



# Making the Most of the Summer

## Wider Reading

University websites will often have a list of suggested reading for prospective applicants. You might need to go to the individual course sections, or some will have comprehensive lists, like those from Oxford and Cambridge below. You will also get lots of suggestions by simply putting “recommended reading for....” into Google, of course.

**Oxford:** [www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/suggested-reading-and-resources?wssl=1](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/suggested-reading-and-resources?wssl=1)

**Cambridge:** <https://share.trin.cam.ac.uk/sites/public/Tutorial/Cambridge-wider-reading-suggestions.pdf>

## Online Courses

The two websites below offer free courses and are really useful if you are short of “hands-on” experience in your chosen field.

[www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com)

[www.open.edu/openlearn](http://www.open.edu/openlearn)



## MyHE+



The University of Cambridge also has a website called **MyHE+** with links to further reading and activities, organised by subject area. All of the projects on here are created by Cambridge lecturers and would be interesting to get stuck in to.

[www.myheplus.com](http://www.myheplus.com)

## Volunteering

[www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org)

A site that lists local volunteering opportunities; you can filter to your preferred area, your age group, availability etc.

## Audio/Visual

There are lots of alternatives to reading that are really informative such as videos and podcasts. You can search on YouTube or iTunes store for something you're interested in. Here are some useful suggestions for websites that cover a wide variety of topics.

**Ted Talks:** [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com)

**University of Oxford Podcasts:** [www.podcasts.ox.ac.uk](http://www.podcasts.ox.ac.uk)

**BBC Radio 4 Podcasts:** [www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/radio4](http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/radio4)



## Detailed research

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) to search for courses (that you perhaps did not know existed), entry requirements etc.

Also apprenticeship opportunities

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/west-midlands-region/#browsing>

The UCAS logo, consisting of the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is stylized with a red triangle pointing upwards from its center.