



## Visiting Universities

Over the past few years, more and more universities have been organising post-application department visit days. This means that virtually all applicants are invited to visit the department or faculty concerned well before any decisions have to be made about offers. Even if such an event is not arranged, the vast majority of universities are happy to accommodate visitors, provided that sufficient notice is given.

Consequently, the usefulness of large-scale Open Days or Visit Days has diminished. At Watson's, we have noticed a significant reduction in the number of students who take part in these large events. Moreover, the fact that almost all our students are doing their pre-application research on-line and making individual enquiries of Admissions Tutors and Student Recruitment staff by email means that pre-application visits are less informative than in years gone by.

We do not, of course, wish to deter our students from making pre-application visits if you or they consider them to be necessary. Our aim continues to be that we want our students to be the best informed applicants to Higher Education. However, decreasing demand means that, in the main, we shall no longer be organising school visits to Open Days or Visit Days. We shall, instead, allow attendance at these events provided that a letter from home requesting absence is brought to Dr Mallinson. Students will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

A list of forthcoming dates for Scottish institutions is attached. Further details regarding Open Days and Visit Days are available from the relevant website. For other UK universities, details of Open Days will also be available online. It must be noted that, in many cases, it is necessary to register for the appropriate visit. Failure to do this if requested will very likely result in disappointment on the day.

If you have any further queries, please contact any member of the Careers Department:

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