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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

CHOOSING A COURSE



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■ UCAS - <https://www.ucas.com>

The screenshot shows the UCAS website homepage. At the top left is the UCAS logo. To the right is a navigation menu with links for 'Discover', 'Undergraduate', 'Postgraduate', 'Apprenticeships', and 'Careers'. Further right are a search icon, a 'Sign In' link, and a user profile icon. The main header area features a large background image of students in a library with the text 'CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE' in white. Below this is a horizontal menu with links for 'All results', 'Courses', 'Uni & colleges', 'Apprenticeships', 'Advice', 'Events', and 'Accommodation'. A prominent blue search bar contains the text 'Search for courses, uni & colleges and information'. The bottom section displays three advertisements: one for 'STAND ALL' with a woman in a green wig, 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 'UCAS' logo and a 'Feedback' button.

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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?

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

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- Support & wellbeing
- Course flexibility
- Resources
- Facilities
- Modules
- Assessment
- 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	EPQ	A Level	BTEC Extended Certificate	UCAS Points
		A*	Distinction*	56
		A	Distinction	48
		B		40
		C	Merit	32
	A*			28
	A	D		24
A	B			20
B	C	E	Pass	16
C	D			12
D				10
	E			8
E				6

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

The screenshot shows the Discover Uni homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Discover Uni logo and links for 'Thinking about uni', 'Starting uni', 'Further information', and 'Cymraeg'. A search bar contains 'Search', 'Compare', and 'Saved' options. Below the navigation bar, a large banner asks 'Thinking about your uni choices?' and encourages users to 'Search and compare undergraduate courses in the UK'. The main content area is split into two sections. On the left, under 'Search by course name and/or institution', there are input fields for 'Course name' and 'Institution name', and a 'Search' button. On the right, the 'Course Wizard' section features a grid icon and the text 'Answer 4 questions to find courses relevant to me' with a 'Start Now' button. At the bottom, a purple bar indicates 'You have 0 courses saved' with a 'View your courses' link.

The screenshot shows the Discover Uni search results page. The navigation bar is identical to the homepage. The search bar contains 'paramedic science'. Below it, there is a dropdown for 'Institution name' and a 'New Search' button. A 'Compare courses' box on the right lists two steps: '1. Save courses you're interested in' and '2. Compare to view saved courses side-by-side'. The search results show '2944 course(s) from 197 provider(s)'. A 'Filters' section on the left includes 'Study mode' with options for 'Full time' and 'Part time', and an 'Apply filters' button. The 'Sort by' section shows 'Institution A-Z' selected, with a 'Subject' option and a note 'Please apply more filters to sort by subject'. A filter for '"Paramedic Science"' is active, with a 'Remove all filters' button. The results list shows 'University of Aberdeen' with '26 course(s)' and a '+' icon.

FINANCE



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- UK student loan not viable
- Contribution fee of £2500 (towards course fees - means tested)
- 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 £8100 (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

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- Deadlines:-
- July 19th (majority of application form complete)
- September 13th (Personal Statements drafted & submitted to tutors)
- September 27th (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 (Fridays)
- 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 8th July & UCM Open Day

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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 2024

Information for Parents and Students

DOUGLAS - LIVERPOOL

JULY 8TH



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- Meet at 6:15am - Sea Terminal
- Snacks
- Phone (don't forget to turn your data off once in the UK)
- Waterproof & sensible footwear
- Medication

LIVERPOOL HOPE

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

EDGE HILL

JULY 8TH



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- Coach from Liverpool Hope University to Edge Hill University (arriving around 2:30pm)
- Talks on 'Applying to Higher Education' and 'Why EHU' and 'Personal Statement writing'
- Tour of the campus
- Rooming
- Evening meal
- Leisure time

LANCASTER & CHESTER

JULY 9TH



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

HUDDERSFIELD & LEEDS

JULY 10TH



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- Breakfast 8:00am (Edge Hill) 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
- Edge Hill University 7:00pm for evening meal
- Quiz night

SHEFFIELD

JULY 11TH



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

LIVERPOOL

JULY 12TH



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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 10:00pm

FACILITIES AT EDGE HILL



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- 6 lane swimming pool
- Fitness suite
- Sauna/steam room
- Outside track and equipment
- Exercise classes
- Astro turf pitches
- £15 for the week

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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 Edge Hill University

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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 Edge Hill University
- 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