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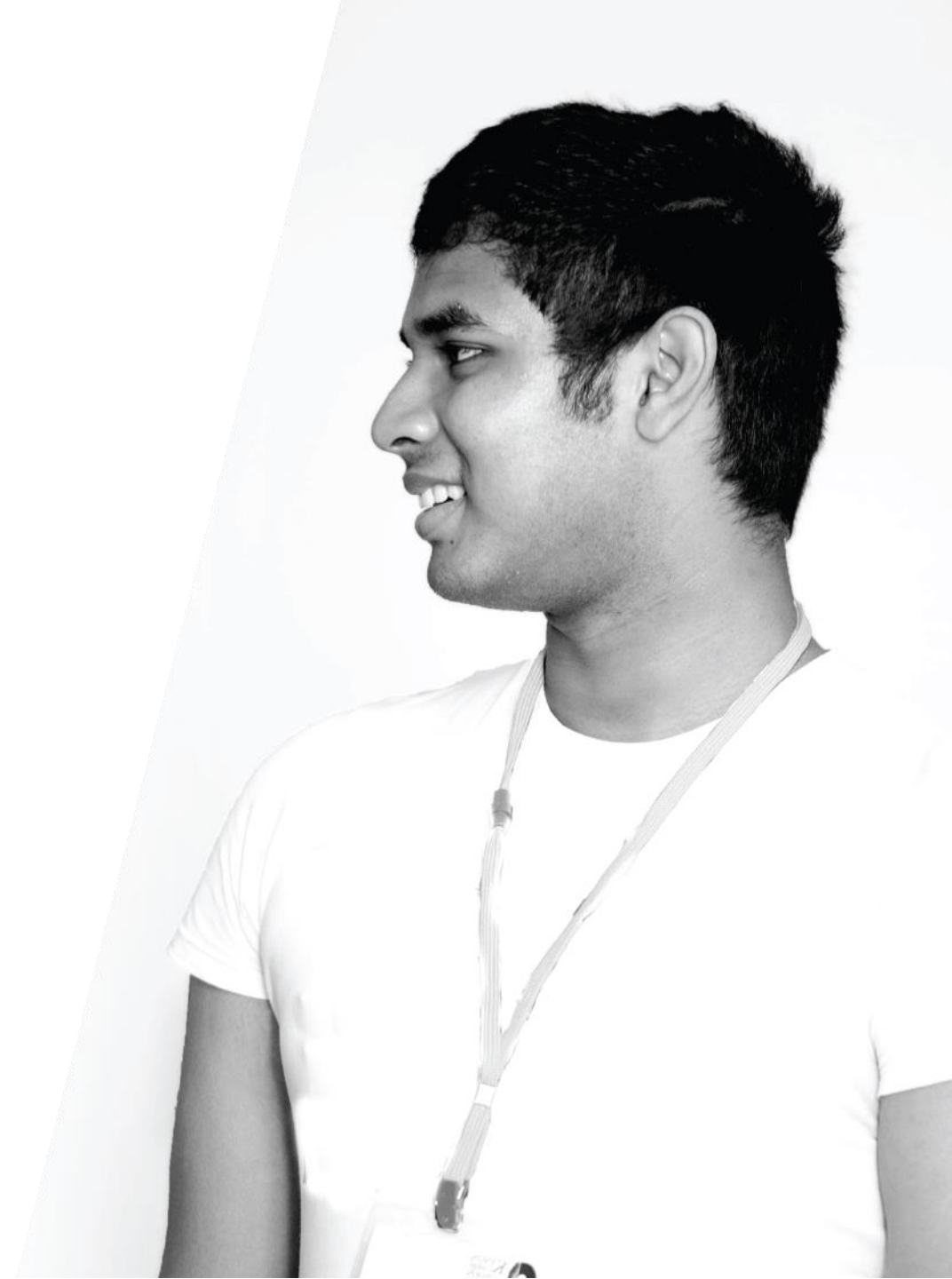
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Introducing Advancing Access

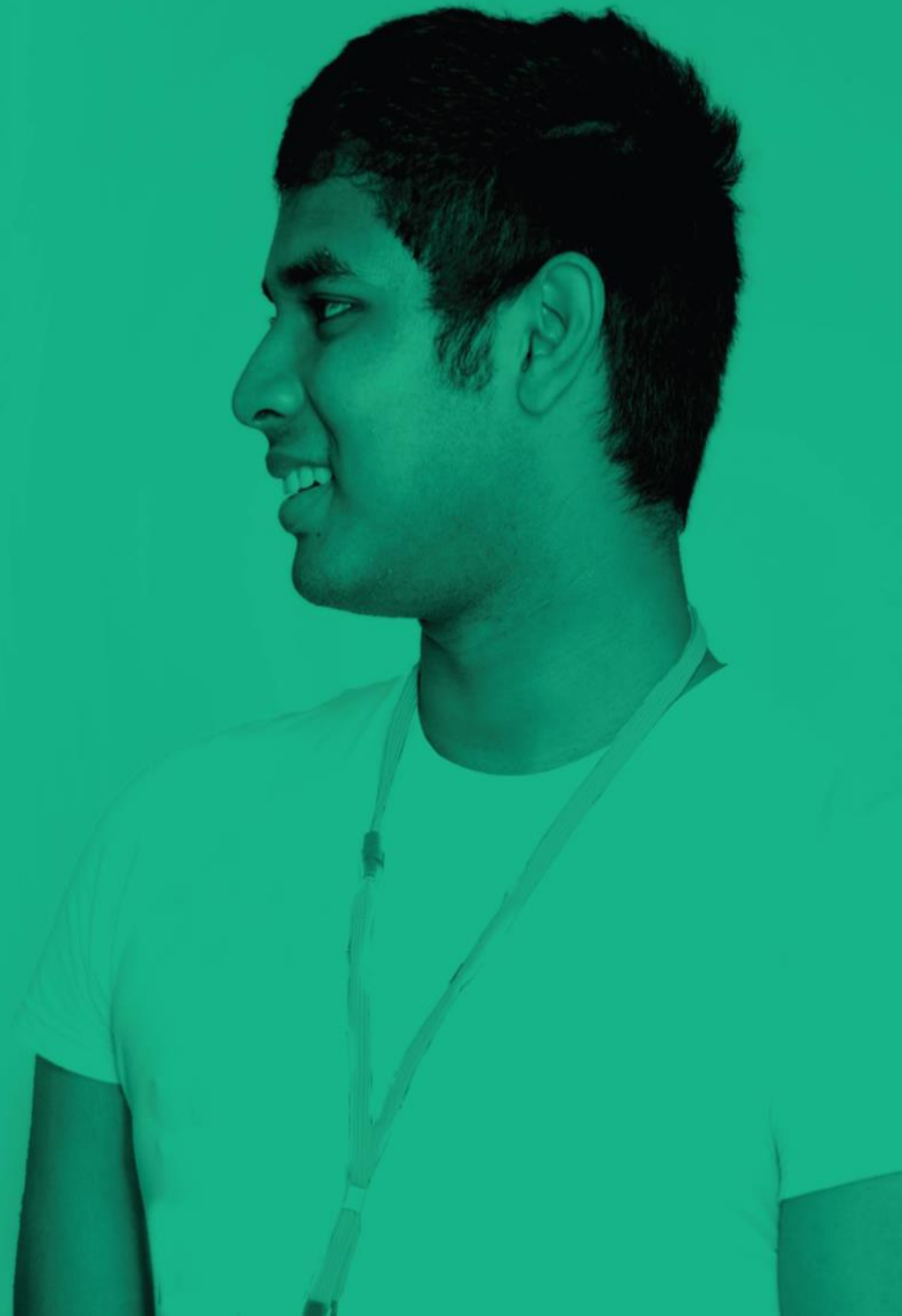


Coming up...

- What is Advancing Access?
- Advancing Access opportunities:
 - Website and resources
 - CPD sessions
 - Events



What is Advancing Access?



The Russell Group

University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
Cardiff University
Durham University
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
Imperial College London
King's College London
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool

University of Manchester
Newcastle University
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
Queen's University Belfast
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University College London
University of Warwick
University of York
London School of Economics
Queen Mary University of London

Why we exist...

“Up to one in four students from lower socio-economic backgrounds take courses at ‘less prestigious’ universities despite having the grades for ‘more selective’ institutions, according to UCL research.”

“Disadvantaged students’ decisions to attend ‘lower quality’ universities closer to home may be driven by information constraints, or fear of not fitting in at universities typically attended by more advantaged students,” Dr Wyness, UCL Institute of Education.

What is Advancing Access?

Advancing Access focuses on delivering quality CPD to teachers and careers advisers, not young people

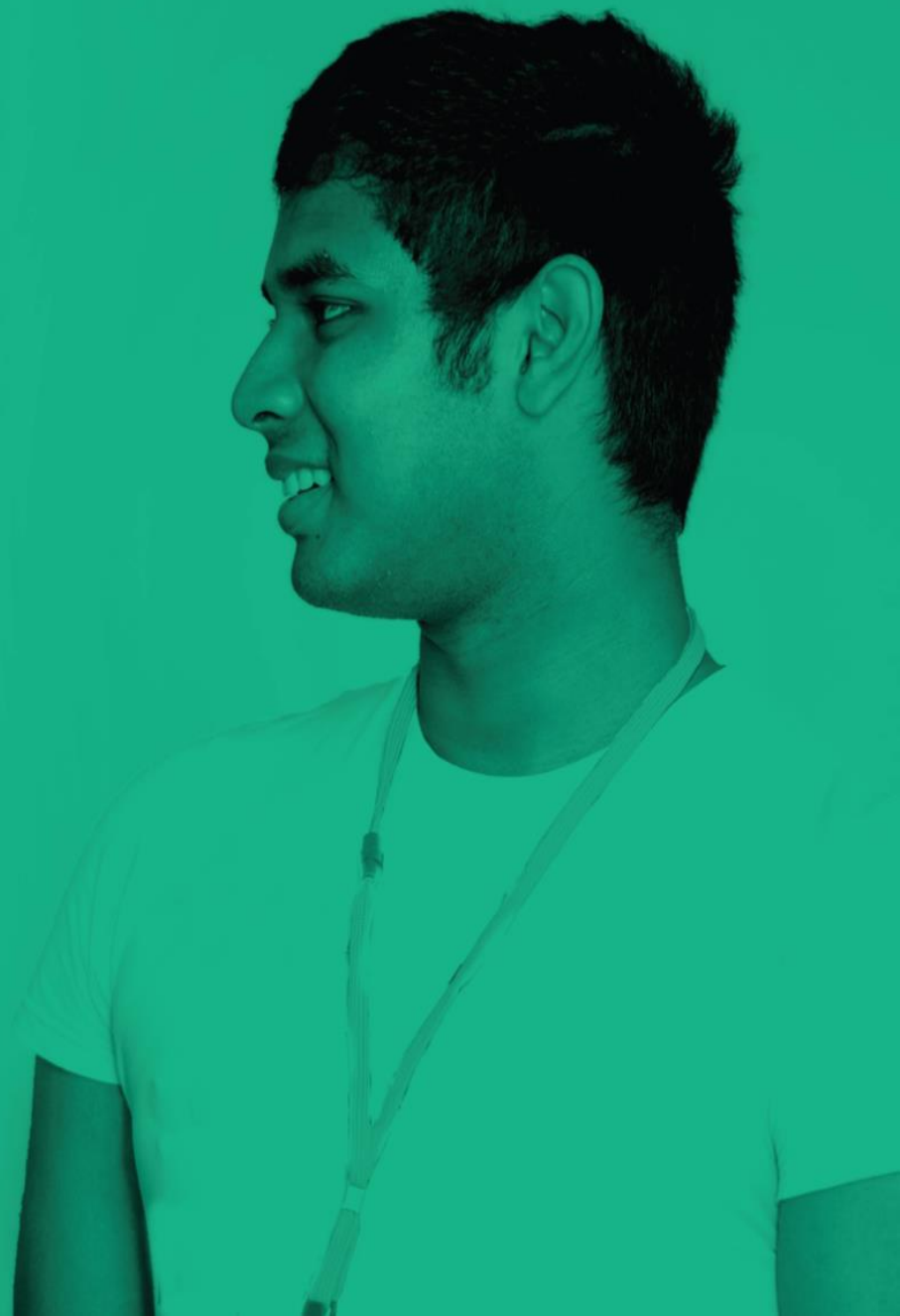
All 24 Russell Group universities fund this project making our offer completely free to you..

Our Goal:

As a result of our interventions, we hope that teachers and advisers will be in a strong position to best support the progression of their students to Russell Group universities



CPD opportunities



Request an Advancing Access CPD session

All UK state schools and colleges can request free Advancing Access CPD sessions to be delivered either in their school or college or online. Sessions we offer include:

- Writing effective UCAS references
- Supporting students to write personal statements
- Supporting students with qualifications choices at ages 16 and 18
- Understanding contextual admissions processes
- Preparing students for interviews and admissions tests

advancingaccess.ac.uk/request-cpd



Take part in our conferences

- **Virtual Conference**
 - Interactive webinars
 - A virtual exhibition hall hosted by Russell Group reps
 - Staff room chat
- **Russell Group Conferences**
- **Host a conference at your school or college**
 - Email enquiries@advancingaccess.ac.uk



The Advancing Access website

Since 2016, we have been continually improving our free website to support Teachers and Careers Advisers

On our website, you can find:

- Downloadable resources
- Interactive CPD Modules
- Details of our upcoming events
- Video Case Studies
- Blog

The image shows three promotional cards arranged horizontally. Each card has a title, an illustration, and a brief description. The first card, 'CPD resources', features an illustration of hands holding a tablet. The second, 'Events and conferences', shows a tablet with a ribbon. The third, 'Book a CPD session for your school/college', depicts a briefcase. Each card includes a right-pointing arrow icon in a circle.

CPD resources
Free CPD resources for teachers and advisers in the form of both [downloadable PDFs](#) and [self-directed learning modules](#). Topics including university admissions, UCAS reference writing and post-16 study options.

Events and conferences
We host online [Virtual Conferences](#) for you to hear first-hand from university staff and ask questions about a range of topics. We also deliver [conferences at schools and colleges](#) and maintain a [directory of CPD events](#) available at Russell Group universities.

Book a CPD session for your school/college
We deliver [free CPD sessions](#) at schools and colleges across the country. We tailor sessions to your needs and cover topics such as personal statements, references, qualification and subject choices and supporting students with interviews and admissions tests.

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Downloadable resources

Our downloadable CPD resources are grouped into 4 strands:

- How do I help my students choose a university and course?
- How do I help my students apply to university?
- How do admissions processes work?
- How do I help my students make the right choices for post-16 study?

Each strand contains:

A presentation, an interactive guidebook, quick reference sheets, Worksheets for reflection and evaluation, activities for use with learners And video case studies!

Frequently used tests

Universities	Tests			
	BMAT	LNAT	STEP	TSA
University of Birmingham				
University of Bristol		✓	*	
University of Cambridge	✓		✓	✓
Cardiff University				
Durham University		✓		
University of Edinburgh				
University of Exeter				
University of Glasgow		✓		
Loughborough University	✓		*	
Nottingham University	✓		*	
Sheffield Hallam University	✓			
Sheffield University				
University of Southampton				
University of Stirling				
University of Sunderland				
University of Warwick				
University of York				
York St John's University				

Interactive CPD modules

We have self-directed interactive CPD modules for teachers and advisers

- Each resource contains a mixture of information, videos, quizzes, case studies and activities
- Modules take 30-45 minutes to progress through and you will take away your own action plan


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Module strand 1: Creating a culture of success in your school or college

Module strand 2: Supporting your students to progress to competitive universities

How do I support my students to write effective personal statements?
Introductory video

Watch this video about personal statements from one of our partner universities, the University of Birmingham. See if you can answer the questions that appear on the right hand side of the page. At the end, you can download a copy of your answers.



Answer the questions below to make some quick notes while watching the video. Use the button at the bottom to download your notes.


What sorts of comments should be avoided in the opening of a personal statement?

How might students evidence their interest in a particular academic topic?

What sorts of work experience might students include in their personal statements?

How do I prepare students for interviews and admissions tests?
Test logistics - task

Use this task to test your understanding.



Students need to check the registration deadlines, where and when they will sit the test and the deadline for their UCAS application.

- > Tests generally take place between [] and [] the year before starting the course
- > Students often have to [] for tests beforehand
- > Some tests take place [] the UCAS application deadline
- > Test locations vary depending on the [] of test
- > Some tests have a [] associated (approximately £70 to £100) but [] may be available.

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