

Thinking about Uni?

- for Students with a Hearing Loss

Options and things to consider

You are now in Year 12/13 and considering going to university...

- Check UCAS for unis that do the course you're interested in
- Visit as many places as you can – start early in Y12
- Will you go locally or stay away from home?
- Would a campus uni suit you better than a city based uni?



Talk to **your Teacher of the Deaf before you apply**. Their contact details are on your pupil profile or annual report.

The advice and **recommendations in your last report are still relevant to uni**. E.g. sitting at the front, using a radio aid, extra time and a quiet place for exams. You can use the report to evidence this **together with your most up to date audiology report**.

Looking around Placements

Things to consider

- What are the **acoustics** like?
- Are there a **quiet places to study**?
- At break times is there a **quiet place to socialise** so that you can hear your friends
- Will you have a **named contact to support you** if you need help?
- **PLEASE tell them you have a hearing loss** (preferably on your application form)
- **All the strategies that helped are relevant at your new placement**
- **If you used a radio aid or had a note taker at school/college** it would be a good idea to have one in your new placement (You can get funding for this via DSA – apply with your Student Finance England Application)
- **Look at accommodation** – you may need to be on a lower floor in case of fire/evacuation, and/or need a special visual fire alarm
- Ask whether this means you would be among final year and post grad students. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE AMONG YOUR PEERS.**
- Talk to the course leader if you can, or other member of the School you will join
- All unis have a Student Support Department – they can help with all sorts of things for all students. Go and find them on your visits and see how they will be able to support you and your particular needs.

Support and Funding



At sixth forms if you had an EHCP it is no longer relevant as you move to Undergraduate Studies BUT they still need to make reasonable adjustments and support you under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure you have good access.

DSA – Disabled Students Allowance can be used to fund the support you need both physical (radio aid, visual/vibrating fire alarm etc.) and practical (e.g. providing note takers)

Audiology:

All students have to register with a local doctor while they are at uni unless you are staying locally. If you wear hearing aids or have a BAHA, you should also register with your local audiology department BEFORE you need them. That way if you have a problem you can get it sorted quickly and not have to make an unexpected emergency trip home and miss something important like an assignment deadline or a planned social event!

Funding and Further Information:

DSA - <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>

UCAS - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/individual-needs/disabled-students>



Extra Help - <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help>

NDCS - <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/education-and-learning/your-childs-future/higher-education/>

Information for your University/FE Placement

This document may be worth sharing with your new placement. It outlines how they can help deaf learners

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/documents-and-resources/supporting-the-achievement-of-deaf-young-people-in-higher-education-for-higher-education-staff/>

Good Luck! Don't forget to keep in touch...we would love to know how you are getting on and celebrate your graduation! Your success stories help our younger people and their parents see that anything is possible!

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