

**DISCOVERY**  
UK TOUR

EXPLORE  
AN EXCITING  
WORLD OF  
POSSIBILITIES



# Get ready for

# UCAS Discovery Event

Thursday 18th  
April

# Before you go

# UCAS

Ensure you have downloaded your ticket. You will need this for entry and also universities may scan this in order to send you information

There is no wi-fi and no 4G/5G at Winchester, so screenshot your ticket or print it out!

## KEEP YOUR TICKET HANDY

### Want to know more?

Your barcode is as unique as you. Ask people at the different university, college, and employer stands to scan it, so they can provide you with more information.



## Thursday morning arrangements

If you are getting the bus from Bay House, after tutor time make your way to the Bayside Car park at 9:20 as we will be leaving promptly at 9:30

If you are making your own way there, you do not need to come in for tutor time. When you arrive at Winchester you need to register with a member of the Sixth Form team outside the Student Union shop

If you are not attending the UCAS fair, after tutor time you need to go to the study centre for the day

Please keep an eye on you emails later this week for confirmation of these details.

# Types of organisation

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There are three types of organisation that attend the UCAS Discovery event.

They are all very different but have one thing in common, they are there to help you decide your next steps!

University

To educate students on courses, accommodation, facilities and how to choose the best university for them.

College

To discuss their specialised courses and how they differ from mainstream providers.

Employer

To share information on their apprenticeship programmes, how to apply and tips for interview/assessment.

# University

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Universities often have recruitment teams who attend these events. They are experts on what their university offers so you can literally ask them anything, it is their job to know the answer and help you!

Universities may also bring student ambassadors, who are current students at their university. These ambassadors are paid for their time and can answer questions about their experience, their course and their journey so far.

The types of question you might ask a university:

“How many of your graduates go into employment in their area of study?”

“Where has the university invested money recently? How has this helped students?”

“What is your course specialism?”

# College

The colleges are specialists within a certain subject, such as media, performing arts or IT.

They offer a range of courses that could be:

- Level 3 (equivalent to A Levels)
- Level 4 (equivalent to a Higher National Certificate)
- Level 5 (equivalent to a Higher National Diploma)
- Level 6 (equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree - the same as you would study at university)

The types of question you might ask a college:

“What make your courses unique?”

“Why do students choose to study with you?”

“Do any of your courses have work placements as part of the course?”

# Employer

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Employer's recruitment teams may also bring current apprentices to talk about their course.

Employers will provide information on their apprenticeship opportunities, how to apply and when their application opens.

You can also ask for specific information on their roles, progression opportunities and interview process.

Remember, apprenticeships are hard to secure so use this opportunity to gain as much help and information as you can.

The types of question you might ask an employer:

"What assessments do you run as part of your interview process?"

"Are there any key skills you are looking for?"

"What work experience would you expect apprentices to have?"

# Planning your visit

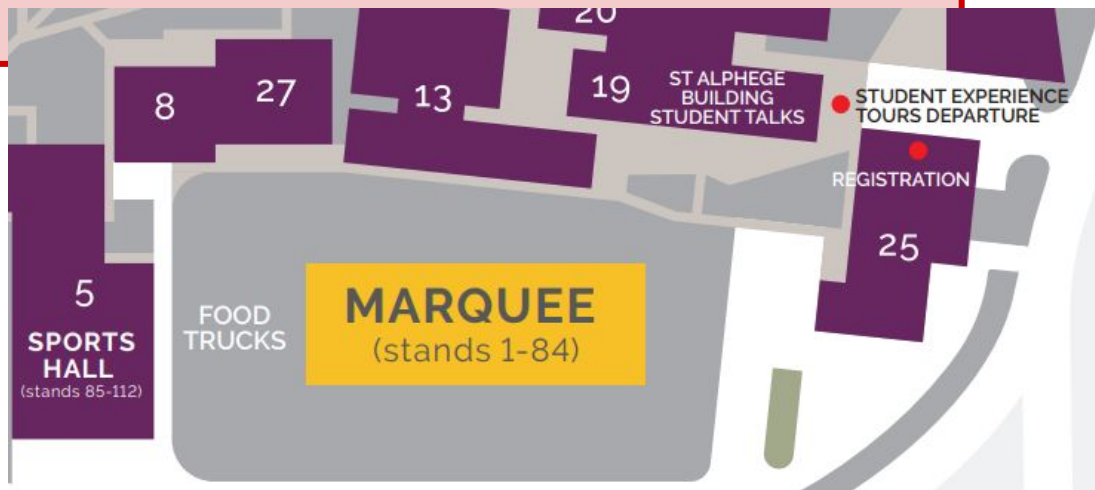
Go to [www.ucas.com/discovery](http://www.ucas.com/discovery)

Visit the event page for the Winchester event

Under the exhibitors tab, you can find a full list of all the universities, colleges and employers who will be attending

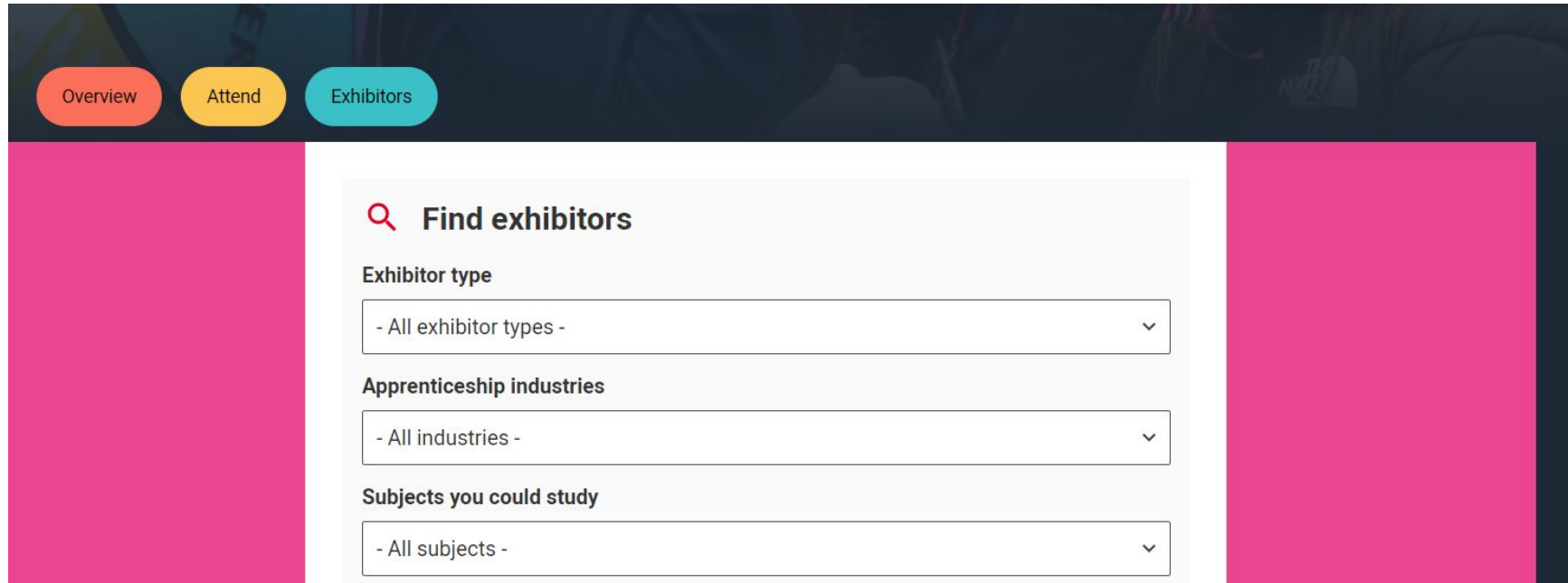
Make a note of the exhibitors you would like to visit and think about what questions you might want to ask them

Exhibitors are across two locations, the marquee and the sports hall





Exhibitors can be filtered by subject/industry, and searched for by exhibitor name. You can use the filtered lists to find out more about the universities, apprenticeship employers and other exhibitors.



The screenshot shows a navigation bar with three buttons: 'Overview' (orange), 'Attend' (yellow), and 'Exhibitors' (teal). Below the navigation bar is a central white panel with a search icon and the text 'Find exhibitors'. Underneath are three filter sections, each with a dropdown menu:

- Exhibitor type**: - All exhibitor types -
- Apprenticeship industries**: - All industries -
- Subjects you could study**: - All subjects -

# Talks

There are a number of talks taking place in the building just outside of the marquee



11:30-12:00	12:00-12:30	12:30-13:00	13:00-13:30
The Big Q&A: What's on and what to ask	Your options explained: How to figure out what's right for you	What is an apprenticeship and is it right for me?	How to stand out: UCAS application and personal statement tips

There are general talks, including one on apprenticeships and subject based ones.

A full schedule can be found in the event guide.

Plan in advance which talks you would like to attend.

Media and Film	Computing Courses	Veterinary
Nursing	Midwifery	Physiotherapy
Engineering	Medicine	Psychology
Languages	Paramedic Science	Maths
Law	Business Management	Architecture
English and Creative Writing	Criminal Justice Subjects (Criminology, Forensics)	History
Primary Teaching	Art and Design	Biochemistry

## Download more information



 [UCAS Discovery  
Winchester 2024 visitor  
information guide \(1.34  
MB\)](#)



 [UCAS Discovery  
Winchester 2024 - Z-  
Card \(2.47 MB\)](#)

Under the 'Attend' section for the Winchester event, there are two guides.

The Event Guide has the locations of all the stands and contains other useful information.

It is worth downloading this and looking at it before the event

# Questions you might want to ask

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Is the uni or college based on one site?

Are there halls of residence on campus? Can all first years be accommodated?

How far away is the accommodation from the campus?

Can I keep a car, motorbike, or bicycle? If so, can it be parked?

Can you tell me about student services, the students' union, clubs, societies, and sports and recreation facilities?

What support services are there (e.g. careers services, counselling, finance, and medical)?

What support facilities exist for students with disabilities?

# Questions you might want to ask

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How is this course taught and what will my typical week look like?

How often, and what type of work, will I be assessed on? E.g., group projects, coursework, and exams

What support is available if I'm finding the jump from A Levels to a degree tough?

What are my career prospects once I've graduated? What have your former students gone on to do?

Do you offer careers information and guidance for your students?

What industry experience do the tutors and mentors have?

I'm not 100% sure on every module on the course, should I choose it anyway?

Do you think this course would suit someone who wants to go into (X) career?

# Questions you might want to ask

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What kind of apprenticeships do you offer?

What support do you offer apprentices?

How does the learning aspect of the apprenticeship work and what qualification will I get at the end?

Do I need to have studied any relevant subjects when applying for an apprenticeship?

What are my career prospects at the end of an apprenticeship?

What kind of things are you looking for in an applicant?

# Questions you might want to ask

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Are there any scholarships or bursaries on offer?

What are the accommodation options available?

What is the typical cost of accommodation?

Do you support students to get part-time jobs?

What support are you offering students to help with the cost of living?

What's the cost of living in (location) like?



# Questions you might want to ask

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If I have any questions in the future, who can I contact?

What are the arrangements for attending an open day or making a personal visit?

Do you have any open days coming up? Do you have any virtual tours on your website?

Is there an alternative student prospectus? How do I get one?

# Some subject specific questions

If considering Computer Science - what makes a competitive applicant for this course?

If considering a health related course (for example physiotherapy, optometry, medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, paramedic science) - Do you require work experience for the course? Is there a minimum amount to complete? Does this need to be in a (opticians/ doctor's surgery/ pharmacy...)?