

✓ SECTION 1: PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Tell me about myself.

My name is Raghav Pratapbhai Hingu.

I am 25-year-old.

I am from Anand, Gujarat state.

Provide below information if they ask, separately

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Schooling

I successfully completed my 10th standard (SSC - Secondary School Certificate) in **March 2016** from Gujarat Secondary & Higher Secondary Education Board with **52.83%** and a **percentile rank of 63.03%**.

Name of School: _____

I then pursued Senior Secondary School Examination (12th standard with Science Stream) in **April 2019** from National Institute of Open Schooling with **53.14%**, then pursued **Sanitary Inspectors' Diploma Course** from **June 2019** to **September 2020** from All India Institute of Local Self-Government with **73.38%**, then pursued **Bachelor of Science (Computer Applications and Information Technology)** from **June 2022** to **April 2025** from Natubhai V Patel College of Pure and Applied Sciences with CGPA 8.70.

In case if they ask,

My school's name is for 12th_____.

Then I have decided to pursue my further education in **MSc Computing** at The University of Law on their London Bloomsbury Campus for the October 2026 intake.

Tell me about my family. (Need to discuss with Raghav)

I come from a supportive and well-grounded family in A.

My father is engaged in building construction business, and my mother is a homemaker. I also have siblings who are currently pursuing their education.

My family places a strong emphasis on education, and they have been very encouraging about my decision to study abroad. They have not only supported me emotionally but also ensured that I have the necessary financial and moral backing to pursue my goals overseas.

- **Why do you want to study in the UK?**

- **General Answer**

- I chose the **United Kingdom** because it is globally recognised for its high academic standards and respected universities.

- The UK education system focuses on **practical learning, case studies, research, and industry-based projects.**
- Master's programs in the UK usually take **only one year**, making them time-efficient compared to many other countries.
- The UK offers a **multicultural learning environment**, where students gain global exposure and cross-cultural understanding.
- Studying at **Middlesex University in London** provides exposure to one of the world's leading business and financial hubs.
- This combination of **academic quality, international exposure, and practical knowledge** will support my long-term career goals in international business management.

- **Personal Answer**

- I chose to study in the UK because it offers several advantages that directly support my academic background and long-term career goals in the computing sector.
 - **Firstly, the UK is globally recognised for its high-quality education system and internationally respected degrees.** A UK master's degree is highly valued by employers in India and around the world. Earning an MSc Computing degree will strengthen my professional profile and give me a competitive advantage when applying for higher-level roles in the Indian IT industry.
 - **Secondly, UK courses are highly practical and employability-focused.** Compared to many traditional programmes, UK universities place greater emphasis on real-world application, project-based learning, problem-solving, and industry-relevant assignments. This practical approach will help me develop skills that are directly applicable in the workplace.
 - **Thirdly, I will gain valuable professional skills beyond technical knowledge.** The course will help me develop research skills, critical thinking abilities, collaborative group-working skills, problem-solving skills, presentation skills,

and professional communication skills. These competencies are essential for success in modern technology and business environments.

- **Another important reason is the multicultural learning environment in the UK.** I will study alongside students from different countries, cultures, and professional backgrounds. This diversity will broaden my perspective, improve my intercultural communication skills, and help me become more adaptable in international work environments.
- **The UK will also provide exposure to a different business and technology environment.** The country is known for innovation, digital transformation, and strong industry-academia collaboration. Understanding international business practices and global technology trends will help me apply this knowledge effectively when I return to India.
- **In addition, I will have the opportunity to build a global professional network.** By interacting with international students, academics, and industry professionals, I can establish valuable professional connections that may support future collaborations and career development.
- **The location of my studies is also a major advantage.** I will be studying at the London Bloomsbury Campus of the University of Law. London is one of the world's leading centres for technology, business, and innovation. The city offers access to industry events, professional networking opportunities, multinational companies, and a diverse international community, making it an excellent environment for academic and professional growth.
- **I carefully compared studying in the UK with studying in India before making my decision.** While India has many good universities, I found that UK master's programmes offer a stronger combination of international exposure, practical learning, industry-focused teaching, multicultural interaction, and globally recognised qualifications. These factors align more closely with my career objectives.
- **Personally, the UK education system will help me transform from a graduate with technical knowledge into a globally competent IT professional.** It will enhance my technical expertise, professional skills, confidence, communication abilities, and international outlook.
- **After completing my MSc Computing degree, I intend to return to India and pursue career opportunities in software development, web technologies, and emerging computing fields.** The advanced knowledge, practical skills, international exposure, and global perspective gained from studying in the UK will help me contribute more effectively to the growing Indian technology sector and achieve my long-term career goals.

Why not India

India has many reputable universities and I did consider studying there. However, after carefully comparing the options, I found that studying in the UK would provide several advantages that are more closely aligned with my academic and professional goals.

The main reason is that UK master's programmes are generally more **practical, industry-focused, and internationally oriented**. The MSc Computing programme that I have chosen offers a strong emphasis on applied learning, research, problem-solving, group projects, and professional development, which will help me build skills that are highly valued in the global technology industry.

Another important factor is **international exposure**. In the UK, I will study with students from different countries and cultural backgrounds. This multicultural environment will help me develop global communication skills, cross-cultural understanding, and an international professional network, which would be more limited in a domestic study environment.

I was also attracted by the **global recognition of a UK qualification**. A master's degree from a UK university is respected worldwide and will enhance my career prospects when I return to India.

In addition, studying in the UK will expose me to a different **technology and business environment**, allowing me to learn international industry practices, emerging technologies, and global workplace standards. This experience will help me contribute more effectively to the growing IT sector in India.

Therefore, my decision was not because India lacks good universities. Rather, the UK offers a unique combination of **international exposure, practical learning, global recognition, multicultural interaction, professional networking opportunities, and industry-focused education**, which best supports my long-term career objectives.

Why Not Any Other Country?

When comparing higher education options worldwide, I carefully evaluated universities in countries like the USA, Canada, and Australia alongside the UK's University of Law. While each destination has its merits, several factors make the most suitable choice for me.

In the USA, master's programs are often two years long, with tuition fees averaging \$30,000–\$50,000 per year, excluding living costs of \$15,000–\$20,000 annually.

Similarly, Canada offers excellent academic quality, but tuition fees still range from CAD 20,000–35,000 per year, with a two-year duration, and higher competition for scholarships and post-study opportunities.

Talking about Australia's master's programs typically take 1.5–2 years, with fees between AUD 25,000–45,000 per year, plus a living cost requirement of around AUD 21,000 annually. These longer durations increase both total expenses and the time before entering the workforce.

I specifically selected the UK because it offered the best combination of **academic quality, international recognition, practical learning, shorter programme duration, multicultural exposure, and alignment with my long-term career plans in the computing field.**

Therefore, while other countries also offer good educational opportunities, I found that the UK was the most suitable destination to help me achieve my academic objectives and enhance my future career prospects in India.

Have consider any other university apart from university of LAW in UK?

Yes, I considered other universities before choosing the University of Law. I researched institutions such as Northumbria University and a few other universities offering Computing and Computer Science programmes. However, after comparing factors such as course content, tuition fees, duration, employability focus, location, and industry exposure, I found that the University of Law was the most suitable option for my academic and career objectives.

Criteria	University of Law (MSc Computing)	Northumbria University (MSc Computer Science)
Tuition Fee	£17,500 with a £1,500 International Bursary, making the effective fee £16,000	Approximately £21,500 for international students
Duration	1 Year Full-Time	1 Year Full-Time

Location	London Bloomsbury Campus, London	Newcastle upon Tyne
Core Modules	Software Development, Web Technologies, Applications of AI, Data Management Technologies, Computing Project	Systems Analysis, Networks, Databases, Software Engineering and related Computer Science modules
Industry Exposure	Live projects, networking events, guest speakers, local and national company engagement	Strong computing facilities and industry-oriented curriculum
Student Diversity	Students from more than 126 countries	International student community

The University of Law stood out for several reasons.

First, the MSc Computing programme closely matches my academic background in Computer Applications and IT. The modules in Software Development, Web Technologies, Artificial Intelligence, and Data Management directly align with my previous studies and my experience as a Front-End Developer.

Second, the university places a strong emphasis on employability. The opportunity to work on live projects, interact with industry professionals, attend networking events, and gain practical exposure was particularly attractive to me.

Third, the tuition fee was more affordable compared to several other universities I researched, especially after receiving the International Bursary.

Fourth, studying in London is a major advantage because it is one of the world's leading technology, business, and innovation hubs. It offers greater exposure to international companies, professional events, and networking opportunities.

Therefore, while I did consider other universities, the University of Law offered the best combination of relevant modules, practical learning,

employability focus, location advantages, international exposure, and overall value for my investment. That is why I selected the University of Law for my MSc Computing programme.

Why University of LAW?

I chose the University of Law after comparing it with other UK universities offering Computing-related master's programmes, including Northumbria University and other institutions. I compared the universities based on course modules, employability, student satisfaction, tuition fees, scholarship opportunities, industry exposure, facilities, and career support.

Firstly, the course modules at the University of Law matched my academic background and career goals better. As I have completed a BSc in Computer Applications & IT and currently work as a Front-End Developer, I was particularly interested in modules such as **Software Development, Web Technologies, Data Management Technologies, Applications of Artificial Intelligence, Professional Development, and the MSc Computing Project.** These modules are directly relevant to my previous studies and future career plans.

Secondly, employability was one of the most important factors in my decision. The University of Law has an overall **5-Star QS Rating** and has received 5 stars specifically for Employability. The university reports that **91% of postgraduate students who were employed were in highly skilled employment within 15 months of graduation.** The course also includes dedicated Computing Careers Consultants, employability workshops, networking events, interview preparation, CV support, and opportunities to work with local and national companies on live projects.

Thirdly, student experience and teaching quality influenced my decision. The University of Law was ranked among the **Top 10 universities in the UK for Teaching in the National Student Survey 2024** and holds a **Gold rating for Student Experience** in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). These indicators gave me confidence in the quality of teaching and student support available.

Fourthly, the tuition fees and scholarship support were attractive. The MSc Computing tuition fee is **£17,500**, and I received a **£1,500 International Bursary**, reducing my effective tuition fee to **£16,000**. Compared with

several other universities offering similar programmes, I found this to be a good balance between cost and value.

Fifthly, I was impressed by the practical learning facilities and industry-focused approach. The programme includes live labs, live coding exercises, hackathons, guest speakers, networking events, cloud-based learning platforms, high-specification computers, and specialist equipment such as VR headsets. The university also provides access to industry-recognised learning opportunities through the **AWS Academy** and **Cisco Networking Academy**.

Sixthly, the university offers opportunities to gain practical experience through live projects and industry engagement. Students have opportunities to work with local and national companies to solve real-world business challenges, helping them develop workplace-ready skills and strengthen their professional profiles.

Finally, the London Bloomsbury Campus was a significant advantage. London is one of the world's leading technology, business, and innovation centres. Studying there will allow me to build professional networks, attend industry events, and gain exposure to an international business environment.

Therefore, after carefully comparing universities, I concluded that the University of Law offered the best combination of **relevant modules, strong employability outcomes, high teaching quality, practical industry exposure, modern facilities, scholarship support, and a strategic London location.** These factors made it the most suitable choice for my MSc Computing studies and long-term career objectives.

Why you chose this course?

I chose the MSc Computing course because it directly aligns with my **academic background, current skills, and long-term career goals in IT and software development.**

I have completed a **BSc in Computer Applications & IT**, where I studied programming, databases, web development, and software fundamentals. In my role as a **Front-End Developer**, I gained practical experience in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, UI development, and debugging. However, I need more advanced knowledge to grow further in my career.

This course is suitable because it covers **advanced computing areas such as Software Development, Web Technologies, Data Management Technologies, Applications of Artificial Intelligence, and a Computing Project**. These modules directly match my academic background and industry experience.

A key reason for choosing this course is its strong focus on **practical learning and employability**. It includes **live projects, coding exercises, group work, presentations, and real-world problem-solving**, which will help me develop **technical, analytical, teamwork, and communication skills**.

The course also provides exposure to **modern tools, technologies, and industry practices**, which are important for staying updated in the IT field.

Overall, I selected this course because it **bridges the gap between my current knowledge and advanced industry requirements**, strengthens my **technical and professional skills**, and supports my long-term goal of building a successful career in the computing industry after returning to India.

What is the course structure?

I chose this MSc Computing course because its structure is highly practical, industry-oriented, and directly aligned with my academic background in **BSc Computer Applications & IT** and my experience as a **Front-End Developer**.

The course is structured across three main semesters and focuses on both core computing fundamentals and advanced industry skills.

Semester 1 – Core Foundations

The course begins with strong foundational modules such as:

- **Software Development (15 credits):** Builds core programming logic using Python, GitHub, and software engineering principles.
- **Web Technologies (30 credits):** Covers full-stack development including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, backend systems, and deployment tools.

These modules are directly relevant to my current skills in web development and help strengthen my foundation in professional software engineering.

Semester 2 – Advanced Computing Concepts

This semester focuses on higher-level computing topics:

- **Data Management Technologies (30 credits):** Covers databases including SQL, NoSQL, cloud-based data systems, and enterprise data handling.
- **Applications of Artificial Intelligence (15 credits):** Introduces AI systems, machine learning concepts, intelligent agents, and real-world AI applications.

These modules are important because they expand my knowledge beyond front-end development into **data systems and AI**, which are key growth areas in the IT industry.

Semester 3 – Specialisation and Industry Skills

The final stage includes applied and advanced modules:

- **Programming and AI Orchestration (15 credits):** Focuses on advanced programming, AI tools integration, debugging, and modern software workflows.
- **Distributed Processing and Data Engineering (15 credits):** Covers cloud computing, Docker, Kubernetes, Apache Spark, and scalable data systems.
- **MSc Computing Project (60 credits):** A major independent project where students design and implement a real-world computing solution.
- **Professional Development (0 credits):** Builds employability skills such as CV writing, interviews, teamwork, and networking.

Why this structure is suitable for me

This course is well designed because it:

- Starts with **strong programming and web development foundations**
- Progresses to **advanced AI, data management, and cloud computing**
- Ends with a **real-world industry project and professional development**

- Combines **theory with practical application and employability skills**

Final reason for choosing this course

I selected this MSc Computing programme because its structure perfectly bridges the gap between my current experience in web development and my goal of becoming a skilled computing professional. It provides both **technical depth and practical industry exposure**, which is essential for my long-term career growth in the IT sector.

How your previous course is relevant with MSc ?

My previous course, **BSc Computer Applications & IT**, is highly relevant to my chosen **MSc Computing** because it provides the foundational knowledge required for advanced study in the same field.

During my bachelor's degree, I studied core computing subjects such as **programming fundamentals, database management systems, web development, software engineering basics, and computer networks**. These subjects helped me build a strong base in logical thinking, coding, and understanding how software systems are designed and implemented. In addition to academics, I also gained practical experience as a **Front-End Developer**, where I worked with **HTML, CSS, JavaScript, UI design, and debugging web applications**. This experience helped me apply my theoretical knowledge to real-world projects and improved my technical and problem-solving skills.

The MSc Computing course is a natural progression from my previous studies because it moves from **basic and intermediate computing concepts to advanced topics** such as:

- Software Development (advanced programming concepts)
- Web Technologies (full-stack and modern frameworks)
- Data Management Technologies (advanced databases, cloud systems)
- Applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI fundamentals and applications)

- Distributed Processing and Data Engineering (cloud computing and scalable systems)

These areas directly build upon what I have already studied and experienced. While my bachelor's degree gave me foundational knowledge, the MSc will help me develop **advanced technical expertise, industry-level skills, and exposure to emerging technologies.**

Overall, my previous education and work experience provide a strong base, and the MSc Computing programme is the next logical step to enhance my capabilities and prepare me for higher-level roles in the IT industry.

What is teaching excellence frame work?

The **Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)** is a national assessment system developed by the UK Government to evaluate the quality of teaching, learning environment, and student outcomes in UK universities. It aims to provide transparent and reliable information to help students make informed choices about where to study, while also encouraging institutions to continuously improve the quality of education they offer. The TEF assesses universities in three main areas: teaching quality, learning environment, and student outcomes, such as employment or further study after graduation. Institutions are rated Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Requires Improvement based on both statistical data (like student satisfaction, drop-out rates, and graduate success) and a detailed written submission explaining how they support student learning and achievement.

How will you find accommodation near University of Law?

Answer:

Need to ask, University Student Accommodation or Outside in PG

How will you travel from the airport to University, and what are your alternative options? (Will not be asked)

What is the nearest metro/bus station to the university? (Will not be asked)

What are your career plans after the course?

After completing my **MSc Computing**, my career plan is to return to India and build a structured career in the IT and software development sector. In the **short term**, I aim to work as a **Software Developer or Front-End Developer**, where I can apply my skills in **web technologies, software development, programming, databases, and UI development**. My focus will be on gaining strong industry experience by working on live projects and improving my coding efficiency, debugging skills, and understanding of real-world system development.

In the **medium term**, I plan to grow into roles such as **Full Stack Developer or Senior Software Engineer**. The MSc Computing programme will strengthen my knowledge in **software development, data management, artificial intelligence, and distributed computing**, which will help me contribute to more complex system design, application architecture, and team-based development projects.

In the **long term**, my goal is to establish myself as a highly skilled IT professional in India's technology industry. I aim to work on **advanced software solutions, AI-based applications, and scalable computing systems**, and take on greater responsibilities in software architecture and technical leadership.

Overall, my career plan after MSc Computing is to build a progressive career in the IT sector in India by using the **advanced technical knowledge, practical skills, and international exposure** gained through my UK education.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

In the next **5 years**, I see myself established in the **IT and software development industry in India**, working in a stable and progressive technical role.

Initially, after completing my **MSc Computing**, I will start as a **Software Developer or Front-End Developer**, applying my skills in **web technologies, programming, databases, and software development practices**. During this stage, my focus will be on gaining strong hands-on experience by working on real-world projects and improving my technical and problem-solving abilities.

Within 5 years, I aim to progress into a more advanced role such as **Full Stack Developer or Senior Software Engineer**, where I will contribute to **system design, application development, and complex project implementation**. The advanced knowledge gained during my MSc in **software development, data management, artificial intelligence, and distributed computing** will support this progression.

In addition to technical growth, I also expect to develop strong **teamwork, communication, and project management skills**, allowing me to take on more responsibility within development teams.

Overall, in 5 years, I see myself as a **skilled and experienced IT professional in India**, working on meaningful software projects, contributing to organizational growth, and continuously upgrading my skills in line with emerging technologies.

✓ SECTION: LOCATION – CAMPUS, TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

1. Which university and campus are you going to study at? Where is it located?

I will be studying at the **University of Law, London Bloomsbury Campus**, which is located in **central London, United Kingdom**.

2. What is the nearest metro/bus stop to the university? (NA)

The **Hendon Central Tube Station** is the nearest underground station, which is on the Northern Line and just 9 minutes from the university campus. There are also multiple bus stops around the university that make commuting affordable and convenient. I plan to use the **Transport for London (TFL)** app and **Citymapper** for navigating the city.

3. How will you travel from the airport to your accommodation? (NA)

I will be arriving at **London Heathrow Airport**, and Middlesex University provides a **Meet & Greet service** for international students. I plan to avail this service. If unavailable, I will use public transport, as the UK has excellent connectivity. Apps like TFL and Google Maps make it easy to navigate from the airport to my university accommodation via the Tube and buses.

4. Where will you stay in the UK?

Need to ask, University Student Accommodation or Outside in PG

✓ SECTION: FINANCE – FEES, FUNDING, AND SPONSORSHIP

5. What is your tuition fee? How much have you paid so far?

My total tuition fee for the MSc Computing programme at the **University of Law, London Bloomsbury Campus**, is **£17,500**.

I have also received an **International Bursary of £1,500**, which reduces my effective tuition fee to **£16,000**.

As per my admission requirements, I have paid an **initial tuition deposit of £8,000** to secure my place on the course and support my visa process. The remaining fee will be paid as per the university's payment schedule.

6. Who is sponsoring your studies?

need to discuss

7. How will you show your funds for visa purposes?

need to discuss

✓ SECTION: MONTHLY EXPENSES & COST OF LIVING

9. What is your estimated monthly expenditure in the UK?

My estimated monthly expenditure in the UK, particularly in London, is approximately **£1,200 to £1,500 per month**.

This includes:

- **Accommodation (shared/student housing):** around £700–£900
- **Food and groceries:** around £200–£300
- **Transport (Oyster card / travel):** around £100–£150
- **Utilities, mobile, and internet:** around £100–£150
- **Personal and miscellaneous expenses:** around £100–£150

London is a higher-cost city, so I have considered a realistic budget based on student living standards. I will manage my expenses through financial support arranged for my

studies, and I have already planned my budget carefully to ensure smooth living throughout my course duration.

10. What is the UKVI maintenance fund requirement for London?

As per **UKVI (UK Visas and Immigration) financial requirements**, my living cost in London is estimated at **£1,483 per month**.

Since my course is in London, UKVI requires proof of living expenses for up to **9 months**, which totals approximately **£13,347** for maintenance funds.

This amount covers basic living costs such as:

- Accommodation
- Food and groceries
- Local transport
- Utilities and personal expenses

This figure is based on the official UKVI maintenance requirement for students studying in London, and I have ensured that my financial planning aligns with these guidelines for my study visa application.

What is the FHEQ and why is it important?

✓ Answer:

The **FHEQ**, or **Framework for Higher Education Qualifications**, is a national system developed by the **Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)** in the United Kingdom. It is designed to **define, structure, and maintain the academic standards** of higher education qualifications awarded by UK universities. It plays a crucial role in ensuring that all degrees—regardless of the institution—meet a consistent level of academic quality, learning outcomes, and intellectual rigour.

The FHEQ provides a **clear and logical structure** for qualifications, ranging from undergraduate to doctoral levels, and assigns each type of qualification to a **specific level** based on the complexity of learning, depth of subject knowledge, and expected outcomes. This framework ensures that students, universities, employers, and international institutions understand what each qualification represents in terms of academic achievement.

There are **five main levels** within the FHEQ:

- **Level 4:** Certificate of Higher Education (equivalent to the first year of a bachelor's degree)

- **Level 5:** Diploma of Higher Education or Foundation Degree (second year of a bachelor's degree)
- **Level 6:** Bachelor's Degree (BA, BSc)
- **Level 7:** Master's Degree (MSc, MA, MBA, LLM)
- **Level 8:** Doctoral Degree (PhD, DPhil)

For example, my course—**MSc in International Business Management at Middlesex University**—is classified as a **Level 7 qualification** under the FHEQ. This means it is a **postgraduate qualification** requiring advanced knowledge, critical thinking, independent research skills, and the ability to apply business concepts in a strategic and global context.

What makes the FHEQ particularly valuable is that it is **aligned with other international frameworks**, such as the **European Qualifications Framework (EQF)** and the **Bologna Process**, making UK qualifications easily comparable and respected worldwide. This is essential for students like me who want to work internationally or return to our home countries with a degree that holds global credibility.

The FHEQ also serves to **protect the integrity and reputation of UK higher education**. By clearly outlining the expectations for each level of study, it ensures that all degree programmes are rigorous, challenging, and truly reflective of the qualification title. Universities are expected to map their curriculum, learning outcomes, and assessments against FHEQ benchmarks, which are reviewed regularly to keep up with changes in industry and academia.

In summary, the FHEQ is much more than a grading system—it is a **comprehensive quality assurance framework** that guarantees **academic transparency, consistency, and international recognition** of UK higher education. As a student, it gives me the confidence that my degree meets nationally agreed academic standards and prepares me thoroughly for both further study and employment in a competitive global market.

How important are university rankings in the UK?

University rankings in the UK are important, but their significance depends on how you interpret them. For international students like me, rankings serve as a valuable starting point for comparing universities based on quality, global recognition, and student outcomes. However, while rankings matter, they are not the *only* factor I considered while choosing a university.

In the UK, universities are ranked by several respected bodies such as The Times Higher Education (THE), QS World University Rankings, The Guardian, and The Complete University Guide. These rankings often measure different factors including teaching quality, research output, student satisfaction, international outlook, graduate employability, and industry connections. As a result, rankings give a broad picture of how well a university performs both academically and professionally.

From a global standpoint, high rankings enhance a university's reputation, attract top faculty and partnerships, and increase the value of the degree in the eyes of employers. For example, a degree from a well-ranked university can make a positive impression in job applications and open more doors internationally.

That said, UK universities—including those ranked in the middle tiers—are heavily regulated and must meet high academic and teaching standards set by bodies like the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) and Office for Students (OfS). Therefore, even universities that are not in the top 100 globally can still provide excellent education, industry-relevant programs, and career support, especially in specific subjects or professional fields.

In my own experience, I used rankings to shortlist universities, but my final decision was based on several practical and personal factors:

- Course content and specialization
- Graduate employability rate
- Location and networking opportunities
- Teaching quality and support services
- Value for money and student experience

For instance, Middlesex University, while not always among the top-ranked globally, has a TEF Silver rating, is ranked in the 501–600 band by THE, and offers outstanding business and management programs ranked in the 151–

200 band by Shanghai Rankings. More importantly, it provides strong career support and real-world learning opportunities that match my goals.

In conclusion, while university rankings in the UK are certainly important and helpful, I believe they should be used as part of a holistic decision-making process. For students, what matters most is choosing a university that aligns with their career aspirations, offers industry connections, and provides a strong support system—whether it's ranked 50th or 500th.