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ST. NINIAN'S SIXTH FORM OPTIONS AT 18

Information for parents and students

An introduction to University and employment

WHAT TO FOCUS ON...



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- Studying at University
- Benefits of Higher Education
- How to choose a course
- How to choose a University
- How to apply
- Finance
- Important information

STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY



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- Over 70% of students apply to University
- Job prospects
- Pros
- Cons
- Developing your overall skill-set
- Wider opportunities

WHY UNIVERSITY? PROS



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- Opportunity to specialise in a particular subject(s)
- Meet new, likeminded people
- Develop you as an individual
- Independence whilst living away from home
- Study/learn differently
- Develop self-reliance
- Learn more about yourself
- A chance to explore

WHY UNIVERSITY? CONS



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- Cost implications
- Daunting
- It is not for everyone
- A delay in going into employment
- Do I need to study for a degree to reach my end goal?
- Being away from home
- Had enough of education

HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE?



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■ UCAS - <https://www.ucas.com>

The screenshot shows the UCAS website homepage. At the top, the UCAS logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Discover', 'Undergraduate', 'Postgraduate', 'Apprenticeships', and 'Careers' are in the center. On the right, there are links for 'Sign in' and a user profile icon. The main banner features the text 'CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE' over a background image of students. Below this, a horizontal menu lists 'All results', 'Courses', 'Uni & colleges', 'Apprenticeships', 'Advice', 'Events', and 'Accommodation'. A large blue search bar contains the text 'Search for courses, uni & colleges and information'. At the bottom, there are three promotional tiles: one for 'STAND ALL' with a student, one for 'The University of Law' advertising 'STUDY A PROFESSIONAL LLB OR MLAW DEGREE' with an 'APPLY NOW' button, and one for 'BE INSPIRED, WITH ALL THE FACTS.' with a link to 'Opt in to get the full picture >'. A 'Feedback' button is visible on the right side of the bottom row.

HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE?



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- UCAS - <https://www.ucas.com>
- Investigate
- Look at all subject areas you are currently studying
- Research opportunities beyond a particular course
- Understand the aspects of the course content (Law - reading!)
- Ask subject staff for advice
- Remember - what do you actually enjoy most?

HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE?



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- 3 years or 4 years?
- Single or combined?
- Placement
- Studying abroad
- Entry requirements
- Best grades
- Favourite subject

HOW TO CHOOSE A COURSE?



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- Support & wellbeing
- Course flexibility
- Resources
- Facilities
- Assessment
- Modules
- Contact time

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- Job prospects
- Student satisfaction
- Campus or City based
- Oxbridge/Russell Group/Mid University
- Entry requirements
- Vocational or academic
- League tables

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- Cost of living
- TEF
- Unconditional offers
- North v South
- Accommodation in years 2/3/4
- Placement year/study abroad
- Open Days

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■ Entry requirements

AS Level	A Level	UCAS Points
–	A*	56
–	A	48
–	B	40
–	C	32
–	D	24
A	–	20
B	E	16
C	–	12
D	–	10
E	–	6

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■ Entry requirements

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma	UCAS Points
D*D*	112
D*D	104
DD	96
DM	80
MM	64
MP	48
PP	32

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■ League tables - <https://discoveruni.gov.uk>

The Discover Uni homepage features a dark blue header with the Discover Uni logo and navigation links: Thinking about uni, Starting uni, Further information, and Cymraeg. A search bar with icons for Search, Compare, and Saved is also present. The main content area has a dark blue background with the text "Thinking about your uni choices?" and "Search and compare undergraduate courses in the UK". Below this, there are two search options: "Search by course name and/or institution" with input fields for Course name and Institution name, and a "Search" button; and "Course Wizard" with the text "Answer 4 questions to find courses relevant to me" and a "Start Now" button. At the bottom, a purple banner states "You have 0 courses saved" with a link to "View your courses".

The Discover Uni search results page shows the search for "paramedic science". The header is identical to the homepage. The search results section displays "2944 course(s) from 197 provider(s)". On the right, a "Compare courses" box lists two steps: "1. Save courses you're interested in" and "2. Compare to view saved courses side-by-side". Below the search results, there are filters for "Study mode" (Full time, Part time) and a "New Search" button. A "Sort by" dropdown is set to "Institution A-Z", with a note to "Please apply more filters to sort by subject". A list of results is shown, with the first entry being "University of Aberdeen" with "26 course(s)".

FINANCE



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- UK student loan not viable
- Contribution fee of £2500 (towards course fees - means tested)
- Loan of £2500 from IOM Government (to be repaid based on an annual salary of £21,000 at 9% of gross annual earnings). Interest is at 5% p.a.
- IOM Government £6750 (course fees) based on UCAS points gained (80 pts) but will not fund Foundation degrees
- Cambridge have now acknowledged IOM students as UK home students
- Maintenance grants up to £7700 (means tested)
- Bursaries/disability allowance (DSS - physical/mental health/specific learning disability)
- For further information - <https://www.gov.im/student-grants>

WHAT TO DO NEXT



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- The application process starts now!
- Research
- UCAS
- Application form
- Personal Statement
- Tutor (school) reference
- Predicted grades (and AS grades)
- Deadlines

WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Deadlines:-
- July 22nd (majority of application form complete)
- September 15th (Personal Statements drafted & submitted to tutors)
- September 30th (early entry complete)
- October 15th (early entries submitted to UCAS)
- October half term (all other applications complete)

Oxbridge	A*AA
Russell	AAB
Mid	BBC

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE



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- <https://www.ucas.com>
- National Student Survey
- <https://discoveruni.gov.uk>
- <https://www.push.co.uk>
- <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2022/sep/24/the-guardian-university-guide-2023-the-rankings>

YEAR 12 - EMPLOYABILITY



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- Request a careers interview (Mrs Hillier)
- Specific for each student
- Program of speakers from industry (Friday's)
- Seek advice from Mr Ryder-Clague (Employability Co-ordinator)
- Work placements
- Apprenticeship talks
- One-to-one support on CV writing/supporting letters
- Speak to the Sixth Form Team
- Employability focus week w/c 11th July & UCM

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- Any initial questions?
- Speak to one of the Sixth Form Team
- www.SNHSEnquiries@sch.im
- Telephone: 01624 648800
- Make an appointment to come into school



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ST. NINIAN'S SIXTH FORM UNIVERSITIES VISIT 2023

Information for Parents and Students

DOUGLAS - LIVERPOOL

JULY 10TH



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- Meet at 6:30am - Sea Terminal
- Snacks
- Phone (don't forget to turn your data off once in the UK)
- Waterproof & sensible footwear
- Medication

LIVERPOOL

JULY 10TH



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- Coach from Pier Head to Chester University 11:30am
- Lunch (on campus)
- Talk 'Why Chester' and 'Why Higher Education'
- Tour of the campus

EDGE HILL

JULY 10TH



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- Coach from Chester University to Edge Hill University (arriving around 2:00pm)
- Talks on 'Personal Statement writing' and 'Why Edge Hill'
- Tour of the campus
- Depart 3:30pm

LIVERPOOL HOPE

JULY 10TH



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- Coach from Edge Hill University to Liverpool Hope University (arriving around 4:15pm)
- Talks on 'Applying to HE' and 'Why LHU'
- Tour of the campus
- Rooming
- Evening meal
- Leisure time

LANCASTER & UCLAN

JULY 11TH



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- Breakfast 8:00am (Liverpool Hope) and packed lunch
- Coach leaves 8:45am (prompt)
- Arrive at Lancaster University 10:30am for campus tour/talk
- Arrive UCLAN 1:00pm for campus tour/talk
- Trafford Centre 4:00pm - 7:30pm
- Liverpool Hope 8:30pm
- Leisure Time

HUDDERSFIELD & LEEDS

JULY 12TH



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- Breakfast 8:00am (Liverpool Hope) and packed lunch
- Coach leaves 8:45am (prompt)
- Arrive at Huddersfield University 10:30am for campus tour/talk
- Arrive Leeds Beckett University 1:30pm for campus tour/talk
- University of Leeds 3:30pm for tour/talk
- Depart the University of Leeds 5:30pm
- Liverpool Hope 7:00pm for evening meal
- Quiz night

SHEFFIELD

JULY 13TH



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- Breakfast 8:00am (Liverpool Hope) and packed lunch
- Coach leaves 8:45am (prompt)
- Arrive at Sheffield Hallam University 11:00am for campus tour/talk
- Lunch on campus
- Arrive University of Sheffield 1:00pm for campus tour/talk
- Meadow Hall 3:00pm - 6:30pm
- Liverpool Hope for 8:00pm
- Leisure time

LIVERPOOL

JULY 14TH



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- Breakfast (7:50am) and packed lunch (cases/bags already packed)
- Coach leaves 8:45am (prompt) - loaded and ready
- Arrive at University of Liverpool 10:00am for campus tour/talk
- Liverpool John Moores University 12:00pm for campus tour/talk
- Bag drop at Liverpool Ferry Terminal 2:00pm
- Liverpool One 2:30pm until 6:00pm
- Arrive Douglas 9:45pm

EXPECTATIONS



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- You represent SNHS at all times!
- Groups of 3/4/5 is priority - no more!
- Adhere to all meeting times (prompt)
- Strictly no alcohol*
- School mobile in the case of an emergency
- Be courteous
- Be respectful
- Accommodation and facilities at Liverpool Hope

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- Medical information
- Emergency contact information
- Take care in your free time and stay together
- Money
- If you feel ill or become unwell then call us immediately
- Valuables
- Enjoy yourself - sensibly
- If you are not sure then ask one of the team!

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- Dietary requirements
- Rooming at Liverpool Hope
- Medical forms
- Medication whilst away?
- Sensible footwear
- Waterproof jacket
- Towels and wash kit
- This is your visit so enjoy it and most importantly...
- Ask the questions you want to ask