest in your child's situation, asking them how they are and being there to support them through each step will allow them to reach the best outcome.

Take Them to Open Days

This is the simplest and yet one of the most effective ways to help your child choose the right university course.



Open days and virtual tours are a practical way for your child to get a feel for a university, but it can also be a chance for you to answer any questions you may have. Use these opportunities to ask tutors about the course and any worries or concerns you or your child has; whether it's about career prospects, module options or entry grades. Making your own mental, or physical, notes of the specifics of the course can also be a great help for your child, who may revisit these options later on with you.

Do Some of Your Own Research

If you want to advise and support your child's decision for finding the right university course then you first have to know what you're talking about. For instance, knowing what your child's ambitions and interests are allows you to research the best institutions that offer related degree courses. You can then look into other aspects such as the local life and job prospects post-graduation. This will all help them in choosing a degree best suited to their interests.



Question Their Intentions

Ask your child some questions to find out if their intentions are well-placed. Question whether they're choosing a degree they're going to enjoy and be academically good at; one which involves work they not only want to do now but something they may want to do in a future job too.

Of course, some people choose degrees based solely on enjoyment because they aren't sure of their career prospects, but trying to make your child think about this can be really beneficial for them and prevent course-switching at a later date.

On the other hand, make sure they know this is always an option. You don't want this decision to seem too final, or your child may freak out or feel incredibly overwhelmed.

Make Pros and Cons lists

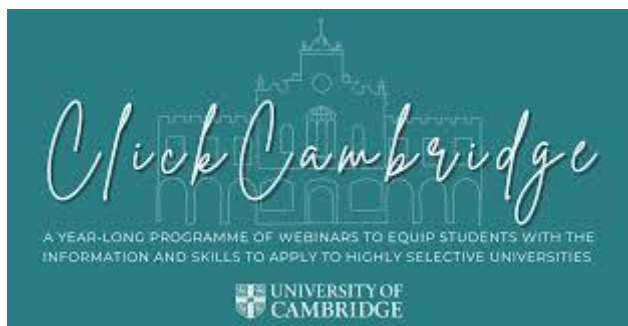
Be practical and help your child create lists to help them compare and contrast the degrees they are considering or struggling to choose from. An accumulation of "pros and cons" for each course can help sift through to the best of the bunch, and analyse the strengths of those that remain.

You can also use notes made from open day events and virtual tours to feed into this too.

Everyone looks for different things when deciding on a university course; whilst some value the ratio of exams and coursework; others value things such as accreditation, the location of the university and modules. Whatever is most important to your child, make sure you ask them. Ultimately, it's their decision, and asking the right questions along the way can lead them to the right course and university.

<https://www.whatuni.com/advice/parents/how-to-help-your-child-pick-the-right-university-course/66729/>





ClickCambridge

The University of Cambridge are excited to announce the launch of ClickCambridge - a new online programme for 2020/21, which aims to equip students with the information and skills needed to apply to selective universities. A group of Cambridge Colleges are working together to provide two different streams, one designed for Year 10 students and one for Year 12 students.

- The Year 10 programme is for UK-domiciled Black/mixed Black students.
- The Year 12 programme is for UK-domiciled Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Arab (BPA)/mixed BPA students.

Each programme contains a range of events, which will address various aspects of university applications and the student experience. There will be sessions for parents as well as potential applicants, and plenty of chances to ask questions!

Each month, there will be a webinar on a different topic, which will be run several times so that as many people as possible can attend. These sessions will take place on weekdays after school - dates will be made available once your place on the programme is confirmed. Once you are registered on the programme, you will be updated about upcoming events by email.

Year 10 Programme (for UK-domiciled Black/mixed Black students)

- October: Introduction to ClickCambridge, University and Post-16 options; Q&A Sessions for Parents
- November: Q&A with Current Cambridge Students
- December: Subject Choice Workshop, Post-16 Options and A Levels
- January/February: Taster Academic Sessions
- February: Study Skills Session
- March/April: Group Projects and Research Skills Workshop
- April: The Logistics of Going To University
- May: Introduction to Selective Universities
- June: Session for Teachers; Q&A Sessions for Parents
- July: End-of-Programme Celebration

Year 12 Programme (for UK-domiciled Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Arab (BPA)/mixed BPA students)

- October: Introduction to ClickCambridge and 'Super-curriculars'
- November: Q&A with current Cambridge students
- December/January: Q&A Sessions for Parents
- February: Study Skills Session
- March: Subject Talks
- April: Q&A with Current Cambridge Students
- May: Written Communication Skills Session
- June: Personal Statement Workshop

Selection

The University of Cambridge would like to support as many students as possible through the two programmes. However, if they are oversubscribed, they will prioritise students who match one or more of the following criteria:

- Have lived, or are currently living, in local authority care
- Are attending a UK state school
- Are eligible, or have been eligible within the past six years, for free school meals
- Are a refugee
- Have caring responsibilities for a family member
- Live in neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education
- Have no parental history of higher education
- Have a disability



Students interested in joining either programme can register by filling in this [webform](#) by **9am on Monday 19th October**.

After being successfully accepted, students will need to return a signed parent/guardian/carer permission form in order to participate in some interactive events within the programme. Students will also need to agree to a Code of Conduct, which applies to all sessions they will participate in.

For any queries about the programme, please contact ClickCambridge@gmail.com.

<https://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/outreach/clickcambridge>



careerdays.co.uk

Business Work Experience

A career in business is probably something that's crossed the minds of many students at some point. On our business career day, you'll learn all about the profession, the job roles available to you, how to get a place at university, how to secure a top job at the end of it and also get some hands on work experience too.

Vet Work Experience

Being a vet is fast paced, satisfying and also one of the most complex jobs there is. Their online careers day aims to break down some of the myths surrounding the job, give you an overview of how to become a vet and give you some meaningful veterinary work experience that will give you an advantage when it comes to your university applications.

Airline Pilot Work Experience

Are you considering a career as a pilot? Congratulations if you are as you may just have stumbled upon one of the most exciting careers that there is and one with so many possibilities. Aviation doesn't have to mean becoming an airline pilot, there's so many connected jobs in the profession such as air traffic controllers, aviation maintenance, flight controller, the list goes on. The experience is for any student considering a career in aviation and they'll explain the different routes into the profession, rounded off with some aviation work experience in the afternoon.

<https://www.careerdays.co.uk/vet-work-experience-careers-day>

Open Events

Long Road Sixth Form College will be running their own virtual post-16 event. They are inviting Year 11 students and their parents/carers to join their virtual post-16 event on Monday 12th October 6:00pm – 6:45pm.



Get a taste of Pearson Business School degrees designed by industry. With UCAS season well under way, Pearson Business School would love to invite post-16 students to their next Online Undergraduate Taster Day!

Students will have the opportunity to experience an interactive seminar-style Business Management class

through our virtual classroom environment - BlackBoard Collaborate.

During the sessions, students will explore Business Management and have the opportunity to ask our tutors about our courses and studying at Pearson Business School!

Date: Saturday 10th October

Time: 10AM - 11:30AM

Where: Online!

To register, click [here](#)



Warwick Wednesdays: Webinars for students

Year 11, 12 and 13 are invited to join Warwick every Wednesday at 4pm, from 23 September until 18 November for a 60-minute webinar.

Join them on Wednesday 9 October, for **Applying to a Russell Group University**

To view the Warwick Wednesday programme and to register, visit the website:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/schools/digitalevents/>



Have you considered a Degree Apprenticeship?

The University of Warwick are running a dedicated Degree Apprenticeships Day on **Saturday 10 October**.

It will be a great opportunity for students to find out more about this alternative route to degree level study. This will include:

- General information sessions covering what a Degree Apprenticeship is and how to apply.
- Sessions run by our academics about the Degree Apprenticeship programmes available at Warwick.
- Panel sessions led by our apprentices and employer partners, so attendees can hear their first-hand experiences.

<https://opendays.warwick.ac.uk/page/1574322/degree-apprenticeships>



Apprenticeships

A degree. A career. An experience.

A BEng (Hons) Engineering degree apprenticeship at The Dyson Institute is different

The Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology is unlike any other higher education institution. It's for those with a passion for solving problems and a fascination for how things work; people who'd rather get hands-on with real engineering challenges

During term-time, two days a week are dedicated to pursuing an academically rigorous engineering degree. With a year group of around 40, you'll know your lecturers well and teaching is delivered in bespoke lecture rooms and labs



Three days a week you'll be part of the Global Engineering team, working alongside Dyson technology experts. With their guidance, you can apply what you learn to real projects and develop your professional skills.

You'll never be bored at The Dyson Institute. In first year, you'll live alongside your close-knit year group in Dyson Village, in en-suite pods with shared kitchens. You'll also be part of a wider community of 150 undergraduates, plus 4,000 Dyson people at the Dyson Technology campus in Malmesbury. With a variety of clubs and societies there's always something to get involved in.

If you'd like to find out more about applying to join us in 2021 or beyond, register your interest [here](#) and they'll keep you updated with news, stories and application information

Tax Apprenticeship



An accountancy and business advisory firm, providing the advice and solutions businesses need to navigate today's changing world.

The Tax Apprenticeship Programme is your opportunity to combine work experience with achieving your professional qualifications. They'll provide the training in skills, behaviours and professional knowledge you'll need not just to pass your exams, but



also to become an exceptional BDO advisor. You will study towards one of two qualifications: **Associate Chartered Accountants (ACA)** and **Chartered Tax Advisors (CTA)** under a Level 7 apprenticeship or Association of Tax Technicians (ATT) and Chartered Tax Advisors (CTA) Pathway.

If you pass all your exams and complete your apprenticeship activities and learning plan, you'll be a qualified accountant within four years and achieve a Level 7 Accountancy/Taxation Professional Apprenticeship (if eligible). Their pass results are often up to 10% above the national average. This is a unique opportunity to qualify in a working environment with a network of exceptional colleagues who will be invested in helping you achieve your full potential. As part of that, you'll:

- Study towards your professional qualification
- Complete a Level 7 Accountancy/Taxation Apprenticeship
- Where appropriate, be assigned an Apprenticeship Coach
- Be assigned a Buddy to personally mentor you
- Have access to specialist support for your professional exams
- Be given real professional responsibility that will help you grow
- Enjoy a supportive culture where colleagues are invested in your career

We're looking for someone with:

- Three A-levels or equivalent at A*-C excluding General Studies and Extended Projects (obtained or predicted)
- 9-4 in Maths and English at GCSE
- Ability and commitment to balance study and professional work
- Strong desire to understand our business and achieve your full potential

<https://bdoearlyincareer.co.uk/apprenticeship/>

If you have any questions or queries relating to careers please contact the careers leader Kate Ward on wardk@haileyburyturnford.com