



University of
Reading



Choosing Your 'Top 5'

**Careers
SMART**



Bishop Challoner Catholic College



WHAT WE WILL COVER

1. How many universities and courses can you apply for?
2. How to decide on your UCAS choices.

Most students get to choose up to 5 different courses

These might be at 5 different universities, or they might be different courses at the same universities.

Exceptions

Only **4 choices** for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine/Science and Dentistry

However, you can put a different course as your 5th choice as a backup

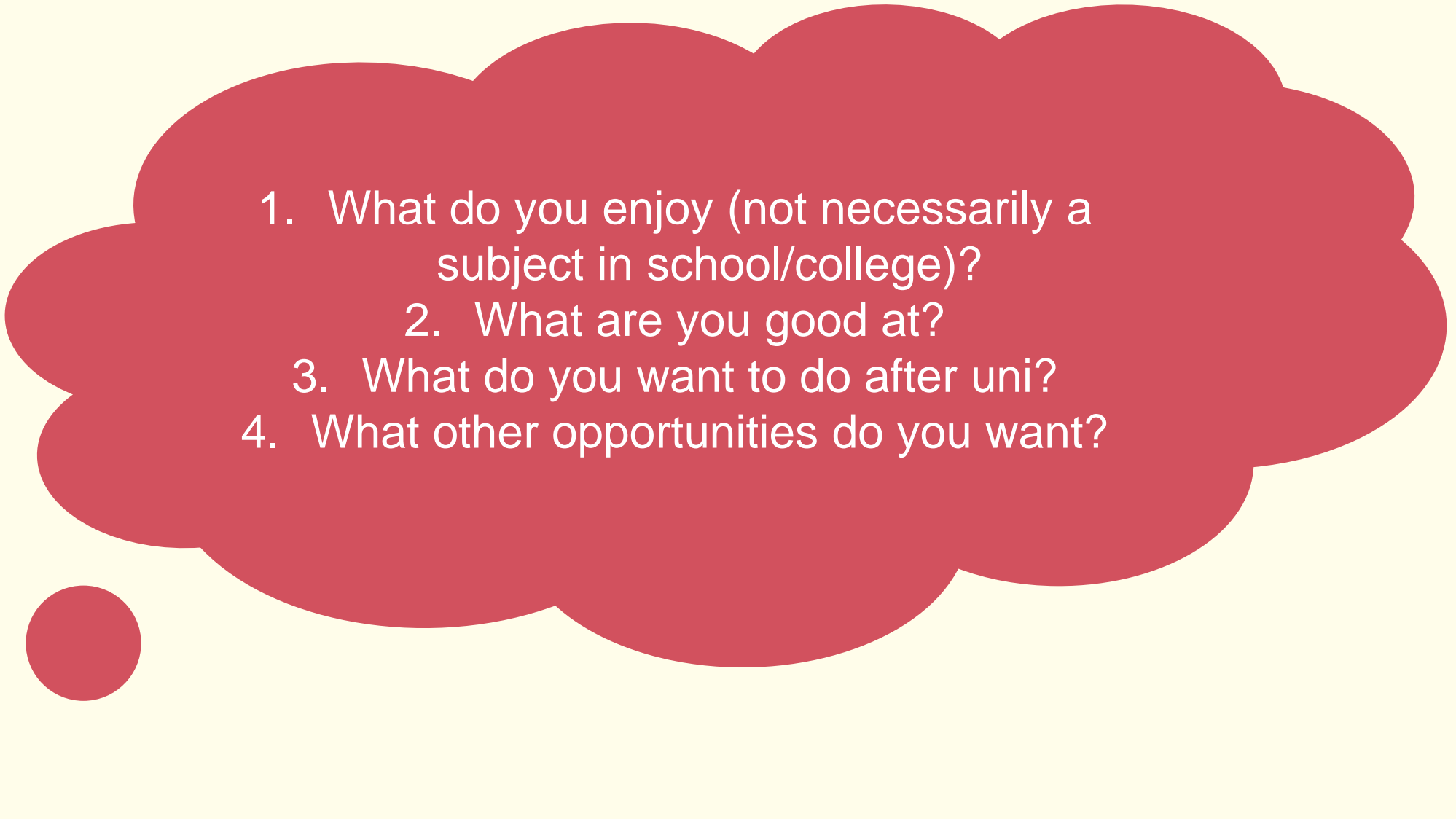
Only Oxford or Cambridge (not allowed to put both!)



CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY & COURSE

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Recap - How do you choose a course?

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1. What do you enjoy (not necessarily a subject in school/college)?
 2. What are you good at?
 3. What do you want to do after uni?
 4. What other opportunities do you want?

Recap - How do you choose a university?



Type of university

- City
- Campus based
- Large or small
- Reputation (university & subject rankings)



Location

- Travel time and cost
- Living costs
- Type of area

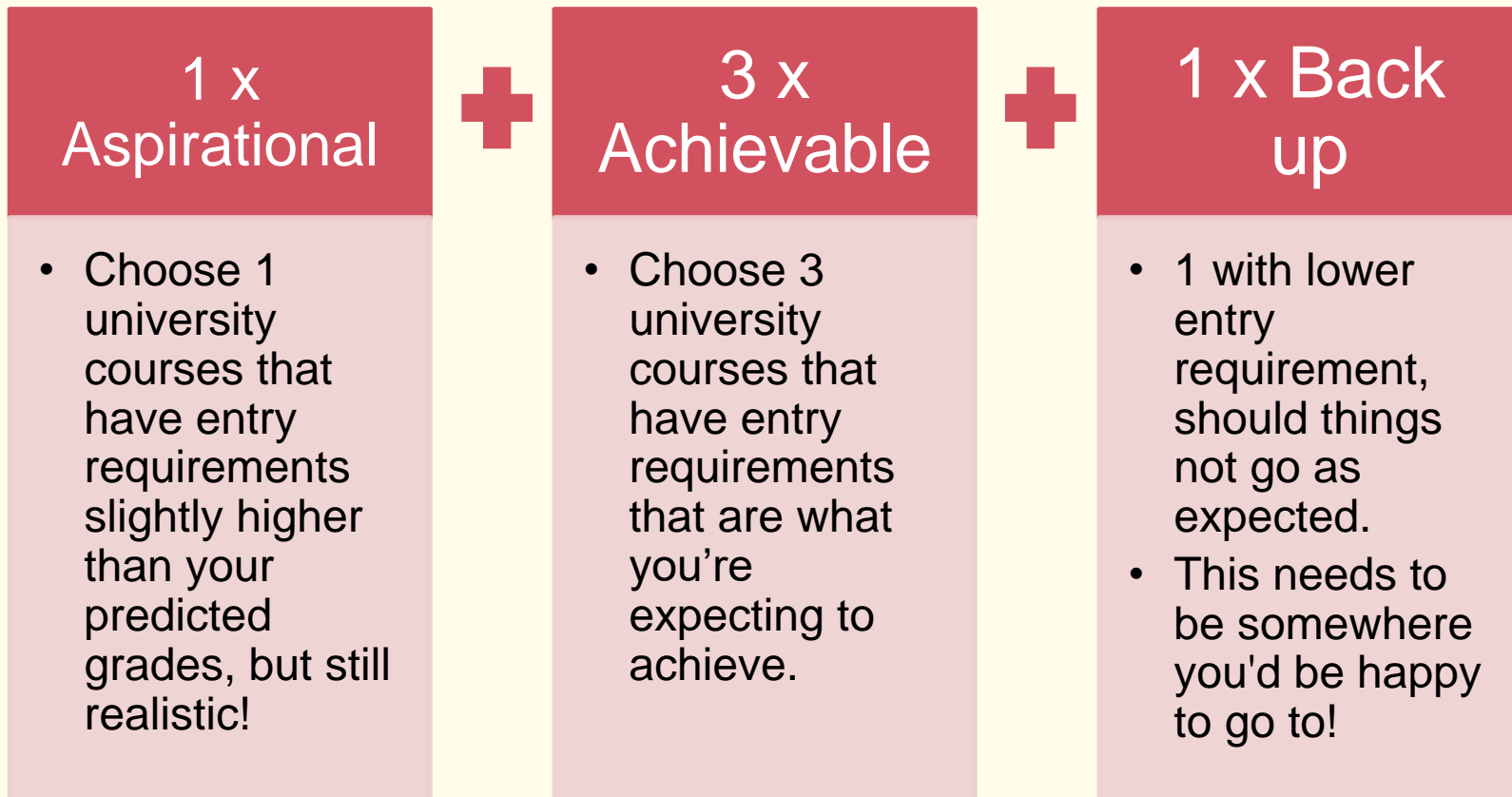


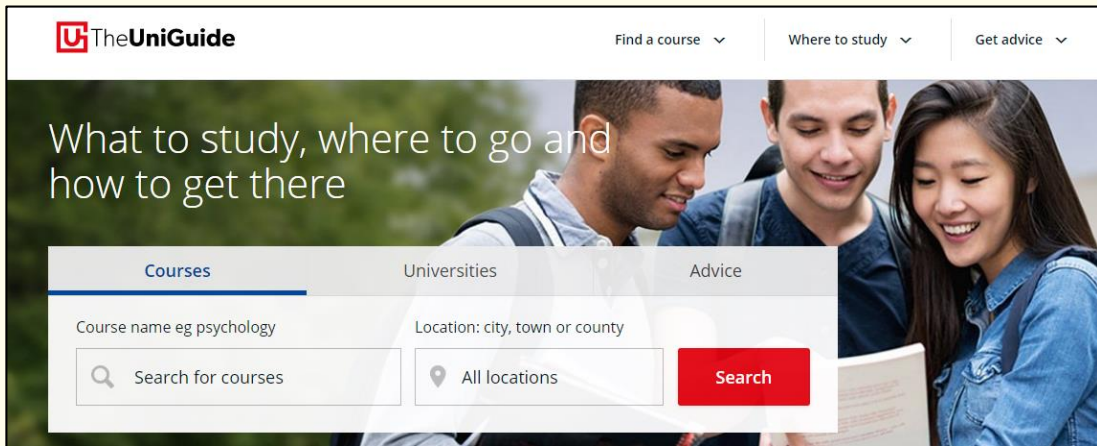
Range of facilities

- Course based
- Accommodation
- Sports
- Social facilities

Recap - Choosing your 'Top 5'

Once you have started some research, think about **entry requirements.**





Research

- Unifrog
- UCAS website
- theuniguide.co.uk
- Prospectuses
- Virtual Open Days
- University websites
- League tables

