UCAS Visit Day FAQ’s for BTEC, Access to HE or other applicants without A-level Maths

1. Is it essential that I attend the Maths Test and Visit Day?
   Yes it is essential that you attend if you have been invited to take the test. The Maths Test is part of the pre offer assessment and we will not be able to offer you a place if you do not sit the test.

2. When are the BTEC/Access pre offer visit days held for the above Departments?
   These specific pre offer visit days are scheduled for 15th and 22nd March 2017. You will receive an invitation from the Admissions office if we think you have the potential to do well on one of our courses. You should arrive for the test by 10am and report to Nicky Fox who will be waiting in Queen’s Building Foyer. You must attend one of the two dates above.

3. What is the format of the test and how do I prepare?
   The maths diagnostic test will be 60 minutes in duration (75 minutes with extra time allowance), and will consist of questions covering UK AS and A2 Mathematics topics, including Core 1, 2 and 3 units. Click on the guidance document and sample test.

   Specifications and past papers for UK A-Level examinations can be found on exam board sites, including AQA, Edexcel and OCR. Please bring a scientific calculator for the test.

   Please let us know if you have any specific needs that may need to be considered by contacting Nicky Fox, renjf@bristol.ac.uk or on 0117 3315368.

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4. What happens after the test?
   The School will feed the results back to our admissions team, who are responsible for making decisions on offers. Marks achieved in the maths test will form part of the selection process. A decision will be communicated via UCAS as soon as possible.

5. What else can I expect on the day?
   After you have finished the Maths test you will be taken to register for your respective department’s Visit Day. The visit afternoon is a chance to meet both staff and current students on the course, as well as to have a look around the department and laboratory facilities. Lunch will also be provided. Please see your department’s “visit us” pages under the Undergraduate courses section of our webpages for a specific *Programme of the Day*. The day will finish at 4pm.

6. Am I allowed to bring a guest to the Visit Day?
   You are welcome to bring a maximum of one guest to the Visit afternoon from 12pm in Queen’s Building.

7. How do I get to the University? What are the travel arrangements?
   The university maintains a [Maps and Guides](#) section that gives directions for all forms of transport. If travelling from Temple Meads station please catch the 8 or 9 bus which runs to the precinct every 10 minutes. At 4pm we provide a coach back to Temple Meads for our attendees (please select this on your event registration form).

8. Does the University offer a travel bursary for applicants from low income households?
   Yes, there are a limited number of travel bursaries available for UK ‘Home’ applicants in financial need attending an interview or departmental open day. To apply please contact the Student Funding office 0117 3317972 or email student-funding@bristol.ac.uk.