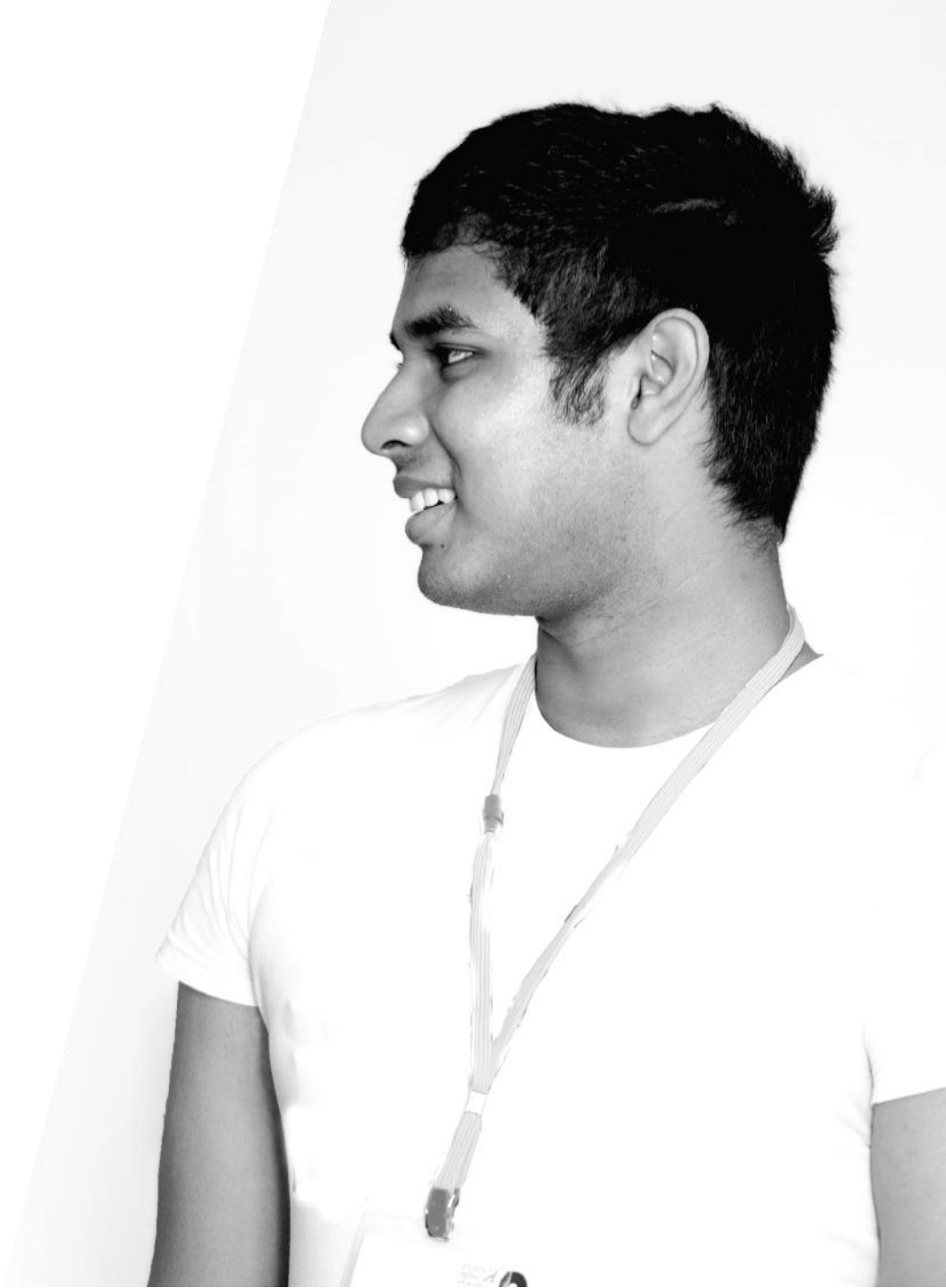
ADVANCING ACCESS | From the RUSSELL GROUP

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
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Cardiff University
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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?

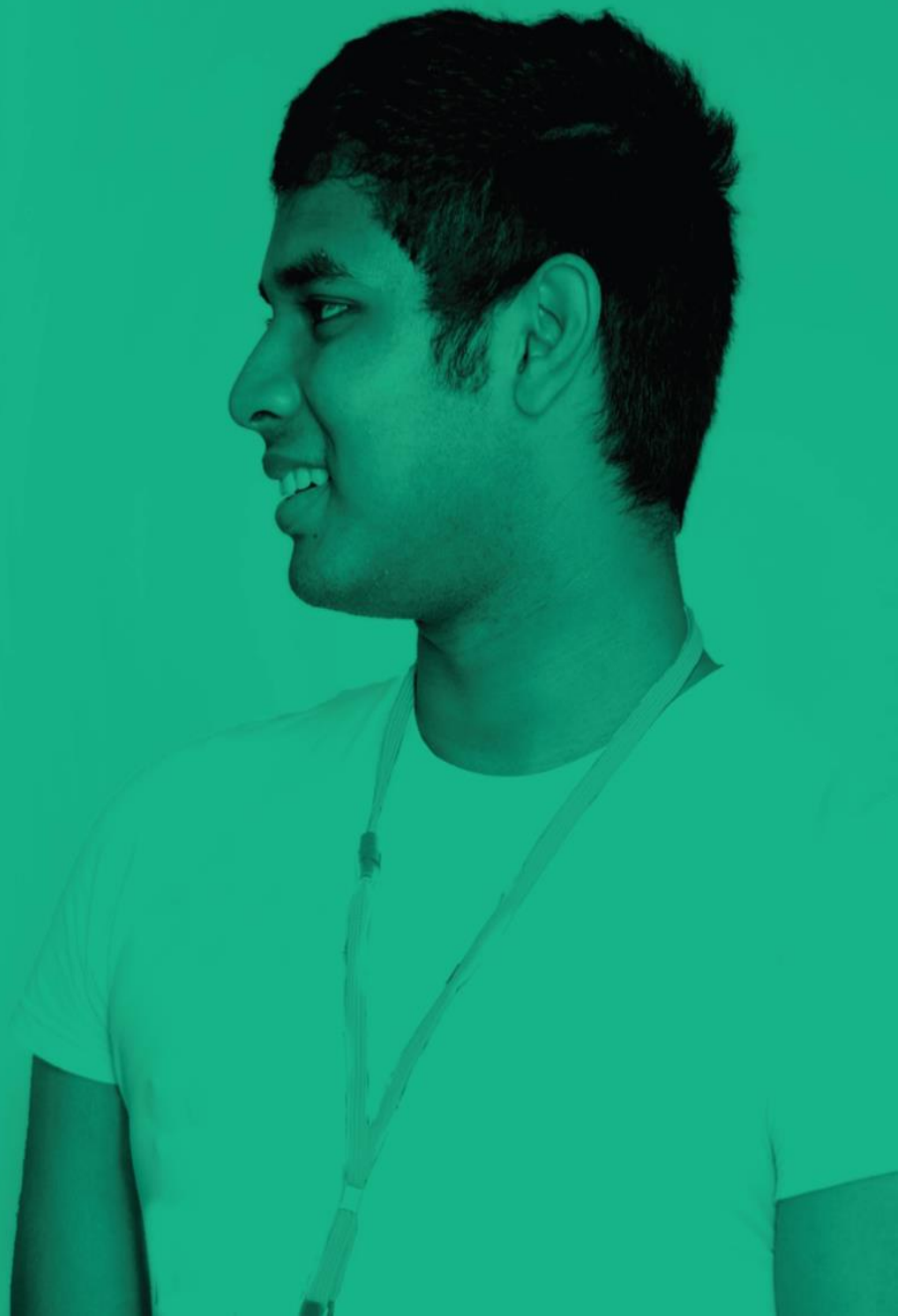
Advancing Access focuses on delivering quality CPD to teachers and careers advisers, not young people

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



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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

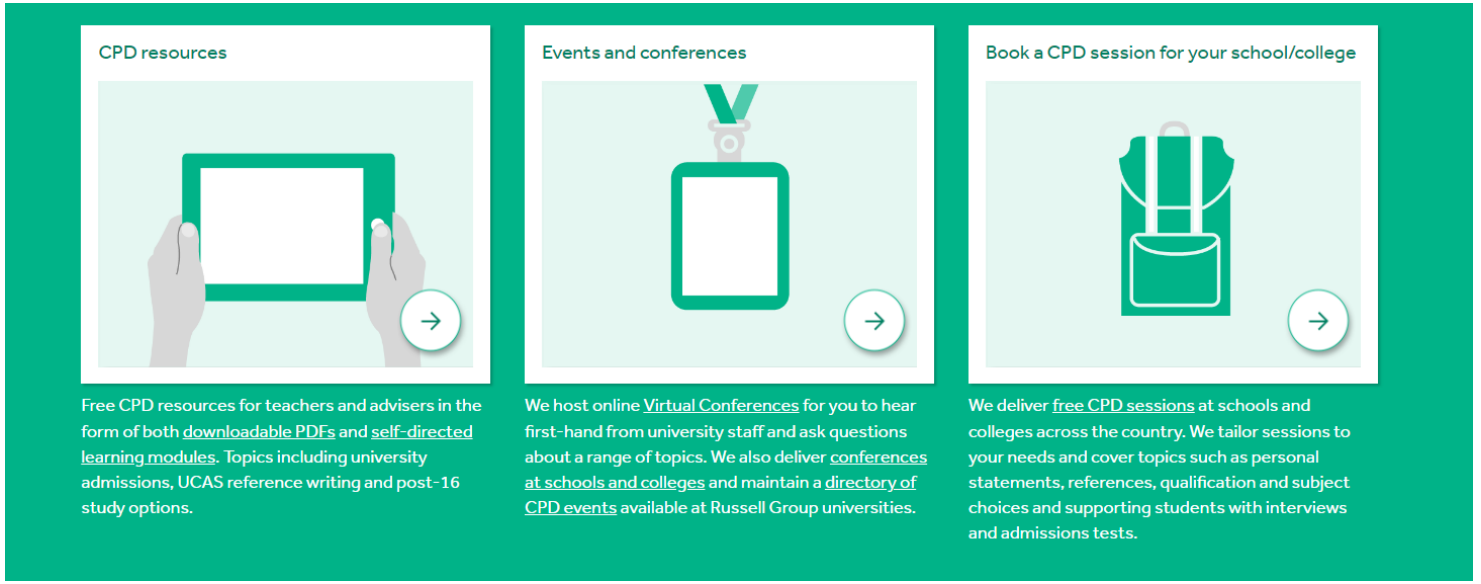
- **Virtual Conference**
  - Interactive webinars
  - A virtual exhibition hall hosted by Russell Group reps
  - Staff room chat
- **Russell Group Conferences**
- **Host a conference at your school or college**
  - Email enquiries@advancingaccess.ac.uk

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



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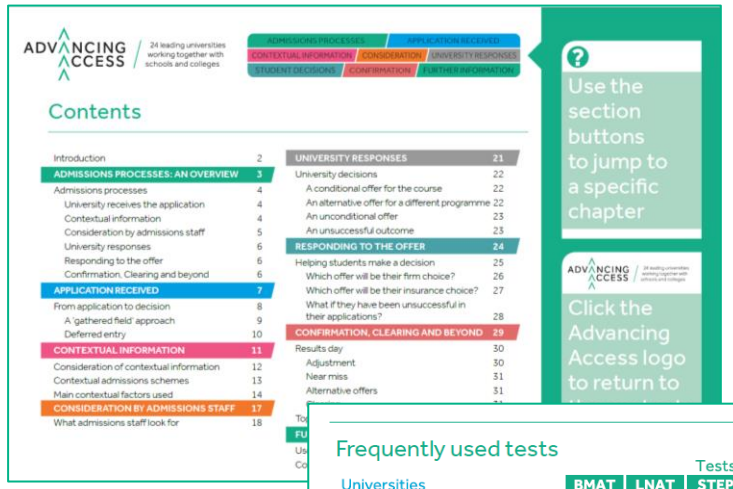
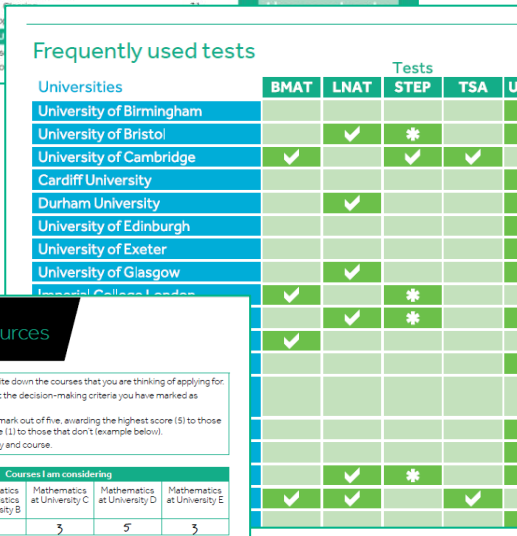
Downloadable resources

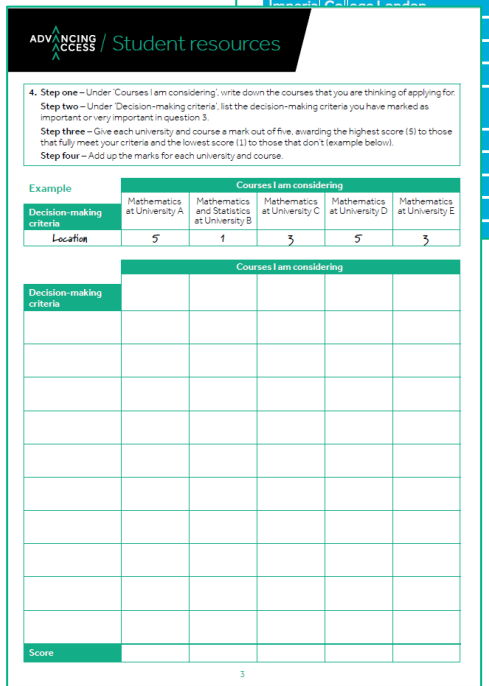
Our downloadable CPD resources are grouped into 4 strands:

- 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!







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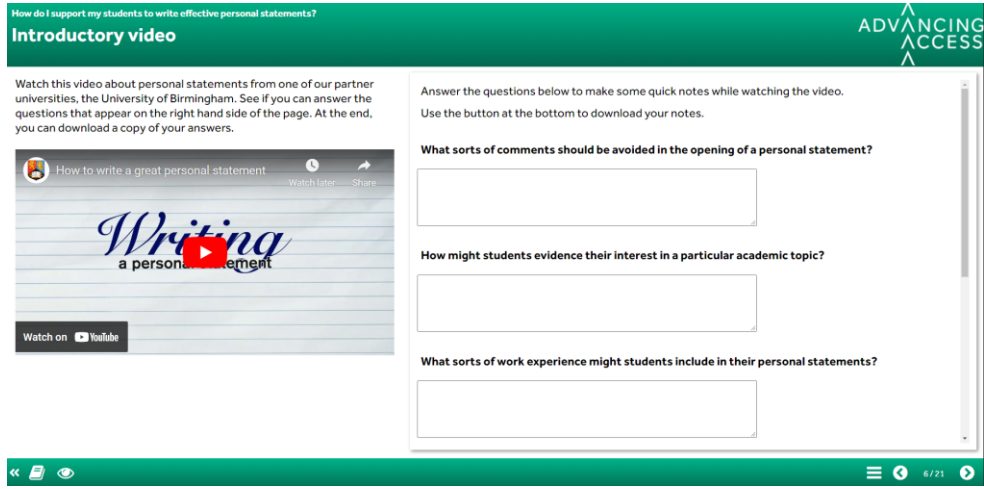
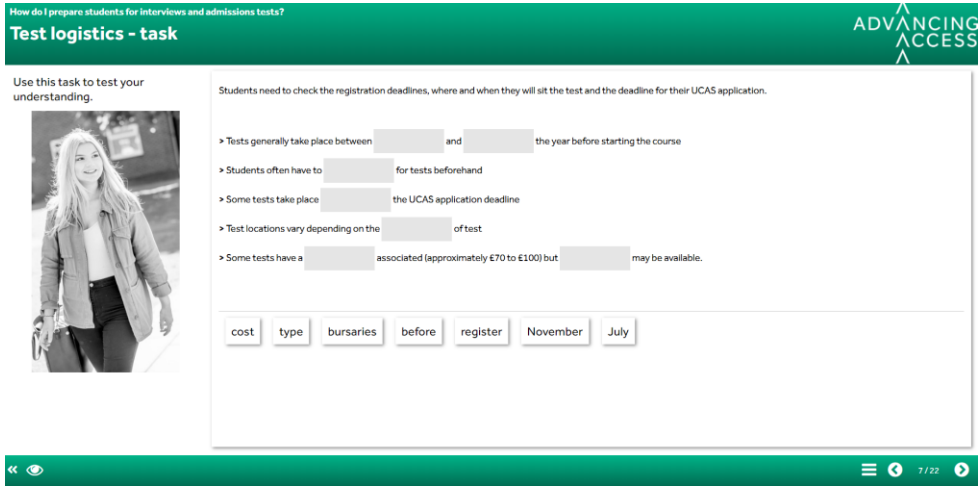
Module strand 1: Creating a culture of success in your school or college

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