

University Open Days – King Edward VI Coach Trips

As mentioned in the 'Guide to Higher Education' booklet, every year the School organises a number of coach visits to University Open Days, where these fall within the working week. This year, the following Open Day coach trips have been organised:

University	Date	Cost per person (£)	Depart and Return*
Bristol	Friday 19 June	£25	0645 and 1800
Oxford	Wednesday 1 July	£20	0715 and 1830
Cambridge	Friday 3 July	£27	0615 and 1845

**These are approximate and you will be notified in due course of the exact timings. The departure times are early to try and ensure we arrive in good time.*

We strongly encourage you to accompany your sons or daughter on their visits to universities but we do ask, in the interest of the environment, that where a School coach is being provided, this is the means of transport used.

Some University Open Day trips are very popular and therefore we do advise you to book your places, via KESpay as early as possible to avoid disappointment. We also ask that your son or daughter registers with KJ in the HE & Careers Centre to let us know how many places to reserve on the coach (usually restricted to a student plus one parent).

Many universities also require students to book online for specific talks or lectures. Please encourage your son or daughter to check the university websites and book early to ensure they get the most out of their visits.

Please note that both the Oxford and Cambridge University Open Days clash with the Biology Field Trip. However, individuals can often make arrangements to visit the academic departments at earlier or later stages in the year.

We strongly advise students to use their HE research to identify those courses and institutions that best match their own aspirations and abilities, so that they may then use their time wisely visiting universities that they are realistically more likely to attend.

Students should be mindful of their academic commitments and we would ask that they limit their university visits on weekdays, to a maximum of three, in order to minimise disruption to lessons and their own learning. We also ask that your sons and daughters discuss their university plans with their tutors so that sensible decisions are made about which Open Days to visit.

Most universities now welcome visits from prospective students and their parents at weekends and during our School holidays, so it should be possible to visit a number of universities in addition to those listed above. For your information, this year Cardiff University's Open Day falls during our Easter holidays (1 April), Exeter University's Open Days falls during our Whitsun holidays (28/29 May), Bath University Open Days are on 19 and 20 June, and Birmingham University Open Days are on 26 and 27 June.

With kind regards

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