

Universities: What they didn't tell you at college

This will provide a overview of the nature of the university system in the England.

(This is advice is for those of us who did not give much thought to our degree choice or university choice for that matter).

Firstly providing your work hard, have strong self belief in your goal and plan how to achieve that goal. You will always be successful in your endeavor.

If you go to one of the colleges within Oxford University, the chances are you are more likely to be accepted into networks that you would not necessarily be accepted into if I went to London Metropolitan University.

Hardwork pays off, however going to a highly rated university can decrease the amount of hurdles you will have to navigate in order to reach your goal.

For example, Funmi and Michael are both studying law, on route to qualify as solicitors. On paper they both have the same degree classification 2:1 honours. However Funmi went to Pembroke college Oxford University, and Michael went to London Metropolitan. The options on paper of a law student who has achieved a 2:1 honours degree from London Metropolitan, and a law student who has achieved a 2:1 honours degree from Pembroke college Oxford, are not going to be the same.

I am by no means implying that that the Michael from London Metropolitan will not be successful in his future career path as a solicitor. Michael should just know that he will have to have a stronger resolve to achieve his ambition to be a solicitor, because he will have more hurdles to navigate around than Funmi.

Sutton Trust Reports

The Sutton Trust has a variety of reports which show the educational backgrounds of Members of Parliament (MPs) as well as that of Judges Queens Counsel and Barristers.

Why is this important because at the moment the majority of MPs, Judges, Queens Counsel etc have been educated at a golden triangle institution.

http://www.suttontrust.com/reports/PoliticiansBackgrounds_09-Dec-05.pdf

http://www.suttontrust.com/reports/Comparison_educational_backgrounds.pdf

Goal Setter

Set your goal, make a plan to achieve your goal, and execute that plan to achieve your goal.

You know the strength of your character so use it to navigate the barriers and obstacles you will face when entering your chosen profession. Whether it is law, mechanical engineering, accountancy, medicine, software development, plumbing or trading in a market. Hard work pays off....think about it.

Universities

Golden Triangle

Below are the top three

Cambridge, Oxford and the University of London institutions.

Red Brick

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

University of Leeds

University of Liverpool

University of Manchester

University of Sheffield

Russell Group

Below are the top 20

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

University of Cambridge

Cardiff University

University of Edinburgh

University of Glasgow

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Imperial College London

King's College London

University of Leeds

University of Liverpool

London School of Economics & Political Science

University of Manchester

Newcastle University

University of Nottingham

Queen's University Belfast

University of Oxford

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University College London

University of Warwick

The University Alliance

Aberystwyth University

Bournemouth University

University of Bradford

De Montfort University

University of Glamorgan

University of Gloucestershire

University of Hertfordshire

University of Huddersfield

Institute of Education

University of Kent

University of Lincoln

Liverpool John Moores University

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Manchester Metropolitan University

University of Northumbria

Nottingham Trent University

The Open University

Oxford Brookes University

University of Plymouth

University of Portsmouth

University of Salford

Sheffield Hallam University

University of Wales Institute, Cardiff

University of Wales, Newport

University of the West of England

Million+

University of Abertay Dundee

Anglia Ruskin University

Bath Spa University

University of Bedfordshire

Birmingham City University

University of Bolton

Buckinghamshire New University

Coventry University

University of Derby

University of East London

Glasgow Caledonian University

University of Gloucestershire

University of Greenwich

Kingston University

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University of Central Lancashire

Leeds Metropolitan University

London Metropolitan University

London South Bank University

Middlesex University

Napier University

University of Northampton

Roehampton University

Southampton Solent University

Staffordshire University

University of Sunderland

University of Teesside

Thames Valley University

University of The West of Scotland

University of Wolverhampton

Further resources are available on the links below.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Triangle_\(UK_universities\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Triangle_(UK_universities))

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell_Group

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Brick_universities

<http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_Alliance

<http://www.university-alliance.ac.uk/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Million%2B>

<http://www.millionplus.ac.uk/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plate_glass_universities

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