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RUNNYMEDE COLLEGE

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Thinking ahead:
**An introduction to
university applications**



Introduction

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Overview

- Orientation schedule
- University destinations
- Making decisions
- Applying to the UK, US, Spain and other destinations
- Support
- Super-curricular
- Timeline



YEAR 12 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2021

Session	Date	Time
Intro to university talk for pupils	11th May	10.20-11.00
Applying to University in the UK (For parents and pupils)	Monday 17th May	18.00-19.00
Personal Statements and super-curricular summer plans	Thursday 20th May	15.20-16.00
Applying to University in the USA (For parents and pupils)	Thursday 20th May	19.00-20.00
University of Bath talk for Year 12	Monday 24th May	13.20-14.20
Oxbridge Q&A (For parents and pupils)	Tuesday 1st June	18.00-19.00
Applying to University in Ireland (For parents and pupils)	Thursday 3rd June	19.30-20.30
University of Exeter talk for Year 12	Tuesday 15th June	13.20-14.20
Outside speakers panel	TBC	
UCAS sign-up	TBC	

***Pupils also have access to the Old Runnymedian talks available online.**

University destinations

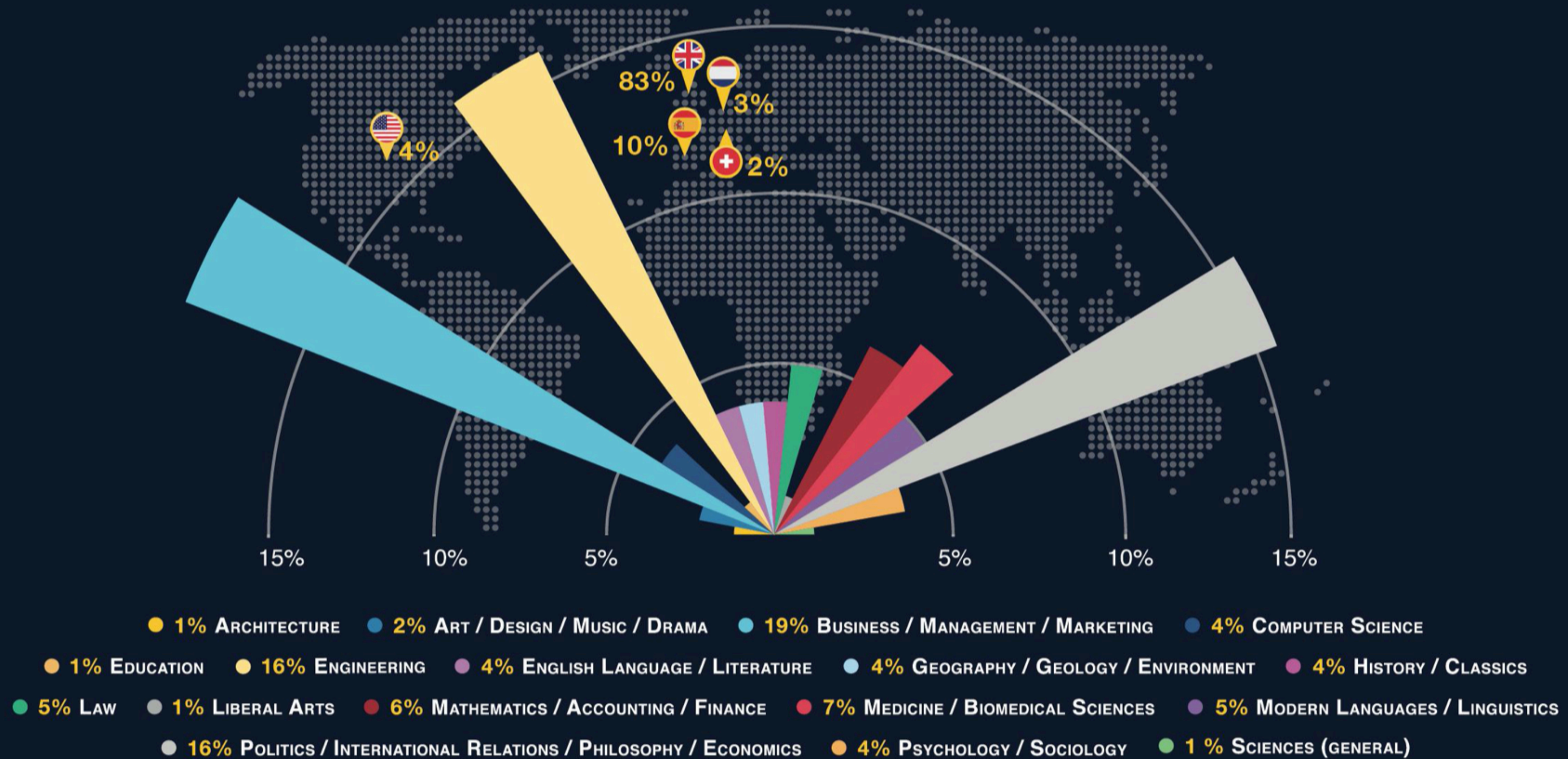
- Diverse range of courses
- Top universities
- Most go to the UK or US



Runnymede Destinations

Destinations	Approx. % of students
UK	75-85 %
US	5-15%
Spain	5-15%
Other European	1-5%

Runnymede Class 2020 Courses



DEGREES IN **BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING** ARE THE MOST POPULAR AMONGST Y13 STUDENTS AT RUNNYMEDE, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY COURSES RELATED TO **PPE (POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS) AND ENGINEERING**. THESE COURSES ACCOUNT FOR 51% OF THOSE CHOSEN FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY AMONGST THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES FROM RUNNYMEDE.

52% of pupils going to the UK will be attending **Top 10** universities (as ranked by the Sunday Times Good University Guide)



UNIVERSITY OF
Oxford
3 Pupils



UNIVERSITY OF
Cambridge
1 Pupil

Yale

YALE
UNIVERSITY
1 Pupil



IMPERIAL COLLEGE
London
3 Pupils



UNIVERSITY OF
Pennsylvania
1 Pupil



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
London
13 Pupils



CORNELL
UNIVERSITY
1 Pupil



LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS
7 Pupils

UK	UCL	13	13 icons
UK	Exeter	12	12 icons
UK	Bath	9	9 icons
UK	LSE	7	7 icons
UK	Warwick	6	6 icons
UK	Durham	4	4 icons
UK	KCL	4	4 icons
UK	Lancaster	4	4 icons
UK	Edinburgh	3	3 icons
UK	Imperial	3	3 icons
UK	Oxford	3	3 icons
UK	Bristol	2	2 icons

UK	BIMM Institute	1	1 icon
UK	Cambridge	1	1 icon
UK	Courtauld Institute of Art	1	1 icon
UK	Kent	1	1 icon
UK	Manchester	1	1 icon
UK	Nottingham	1	1 icon
UK	Royal Holloway	1	1 icon
UK	Southampton	1	1 icon
UK	St Andrews	1	1 icon
UK	Stirling	1	1 icon
UK	Surrey	1	1 icon
UK	Westminster	1	1 icon

US	Cornell	1	1 icon
US	Pennsylvania	1	1 icon
US	The New School	1	1 icon
US	Yale	1	1 icon
SP	ICADE	4	4 icons
SP	IE	4	4 icons
SP	Complutense	1	1 icon
SP	Francisco de Vitoria	1	1 icon
NL	Amsterdam	2	2 icons
NL	TU Delft	1	1 icon
SWI	EHL	2	2 icons

Read

Research

Ask

Explore a
range of
courses

Making Decisions

Explore diverse
university
options

Use Unifrog and UCAS
(online search platforms)



What do you want to spend **three** or **four** years of your life studying?

Do you really like one of your **A-level subjects**, and would like to continue studying it at university level?



Some questions to consider



Is there an **academic subject** which appeals to you that you haven't yet had the option of studying (e.g. Politics, International Relations, Philosophy)?

Are you keen to study a more **vocationally orientated course** like Business Management or Marketing?

Degrees ≠ Careers

- **In the UK, most students at good universities do not study a course which will directly lead to a particular job or professional career.**
- You can study Geography and then go on work as a management consultant.
- You can study English Literature and go on to do a Law conversion course.
- You can study Languages and go on to work in banking.

Applying to the UK

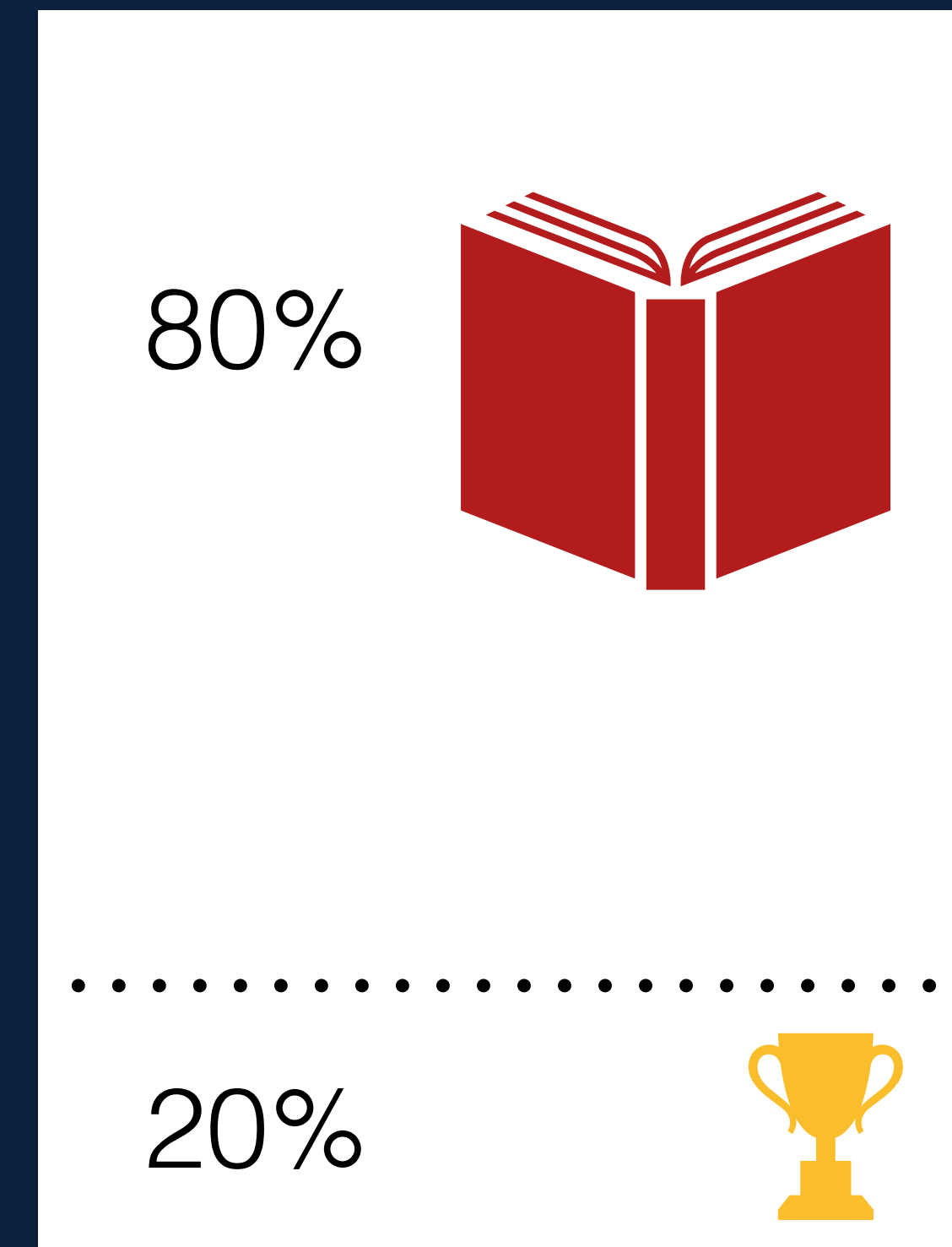
- UCAS - Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
(<https://www.ucas.com>)

UCAS form
(with grades
from IGCSE) + Personal
Statement + Predicted
grades + Teacher
reference

(+ Admission tests & interviews for Oxbridge/ Medicine students)

Personal Statement

- No more than 4000 characters (including spaces), which is about a side of A4
- Approximately 80% focused on academic suitability and interests, 20% on extra-curricular or work experience (sports, music etc)



Personal Statement

Advice for students

The personal statement should:

- Say **why** you have chosen a particular course to study
- Demonstrate your **suitability** for the course
(particularly by discussing your A-levels)
- Show **evidence** of your interest / passion for a subject
(through wider reading, etc)
- Make clear what kind of person you are, and what **skills** you have (extra-curricular activities, etc)



Oxbridge

- There will be a separate talk about this.
- Students applying to Oxbridge have weekly sessions to offer support with super-curricular tasks, applications, entrance exam preparation and interview technique.



Predicted Grades

- These are based on assessments and teacher judgement
- Report and internal exam grades are a strong indication of how they are doing.
- They are finalised by teachers between the end of September and end of October.
- These have to be realistic
- They are non-negotiable
- These should be an indication of what universities can be applied to

Applying to the US

Applications (via Common App/ directly to Colleges)

SAT or ACT (tests) scores + School records/transcripts & predicted grades + Application form/s (+Written work) + Teacher letters of recommendation

Reminder:

Talk about applying to the US on the 20th May 19.00



Applying to Spain

Predicted
grades &
Estimated
grades

+

School
records/
transcripts

+

Entrance
exams &
Application
form/s

+

Teacher letters of
recommendation

Ms Lyons helps support this process



Applying to other locations

- Speak to Form Tutors, Heads of VI Form, Exams Officer
- Talk on applying to universities in Ireland on 3rd June
19.30

Timeline



Start thinking about courses and doing research

First draft personal statement

Oxbridge & Medicine deadline 15th Oct

Internal deadlines for UCAS 15th Nov 15th Dec

Spanish University applications

Y13 Mocks

A level exams

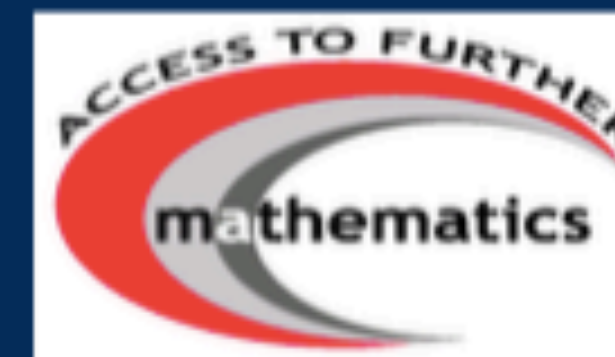
US University applications

Support

- Students receive **advice and guidance** from subject teachers, form tutors, Heads of VI form, Ms Lyons and the Headmaster.
- **IELTS classes** are being repurposed to facilitate research and write personal statements
- **Next year** - new compulsory class led by English department focusing on university admissions and transferable skills.
- Each student has **one advisor** and **one referee**.
- Students have access to **Unifrog** a very informative research platform
- Applications are **checked carefully** by our Exams Officer.

Super-Curricular

- Reading
- MOOC - Massive Open Online Courses - <http://mooc.org>
- Future Learn - <https://www.futurelearn.com>



Thank you!

- Any questions then please get in touch
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