

# How to get the most out of DC's University Fair

HEO

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# Who will be there?

- **125** colleges and universities from around the world
- **43** – UK
- **40** – US
- **7** – Europe
- **12** – Canada
- **7** – Hong Kong
- **8** – Australia
- **4** – Switzerland
- **2** – Singapore
- **1** – Japan, **1** – China

# What will happen on the day

- The fair will run from 9 am to 1 pm
- Year 10 and 11 students will attend seminars in the theatre from 9.30 – 10.25 am
- At 10.30 students will go to the fair in the gym to speak to representatives

# Before you go....

- Look at the floor plan and see who will be attending
- Target those you would like to speak to
- If you can, do some research on the institutions you are particularly interested in

# Think of Questions to Ask

## About the university:

Can you describe the atmosphere of your university?

What are the strengths of your university?

What is unique about your university?

Does the university have strong industry links, ie.

Will it help me find a job?

What in your view makes a strong application?

# About courses

- I am interested in a career in \_\_\_\_\_ can you tell me about the courses that you have that will allow me to follow my career path?
- What subjects and grade requirements are needed?
- I am not sure what I want to study yet but I enjoy -----(subjects) at school. What would you recommend?

# Student Services

- Do you provide support for international students?
- I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_ (sport/activities), is this available?
- What are the housing options?
- Do you have part time jobs available on campus?
- What's the surrounding area like? Is it easy to get around?



# General

- Do have summer programmes – what are they and how can I find out more?
- What scholarships are available?
- What does it cost (fees + accommodation to study \_\_\_\_ (course)).
- What if I want to take a gap year? Is this allowed/encouraged? If so, what should I do?



# Make sure you....

- Take along a pen and small notebook
- Take a bag for brochures you pick up
- Write down some of your questions in advance
- Jot down notes when they are fresh, ie. Right after visiting a table
- Pick up business cards of any rep you talk to so you can contact them with more questions

# Remember.....

- This Fair is for **YOU!**
- Don't feel nervous about asking questions, lots of sample questions are on Ding!
- There will be plenty of people to help you
- Try not to crowd around one table
- If one table is empty, be brave and go and talk to the rep
- **ENJOY THE FAIR!!!!!!**

# HEO Ambassadors – we need you!

- Help out at the University Fair – escort reps to the tables
- Promote events to your year group
- Meet university reps
- Be a school tour guide
- Provide valuable feedback to the HEO
- Have lots of fun!