

Open Day Calendar

Top 50 UK universities, autumn 2026

Every open day, in date order, colour-coded by month,
with each university's QS world ranking

-  August
-  September
-  October
-  November

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In date order. QS = each university's UK rank by QS World Rankings 2026. Always book on the official page.

DATE	UNIVERSITY	QS UK	WHAT
AUGUST			
25 Aug	Aberdeen	32	In-person
SEPTEMBER			
1 Sep	Strathclyde	30	In-person
2 Sep	Glasgow	12	In-person
5 Sep	King's College London	5	In-person
5 Sep	Sheffield	15	In-person
11 Sep	Cambridge	3	Colleges day
12 Sep	Imperial College London	1	In-person
12 Sep	Nottingham	17	In-person
12 Sep	Lancaster	24	In-person
12 Sep	York	25	In-person
12 Sep	Surrey	31	In-person
12 Sep	Leicester	37	In-person
13 Sep	York	25	In-person
18 Sep	Oxford	2	In-person
18 Sep	Loughborough	29	In-person
19 Sep	Loughborough	29	In-person
19 Sep	Stirling	48	In-person
26 Sep	Edinburgh	6	In-person
26 Sep	Liverpool	22	In-person
26 Sep	Heriot-Watt	34	In-person
26 Sep	East Anglia (UEA)	39	In-person
26 Sep	Dundee	43	In-person
26 Sep	Huddersfield	49	In-person
27 Sep	Southampton	14	In-person
OCTOBER			
3 Oct	Manchester	7	In-person
3 Oct	Glasgow (Dumfries)	12	In-person
3 Oct	Leeds	13	In-person

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DATE	UNIVERSITY	QS UK	WHAT
3 Oct	Newcastle	21	In-person
3 Oct	Exeter	23	In-person
3 Oct	Queen's Belfast	28	In-person
3 Oct	Strathclyde	30	In-person
3 Oct	Aberdeen	32	In-person
3 Oct	Leicester	37	In-person
3 Oct	Aston	41	In-person
3 Oct	Bradford	46	In-person
3 Oct	Northumbria	50	In-person
7 Oct	Stirling	48	Virtual
10 Oct	Manchester	7	In-person
10 Oct	Warwick	10	In-person
10 Oct	Birmingham	11	In-person
10 Oct	Nottingham	17	In-person
10 Oct	St Andrews	19	In-person
10 Oct	Bath	20	In-person
10 Oct	Liverpool	22	In-person
10 Oct	Exeter (Cornwall)	23	In-person
10 Oct	Reading	27	In-person
10 Oct	Sussex	33	In-person
10 Oct	Oxford Brookes	38	In-person
11 Oct	Southampton	14	In-person
11 Oct	Surrey	31	In-person
11 Oct	Kent	42	Provisional, confirm
17 Oct	Leeds	13	In-person
17 Oct	Sheffield	15	In-person
17 Oct	Lancaster	24	In-person
17 Oct	Cardiff	26	In-person
17 Oct	Essex	44	In-person
21 Oct	Huddersfield	49	In-person
24 Oct	Edinburgh	6	In-person

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24 Oct	Warwick	10	In-person
24 Oct	Glasgow	12	In-person
24 Oct	Exeter	23	In-person
24 Oct	Oxford Brookes	38	In-person
24 Oct	East Anglia (UEA)	39	In-person
24 Oct	Stirling	48	In-person
24 Oct	Northumbria	50	In-person
28 Oct	St Andrews	19	In-person
31 Oct	Bristol	8	In-person
31 Oct	Dundee	43	In-person
NOVEMBER			
2-6 Nov	Liverpool	22	Virtual week
4 Nov	St Andrews	19	Virtual
7 Nov	Reading	27	In-person
7 Nov	Surrey	31	In-person
7 Nov	Sussex	33	In-person
7 Nov	Heriot-Watt	34	In-person
7 Nov	Leicester	37	In-person
7 Nov	Essex	44	In-person
14 Nov	Birmingham	11	In-person
14 Nov	Oxford Brookes	38	In-person
14 Nov	Bradford	46	In-person
16-20 Nov	Manchester	7	Virtual week
21 Nov	Southampton	14	Virtual
21 Nov	Sheffield	15	In-person
21 Nov	Newcastle	21	In-person
21 Nov	Northumbria	50	In-person
28 Nov	East Anglia (UEA)	39	In-person
28 Nov	Aston	41	In-person
28 Nov	Huddersfield	49	In-person

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DATE	UNIVERSITY	QS UK	WHAT
AUTUMN DATES NOT YET PUBLISHED			
--	University College London (UCL)	4	<i>not yet published</i>
--	Durham	16	<i>not yet published</i>
--	Queen Mary (QMUL)	18	<i>not yet published</i>
--	Swansea	35	<i>not yet published</i>
--	City St George's, London	36	<i>not yet published</i>
--	Brunel	40	<i>not yet published</i>
--	Royal Holloway	45	<i>not yet published</i>
--	SOAS	47	<i>not yet published</i>
--	LSE	9	<i>no autumn day (Apr + Jul only)</i>

How to use this

It is in date order, so scan top to bottom and pick the weekends that work.

The colour tells you the month. Most open days are Saturdays.

QS UK is each university's UK rank in the QS World University Rankings 2026.

Autumn beats summer. These days fall right before your child commits their five choices.

Nine have not published autumn dates yet (and LSE runs none), they are listed at the end. Check back in late summer. Oxford and Cambridge use September college and department days, target the subject.

Book early. Most autumn bookings open across August and the popular subject talks fill first.

Which ones are worth the trip?

An open day only helps once the shortlist is right. An EduStrategy session builds the list worth visiting, so your autumn weekends go on the universities that actually fit your child.

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