



# Higher Education: what universities look for

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# What admissions tutors want...

*“Enthusiasm, ability and commitment”*

- Admissions tutor for English

*“Some enthusiasm, some knowledge, some skill”*

- Admissions tutor for Maths



# What we look at

- Holistic approach to selection
- Qualifications achieved
- Qualifications pending
- Personal statement
- Academic reference
- Work experience
- Contextual data
- Other selection tools?



# Entry requirements

- Selection is two-way process
- Be realistic but aspirational
- Offer levels (grades, points)
- Specific subject requirements
- GCSE-level requirements
- Relevant experience
- External tests



# Final thoughts

- Looking at individual strengths and merits
- Aiming to match the right student to the right course
- Start research early and apply in good time
- If in doubt, at any stage, please ask!
- Challenge universities



# Questions:

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