

Key Resources for Exploring and Evidencing Your Passions

- **Subject Specific Research Resources:**

Oxford University Press “A Very Short Introduction to...”

(Google this title + degree subject you are considering (eg. A Very Short Introduction to Law) or an area within this degree (eg. A Very Short Introduction to Family Law). These are fantastic because they help you map out a subject while being academic and, above all, *short!*

Subject Specific Research Resources (PDF) in the Careers PSHE Area that you found this document in (from the University of Southampton)

SHS Learn subject pages: <https://learn.surbitonhigh.com/oxbridgebiologicalsciences/>

See Careers and Higher Education Termly Newsletter (particularly Section 2):

<https://www.discoverdowning.com/resources/> - great search engine for super curricular by subject

<https://aeon.co/> - great for short, readable, academic articles, particularly if you want a niche discussion in your subject to develop your personal statement

<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/staircase12/>

Engineering:

<https://i-want-to-study-engineering.org/>

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/engineering-and-design-taster-talk-series/>

Physics: <https://isaacphysics.org/>

University Lectures – often on Departmental websites (online too):

Many Department pages will have these, eg. If I google “Cambridge public law lectures” I find: <https://www.law.cam.ac.uk/about/public-media-collections>
<https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/units>
<http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses>
<https://london.ac.uk/ways-study/study-campus-london/university-taster-courses>
<https://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/engineering-and-design-taster-talk-series/>

Note please attend on non-school days. Permission will only be granted to attend on school day in limited circumstances. Loads more in the Careers and Higher Education Newsletter!

- **MOOCs (mini university courses online in every possible area you can imagine).**

US directory: <https://www.coursera.org/>

Eg: what about this Intro to Big Data:

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/big-data-introduction> This is a hot topic across the sciences and social sciences (from maths and biology to economics and psychology). Among many other things, it explains why Facebook know to send me adverts for short trousers for the fashion conscious man!

UK directory: <https://www.futurelearn.com/> - to search by interests, click magnifying glass top right

I found: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/play> - good if you're interested in degrees such as psychology or education

If considering a new degree subject in particular (ie. not a school subject), do one of these to test/develop your interest! Eg. All those people considering Marketing I've seen of late...

- **Academic articles for all subjects** <https://www.jstor.org/logon> - see Library Staff (eg. Mr Humphreys)
- **TedTalks**, particularly as springboard to some of the above. <https://www.ted.com/people/speakers>
- **Open Days:** <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/type/open-day>
- **Competitions:** see section 4 Careers and HE Newsletter: <https://learn.surbitonhigh.com/careers/newsletters/>

(if intending to enter, let Mr McDermott and Mr Benyohai know as some competitions limit applications per school)

Remember people in school who can guide and help you refine your research: Library Staff, your EPQ mentor and relevant subject teachers.

SOME GENERAL UNIVERSITY RESEARCH RESOURCES:

Morrisby webspace: <https://app.morrisby.com/> (Further Study section)

UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/>

Subject specific (a selection):

Drama: <https://www.federationofdramaschools.co.uk/>

CUKAS (Music Conservatoire): <https://www.ucas.com/conservatoires>

Alternatives to Uni:

Morrisby webspace very good and <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

Also see Section 4 of Careers and HE Newsletter:
<https://learn.surbitonhigh.com/careers/newsletters/>

