Faculty of Engineering
Merchant Venturers School of Engineering

UCAS Visit Day FAQ’s for BTEC/Access to HE 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 2nd and 16th March 2016 for Computer Science. You will receive an invite from the Admissions office if we think you have the potential to do well on one of our courses. The test will be held after the visit day in the Merchant Venturers Building.

3. What is the format of the test and how do I prepare?
   The maths diagnostic test will be 60 minutes in duration, and will consist of questions covering UK AS and A2 Mathematics topics, including Core 1, 2 and 3, and Mechanics 1 and 2 units. The test consists of three sections: maths (25 questions), quantitative comparison (14 questions), and graphs (6 questions).

   Specifications and past papers for UK A-Level examinations can be found on exam board sites, including AQA, Edexcel and OCR.

   Please let us know if you have any specific requirements that may need to be considered by contacting Amy Baker (Am.Baker@bristol.ac.uk, tel. 0117 3315255).
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?
The visit day is a chance to meet both staff and current students on the course, as well as to have a look around the department and facilities. Lunch will also be provided. Please see [http://www.bris.ac.uk/engineering/departments/computerscience/courses/visit/](http://www.bris.ac.uk/engineering/departments/computerscience/courses/visit/) for more information and a sample schedule. The visit day will finish at 4pm, and the maths test will take place afterwards.

6. Am I allowed to bring a guest to the Visit Day?
You are welcome to bring a guest to the Visit Day – there is a café and seating area where they can wait while you complete the maths test.

7. How do I get to the University? What are the travel arrangements?
The university maintains a [Maps and Guides](http://www.bris.ac.uk/) section that gives directions for all forms of transport. If travelling from Temple Meads station, we provide a coach which leaves at 11.30 to arrive at the Merchant Venturers Building in time for registration. Bus numbers 8 and 9 run from Woodland Road to Temple Meads every 10 minutes.

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.