

Year 12

Making the Most of (Virtual) University Open Days

Wednesday 29th April 2020

1. * Student Ambassador02: Hi, my name is Eleanor and I am currently a Masters student studying English Literature. The theme for today's forum is 'Making the Most of (Virtual) University Open Days'. Also answering your questions today is Valentina, and they will introduce themselves in a moment. For those of you who are new to the forums, you are welcome to ask us questions either directly related to the theme or about any other aspect of university life. Anything that we can't answer we will refer on and someone from the Exeter Scholars team will get back to you with a response in the next few days. For those of you that have logged on before, welcome back!

2. * Student Ambassador02: Before we start I just want to give you a quick overview of how the session itself works in case you've not used one before.

When you post a message it will be sent to us to reply to and will show on your wall as awaiting reply. When we reply to your message it will then post to the public wall for you and everyone else to see. Until we have replied, no-one else will see your message. Bear with us, as when it gets busy it will take us a few moments to reply – but don't worry, you won't have been forgotten! We will start all messages with the name of the person we are replying to just to make the discussion easier to follow, and if we're posing a question to the whole group we'll start the message with 'Everyone'.

3. * Student Ambassador02 2: Hi, my name is Valentina and I am currently in my second year studying International Relations. Please feel free to ask me any questions you might have either directly related to the theme or about any other aspect of university life.

4. Emily Hatherall: Are virtual open days going to be enough to help us decide what unis to apply for? What else can we do? I've visited a uni and knew I didn't want to go there from actually being there, had I not gone I wouldn't have known that.

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Emily! Virtual open days will sadly not completely be able to replicate the real thing, as you are right, seeing it in person is a huge help. However, do make use of all of the virtual content the universities put up, and have a look if they do virtual campus or accommodation tours as well. Also take a close look at all the course contents, to see if the course is structured in a way you like. These obviously are not the ideal circumstances, but universities will try to give you as much information to make the decision as easy as possible!

5. Sarah.Rowley: Hello, my question is how can we truly choose a university-based on a virtual open day and how can we know if it's the right university for us without getting to explore the campus and talk to more of the faculty? Are there any tips you could give us to make the absolute most of the virtual open days? Thank you so much for answering :)

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Sarah, thank you for your question! I understand that it can be quite difficult to choose a university at these times. However, universities provide a good range of options to access

information. I would attend the Exeter Virtual Days and ask any specific questions you might have about the university to get to know it better. I think, if you want to know more about student life and the university experience, I would talk to the student ambassadors which study on campus. Is there anything specific I can help you with?

6. LisaSkone: Hiya. Can I ask questions during the virtual open days or is it just a video?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Lisa, thank you for your question. The virtual open day consists of live chats and presentations. Hope this helps! Let me know if you have any further questions.

7. Millie Monks: Hi, I was wondering if universities will still be holding normal open days once we are out of lockdown even if they have completed virtual open days as well?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Millie! Right now, universities are focusing on their virtual open days, and keeping everyone as informed as possible during the COVID-19 crisis, so unfortunately any future open day dates and arrangements are most not available.

8. maisy lang: When looking at universities, what features of the course do you suggest to look at generally?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Maisy, thank you for your question. This totally depends on what you think is most important to you. Are you looking at a specific course?

9. Briony Troughton: when will the virtual opens be?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Briony! Each university's open day dates will be different, so have a look on the websites of the universities you are interested in! You will either be able to register your interest and receive further correspondence, or some universities will have specific dates up!

10. Megan Whitefield: would you advise to go to as many University open days as possible or only the ones I think I would like to attend? A university I'm not thinking of might surprise me.

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Megan, thank you for your question. I think looking at a broad variety of university is generally a good idea! This also helped me to make my choice.

11. TomBritton02: What is something you wish you knew about university before joining?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Tom! For me personally, I would have loved to have been advised to get involved with as much as I could! Joining societies is a great way to meet lots of people outside of your halls, and find an activity and community that you truly love, and I wish I had tried more societies in my first year.

12. Connor.Maddever: Do you think you can make the right decision on choosing a University without going on a tour of the campus?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Connor, thank you for your question. To answer your question, yes, I do think that this is possible. I am an international student and did not see campus before coming to university. But I read through a lot of blog entries and watched videos about campus, student and city life, which helped me a lot!

13. ELLA HEWITT: Hi, I was just wondering what make you pick Exeter uni over other unis?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Ella! For me, I chose Exeter because I loved the flexibility and choices available on the course (English literature). I also knew that I wanted to go to a campus university, and I loved how beautiful the Exeter campus was, and the community feeling that it fostered.

14. Rowan Henn: What are the main things to consider when choosing universities when going to multiple open days and stuff?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Rowen! This depends on what is most important to you in a university, for example you could look at student accommodation, student life in general, student finance, and ask specific questions about your course. Hope this helps!

15. Reshma Thapa Magar: Hi, my name is Reshma. How is lockdown affecting uni?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Reshma! Currently, university campuses are closed to students, and we are completing our coursework and exams remotely from home. We are still able to access our tutors via skype and email. For plans for university commencing September 2020, have a look at specific university websites: the COVID-19 information from Exeter is available on www.exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospectivestudents/. Hope this helps!

16. NyeHerron: Where can we find these open days, Like is there a list / place where we can find them all?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Nye! I guess this really depends on the university, I would look at the website of the university you are interested in or contact them via email!

17. Freya Rose: Will I still be able to ask questions to students on the virtual open day?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Freya! I have currently not been informed on this aspect of the virtual open days, although I know that many students from many departments will be involved in the open day. Universities are putting up as much digital content as possible to help aid your decision making and give you as best a feel as possible for the university.

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Freya - apologies, but I have just seen that you will be able to talk to current students! Apologies again for this mistake

18. LaurenKing: Do you think that visiting a uni in real life is essential? One of my top courses is in Glasgow but I've never been and I'd be scared to commit without visiting the uni in person

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Lauren! I personally don't think this is essential. I am an international student myself and I did not see the campus before I came to uni. But watching videos and reading blogs about university life really helped me make the right choice!

19. Mia Finch: Hello! How do virtual open days work? Thanks, Mia Finch.

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Mia! Online open days will allow you to take virtual campus and accommodation tours, see subject presentations, and talk to students and staff online to get the best possible feel for the university!

20. Sarah.Rowley: Hi, could I also ask whether you think a tour of a university, later in the year, would be beneficial for those of us who aren't sure on where we want to study so that we can get a feel for the place? Thank you again.

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Sarah, I'm personally not sure if this will be possible. In general I do think it is possible to make the right decision without visiting campus. I myself am an international student and I did not see the campus before coming to university. But watching virtual tours and reading blog entries about student life really helped me make the right decision!

21. Issy Chapman: hi, my names Issy. Do you think it's best to attend as many virtual open days as possible or just focus on the universities in our top 4/5? Thanks

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Issy! This is more of a personal choice I would say! If you have a secure top 4/5 then maybe only visit those virtual open days - however, if there are other universities you are interested in or have not made your mind up about just yet, then definitely take a look at those ones as well!

22. hammam.shinwari: Hi, it's my first session, am I in the correct place?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Hamman, yes you are, feel free to ask any questions.

23. Bryher Mehen: Hi, I was just wondering when Exeter were planning on doing their online open days?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Bryher! You can now register your interest for the Exeter virtual open day at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/, after which you will receive more information! I believe they will be running at various points throughout May, but register interest to get specific dates!

24. Briony Troughton: how will the virtual open days work?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Briony! The virtual days provide a link through which you can access the platform of the virtual day. This can be found on the university's website. Then you can access different live chats and presentations and ask any questions you may have.

25. Briony Tapp: Do you think that we are disadvantaged from being able to actually be at an open day?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Briony! Seeing the university in person is definitely a wonderful experience, and allows you to really get a feel for the campus and institution. However, virtual open days are providing students with as much online content as possible (campus and accommodation tours, subject presentations, student and staff Q&As) to help you make your decision, so will still be incredibly useful events to help guide your decision making!

26. ELLA HEWITT: Do you think unis will take into consideration the year 12s situation and lack of things on our personal statements

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Ella! Yes, I do think that this situation will be taken into consideration! If you have any concerns, feel free to contact the uni or UCAS team via email!

27. Daisy Lucas: would you recommend doing a sandwich course?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Daisy! I myself am not doing a sandwich course, so cannot answer this question from personal experience. Have a look at the university websites for information on these courses, and think about how you would like your ideal course to be structured/what you would like it to contain, and see which universities cater best to the experience you would like!

28. caseyphillips: are there any benefits from taking part in virtual open days or is it a waste of time?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Casey! I think there are a lot of benefits as you can ask specific questions about student accommodation, student life, city life, your course or student finance. So, I'd recommend it!

29. Olga Diavastis: Why do you think attending open days (virtual or otherwise) is important? What do you get from them?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Olga! Open days give you a much better feel for what university life is like, beyond just information on a web page! Open days (including the virtual ones) will allow you to experience the campus, accommodation, see presentations on your chosen subject (which will provide more depth and insight than any web page will!) and talk to students and staff! They really help to guide a more informed decision on where you would like to study.

30. Jasmine Titah: Do only some unis take into account UCAS points for extracurricular exams. Or is it only A Level grades they want?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Jasmine! I apologize but I cannot answer this question as a student. But I would try to contact the UCAS team or the individual universities for this question! Sorry that I cannot be of much help!

31. Hannah Ward: How will the unis conduct virtual open days?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Hannah! The virtual days are conducted through a platform that you can access via a link on the university's website. Through the platform you can access different live chats and presentations where you can ask questions about student accommodation, your course, student finance, student life, etc. Hope this helps!

32. Emily Burroughs: Will you be able to look at specific subject faculties on these virtual open days?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Emily! Virtual open days will allow you to see presentations from your chosen subject, and talk to students who currently study that subject and staff that currently teach.

33. millie: do all universities offer these virtual open days?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Millie! As far as I am aware, most universities are trying their hardest to create virtual open days, so take advantage of those that are to help guide your choice of university!

34. Bronwen: hi, how representative do you think virtual open days will actually be of life at specific unis?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi! I think as the universities are putting much effort into the virtual days and staff is available for questions the virtual days are representative of the university. But I would also look at different blogs about the university and student experiences!

35. ryan fell: have you used these virtual open days in the past and have they been successful?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Ryan! To my knowledge, these virtual open days are the first of their kind due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and campus closure. Open days (virtual or not!) will give you a really good feel of what university life is like there, and how the course you want to study operates. They also allow you to talk to current staff and students. I would definitely recommend attending to help you decide which university is right for you!

36. Laura Prisk: What are the best types of questions to ask on the virtual open days for people who don't know what course to take?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Laura! I would definitely try to get to know the individual courses better if I were you, so ask about what the course is mainly about, if it is more theoretical, how much reading it involves, how the assignment looks like, if a year abroad is possible and also how the lectures are conducted. Maybe this will help you to make your choice!

37. Briony Troughton: how important would you say open days are? Like seeing what a uni is actually like? And how well did the open day reflect what the uni was actually like?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Briony! Personally, I would say open days are incredibly important, as they allow you to really get a feel of what student life is like there, and also understand your chosen course in much more depth. When I visited Exeter on the open day, I loved both the flexibility and variety my course allowed, and also the sense of community that the campus fostered - both of these selling points were closely reflected in my actual experience here!

38. Reshma Thapa Magar: how do you think we can stop the virus even more?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Reshma, I apologize but I can only answer to questions about the uni! Sorry if I cannot be of any further help but if you would like to ask anything specific about how the university deals with the virus situation right now, please follow this link:

www.exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospectivestudents/

39. Olivia_Thomas: How do you get to the subject talks that you're interested in? Will there be timetables?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Olivia! Register your interest for the virtual open days for more specific information on dates and timetables! For Exeter, subject talks will run for each course available, and you will also get the opportunity to talk to staff that teach your course and students currently taking it.

40. OlenaMilan: What sort of information should we come out with by the end of an open day?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Olena! This totally depends on what interests you! You can ask questions about student accommodation, student finance, student life, the city, the campus or about your course!

41. Rachael Trethewey: Will the virtual open days consist just of virtual tours or will there also be talks and chances to talk to the lectures as well?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Rachael! There will be subject presentations, plus the ability to talk to tutors that run the course, and students currently studying your course.

42. Cameron pearce: I would like to ask, as we have to write our personal statements fairly soon what do you think universities look most for in a personal statement?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Cameron! It has been a very long time since I had to write a personal statement as I am now in my fourth year. Have a look at individual university admissions pages for tips on personal statements, as well as UCAS' advice. These should help you get a better understanding of what different institutions are looking for!

43. Genevieve Andrews: How did you know from the open days that you attended whether you liked the uni you were looking at? What kind of things do you think are most important to look at when choosing a university?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Genevieve! I think this really depends on what is most important to you! I would ask as many questions as possible at the open days about student accommodation, student finance, student life, the city, campus or your course. But also look at blogs about student experience and videos to access more information!

44. Flora Turberville-Smith: Did the open days that you attended finalise you're decision of where you chose to go or were they just a good guide?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Flora! I would say they were a good guide. I'd say asking the students that studied at the university helped me the most as well as looking at blog posts and videos about student experience and life on campus!

45. Jessica Owens: With not being in school and being able to make the most of meetings with careers and post 16 advisors I am finding it very difficult to start looking at possible universities. Do you have any tips or advice on how we could start looking for ones that would be suitable? Thank you!

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Jessica! I can only imagine how frustrating it is trying to look for future university options right now. I would say take advantage of all of the university virtual open days you are interested in, as these will provide accommodation and campus tours, plus subject presentations and Q&As. Also take a look at university prospectuses and university websites. Just try to gather as much information as you can for the moment! Good luck!

46. Louis Griffiths-Bird: What type of things will be included within the virtual open days, would it be as useful as an actual open day?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Louis! The open days will be conducted through a platform where you can access different live chats and presentations about student finance, accommodation, student life, the campus and all of the specific courses. So, you are able to access information you would have as well on a normal open day.

47. Sophie Holder: Hi, I was wondering, due to the current situation how 'work experience' will be made up for... I had applied for a week in the summer at a hospital but obviously, this has been cancelled. Do you know of anything to make up for that as I know it can be a very important part in application.

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Sophie! Apologies, but as a student I cannot answer this question for you. Universities are taking into account the COVID-19 situation as much as possible, and how this will undoubtedly affect you.

48. Shimoli Shah: Are virtual open days course specific - if I want to explore one course more, is that possible?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Shimoli, yes, of course that is possible!

49. mddiefmer: Will there be a chance to talk to people about certain courses like there would be at a proper open day?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi there! There will be opportunities to talk to both staff and students for your course, and they will answer all of your questions and give you insight to their experiences just like a 'normal' open day!

50. Abi Westrope: will there be early open days next year or hopefully late ones this year?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Abi! Unfortunately I cannot answer your question during these uncertain times, the university has not provided any information. But these might be useful resources to look into: www.exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospectivestudents/. If you have any further questions feel free to email the university at exeterscholars@exeter.ac.uk!

51. Jack Follas: Hi there! How will virtual open days be able to capture a proper sense of the University and the wider area in the same way that in-person open days do?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Jack! Virtual open days are designed to give you as prospectus students as much information and insight as they can during this time. There will be virtual campus and accommodation tours to help you get a feel for the university, as well as subject presentations and the ability to talk to students and staff. They will certainly help you make a more informed decision about your future at university!

52. saffron flint: Will we be receiving the same quality of knowledge of the particular university we are interested in on virtual reality in comparison to doing a first-hand open day?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Saffron! Yes, all of the staff will be available to answer your questions about student accommodation, student finance, your course, campus, student life, or anything else. So you are provided with the same quality of knowledge as members of staff can directly respond to your questions.

53. Kenzie-JayneBarker: Hi, this is a general question, I was wondering how did you chose which course to study at University?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Kenzie! For me, I thought about which subject I enjoyed most at school, and what I would be willing and excited to study for the next three years. Choose something you are passionate about, and something you can envision yourself devoting yourself to for the next three years. Best of luck!

54. Olga Diavastis: Hi, what questions do you think it's important to ask during an open day?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Olga! This really comes down to what you feel you need to know about the institution to get the most out the open day, and best guide your application choices! For examples, you

could ask about the specifics of a course, the student community, societies available, and the campus facilities! Think about what is important to you in a university, and what you need to know further to make an informed choice about where you would like to study.

55. Em Turoczy-Eggins: Hi, how exactly do you think we'll be able to make informed decisions about what uni we really love if we are unable to experience the atmosphere? What would you do in our situation?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Em! As an international student I also did not see campus before coming to university, so I can understand your situation. What really helped me were blog posts and videos about student life, student experiences and the atmosphere on campus. There are plenty of them!

56. Ella May: How many universities are we able to apply to? How many would you suggest applying to?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Ella! You can apply to a maximum of five choices through UCAS; you can then select a firm choice and an insurance choice from the universities you receive offers from.

57. Ben_Heyes: Hi everyone, on the theme of virtual tours, what might these entail compared to a normal tour?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Ben! All information that you can access on a normal tour, you can access as well on virtual days. There are live chats and presentations where you can ask questions about topics such as student accommodation, student experience, student finance, campus, the city or your course!

58. Anna Clarke: Do you know how virtual open days work? Is it like a 360 degree camera? Do you think it will be unique to each university?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Anna! Virtual open days will definitely be unique to each university! At Exeter's open day (for example), there are virtual campus and accommodation tours, subject presentations, and staff and student Q&As, to help you get as much information about the university as possible.

59. Ethan Bingham: If all the Open Days for the next few months are cancelled, will there be an opportunity to attend another Open Day before we have to apply?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Ethan, in these uncertain times this is difficult to say. Here are some useful resources: www.exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospectivestudents/

60. Ellie King: How did you 'know'/'figure out' which university was for you? Do you have any tips/things you wish you'd done in year 12/13?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Ellie! I chose Exeter based on the course structure and content, and I also fell in love with the Exeter campus - how green and open it was, and the community spirit I felt it had. Take in all the information you are given from that institution, and think about whether you can see yourself studying

and living there. As I'm now a postgraduate (doing a Masters in English lit), it's been a while since I was in sixth form, so I can't comment on that unfortunately!

61. Lauren Lavill: Would you recommend staying in halls for the first year, and if you did, what sort of experience did you gain from it?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Lauren! I did stay in halls and it was a great experience! I would recommend it as it will be easier to find friends and I really liked not having to bother about proper accommodation until second year. In halls, everything is taken care of and you meet tons of new people!

62. Mia Finch: I was thinking of possibly studying international relations with history, what does the course consist of? Is history and international relations offered at Exeter Streatham campus? Thanks, Mia :)

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Mia! Maybe this resource can help you:
www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/history/intrel-corn/

63. Lucy Lake: Do you know if other universities are doing virtual open days in a similar style or is this very specific to Exeter? How do you think we can get the most out of them?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Lucy! This really depends on the university. You will find this information on the websites of the universities. I think you can get the most out of them if you ask as many questions about student accommodation, student finance, student life, the campus or your course!

64. charlieclarke: hi! Do you think it will be more difficult to decide on a subject without physically being there to talk to students who are studying it? I know there are a lot of websites where students can share what they think but I feel like it will be harder to decide without speaking to those studying

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Charlie! I also think that talking to the people that are studying your prospective course is helpful. But there are a lot of blog posts and videos that you can watch that talk about student experiences!

65. Chloe Somerwill: Hi, not related specifically to virtual tours but how did you decide on what university course to take? What did you do to ensure that you weren't making a mistake?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Chloe! I really thought about what I wanted an English course to offer me - I wanted it to have flexibility, lots of options for study (I love modern, American literature, and wanted the opportunity to study that), and a department that felt enthusiastic and welcoming! Think about what you would want out of a university course, and see which university suits your needs and desires most! I wouldn't ever worry about 'making a mistake' - make an informed decision, and follow your instincts to where you think you will thrive and love studying!

66. Elise Garbutt: Are degrees with work placements beneficial to the degree?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Elise! This really depends on your preference. I personally think that it can be very beneficial to your degree as it provides you with a lot of practical experience and an opportunity to apply your knowledge!

67. Adam.sg: Hi, my name is Adam and I was wondering if this period in time will affect the Exeter scholars programme and will this lead to me having to do extra work to be able to take part in the Exeter Scholars programme

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Adam! For all information on Exeter scholars, please email exeterscholars@exeter.ac.uk with any specific questions. To see Exeter's FAQs on COVID-19 and how the university is adapting, please take a look at to www.exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospectivestudents/. I hope this helps!

68. Connor.Maddever: When on a virtual tour of a university, what features do you look for when deciding if that university is right for you?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Connor! This entirely depends on you. For example you can ask about student accommodation, student finance, campus and student life or questions about your specific course! Also it helps to watch videos or read blog entries!

69. Rose Amey: What is actually available on a virtual open day? As in what extra information is there that's different from just looking at their website or talking to a student ambassador?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Rose! All university virtual open days will differ, but each institution will try to give you as much helpful online content and information as they possibly can! For example, at Exeter's virtual open day, you can take virtual accommodation and campus tours, talk to staff and students, and see subject presentations - just like you would at a normal open day! Open days give you a much more in depth experience of what that university is like, so I would definitely recommend getting involved and attending them!

70. Briony Tapp: How many open days should we attend under normal circumstances? Just so that I know how many I should consider doing virtually.

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Briony, this entirely is up to you and how many universities you are looking at! I would recommend about 5-7!

71. Caitlin Wright: I live locally to Exeter University, do you think that I would be able to get the full university experience staying at home or would you recommend accommodation?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Caitlin! I am from London, so I had to move to the campus and stay in halls. I would personally recommend the halls experience - it enables you to make so many friends, and really fosters a community. I was in catered halls, which meant I met so many people every day just in the dining hall! A lot of student life does take place in your halls. Ultimately though, the decision is yours, so think about

whether you would prefer to be more assimilated in the student community, or would rather stay in your home locally!

72. Erica Chivers: Hello, I hope you're well. I was just wondering whether it's possible to change university courses if you start one course and decide it's not for you? Thank you

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Erica! Yes, this is possible!

73. Lottie Dadds: Hello, I was wondering what are the most important things to look at when choosing which university's to apply for?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Lottie! This really comes down to what you are after! Things to consider are whether you'd prefer a campus or a town university; what type of course you want to study; university location; the societies and sports available to you; and whether you can envisage yourself living and studying there! Think about what you are after in a university experience, and which universities cater to that.

74. Chloe-Marie Foster: Hi what would you say are the most important factors to consider when choosing a university based upon information you can get from virtual open days

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Chloe-Marie! I would say it is important to ask as many questions as you can about topics such as student accommodation, student finance, your course, student life, the campus or the city! It really depends on what is important for you!

75. Jacob Power: Hi, I was just wondering, what actually is involved in a virtual open day?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Jacob! All virtual open days differ, but all aim to give you a feel for university life and the course you want to study! At Exeter's virtual open day, for example, you can take virtual campus and accommodation tours, talk to staff and students, and see subject presentations.

76. EleanorHarbon: Hello! My question is if you want to go to a university that mostly bases around field and practical work how would the virtual open days show this? Also, would it be best to attend a few open days of top choices or many of varied choices to see what's best? Thank you x

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Eleanor! I think the unis will show this with videos! Also, I guess that you can ask as many questions about the practical side of your course. I would recommend attending 5-7 open days! Hope this helps!

77. Ryan Reid: is it worthwhile going to these virtual open days to check up on things that you looked in actual open days?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Ryan! Virtual open days attempt to replicate the open day experience, just online! So if you still have questions you would like answer, or would like to experience the university campus or accommodation virtually, I would say it is worth attending!

78. Emma Coumbe: Hello, virtual universities give a general overview of the university. What would be your advice on gaining information about a particular area I am interested in through a virtual university?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Emma! Virtual open days should offer the ability to ask these questions - for example, at Exeter's virtual open day you can see subject presentations, and talk to staff and students. This should allow you to ask any questions you may have, and unearth any additional information you are after!

79. Joe_silk: Hi, My question is along with the virtual open days is there anything else that we can do to get a feel for the uni?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Joe! Yes, there are plenty of blog entries and videos to watch about student experiences and life on campus!

80. Danae Warne: Hello, will we be able to get information about societies and clubs on the virtual open days? If not do you know where we will find this info? Thank you!

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Danae! Yes, it is possible to access this information! There will be a life either on societies or on student life where you can ask your questions. If you have a specific society in mind I would also suggest contacting them on Facebook!

81. MollyRendle: Hi, will there be replacement open days later in the year? I applied for one in September so do you think this will still go ahead?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Molly! This is currently unclear and any future open days have not been confirmed yet. I would recommend applying to the summer open days that are happening virtually for now!

82. Jasmine Titah: Key tips for remaining productive?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Jasmine! Not having any distractions on your work place, having a specific to do list of what you want to achieve that day and taking regular breaks by going outside!

83. Olga Diavastis: Hi Eleanor, I'm currently between doing an English degree or law, how did you decide to do English?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Olga! I personally always wanted to do English - I love literature, and I really wanted to spend three years reading, researching and ultimately specialising in a specific academic area. I find literature fascinating, and have loved all four years researching and being taught. However, this is a really personal decision! Whilst I love my subject, think about whether you can envisage yourself doing Law

or English more - which would you prefer to study, which do you think would serve you best in the future, do you really gravitate towards certain courses at open days? All the best of luck!

84. Phoebe Walford: Hello, how did you know that Exeter was the right uni for you? What were the main things you looked at when deciding which uni?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Phoebe! Besides my course (International Relations) I was looking for a uni that was integrated into the city and had a beautiful campus, which I both found in Exeter! I also really appreciated the variety of societies!

85. Anna Clarke: Do you think it's possible to get the true feel of a university through a virtual open day?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Anna! Virtual open days will try as much as they can to replicate the real-life experience, and to help you answer any questions you may have. For example, at Exeter's virtual open day you can take accommodation and campus tours online, talk to staff and students, and see subject presentations. These should all help you decide which universities are right for you.

86. Matthew Colwill: What form would the virtual open days take, would they be live or a pre-recorded message for example.

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Matthew! The virtual days will be conducted through a platform where you can access live chats and presentations and you can ask questions about topics such as student accommodation, student life, the campus, student finance, etc.!

87. Jamie Barnes: will the virtual open days include a virtual tour of the campus?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Jamie! This is dependent on each university open day - for Exeter, yes! You can take a virtual tour of the campus, plus virtual accommodation tours.

88. Toby Diment-Aylott: any advice for making the most of virtual open days?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Toby! Yes, asking as many questions as possible!

89. Jen Davies: Before attending a virtual open day, is there anything you should prepare? For example questions about the university, or anything else that could help us make the most of it.

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Jen! Have a think about any unanswered questions you have about the university - about the course, the campus, the student life, or anything you still feel uncertain about. Think about what you want out of a university experience, and bear these requirements in mind when attending the online event.

90. Louis Buschtoens: Roughly how long would a virtual open day be?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Louis! Typically from 9am-2pm!

91. Bryher Mehen: Hi, will the virtual open days be course specific or just about the general university experience?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Bryher! This will vary from each university - for Exeter' online open day, there are both subject specific presentations and Q&As, and also campus and accommodation tours to give you a feel for the wider university.

92. millie: hi, could you please explain what is included in the virtual open days?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Millie! Virtual open days are conducted through a platform where you can access live chats and presentations about topics such as student accommodation, student finance, student life, campus or your course!

93. Daisy Griffin: Hi, how will the virtual open days work?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Daisy! This will vary from university - for Exeter's online open day, there will be virtual campus and accommodation tours, the ability to ask staff and students questions, and subject presentations. You can register your interest for this open day now to receive more information.

94. Mia Finch: How would you go about choosing student accommodation at the Exeter campus? Which is best?! Thanks, Mia.

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Mia, this entirely depends on your preference! This walking map is a good start: www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation/map/walkingdistancemap/. I also recommend making a spreadsheet with categories such as walking distance, costs, facilities, etc. to compare the halls. Also there are several chat rooms and blog entries about student experience in halls!

95. Fleur Mitchell: I am unsure how to do this without being that to be there. My question is how do I make appropriate decisions about a university without being there?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Fleur! Virtual open days are there to give you as much information as possible and to help you to experience the university from home. Ask as many questions as you need, and take part in online tours and subject presentations. Also take a look at university prospectuses and websites for even more information.

96. Em Turoczy-Eggins: For the virtual open days, are we able to talk to specific subject staff or will it only be generalised to questions about the uni itself?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Em! Yes, you will be able to talk to specific staff on topics such as student accommodation, student life, campus, student finance or your specific course!

97. Joe B 5: What will the virtual open days consist of? Can we get access to specific details as to what we want to see or hear?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Joe! Each university is different - for Exeter, there are virtual accommodation and campus tours, the chance to ask staff and students questions, and subject presentations. You can register your interest now for more specific information and dates!

98. EvaPascoe: Hi, based on your uni experience, what would you suggest is the most important thing to look out for on the virtual open days given that we can't go to the place ourselves?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Eva! Take part in the online accommodation and campus tours, and subject presentations to help replicate the experience. You will also be able to ask staff and students questions, so think about anything you still need to know or are unsure of, and you can pose these questions to the relevant people!

99. Emily Booth: Hi, would a virtual tour include a tour of the different accommodation available?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Emily! There will be a live chat on accommodation for any queries you might have. For the virtual tours, they already exist on the website!

100. lalita wong: Will the online open days be set up like this in a forum/Q&A style?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Lalita! Currently we have not been told of a specific format the events will take, and each university will differ. Register your interest for the virtual open days, and you should receive more specific information!

101. Oliver Rose: On the virtual open days will you be showing all of the sporting facilities?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Oliver! There will be a live chat to ask questions about the sports facilities and here you can access a virtual tour <http://sport.exeter.ac.uk/facilities/virtualtour/>

102. Ellie Hull: What do universities look for in our application and personal statement that make us attractive? Will universities be able to give us tips on how to write effective personal statements also because I know we've been asked at sixth form to think about what we should include in our personal statements but I want to know what universities like to be included?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Ellie! As a student, and not part of the recruitment team, I unfortunately cannot answer this question! Take a look at individual university websites to see if they have any tips, as well as UCAS's guidance on personal statement writing. Best of luck!

103. Anna Clarke: How intimidating is going to uni?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Anna! Not at all! There are so many different people that it is impossible not to find like-minded people, don't worry!

104. Aaliyah Purnell: When looking at a range of universities how do I decide which one would suit me best if the course itself is virtually the same as I wish to study medicine, especially as I would be spending 5-6 years there?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Aaliyah! Virtual open days will give you the opportunity to ask both tutors and student that study your course questions, and this should help you get a better feel for the course and ask anything you want! There are also subject specific presentations that should also help your decision.

105. Briony Tapp: How many open days should you attend under normal circumstances? Just so that I know how many I should sign up for virtually.

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Briony! I'd recommend 5-7!

106. Shimoli Shah: On the virtual open day, do we get to observe any hands-on things like we would have in a real open day?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Shimoli! As each university, and each course, will be different, I unfortunately cannot answer this question! Virtual open days will give you the best possible feel for the university and its courses as possible.

107. Jasper Roebuck: Have you experienced any virtual Open Days yourselves? I am wondering how realistic they are at portraying academic courses.

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Jasper! I have experienced the last virtual day and I thought it was very realistic. They provide a lot of visual materials and live chats where you can talk to current students and staff!

108. Rowan Henn: Hi, given the situation with lockdown, when the current year12 and 13s come to start univer9, will do you know whether they will be starting courses online or will the unis wait until this situation ends before more students start their degrees so they can learn in person?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Rowan! I am unable to answer your question myself but you can find more information here: www.exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus/prospectivestudents/

109. Rudy: Hi, how much does university accommodation typically cost in Exeter? Thank you!

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Rudy! Take a look at Exeter's accommodation pages for specific information - www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation/prices/self-cateredcosts/ (self-catered), www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation/prices/cateredcosts/ (catered).

110. Sam Shapland: When you decided what uni you wanted to go to what kind of things did you look for and what key characteristic or features did you prioritize?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Sam! Besides my course, I looked at the location of the campus, how near it was to the city and how the campus looked like, I also looked at the societies on campus if they represented my interests as well as the sports facilities!

111. Joe B 5: In regards to universities, would you say it's better to play it safe or take some risks?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Joe! Choose a university that you can envisage yourself both studying and living in - as you'll be there for at least three years, you want to ensure that you will be comfortable there, and that you will get the most out of your course and university life.

112. baileysteadman: do you think uni rankings should effect a person's decision when choosing where to study?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Bailey! Personally, I think the different rankings drive you crazy! I thought it was helpful to only look at the 20 or so!

113. AliceBarribal: Hi, will there be there be course leaders and students available to ask questions to during the virtual open days? Also, are there any features to look out for in a good university during an open day?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Alice! You will be able to talk to lecturers and students that currently study your course at Exeter's virtual open day! Think about what you want out of your university experience and course, and think about whether the open day is compatible with your needs.

114. LeoHunter: Hello :) Do you recommend going to as many virtual open days as I can or should I shortlist it to ones I plan on going to?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Leo! I recommend focussing on the ones that you want to go to. However, it doesn't hurt to do a couple more!

115. hammam.shinwari: Hi, my question is how to choose over two universities which are very similar in order of course choice and likability.

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Hammam! This is really a personal choice! Think about what type of university experience you are after, and which course and university is most compatible with this. Online open days

may help you to decide between these two choices! Ask lots of questions and take part in all of the open day opportunities open to you.

116. Elise Garbutt: Hi, would a gap year, or deferred entry year effect my application in any way?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi Elise! This would mean that you will have to apply a year later!

117. Shimoli Shah: What extra-curricular activities can I attend at Exeter?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Shimoli! The list is huge! There are lots of sports societies, subject societies, and also societies for all sort of hobbies and interests. Take a look on the Exeter webpage for a feel of what is on offer to you!

118. VerityWinn: What qualities would you prioritize when looking at unis?

* Student Ambassador02 2: Hi verity! For me besides my course it was the location of campus and distance to the city; the campus (which is very green in Exeter) the sports facilities and also the different societies!

119. Bryony Highmoor: Hey, can I look at more than one course on a virtual open day if unsure what I want to study?

* Student Ambassador02: Hi Bryony! Unfortunately I don't know the answer to this question. Register for interest at the open day and you should receive more information then!

* Student Ambassador02: Hi everyone! Unfortunately this forum session has now ended. Thanks very much for taking part in today's online forum; I hope you've found it useful! Details of the next session can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/currentparticipants/liveonlineqforums/. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact the Exeter Scholars team, who will be happy to help: www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/contact/currentparticipants/.

120. * Student Ambassador02: Hi everyone! Thanks very much for taking part in today's online forum; I hope you've found it useful! Details of the next session can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/currentparticipants/liveonlineqforums/. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact the Exeter Scholars team, who will be happy to help: www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/contact/currentparticipants/.

Open Questions (121)

121. EleanorHarbon: Does the Royal veterinary college have open days and how would I take part
122. Bronwen: hi,
123. (Deleted) Reshma Thapa Magar: I want this world to be better again
124. (Deleted) Reshma Thapa Magar: again
125. Sarah.Rowley: No, that's great thank you so much. I'll make sure to check out the individual websites :)
126. (Deleted) Fleur Mitchell: sorry bad it issues
127. Rowan Henn: Sorry about the incoherent spelling
128. Magdalena Schwarz: Hi this is not related to the topic but I have a question for Eleanor. Do you think it is a good idea to go straight from sixth form to doing a Masters and why? How is it different from just doing a Bachelors?
129. Briony Tapp 2: What are my options if I choose a university which is not right for me because of only virtual tours?
130. Flora Turberville-Smith: Hi, what other websites and resources did you use before uni to help you decide between universities?
131. Hyrum Willis: Hi there. I was wondering what accommodation is like in the first year in halls.
132. rosiezapledavies 2: Hi, do you know whether all universities are offering virtual open days or whether it's just a few? Thanks
133. Olivia_Thomas: Hi, is there going to be a campus tour in Exeter and if so, how will it work?
134. Erin Humphris: Hi, Will the Virtual Open Days only include general overviews of the university or will they have more course specific details and opportunities to chat with the lecturers?
135. Joe B 5: In the virtual open days would we get opportunities to meet or talk to subject lecturers?
136. Bethany Hiatt: Hi! Are there any other resources online you'd recommend beyond virtual campus tours that could help us get a real feel of university life?
137. LaurenKing: How difficult is it to adjust to university life after being used to living at home? Do you get homesick a lot?
138. Shelvi Shah: Does EPQ really matter when applying to uni?
139. Shimoli Shah: Has your uni workload increased due to lockdown?
140. connor.philp: Hello, A great thing about open days is getting to talk to experts of your subject you are interested in. Is this included in the virtual open days as in possible video calls or way to leave messages?
141. Rachael Trethewey: Is there a chance that we may end up having to go to uni a year later due to coronavirus or by next year are they planning on carrying on as normal?

142. bronwen 2: hi, is the cost of accommodation a big thing to look out for or does it not make a huge difference?
143. RubyDoman: If looking at a specific course, what features should we look for in different universities?
144. Muntaha Hasnath: Hi this question isn't necessarily to do with open days so I apologise but I was wondering how Exeter favour the Extended Project Qualification and whether it gets considered when selecting candidates for courses. Especially for more competitive courses like Medicine- does Exeter lower their grade entry requirements considering they are an Exeter scholars already so grades would be lowered anyways?
145. Ethan Bingham: Can you apply to Exeter Uni for two different courses? I'm looking at Modern History or Criminology and Sociology but I'm not sure at the moment which to preference?
146. Emily Pinn: Hi there, what questions would you recommend asking to make the most of these virtual open days?
147. Ethan Bingham: Do you get assigned a mentor for your first few weeks at uni?
148. Erin Humphris: Hi, Will the Virtual Open Days only include general overviews of the university or will they have more course specific details and opportunities to chat with the lecturers?
149. Dragos Turdeanu: Hello! Student Ambassador 02 2, you mentioned you're an international student. How has that impacted on socialising with other people at uni? Is it more usual to find groups of people talking the same language or is it more mixed?
150. Hyrum Willis: How important was the feel of the university compared to other factors. Is how you feel when on campus an important factor when deciding on a university?
151. Louise Robertson: Is there any way we can directly ask students about the course we are thinking of taking, like we would've been able to do at the open days or is this not available on the virtual ones?
152. Daisy Lucas: Would you recommend doing a 'sandwich' style course?
153. ELLA HEWITT: What's the social life in Exeter like?
154. Harry Payton: Hi, is there separate virtual open days for the differing campuses of Exeter uni or is it all in one video. Thanks
155. Samuel Cambridge: Do you think I should wait till Covid 19 is over and actually attend Open Days or start doing the online ones?
156. Or Karny-Muñoz: How easy do you think it is to ask specific, personalised questions to uni staff now (either in open days - if that's how they're set up - or by email - if they're more open to that)?
157. Amber van der Hooft: Are the virtual university open day free or do you have to pay a fee to join them?
158. Ryan Reid: will virtual open days still be continued as another way to access info about university after the lockdown?
159. Olga Diavastis: Hi! How did you decide to come to Exeter?
160. Em Turoczy-Eggs: Do you think universities will lower the entry grades for our year groups considering we have to self-teach content? I'm finding I have a lot less support from teachers at my school and they're

not even setting me much work so I'm worried this is going to jeopardise my grades and therefore my chances of getting to uni and achieving my dream job

161. Kiera Bonetta: When are Exeter's virtual open days and is there going to be more than one?

162. Toby O'Donoghue: Are any VR open day tours available? As this would be the best way to truly replace the in person visits!

163. Flora Turberville-Smith: How well did the open day reflect life and study at Exeter? How did you're expectations from the open day compare to what it is actually like?

164. freya wright: Hi, I was just wondering how often are the library services available at Exeter Uni? Would you suggest studying in the library if you can? Thanks :)

165. Ella May: What is studying International Relations like?

166. Chloe Hobby: How did you decide on the course you chose and the Uni you did it at?

167. EleanorHarbon: what should I do if my first choice uni doesn't do virtual open days?

168. Emma Coumbe: Hello, virtual universities give general overview of the university. What would you look out for on virtual open days to help decide if that university is for you?

169. Annabelle Moger-Taylor: Will virtual tours always be accessible or only available on certain days?

170. Or Karny-Muñoz: How easy will it be to get to open days now? Do you reckon there'll be a particular limit on the amount of students?

171. Holly Williams 2: Hi, do you know roughly how long each tour will be?

172. Sophia Averiss: Hi, do you know if all universities are holding a virtual open day?

173. rosiezapledavies 2: Hi, do you think the virtual open days will be able to provide the same amount of information and support as a real one?

174. Shimoli Shah: Hi, this is my first time attending these live session and I have asked multiple questions which I am not sure have sent through. Could you please help me with this issue? Thanks a lot. Shimoli Shah

175. charlieclarke: is Exeter doing virtual open days which involve Q&As so you can ask current students questions about the uni and their courses?

176. Spencer Shepherd: are universities considering the current yr 12's situation?

177. Ryan Reid: Are any other Universities considering virtual open days

178. OlenaMilan: Hi, what sort of information should I have by the end of an open day?

179. Kai waldron: Hi, University is really starting to make me nervous and I'm still not sure what I want as career yet, my hope was to be an actor but I know that the line of work is very demanding and is hard to find a path that will stick. Would you recommend University even if I'm unsure of the course that I want to take?

180. Or Karny-Muñoz: Are virtual open days good opportunities to get to know some of the staff?

181. lalita wong: Are there any things you could recommend for us to do at home which could add to our personal statements?

182. Olivia_Thomas: Is it going to be possible to see the accommodation?
183. EleanorHarbon: what should I do if my first choice uni isn't doing virtual open days?
184. Jamie Barnes: do you think we will be disadvantaged by not being able to attend open days in person?
185. Gwennie.F: Hi, I was wondering if the information provided on a virtual open day will still be available after the virtual open day (like the student presentations) or will they only be available on the day?
186. millie 2: hi, I clicked on the link to register my interest in the virtual tour but it told me that there was an error so could you re-send it?
187. eleanor tucker: what is one of the top things you would recommend looking at when comparing unis?
188. Daisy Griffin 2: Hi, would you recommend a gap year?
189. Louis Griffiths-Bird: Do the open days count towards your participation in the Exeter Scholars programme?
190. OlenaMilan: Hi, would it be better to do a year abroad or to do a placement year?
191. OlenaMilan: Hi, is it essential to go to the open days before applying?
192. Matthew Colwill: would the virtual open days count towards our Exeter Scholars participation also?
193. Giovanni Dameno: Do you think is better to apply for a course in the economics areas with industrial placement or a semester abroad?
194. Tracy Man: Did university life meet your expectations?
195. charlottebarker: Hi, will you be able to talk to current student on your interested courses on these virtual open days??
196. Rose Amey: How would you suggest making the most out of a virtual open day?
197. Ethan Bingham: Why did you choose university rather than an apprenticeship?
198. Lucy Lake: Do you think that for students interested in healthcare, having the space St Luke's campus is beneficial?
199. Courtney H: Do you think the application process to uni will change due to the virus? E.g. interviews
200. VerityWinn: How useful are open days?
201. Louis McCracken: What are the benefits of going to a university over an apprenticeship?
202. charlottebarker: Hi, how will these virtual open days make up for missing actually going to the universities?? Can we still see presentations from our chosen courses (e.g. medicine)??
203. Dragos Turdeanu: Hello, am I using this correctly?
204. Flora Turberville-Smith: should you go into open days knowing exactly what course you want to do or is it ok to still be choosing between a few
205. Jake Willis: What is accommodation like while attending the university? Is it expensive?

206. Magdalena Schwarz: Do you think there are any specific things that would not be able to come across in a virtual open day that we should maybe look for from other sources?
207. Jake Willis: Is it more difficult to attend a university further from home? Either due to financial reasons or other reasons?
208. Emily Pinn: If you can't attend a certain virtual open day for whatever reason, do you know if the presentations will be available to view afterwards?
209. Bethany Hiatt: Hi! Are there any other resources online you'd recommend beyond virtual campus tours that could help us get a real feel of university life?
210. Sophia Averiss: Do you know if each university will hold more than one open day?
211. Jamie Barnes: What would you look for when choosing a course?
212. Jessica Owens: Do you have any specific tips or anything you wish you would have added or done differently in your personal statement?
213. Chloe Hobby: How did you decide Exeter was the Uni you wanted to go to?
214. Ben_Heyes: Do you think universities may be more flexible with entry requirements due to the effect of the lockdown on schooling this year?
215. Shelvi Shah 2: How can we prepare for UCAT/ BMAT (entrance exam)?
216. Erica Chivers: Hi, how will the virtual open days work? Will it be a Facebook live type of thing?
217. AliceBarribal: Hi, from a student's point of view what are the best things to look for during open days?
218. Shelvi Shah 2: Will I receive more info about work experience on subjects such as medicine on virtual open day?
219. Giovanni Dameno: Can I add a language to any course at Exeter uni?
220. joe: Hi, so when we do the open days will it be subject based?
221. Phoebe Walford: Not sure if I sent my last question... but I asked what are the main things you looked for when deciding which uni was right for you?
222. Max Walker: hey, will the virtual open days have different lecturers based on the course you're looking at?
223. ELLA HEWITT: do you recommend Self-catering over Catered halls?
224. Erica Chivers: How do societies work?
225. RalphH: What is the best things to find out about a Uni when you go to an open day?
226. EleanorHarbon: hiya! I've submitted a few questions now and none have been answered xx
227. alicebilling: How important is ranking when deciding which uni to go to?
228. KiraWilliams: Will virtual open days be recorded for access afterwards?

229. Sophia Averiss: Do you think there will be any way to get into contact with uni students about their course after or during the virtual open day?
231. lalita wong: If I don't get the information I need during the virtual open days, is there someone I can email which could give further guidance?
232. Muntaha Hasnath: Hi this question isn't necessarily to do with open days so I apologise but I was wondering how Exeter favour the Extended Project Qualification and whether it gets considered when selecting candidates for courses. Especially for more competitive courses like Medicine- does Exeter lower their grade entry requirements considering they are an Exeter scholars already so grades would be lowered anyways?
233. Amber Rogers: Would you recommend catered accommodation?
234. Magdalena Schwarz: what was the most helpful thing you found out about universities when going to their open days?
235. Max Walker: how many of these virtual open days will there be?
236. Holly Williams: Hi, do you know how long the virtual open day is?
237. Ethan Bingham: Is it possible to speak to the subject lecturers at the online Open Days?
238. Kai waldron: Hi, University is really starting to make me nervous and I'm still not sure what I want as career yet, my hope was to be an actor but I know that the line of work is very demanding and is hard to find a path that will stick. Would you recommend University even if I'm unsure of the course that I want to take?
239. Bryony Highmoor: Hey, can I look at more than one course on a virtual open day if unsure what I want to study?
240. Laura Prisk: Hi, how did you know Exeter was the right university for you?
241. Ethan Bingham: When are the virtual open days?
242. Max Walker: will there be any virtual open days for the Penryn campus as well as the Streatham campus?
243. Jake Willis: Why has Briony had about 4 questions answered while many of us had 0 questions answered?
244. Ethan Bingham: Hi. Am I doing anything wrong as I have asked 5 questions and only had 1 answered?