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UNIVERSITY OF
ABERDEEN

Applicant Guide 2024 Entry



TOP 10 IN UK
Student Satisfaction
NSS 2023, 2022, 2021



Go Beyond Boundaries

What does our ancient tradition of modern thinking mean for you? It means being at the forefront of change – the chance to explore your potential at a research-intensive university that's home to 525 years of discovery. Since 1495, we've provided a place for debate, discussion, and discourse, and now it's your turn to join us. Bring your questions and drive forward learning with an interdisciplinary approach that enables you to tailor your degree to your interests and career goals. Find your home in a place of game-changing ideas and eureka moments.



Throughout the year we host a variety of events for prospective students, parents, teachers and careers staff. This includes Open Days, Offer Holder Day and online Applicant events.

Our Student Recruitment team host a series of tours and visits on our campuses throughout the year. There are also a number of pre-recorded virtual tours on our website and social media platforms, where you can see our beautiful campus at a time that suits you.

Whether you choose to visit as part of a group, individually, or interact with us via our online resources, our doors are always open.

Find out more:

abdn.ac.uk/visit

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Offer Holder Day: 24 April 2024
Our Offer Holder Day is specifically designed for those who already hold an offer to study at the University.

We will send you an invitation in early Spring. This day is designed to give offer holders the chance to speak to academic staff in depth about their chosen subject. It's also the perfect time to get a taste of student life on campus.

For more information, visit

abdn.ac.uk/offerholderday

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHOICE

At Aberdeen, we've been going beyond boundaries, beyond expectations and beyond tradition since 1495



When you join the university, we officially admit you to a degree (such as the MA, BSc, BEng or LLB) rather than to any specific subject. This gives maximum flexibility over the choice of courses that make up your degree programme.

The compulsory courses for your intended subject will occupy only part of your timetable in first and second year, and you will be free to fill your week with courses that interest you from other subjects, or from our selection of cross-disciplinary courses. In the first year, most students will study one or two (or even three) additional subjects alongside their main degree subject(s), narrowing down to two subjects in second year.

In their third and fourth years, they can specialise in just one subject for single honours, or continue with two (dividing their timetable equally) for joint honours.

Perhaps you came with the intention of studying Politics, but thought you might sample some Anthropology in your first year; if you fall in love with this new subject it will be perfectly possible to continue with it in second year, or to change to a Joint Honours degree in Politics and Anthropology, or even to graduate with Single Honours in Anthropology. The subject choice that you put on your UCAS application is not binding, and you can usually change from one subject to another within the same degree as your interests develop.

Even within the third year of a Single Honours degree, you will take a few credits from another subject. We call this flexibility 'Enhanced Study'. It provides the much needed versatility and adaptability necessary for success in the job market. Find out more:

abdn.ac.uk/study/aberdeen-degree

All the support and guidance you need

We'll not only guide you with your course choices, we'll assist you with looking after your health, your finances, your career, your personal and social life, and any other needs you have. We offer a range of support services including disability support, study support and a nursery.

Find out more:

abdn.ac.uk/students-support

student.support@abdn.ac.uk

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Your route to a top qualification

Aberdeen is one of the UK's most internationally distinguished universities, with a superb reputation dating back over five centuries. But we're also very forward thinking. We are ranked in the top 20 UK Universities and the Top 200 in the world*. With all this in mind, you can be sure your degree is from a well known and reputable institution.

Your path to a really great career

Our track record speaks for itself, year after year our graduates make us proud across all degree programmes! Our Careers and Employability Service assists our students in exploring their options, developing skills and experience alongside their degree programme, and connecting students with employer partners and alumni networks regionally, nationally and around the world.

abdn.ac.uk/study/employability

Your brilliant social life

It's the time of your life! University means much more than just study. Being a student means making new friends from many cultures and backgrounds.

It means opportunities to get involved in new interests and new experiences that you might never have thought about before. Students describe Aberdeen as offering an unrivalled social scene!

When you arrive, we'll help you get to know your way around and the Welcome Week programme will help you get involved and make you feel at home.

Your opportunity to develop your interests

New opportunities, new interests, new experiences, new friends. We've got them all in abundance at Aberdeen.

With over 150 active societies, from knitting to whisky tasting, there truly is something for everyone. If you enjoy sport you couldn't pick a better place to study. We have over 50 active Sport clubs and our indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities are truly first-class. Our Olympic standard Aberdeen Sports Village is your home for all things sport during your studies.

Find out more:

abdn.ac.uk/study/student-life

aberdeensportsvillage.com

Want to broaden your horizons?

Our numerous international connections offer opportunities for many of our students to study abroad for part of their degree. We offer exchange programmes with universities in North America, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, China and across Europe. Find out more:

abdn.ac.uk/go-abroad

* Guardian University Guide 2024, Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2024, Times Higher Education Ranking 2023

FIND YOUR TRUE NORTH

No matter where you've come from, you'll find home here in Aberdeen

Living in accommodation with other students will give you a great start at Aberdeen. You will make new friends during the first few weeks and these friends often stay with you throughout your university life and beyond.

Costs and additional information

Up-to-date information on the various accommodation offered by the University (including the all-important costs) is available on the accommodation website.

Applicants who have firmly accepted an offer of admission can apply online for accommodation up to the application deadline.

We endeavour to allocate first choice where possible but this is not guaranteed.



We offer:

- Guaranteed accommodation (T&Cs apply)
- Accommodation on or within walking distance of the main campus
- Frequent bus service including free shuttle bus between campuses
- 24hr social and study facilities at Hillhead Student Village
- A dedicated team to provide support and information
- 24/7 maintenance support
- Single study bedrooms
- Wireless network throughout
- Car parking and bike storage facilities
- Accessible accommodation

For more information and Frequently Asked Questions:

abdn.ac.uk/accommodation

studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk

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A CITY BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

The perfect place to find your purpose and your people

The city that has it all

Scotland's third largest city in Scotland, Aberdeen is a place with a unique combination of historic and contemporary cosmopolitan charm. Big enough for the 'big city' experience, student-friendly Aberdeen is still small enough to make it easy to find your way around and make friends.

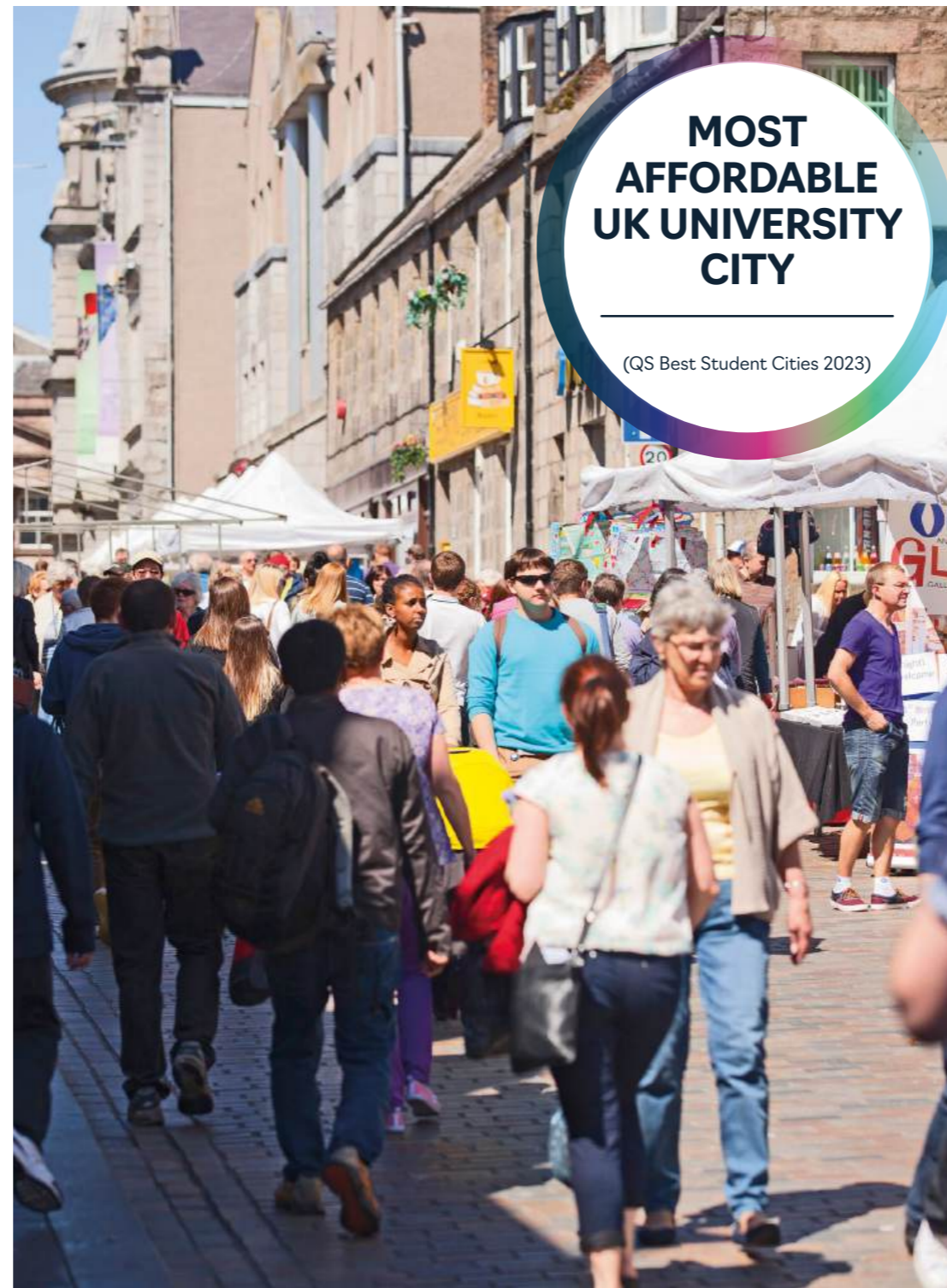
From the historic 15th century University campus in Old Aberdeen, it's just a short walk to the bustling city centre. It's just 30 minutes from the buzz of Union Street to the tranquillity of the nearby hills and countryside in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland.

Where else can you have lectures in the morning and ski in the afternoon, or sail, or windsurf, or climb, or canoe or...?

It's all here – and all so close at hand.

2nd SAFEST UNIVERSITY CITY IN THE UK

Unifresher 2023



MOST AFFORDABLE UK UNIVERSITY CITY

(QS Best Student Cities 2023)

At night Aberdeen really lights up with a nightlife second to none, with venues ranging from trendy clubs, to old-world pubs full of atmosphere, and everything in between. Our vibrant local music scene suits all tastes and includes regular major tours by well known bands, DJ's and singers.

Aberdeen also caters for all tastes in arts, culture, leisure and entertainment

with our well-known theatres and performing venues, cinemas, art gallery, museums and first-class sports and leisure facilities.

Shoppers be warned! Aberdeen has our shopping malls, all the well known high street stores, quirky vintage markets and plenty of charity shops where you'll find some great bargains!

Find out more:
[visitabdn.com](https://www.visitabdn.com)



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The University of Aberdeen is committed to attracting the very best students, regardless of financial circumstances, which is why we offer a large number of scholarships. Visit abdn.ac.uk/ugfinance

Scholarships

We recognise that being a student can be costly, so we offer a wide range of scholarships which could help manage your expenses. Scholarships are available across a wide range of categories - we offer scholarships based on academic achievement, financial need, and even sporting and musical excellence. Scholarships may be available for your first year only, or throughout your entire degree.

Find out more:

🔗 abdn.ac.uk/ugscholarships

Scholarships are only available to those who are offered and firmly accept a place at Aberdeen, and are available in addition to applicable Government loans and grants.

We also offer a range of scholarships and bursaries to support applicants from Scottish Widening Access backgrounds. If eligible, you will receive email updates with details of how to apply.

Tuition Fees

Scotland

Scottish-domiciled students can find out information regarding fees, and apply for financial support by contacting the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS):

🔗 saas.gov.uk

England, Wales, Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland

You can find out more about tuition fee loans and other government assistance by contacting the relevant body below.

Student Finance England

🔗 gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Finance Wales

🔗 studentfinancewales.co.uk

Student Finance Northern Ireland

🔗 studentfinancenir.co.uk

Irish Nationals domiciled in the Republic of Ireland

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)

🔗 saas.gov.uk

Our Student Support office provides advice on money matters and personal budgeting.

Find out more:

🔗 abdn.ac.uk/students/support

Our Careers and Employability Service is also on hand to help you find holiday and part-time work.

Find out more:

🔗 abdn.ac.uk/careers



Join the #BoundaryBreakers

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Keep in touch

Let us know if any of your details change. Find us on social media:

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 [@uniofaberdeen](#)

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Engage with us

Offer Holder Day 24 April 2024

Join us for a variety of academic and general informational talks as well as speaking to academics in Elphinstone Hall.

 abdn.ac.uk/offerholderday

Or make use of our open door policy by contacting visitus@abdn.ac.uk and give a few weeks' notice.



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Respond to offers

You need to respond to your offers by choosing a first (firm) and second (insurance) choice by the UCAS deadline. If your firm choice is an unconditional offer then the place is yours. If it is a conditional offer you must meet these conditions before the place is yours.



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Apply for accommodation

If you would like to stay in University accommodation visit:

 abdn.ac.uk/accommodation



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Meet the conditions of your offer

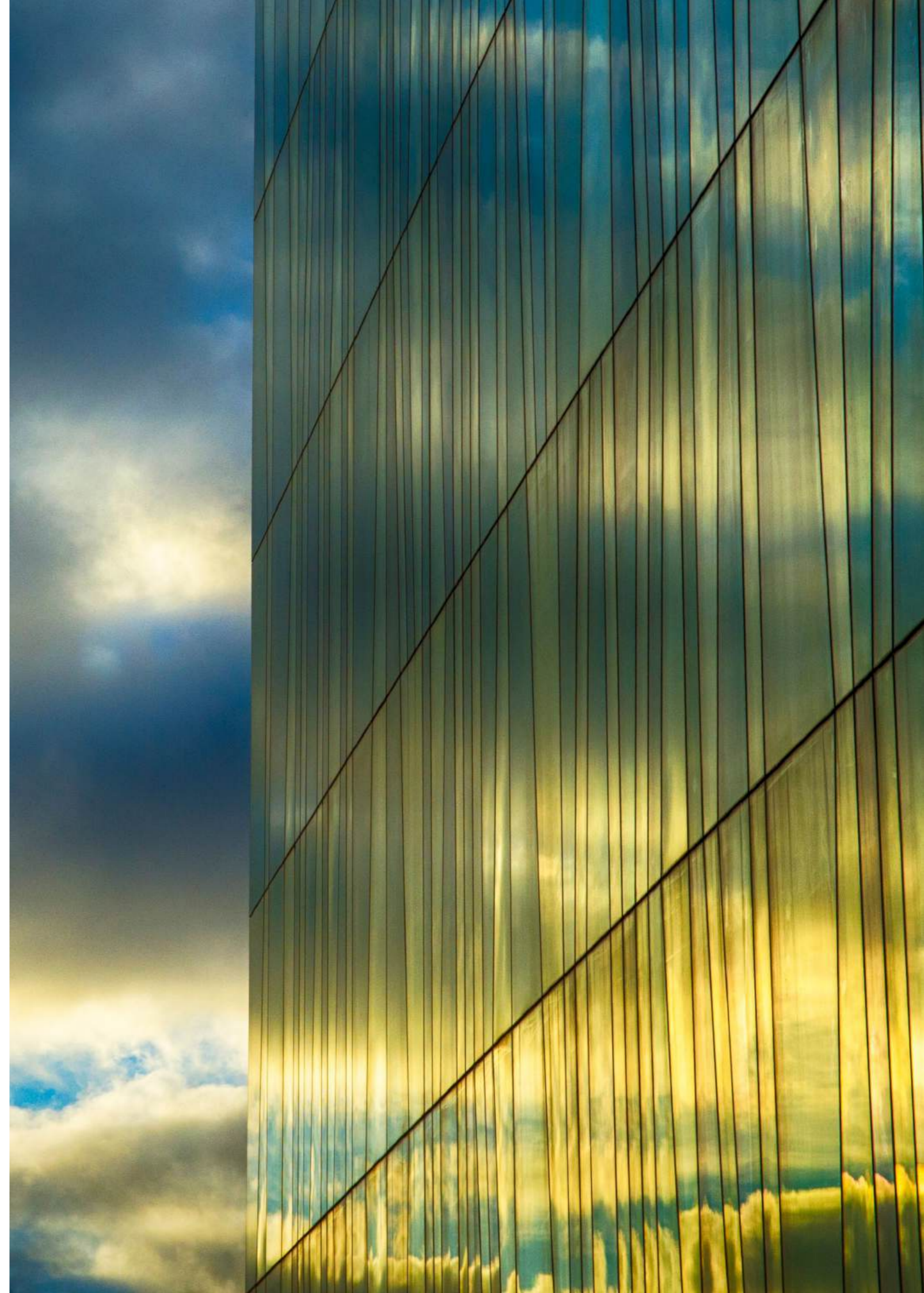
Once we have your school results and if you have met all the conditions of your offer, Aberdeen will confirm your place. We will get in touch but you can also follow this on UCAS Hub. If you don't meet your conditions, check Clearing as we may be able to offer you a place on another programme. If you are unsure about anything just get in touch.



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Get ready to arrive

We will send you a welcome pack with lots of information to help you get settled. Plan your Welcome Week activities, join in on social media and meet your future friends!



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Aberdeen continues to pursue best practice and high standards of service for all students. If you would like to receive this document in an alternative format, please contact the Student Recruitment and Admissions Service for more information.

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