



Super-Curricular Activities

If you see university as your chosen route you need to give yourself the best possible chance of gaining a place on your course of choice and also prepare yourself for this new form / subject of study. The best way to go about this is to undertake some super-curricular studies.

Not only will they give you some interesting items to talk about in your personal statement and interview (if required) but it also proves that you are prepared to go above and beyond the school curriculum and it is a step into academic study.

Universities use it to understand if a student has chosen an appropriate course for themselves. It also demonstrates to them an interest in the subject, and that you can study independently and are motivated.

In addition to work experience, volunteering and participating in various clubs or societies you could also try these:

General

Gresham College www.gresham.ac.uk/watch/

A vast number of recorded lectures on numerous subjects available to all to watch

Channel Talent www.channeltalent.co.uk

A vast number of recorded lectures on numerous subjects available to all to watch

TED talks www.ted.com/talks

TED Talks are influential videos from expert speakers on education, business, science, tech and creativity. They are free, vary in duration and cover a vast array of topics.

MOOCs www.mooc.org

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free short online courses available for anyone. There are 3000+ courses to choose from.

Books, Documents, Articles

Available from USIC, Surrey County Council Public Libraries, internet, History Study Centre

Academic Podcasts

YouTube lectures

Research university websites for example Imperial, Manchester, Sheffield...

News and current affairs

- Staircase 12 <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/staircase12/>
- FutureLearn www.futurelearn.com

- explore <https://explore.org/about>
- HE+ <https://myheplus.com/>

Multiple subjects

- University of Oxford <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/suggested-subject-resources>
- Kings College Cambridge <https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/reading-lists>
- University of Manchester <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/impact/>
- University of Sheffield <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/research>

Oxbridge

- HE+ <https://myheplus.com/>
- Staircase 12 <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/staircase12/>
- University of Oxford <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/suggested-subject-resources>
- Kings College Cambridge <https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/reading-lists>
- University of Cambridge Engineering <https://www.admissions.eng.cam.ac.uk/information/reading>
- University of Cambridge <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/before/improve-application>

Maths and Science

- nrich <https://nrich.maths.org/post-16>
- isaac physics <https://isaacphysics.org>
- iWantToStudyEngineering <https://i-want-to-study-engineering.org/>
- Advanced Mathematics Support Programme <https://amsp.org.uk/>
- University of Cambridge Engineering <https://www.admissions.eng.cam.ac.uk/information/reading>
- Imperial College London <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/research-and-impact/>
- University of Manchester <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/impact/>

Medicine

- University of Oxford <https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/applying/reading>
- FutureLearn <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-nhs-explained>
<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/politics-and-society-courses/social-issues>
- Imperial College London <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/research-and-impact/>
- University of Manchester <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/impact/>

Architecture

- <https://www.architecture.com/>

Veterinary

- Veterinary Schools Council <https://www.vetschoolscouncil.ac.uk/>
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You will often find a recommended reading list on the faculty pages of the university courses you are applying for.

All students should be reading the news regularly and be able to apply current issues to their course subject.

NB Usually fictional reads or films are not considered useful unless they are specifically relevant to your chosen subject / course.