



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?

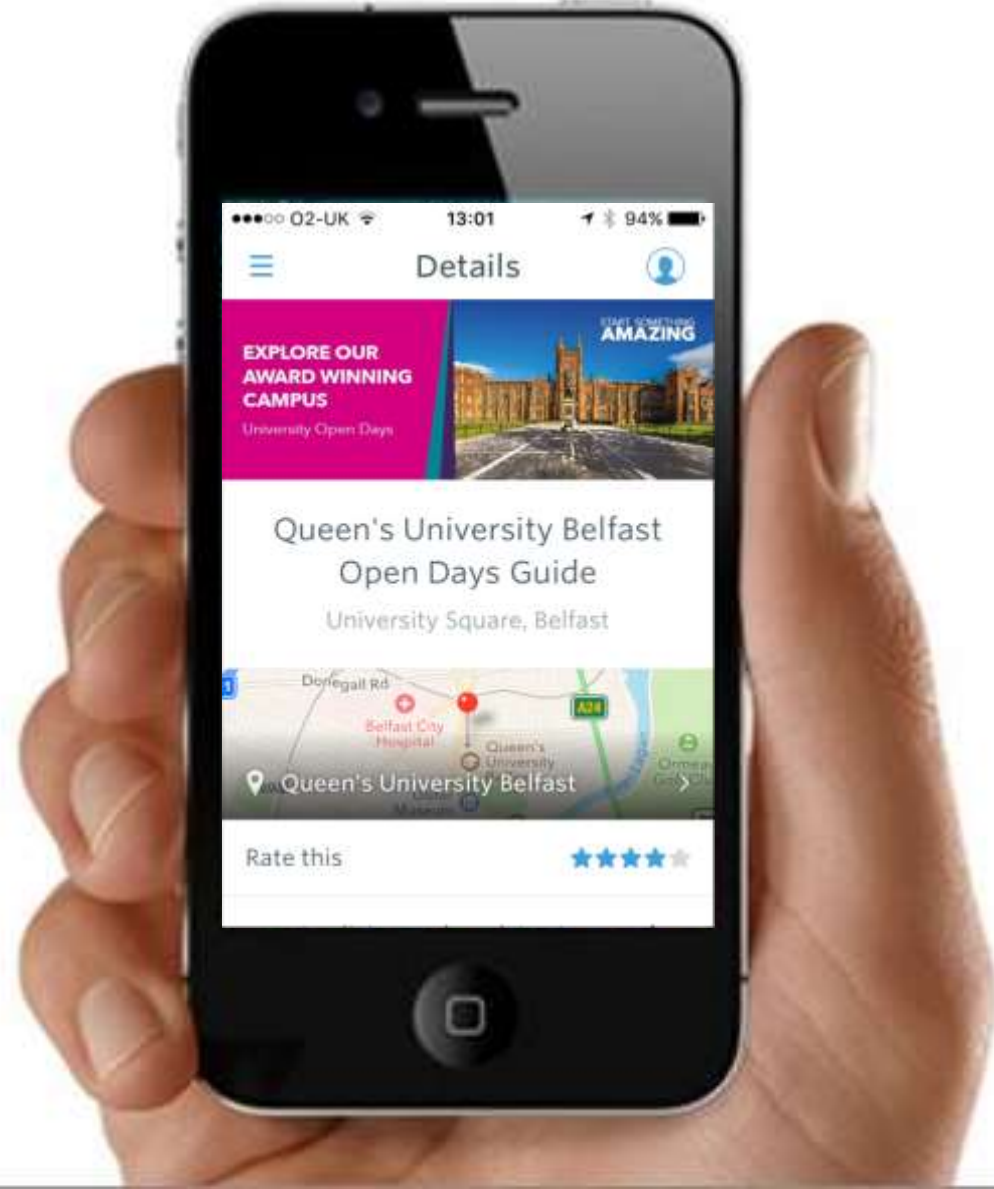


Download our App with **guidebook**

Click – Plan – Schedule

If you have a smart phone you can Download our Open Day app now.
You can do this by following these steps;

1. Go to the App Store and search for “Guidebook”.
2. Download the “Guidebook” App.
3. Enter your passphrase - “**qubopendays**” - to access the Queen’s. Open Day guide.
4. Plan your day by clicking on the talks, tours and events you want to attend.
5. Build your own schedule and bring this schedule with you.
6. NB: If you do not have a smart phone we would suggest that you undertake this planning process manually so you will have planned and scheduled your day.



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 on your App [guidebook](#)
 - Plan your route to the campus
 - Note your time of arrival
 - Plan your own schedule
 - Note the things that interest you:
Talks, tours, accommodation, Library and Sport facilities



Plan Your Open Day Visit

On arrival to Queen's:

1. You will be welcomed from your bus by one of our student help team.

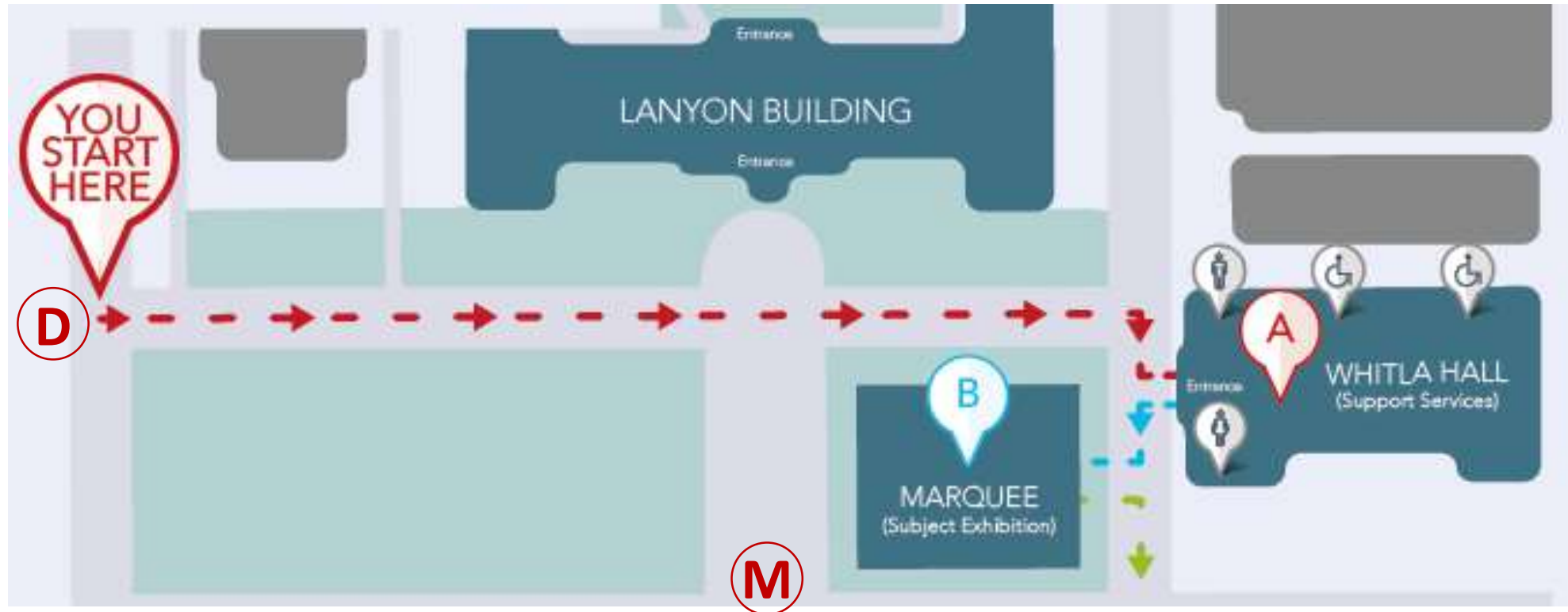
2. Refer to your Open Day App [guidebook](#)

You are advised to follow your schedule on your app and proceed to your first destination.

3. If you cannot access the Open Day App please see our open day guide which will be available on campus



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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When you arrive – check your ‘my schedule’ function on your app

5 Key Activities:

1. **Visit the Whitla Hall:** An exciting and interactive space showcasing our many support services including Careers Advice, Disability and Wellbeing, Queen's Sport, Health Service, Accommodation, Finance and the Language Centre
2. **Visit the Marquee:** Meet the Schools and Admissions and Access Service
3. **Attend and Subject Talks**
4. **Attend General Talks:** Student Life - a need to know guide” - Come along and hear from current QUB students who talk about their personal experience of being a student and provide advice as to how to make the most of your time at Queen's.
5. **Take a Tour:** Tours run all day of the McClay Library, the Accommodation at Elms, the facilities in Queen's Sport PEC and also the Language Centre



On the day

Range of talks available

- Essential Survival Guide Talk
- Student Funding: Managing Your Money Effectively
- Parents Talks (Available at Saturday Family Open Day only)

Tours

1. Queen's Accommodation
2. Queen's Sport
3. The Language Centre
4. The McClay Library



Do Not Miss!



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

South Dining Hall



Sports Exhibition

Front Lawns



The Food Market

Elmwood Hall

Do Not Miss!



Value of Placements (Student Panel Session)

Medical Biology Centre

Thursday and Friday at 12.30pm in Lecture Theatre G23 ST



Hear from students in the School of Biological Sciences about their year on placement and the impact it had on their confidence, learning and future aspirations!



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PLAN YOUR OPEN DAY 2016 CAMPUS MAP



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EXPLORE! ...to see more

- Refer to your App or 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 the Elms Village
- 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

If you have any further queries or require other information please contact

Tel: 028 9097 5087

E-mail: studentrecruitment@qub.ac.uk

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.



After your visit

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.

