

# Introduction to Higher Education

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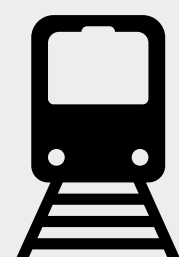
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OF THE YEAR  
SHORTLISTED**



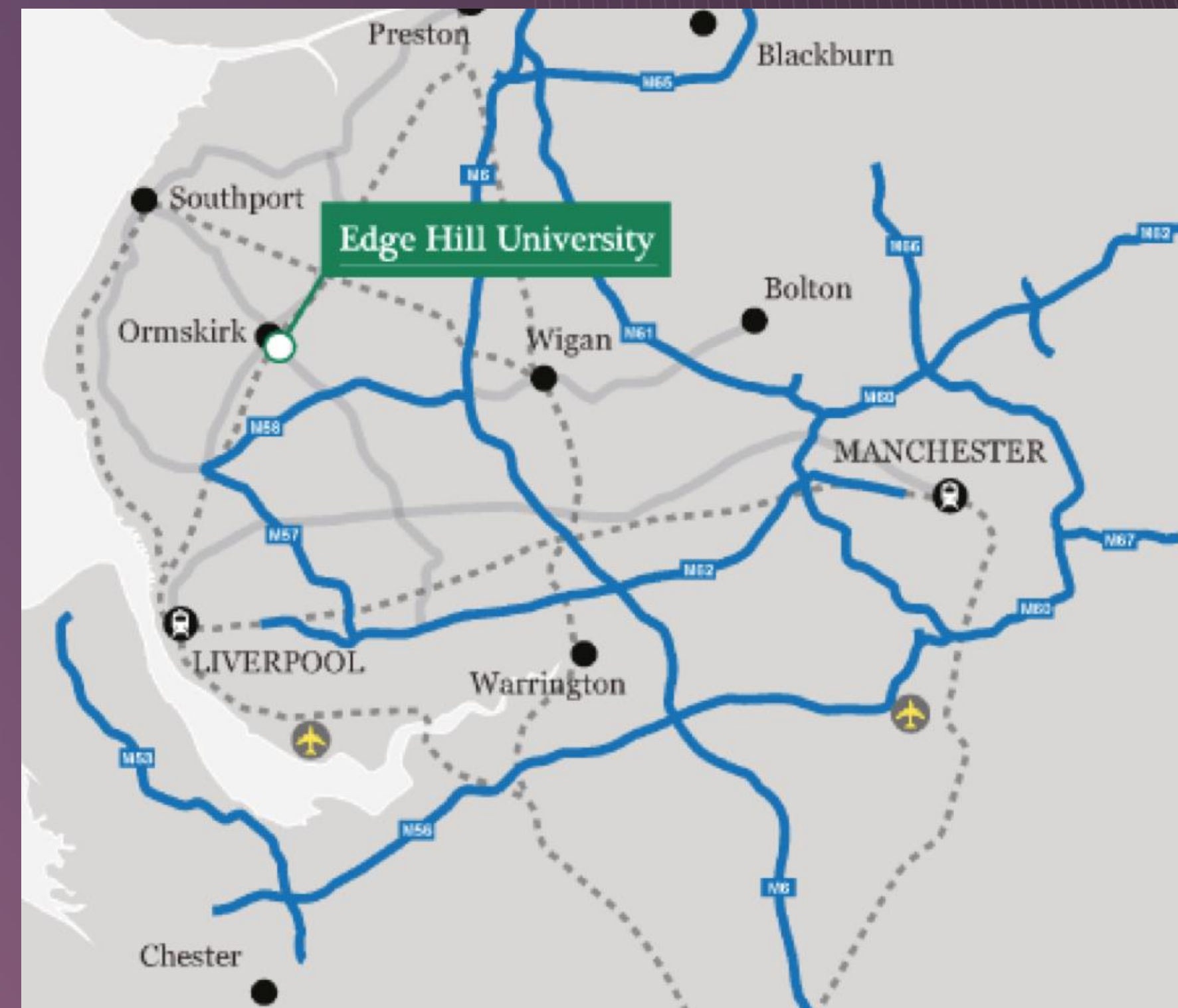
# Where are we St John Rigby College?



20 Minutes



1 hour 15 Minutes





# A place to live





# Options

## AFTER COLLEGE

- Travel - gap year
- Apprenticeships
- Work
- Higher Education





# Benefits of Higher Education

- Access to more specialised jobs
  - Building confidence
- Study a subject of interest in more detail
  - Access to state of the art facilities
- Gain a qualification which is internationally recognised
  - Gain independence
  - Develop transferable skills
  - Making life long connections
  - Enjoy exciting opportunities
- 80% of working graduates were in high-skilled employment (HESA, 2020/21)
- 86.7% employment rate for graduates compared to 70.2% for non graduates
- Increase earning potential - median graduate salary was £10,000 more than median non-graduate salary

(Graduate labour market statistics, 2021)



# Student Finance

## OVERVIEW

- University costs £9,250 per year
- Tuition Fee Loan & Maintenance Loan

Only start to pay back once

- Finished university
- Earning over £25,000 per year
- Taken off your monthly wage
- After 40 years of repayment, any left to repay is *written off*

If you earn £30,000:

- Monthly income of £2,500 per month
- You pay £37.50 per month





# Disabled Students Allowance

DSA is designed to pay essential extra costs you might have as a direct result of your disability, includes long term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia.

- Receive up to £26,291
- Not Means Tested
- Do not need to pay back.
- Amount eligible to borrow is based on extent of support required to assist studies, greater financial support for medical assistance, essential equipment etc.
- You will sit down with a needs assessor, and they will support you in figuring out the type of support required





# Scholarships

- Universities set their own criteria
- Normally reward excellence or focus on lower income families
- Applications vs guaranteed scholarships
- Can be achieved through a variety of methods:
  - Sport
  - Volunteering
  - Performing Arts
  - A Level/BTEC/ T level grades





# Choosing a Course





# Your Options

HOW MANY COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE UK?

According to UCAS for 2022/23:

- More than 35,653 undergraduate degrees
- At 349 institutions
- As a student, what a choice that brings!





# Faculty of Education

- Primary Early Years Education with QTS
  - Primary Education with QTS
  - Secondary Education with QTS
  - PGCE
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- Education (with English, History, RE, Maths, Sociology)
  - Children's Learning and Development
  - Working and Teaching in the Early Years





# Faculty of Health, Social Care & Medicine

- Nursing
  - Nurse Paramedic
  - Medicine
  - Midwifery
  - Operating Department Practice
  - Paramedic Practice
  - Social Work
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- Counselling and Psychotherapy
  - Health and Social Wellbeing
  - Nutrition and Health





# Faculty of Arts and Sciences

- Animation
- Biosciences
- Business, Economics, Accountancy & Marketing
- Children & Young People
- Computing & Engineering
- English, Creative Writing & History
- Film, Television & Media
- Geography & Geology
- Law, Criminology & Policing
- Music Production
- Performing Arts
- Politics & International relations
- Psychology and Social Sciences
- Sport & Physical Activity





# Torn Between Two Subjects?

## **SINGLE HONOURS:**

Study one main subject

Choice of modules relating to this subject

BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching (100% Sport Coaching)

## **JOINT HONOURS:**

Study two subjects

Choice of modules in both subject areas

BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology (50% Criminology, 50% Sociology)

LLB (Hons) Law with Politics (75% Law, 25% Politics)



# Course Requirements

Mainly three year degree courses

Universities may ask for:

- UCAS points or grades
- Accept A Level, BTEC and/or T Levels and many other qualifications
- Ask for specific subjects from A Level, BTEC or T Level studies
- Certain number of GCSEs or specific subjects

Be realistic with your choices in regards to your grades









# Choosing a University





# Home or Away?

## Home

- Can be cheaper
- More familiar surroundings
- More convenient for students already living locally
  - Extra-curricular activity

## Away

- Easier to meet people and get involved in university life
  - Experience independent living
- Need to consider your accommodation options and research



# Student Support

**Care leavers-** dedicated contact, bursaries, accommodation

**Wellbeing and counselling** - if you're feeling anxious or finding university difficult

**Disability Support** - individually tailored support

**SpLD Team** - advice, guidance, support and assessment for students with Specific Learning Difficulties

**Transitions** - help you to succeed and stay on track at university, personally and or academically

**Chaplaincy-** for pastoral guidance and support for multiple faiths or those of no faith

**Careers** - PT jobs, summer, volunteering, future careers

**Money Advice** - budgeting, financial health checks, student funding



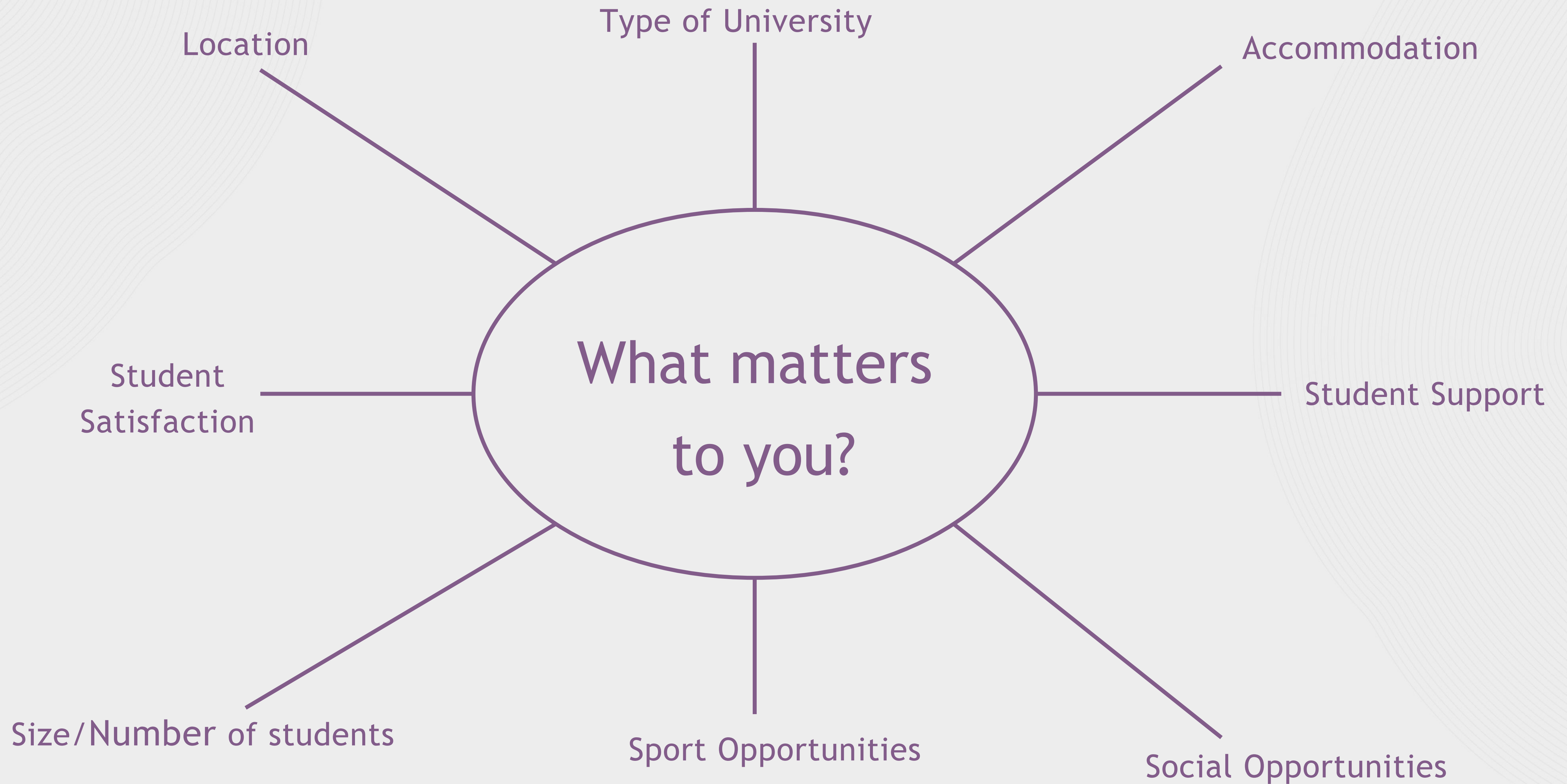


# Student Opportunities

- Study Abroad
- Sandwich Year
- Learning a language (on or off course)
- Work Experience/Placement









# Research, Hints & Tips





# University Check List

START YOUR RESEARCH NOW!

- ☐ What courses interest you?
- ☐ How are you taught?
- ☐ What type of university would you like to go to?
- ☐ What is the entry criteria?
- ☐ What extra opportunities are available outside of your studies?
- ☐ Have you noted down any key dates?







# Expand your opportunities

AT AN EDGE HILL OPEN DAY



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## Join us at an Open Day

OPEN DAYS 2023

SATURDAY 17 JUNE

SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

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