

Hartpury University and Hartpury College

Monthly Newsletter



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Dates for your diary

Saturday 19 March 2022 –
College Open Event
(campus)



Student Finance opens in March 2022!

UCAS Exhibitions kick off 1st March with UCAS Manchester! (Hartpury's first UCAS event is UCAS Sussex on 4th March).

UK Uni Search Exhibitions kick off 1st March at Leeds! (Hartpury's first UK Uni search event is at Birmingham 11th March).

Virtual Campus Tour

If you can't wait until our open events, you can explore campus via our new virtual campus tour. You'll discover more about why we're so special, as you explore our 360-hectare estate, specialist facilities and student hot-spots from the comfort of your own home.

Click [here](#) to explore our campus



Video

Top tips for attending a UCAS exhibition! Click [here](#)



Did you know?

Hartpury University has been ranked in the **TOP 20 FOR TEACHING QUALITY** by the Good University Guide 2022.

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UCAS Exhibitions and Top Tips to make the most of them

UCAS exhibitions are a great opportunity for you to explore a wide range of academic and career opportunities, and discover a future that's right for you.

The exhibitions take place across the UK, Hartpury will be attending these local UCAS fairs:

- **Hereford & Worcester**—University of Worcester—24th March
- **Cardiff**—Cardiff Metropolitan University—26th April
- **Bristol**—SGS WISE Campus—28th & 29th April
- **Birmingham**—Hall 6, NEC Arena—20th & 21st June

UCAS

Here are some top tips on how to make the most of your exhibition visit:

Check out the exhibition guide: The UCAS website has guides for all of their exhibitions - these guides include a floor plan, list of exhibitors and details on the seminars available.

Shortlist universities: Identify the top universities that you would like to speak to on the day. Visit your shortlisted stands first to ensure you get a chance to speak to them, then at the end you can speak to any extras you are interested in. This is your chance to speak to staff from the universities face to face and find out more about your future options.

Prepare key questions: Ensure you have a few key questions you would like to ask written down. For example, if you are interested in playing sports alongside your studies, ensure you ask what sport teams there are and what the training schedule is like.

Sign up for information: You will be provided with a bar code that universities will be able to scan and many exhibitors will also have QR codes or sign-up sheets available so that you can receive more information from them.

Go to a seminar: Many exhibitions have a full programme of seminars and workshops that can be really informative. Seminars include; student Q&As, live application clinics and personal statement workshops.

Hartpury College Student Success Story: Hannah Knaggs

"Hartpury access was really key to my success. I think it's developed me as a person."

Hannah studied our **Access to Higher Education Diploma in Land-Based Studies**.

Hannah's Hartpury experience

"A lot of the people that were specifically in my year were mature students who had got their GCSEs and A levels and then gone 'I want to have a family or I want to go do this with my life', and later on said, 'I really think this degree is important'.

Modules were taught by one of Hartpury's Agriculture lecturers, which was fantastic because rather than treating us like we were in Further Education, she expected us to be working at the level of higher education."

Read more Hartpury College success stories [here](#).



Hartpury University: techniques for choosing a university

Choosing a university can be a daunting experience, there are over 50,000 courses at around 400 learning providers. It would be almost impossible to go and see all of those campuses, so here are some top things to consider that will allow you to narrow down your university search.

Distance from home

- How far away from home do you want to be? Under 2 hours? Create a search perimeter to see the universities within that distance
- Are there regular public transport links to the university? Will that be too expensive?

Facilities available

- Would you like to have certain facilities easily accessible? For example, sports facilities so that you can join an elite team.
- Are these facilities expensive to use?
- Is the student accommodation far from the facilities you would like to use regularly?

Type of university

- Would you rather be at a city or rural university? There are benefits of either campus, you need to consider where you would rather live.
- Would you rather be at a campus or city university? Campus universities may be situated just outside a city, but everything will be at your doorstep meaning getting to lecturers may be easier and cheaper due to not needing to travel.

Ensure you think about these things before making a choice, it is important.

"Only rich people can afford to go to university" Mythbusting

False! University is for everyone!

Money can quit often be the reason that students decide to not attend university, but it shouldn't be. Student Finance will allow you to take out two loans with them, a **tuition fee loan** and a **maintenance loan**. The tuition fee loan covers the cost of your course (likely £9,250 per year) and is paid directly to the university. The maintenance loan covers your cost of living; rent, bills, school books and socialising. This is paid directly to you, across three payments.

Student loans don't need to be repaid until you have left university and are **earning over £27,260 per year**. At this point you will only start **repaying 9% of your net income**. Meaning you could pay as little as £9 per month of your student loan. Student loans are **written off after 30 years**, no matter how much is left or when you started repaying.

FALSE

"I'm an international student from Latvia. Moving abroad was a big step, but I was determined and excited because I knew this was something I had to do to achieve my dream job."

Skai Walker
BSc (Hons) Human-Animal Interaction student

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