**UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY CHECKLIST**

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| University: | Code: |
| Course Title: | |

BEFORE YOU GO...... ****

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| Check website – do you need to sign up for Open Day? |  | Transport arrangements from the train station to the university | |  |
| Check tour and lecture times |  | Check position of institution in The Good University Guide | |  |
| Plan which departments to see |  | Check position of the department in The Good University Guide | |  |
| Check train times/travel arrangements |  | Remember to take a notebook and pen! | |  |
| **COURSE DETAILS** | | | | |
| How is the course taught? | | |  | |
| How is the course assessed? (exams/coursework) | | |  | |
| How many hours of teaching each week? | | |  | |
| Monitoring systems and support | | |  | |
| Grade requirements for the course? | | |  | |
| Library resources | | |  | |
| IT resources (Wi-Fi available?) | | |  | |
| **ACCOMMODATION/LOCATION** | | | | |
| How far is the university from town? | | |  | |
| How easy is it to get into town? | | |  | |
| Accommodation on/off campus? | | |  | |
| Cost of accommodation? | | |  | |
| Facilities *(accessibility to bathroom/heating)* | | |  | |
| How easy is it to find accommodation year 2? | | |  | |
| Do you have to take all your stuff at the end of term or can you leave it there? | | |  | |
| Catering or self-catering? | | |  | |
| Where is the closest supermarket? | | |  | |
| What else is on offer in the area? *(e.g.cinema/museums)* | | |  | |

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| **OTHER THINGS TO CHECK** | |
| Clubs/Societies |  |
| Sports Facilities |  |
| Student Union and facilities |  |
| Scholarships and Bursaries available? |  |
| Opportunities for work experience? |  |
| Opportunities to work part-time? |  |

**Some other things to consider to get the most out of your visit:-**

* Before you visit a university prepare a plan of action to get your mind ready for what’s about to happen. Go to an Open Day well prepared, and you will leave knowing which institution best meets your requirements.
* Read up on every institution you want to visit prior to the Open Day and look at any alternative and independent guides that are available, as they will offer another perspective.
* Prepare some course-related questions for the tutors and some general questions for the tour guides. See Which? University for guidance on subject specific questions
* Try to leave yourself enough time to walk round the town to get an idea of what living there could be like.
* Bear in mind you want to choose an institution which best suits both your academic and your social needs
* Don’t forget........choose the course first and then the institution!
* Speak to current students. Don’t be afraid to ask questions and get their opinions e.g. How do the locals gets on with students?/Attitude to students.
* Remember if you are really interested in a course but want to know more you can visit again once you have applied. These visits are called “Visiting Days” and departments will offer several every term.