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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

*Everything you need to know about university**

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Higher Education Landscape

- Expansion of Higher Education
- Raise in fees
- Mental Health

...but still people go to university (27.9 per cent of the 18 year old population)

University

Personal challenge

Focus on a favourite subject

An unforgettable experience

Access to leading experts in field of interest

Essential preparation for a particular career

Time to decide what to do

Transferable skills

Improved job prospects

....don't worry (Berkhamsted students) have time to make up your mind

How on earth do I choose?

From:

180+ Universities

Over 37,000 courses

To:

5 choices for UCAS

1 place to study

Courses

*Accountancy,
Acoustics,*

Actuarial Science,

Advertising,

Aeronautics,

Aesthetics,

African Studies,

*Archaeology,
Architecture,
Art,*

*Artificial Intelligence,
Asset Management,*

*Astronautics,
Astronomy,*

*Audio and Video Systems,
Automotive Engineering,*

Avionics,

Baking Technology,

Brewing and Distilling,

British Sign Language Interpretation,

Broadcasting,

Building,

Bulgarian,

Business,

Byzantine Studies,

Calligraphy,

Chemical Engineering,

Narrowing Down

- Course content
- Entry Requirements
- Reputation and Ranking
- Industry Connections
- Study Abroad



Where to study

– *Local college*

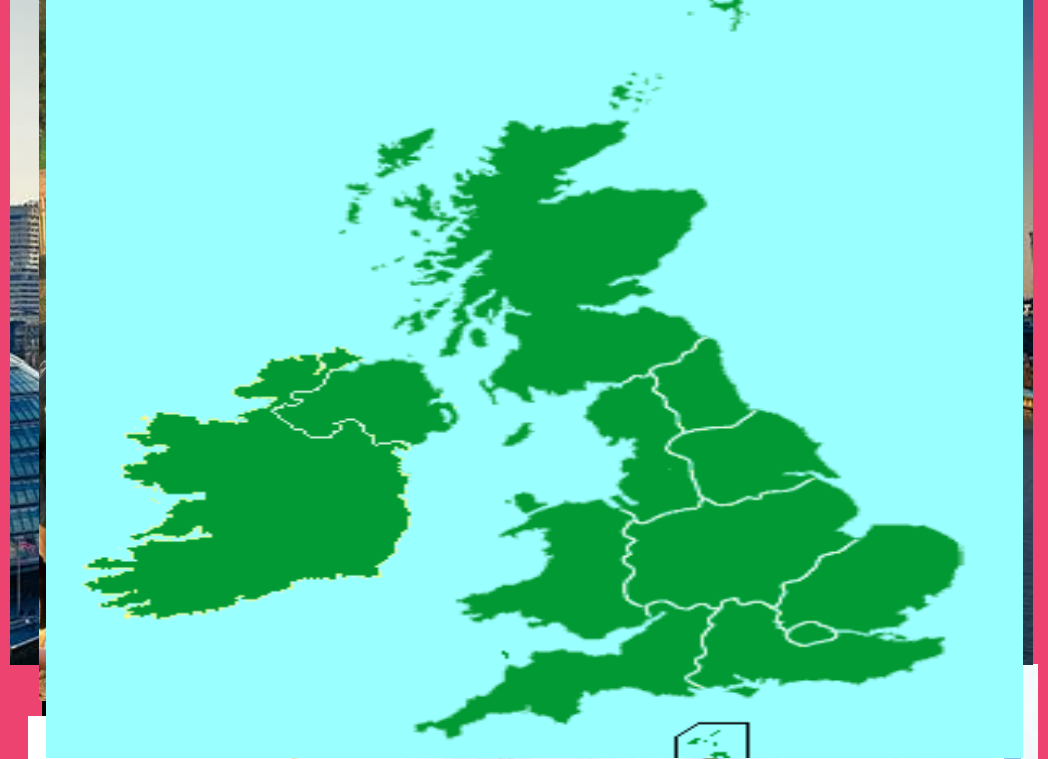
– Modern University

– Traditional University



Location

- *Big City*
- Somewhere quieter
- Across the world

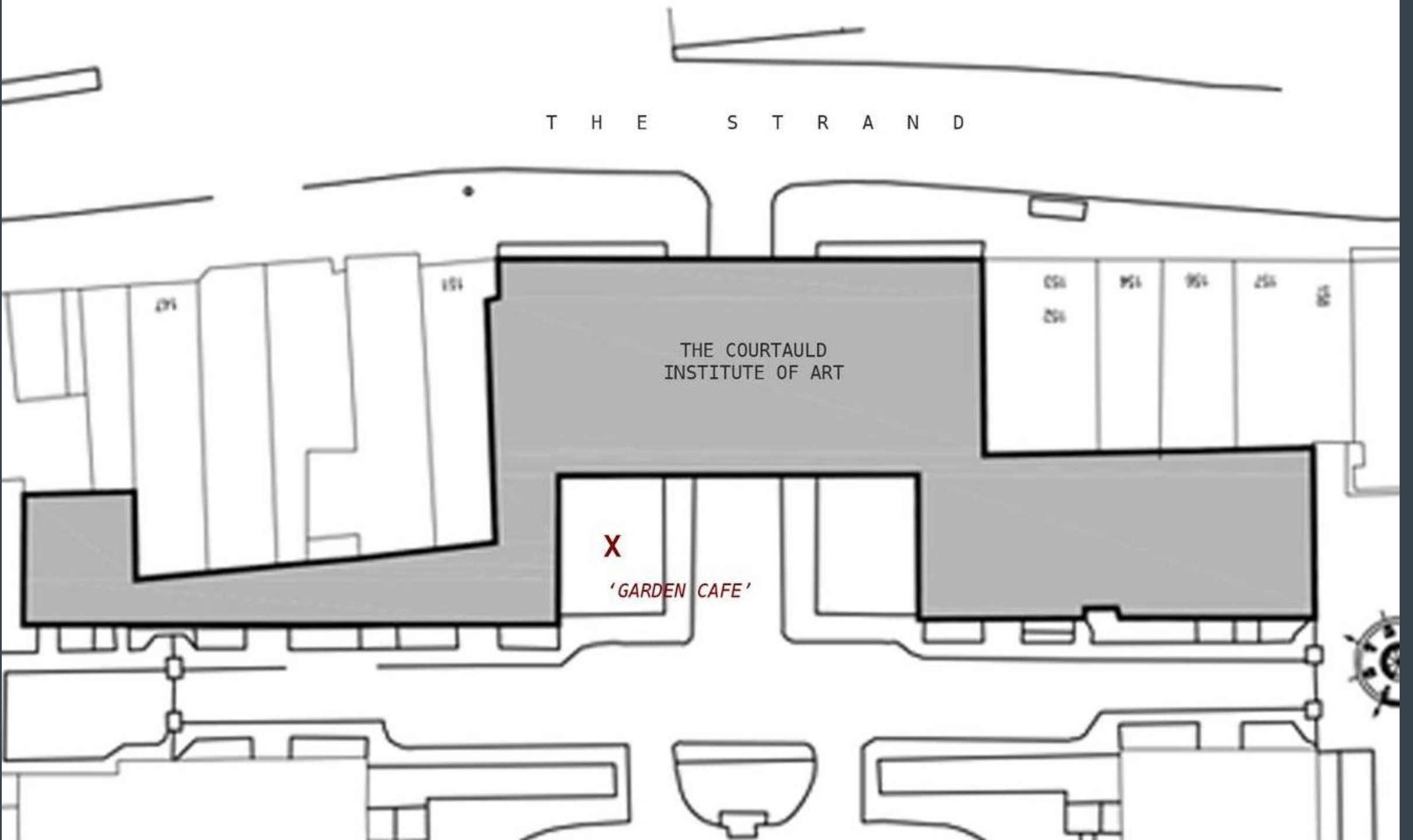


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

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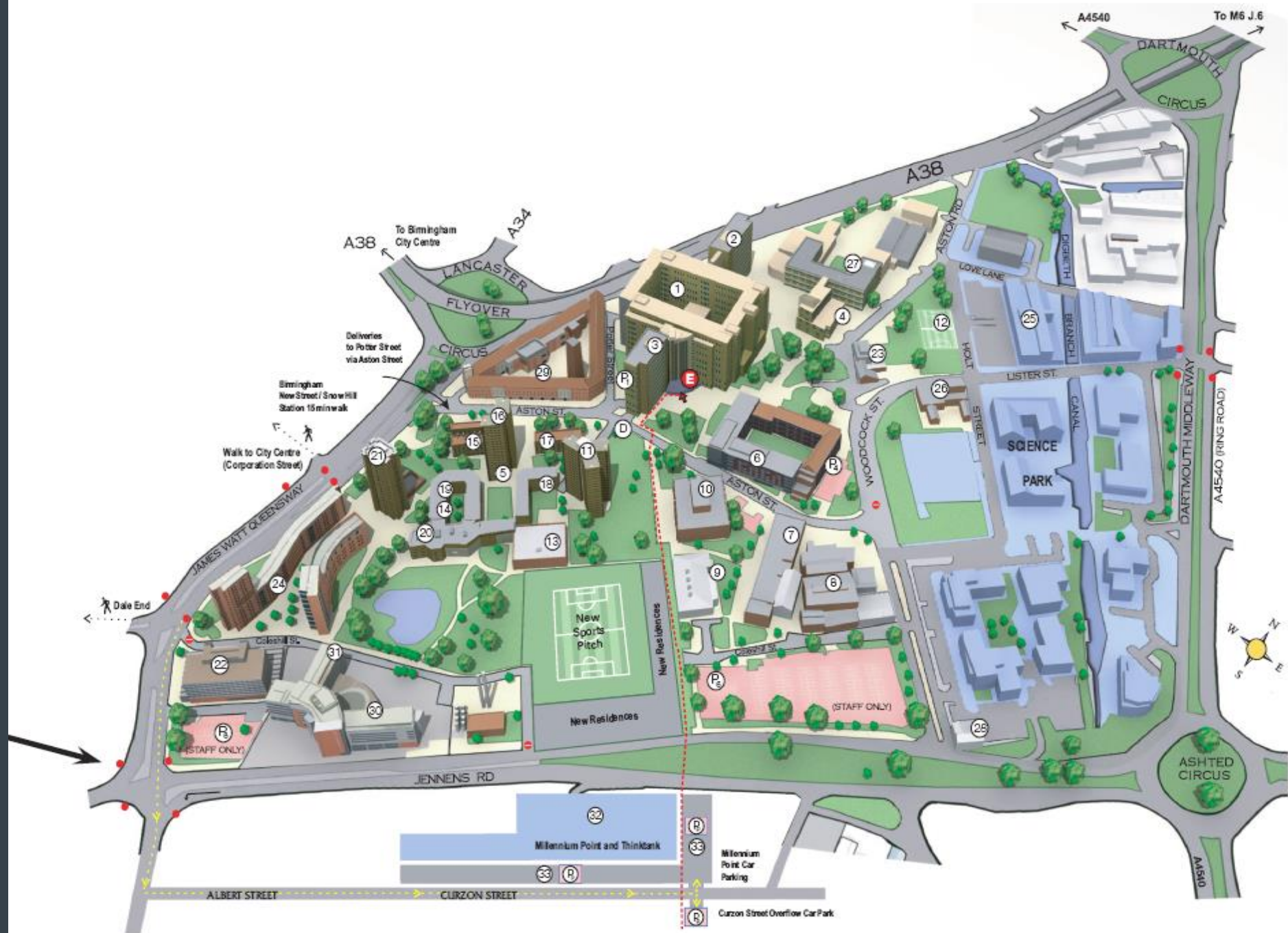
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-  One-way street
-  Overground station

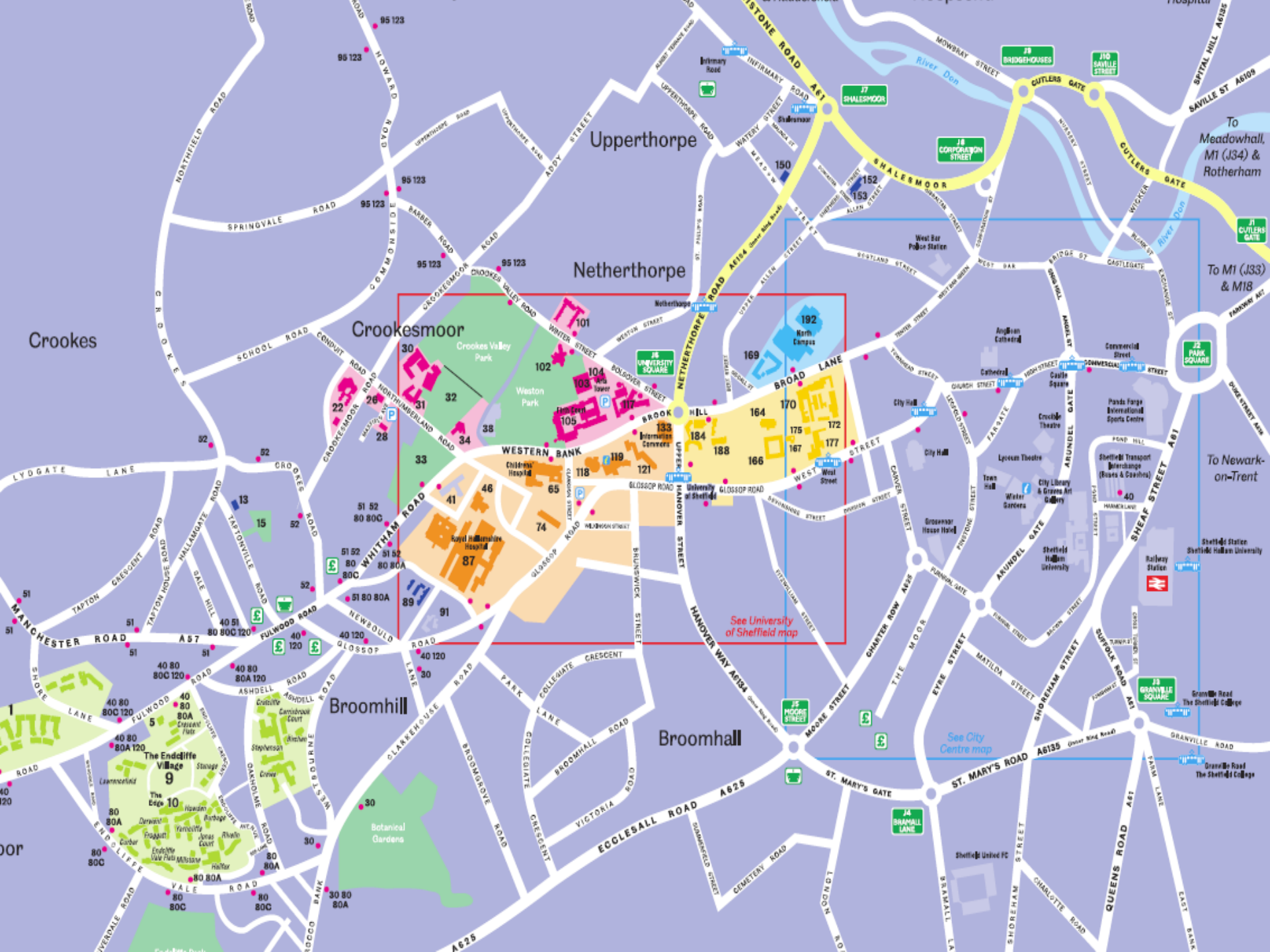
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-  Y2 Building name
-  Information point
-  Level access entrance
-  Steps
-  Public car park
-  Hospital
-  24 hour security
-  Bus stops
-  Library
-  Museum
-  Sport facilities
-  First aid
-  Food and drink
-  Retail
-  Toilets
-  ATM
-  Canal bridge
-  Sculpture trail
-  average walk time from Chancellor's Court







Upperthorpe

Netherthorpe

Crookesmoor

Broomhill

Crookes

To Meadowhall,
M1 (J34) &
Rotherham

To M1 (J33)
& M18

To Newark-
on-Trent

See University
of Sheffield map

See City
Centre map

DOR



Research

UCAS Fairs

University prospectuses

Talk to friends, family, teachers, careers advisors

The Internet

- *University websites*
- *UCAS website*
- *External websites (e.g. The Student Room, Times Higher Education, Guardian University Guide)*

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Applying to University

1st September

UCAS Apply available

15th October

Closing date for: Oxford/Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Veterinary Science

15th January

Closing date for all other courses

Applying to University

- *Apply Online*
- *Choose 5 course*
- *Reference*
- *Write a Personal Statement*



What should it look like?

It is a formal application

4,000 characters / 47 lines

Paragraphs are important

Spelling, grammar and punctuation should be perfect



Your personal statement

What is it?

A chance for you to explain why you are a good applicant, and why a university should accept you.

Why is it important?

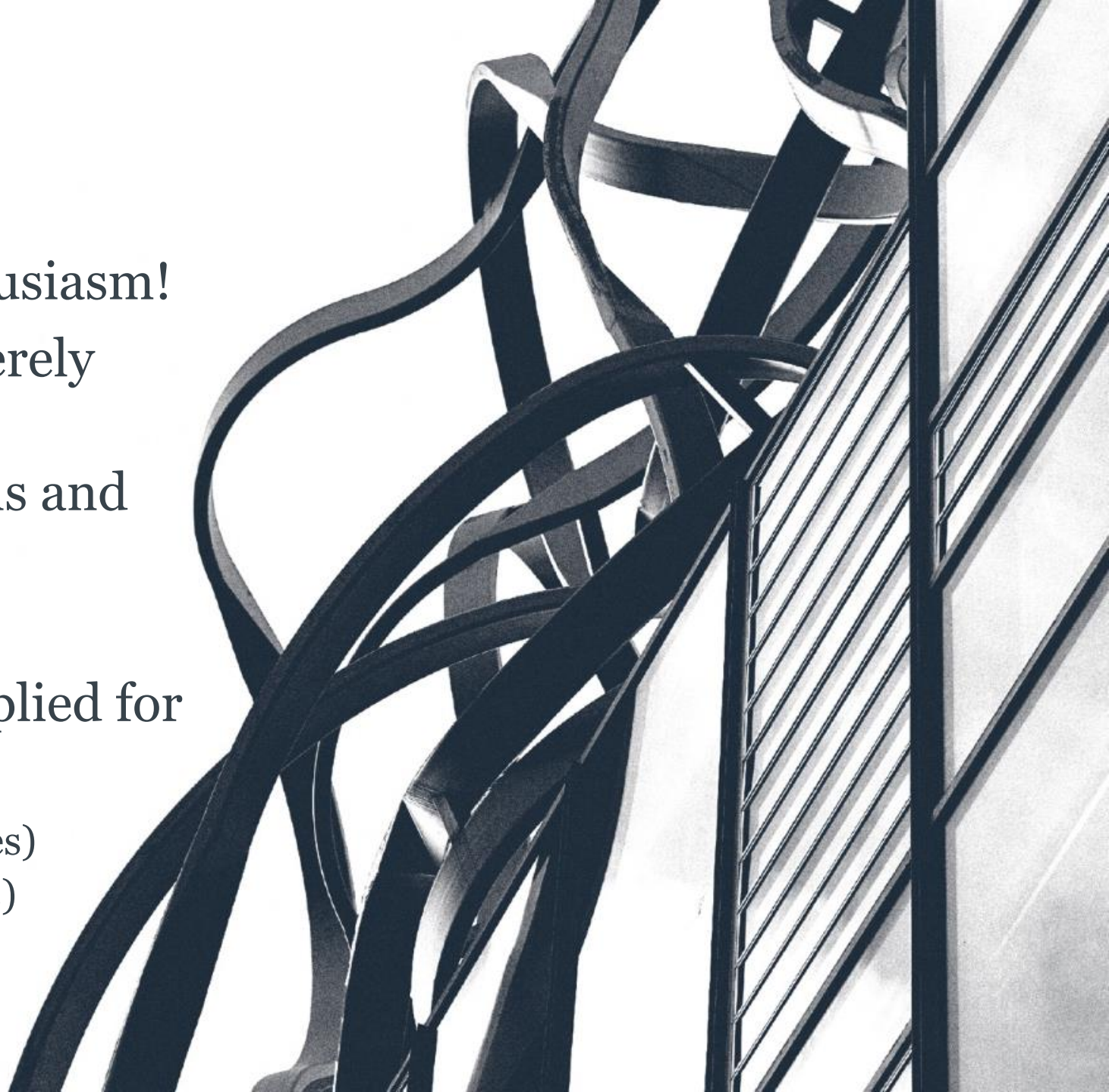
Most courses and universities don't interview, and make an offer based on your personal statement and grades.



Personal Statement

Content:

- Commitment, interest and enthusiasm!
- Analytical and reflective, not merely descriptive
- Relevant (and transferable) skills and abilities
- Work experience
- Understanding of the course applied for
- Rough rule of thumb
 - 75% academic (3000 characters/35 lines)
 - 25% personal (1000 characters/12 lines)



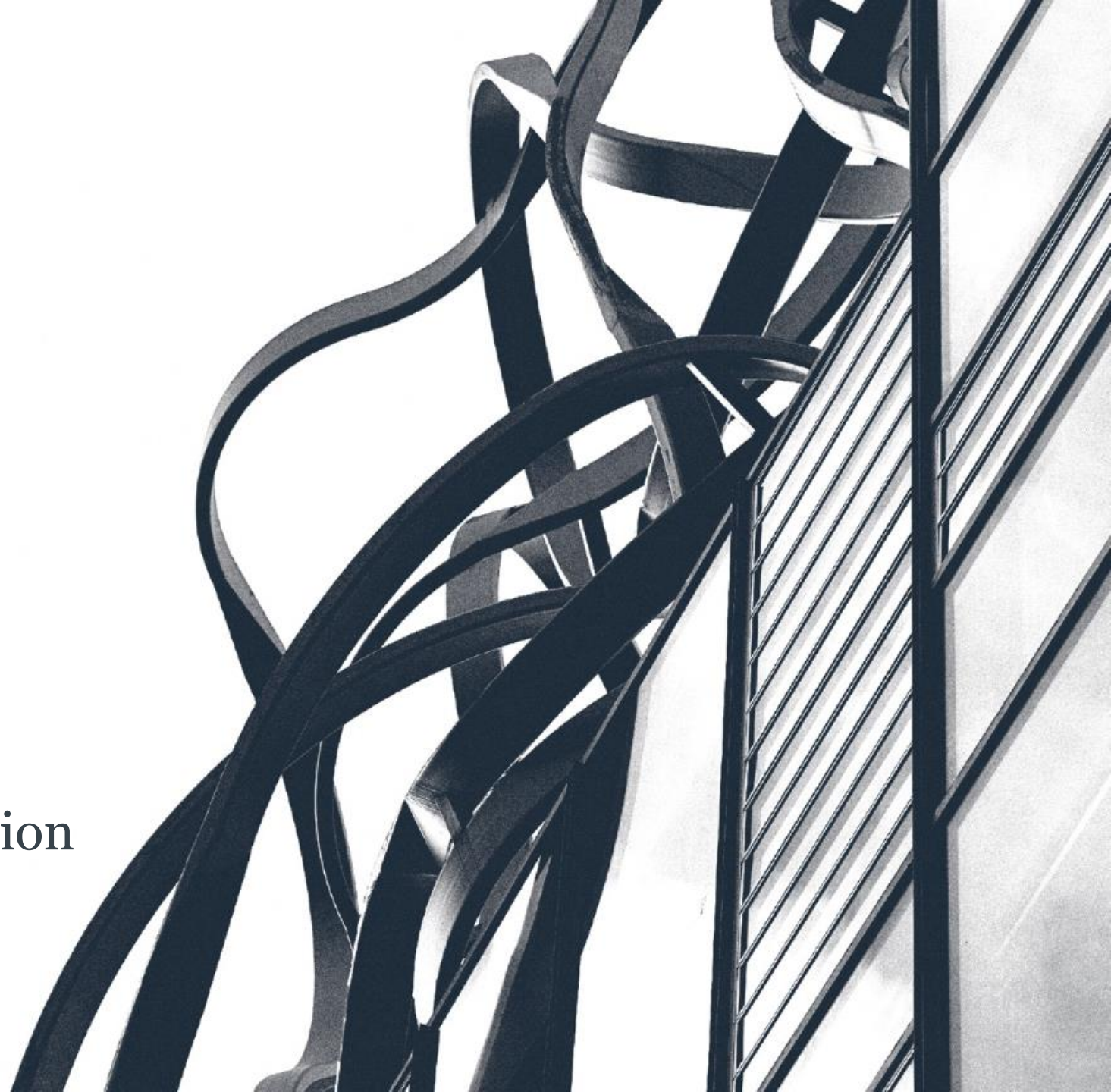
4 main things to include

The course

Skills and achievements

Hobbies and interests

Career aspirations and progression



The Application Process

Once a University receives your application, they may:

- Invite for interview / audition*
- Conditional Offer*
- Unconditional Offer*
- Reject*

The Application Process

Once you have received replies from all of your choices, you can:

- Accept as first choice*
- Accept as insurance choice*
- Reject*

The Application Process

What if...

You do not get any offers?

UCAS Extra

*You do not get the grades
for your firm or insurance
choice?*

Clearing

*You do better than
expected?*

Adjustment

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End of June

Late applications process closes

UCAS Extra closes

Mid August

Clearing starts