

Edge Hill University



Higher Education Choices

St John Rigby College



Aims & Objectives

- ❑ Benefits of Higher Education
- ❑ Choosing a course
- ❑ Choosing an institution
- ❑ Next Steps
- ❑ Making a good application





Benefits of Higher Education

What do students get from HE?

- Greater earning potential
- Greater employability
- Life skills
- Degree Qualification/professional qualification
- Opens door to new experiences
- Independence



Greater Earning Potential

- Average UK salary = **£23,244**

•*Source: The Telegraph, July 2010*

- Average graduate salary = **£29,900**

- Average non graduate salary = **£17,800**

Source; BBC News, April 2011

- Overall, graduates enjoy higher quality jobs than non-graduates

Source: Prospects.ac.uk



The academic side

- Degree/professional qualification
- Key Skills
 - Communication
 - Time management
 - Presentation
 - Organisation
 - Team work
 - Independent working / research
 - Problem Solving
 - Critical Thinking



The other side to university

- Work experience
- Part-time job
- Clubs and societies



***“I learnt as much outside
the classroom as I did in”***

Sarah, 3rd year History student

What factors should students consider when choosing a course?





Choosing a course

- Subject of interest?
- Entry requirements?
- Study abroad?
- Assessment?
- Year in industry?
- Multiple subjects?
- Career prospects?
- How will they study?

Over **200** degree Courses at Edge Hill University

Accountancy Animation **Biology** Business
& Management Chinese Studies
Computing **Creative Writing**
Criminology Dance Drama **Childhood &
Youth** English Environmental Science
Film Studies **Geography** Health-related
History Law Marketing Media
Midwifery Nursing **Psychology**
Social Work **Sociology** Sport Teacher
Training



Combined Courses

Interested in more than one subject?

- Joint courses: study two subjects equally, 50/50
 - Ie. English Literature *and* Drama
- Major/minor: time is usually spent 75/25
 - Ie. English Literature *with* Drama



Entry Requirements

- What grades/UCAS points are required?
- Are there any subject requirements?
- Are there any non-academic requirements?
 - Experience
 - Physical fitness test
 - Piece of written work/portfolio
 - Medical



Type of Assessment

- Exams: practical or written
- Coursework: essays, case studies, reports
- Presentations
- Independent research
- Portfolio
- Group work
- Placement

**You will probably
do a mixture of
all of them!**



Teaching Methods

- Lectures
- Tutorials
- Seminars
- Workshops
- Fieldwork
- Placement
- Group activities
- Independent research/reading
- Practical workshops/activities



What factors should students consider when choosing an institution?



Choosing an Institution

- Location
- Accommodation
- Proximity to home; transport links
- Size
- Facilities
- Reputation
- Social Opportunities
- Student support
- Type of university



Type of University

- The student experience varies greatly on the type of university you attend;

Campus Based

City Based

Multi Campus / Split Site

Specialist University

- You need to consider the type of person you are, where you will be happiest, and where you will succeed



Edge Hill University

Located in the heart of the North West,
close to Liverpool, Preston and Manchester



Edge Hill University - Campus

A single site, award winning 160 acre campus



Edge Hill University - Campus

- £130 million invested on campus
- developments in the last decade
- New £14m Student Hub opening in 2011
- University club, including bar and nightclub
- Over 1,000 on campus bedrooms
- 25 acre sports complex
- Rose Theatre and Studio Theatre





Further Information

- ① UCAS website – www.ucas.com
- ① University websites
- ① Prospectuses
- ① Open Days
- ① HE Fairs
- ① National Student Survey
- ① www.prospects.ac.uk
- ① www.unistats.com
- ① www.whatuni.com



Next Steps



Open Days

These are an excellent opportunity for both you and your son/daughter to see the university's facilities in person and to speak with teaching and admissions staff.



Before you go...

- ❑ Register to attend
 - ❑ places may be limited

- ❑ Review the programme (if available)

- ❑ Plan your day
 - ❑ Book time off
 - ❑ Set priorities

- ❑ Prepare a list of questions
 - ❑ Know who you want to talk to



While you're there...

- ❑ Take a campus tour
- ❑ Attend a subject session
- ❑ Ask about Accommodation & Student Finance
- ❑ Speak with Teaching and Admissions staff
- ❑ Speak with Student Ambassadors
- ❑ Visit the town/city



Campus Tour

Provides you with an opportunity to see facilities such as:

- Careers
- Library
- Sports
- ICT
- Students Union
- Social areas: cafes, restaurants, nightlife venues, shops
- Security



Course/Faculty Information

- Attend a talk
- Speak with teaching staff
- Try to see the facilities & buildings used by the department/faculty
- Find out about the teaching & assessment methods
- Ask about career prospects



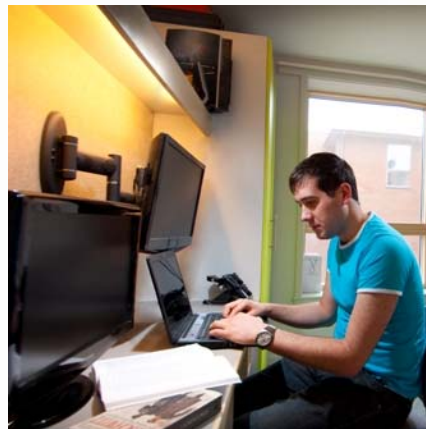
Town/City

- Find out about what transport links and journey times?
- What entertainment/social activities are available?
- What's the cost of living?
- Do you feel safe/secure?
- What type of accommodation is available?



Accommodation

- Take a tour of the Halls of Residences or attend a talk on accommodation
- Ask about cost
- Find out if places are guaranteed
- Ask about the application process



Student Ambassadors

- Current students are an excellent resource that should not be overlooked
- They will likely tell you the good *and* bad points
- They've recently been through the process and will be able to offer you advice and guidance





Our next open day is
Saturday 18th
June 2011
10am-3pm

Book online at:
www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/events

Making final decisions

- Encourage them to do as much research as possible
- Write a list of pros & cons for each institution/course
- Shortlist no more than 10 institutions
- Make realistic choices
- Remember they need to make all 5 choices count!





Submitting an outstanding application

What do Admissions Tutors look for?

- 📌 Required GCSE & Level 3 qualifications
- 📌 Motivation to study the course
- 📌 An ability to adapt to university life
- 📌 Commitment & enthusiasm
- 📌 Subject knowledge/research
- 📌 Relevant experience



Application Tips for Students

Research entry requirements in good time and ensure you meet any non-academic requirements prior to submitting your application

Gain as much relevant experience as possible – especially important for vocational courses such as teaching, nursing, social work, medicine, dentistry etc



Personal Statement

- Your son or daughter's opportunity to tell universities why they're suited for the course
- Need to start working on it early as students will often need to do multiple drafts
- Ask friends, family, college staff to proof read

The personal statement can be crucial to receiving an offer!!



Thank you for
listening

Any Questions?

