



Preparing for Your Open Day

*Getting the best out of your
Open Day at Queen's University*

Preparation

What subjects and career areas are you interested in?

Research the pathways to a career that interests you.

TIP: Write a list of questions you have following the above research and bring these questions with you.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. Can you tell me about some of your recent graduates and what they are doing now?
2. What types of jobs do graduates apply for?
3. What are the opportunities for further study?
4. What starting salaries can graduates expect?



Research – Raise Questions – Find Answers

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Think about what you want to learn about the degree programme:

- Overview of the course ✓
- Programme structure ✓
- Entrance requirements ✓
- Placement opportunities ✓
- Employment prospects ✓

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. What would my teaching hours be for this course?
2. How is the course assessed?
3. Where will I study?
4. Are there International travel opportunities?
5. Why is Queen's the best option for this subject area?
6. How many students will be in my class?



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Finally, have a think about what you want from university.

In addition to finding the right degree programme, it is also really important that you find [the right university](#).

What else do you need to know?

- Why should you study at Queen's? ✓
- What are the unique facilities? ✓
- What is Student Life like? ✓
- What is living in Belfast like? ✓
- What Clubs & Societies can I join? ✓
- Are there Scholarships or Bursaries available? ✓

If you decide to take a campus tour, please ensure you have appropriate outdoor clothing with you



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Other areas that you may wish to consider:

1. How do students get to Queen's from my town?
2. Does the university provide accommodation? How much does it cost? Do you want to visit the accommodation during your Open Day?
3. Do you want to live on or off campus?
4. What clubs and societies can I join?
5. Can I get involved in a Sport that I am interested in?
6. Are you looking for social facilities on campus, or do you want the city life?
7. What aspect of being at university is most important to you?



Plan Your Open Day Visit

Where is the Open Day taking place?

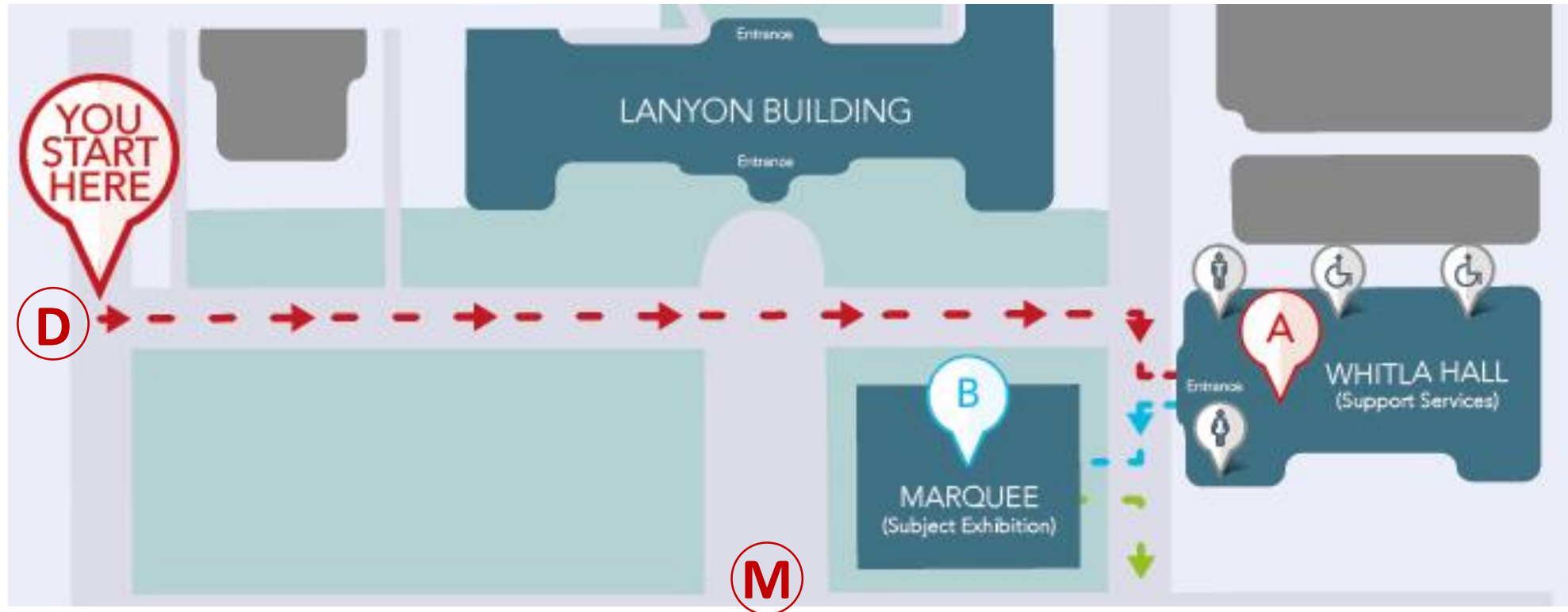
How well do you know the campus?

Research event details including;

1. Location ✓
 2. Time ✓
 3. Relevant venues that you wish to go to ✓
 4. Refer to Map in Open Day Guide ✓
- Plan your schedule in advance
 - Plan your route to the campus
 - Note your times of arrival
 - Plan your own schedule
 - Note the things that interest you:
Talks, tours, accommodation, Library and Sport facilities



Where to go when you arrive



D – **D**rop off area for those arriving in bus or car (University Square)

M – **M**ain entrance for those arriving on public transport

A – Students walk from D to **A** – Whitla Hall (Support Services)

B – Students walk from A to **B** – Marquee (Subject Exhibition and Admissions and Access Service)

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6 Key Activities:

1. **Visit the Whitla Hall:** An exciting and interactive space showcasing our many support services including Careers Advice, Queen's Sport, Accommodation, Finance and the Language Centre
2. **Visit the Marquee:** Meet the Schools and Admissions and Access Service
3. **Attend and Subject Talks:** Find out more information regarding the courses open to you
4. **Visit Disability and Wellbeing (Situated in the Student Union):** Find out how your Students' Union can support you through your university journey
5. **Take a Tour:** Tours run all day of the McClay Library, the Elms Student Village, the facilities in Queen's Sport PEC
6. **Visit the Food Market:** Located between the Students' Union and the Student Guidance Centre, take some time to refuel before finding out more information relating to student life!



Do Not Miss!



**Arts, Humanities and
Social Sciences Student
Conversation Zone**

Peter Froggatt Centre



Sports Exhibition
Front Lawns



**Engineering and Physical
Sciences Interactive Zone**

South Dining Hall

EXPLORE!

...to see more

- Refer to your Open Day Guide for Campus Map
- **Schedule** your talks
- **Note** meeting points for tours
- **Plan** your schedule and know where to go – student helpers will be stationed around the campus to assist you

Exploring the rest of the Campus

To get the full open day experience we recommend that all students undertake the following during your day;

- Visit the Student's Union
- Visit Elms Village (Student Accommodation)
- Visit the Physical Education Centre
- Explore where you will study
- See the McClay Library
- Talk to staff and students



Prospectus

- Your School will have received an allocation of prospectuses before the summer. You should read through a copy before the Open Day.
- It may also be an idea to bring a copy with you to the Open Day.
- There will be a small amount of prospectuses available at the Open Day.



After your visit

You have researched, asked questions and found answers, what now?

You should now have compiled a lot of relevant information and are in a much better position to apply to Queen's through UCAS.

You should now do the following;

- Read all information you have gathered
- Talk to your teachers and clarify any further questions you may have
- Discuss findings with parents or friends to get their thoughts and opinions.
- Seek out current students at Queen's and discuss their experience
- Contact Queen's for clarification or further information



After your visit

Tell Us What You Think:

Your Open Day experience is very important to us so we welcome your feedback. After the Open Days we will be sending you a feedback questionnaire and would encourage you to respond with your honest views.

The Student Recruitment Team are looking forward to welcoming you to Queen's and we hope you will enjoy your visit.

We also look forward to receiving your application to Queen's through UCAS.



We look forward to welcoming you...

Dear Student,

We are delighted to be welcoming you to Queen's for our Open Days.

We look forward to providing you with an informative and inspiring experience and hope that you will enjoy your day with us.

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