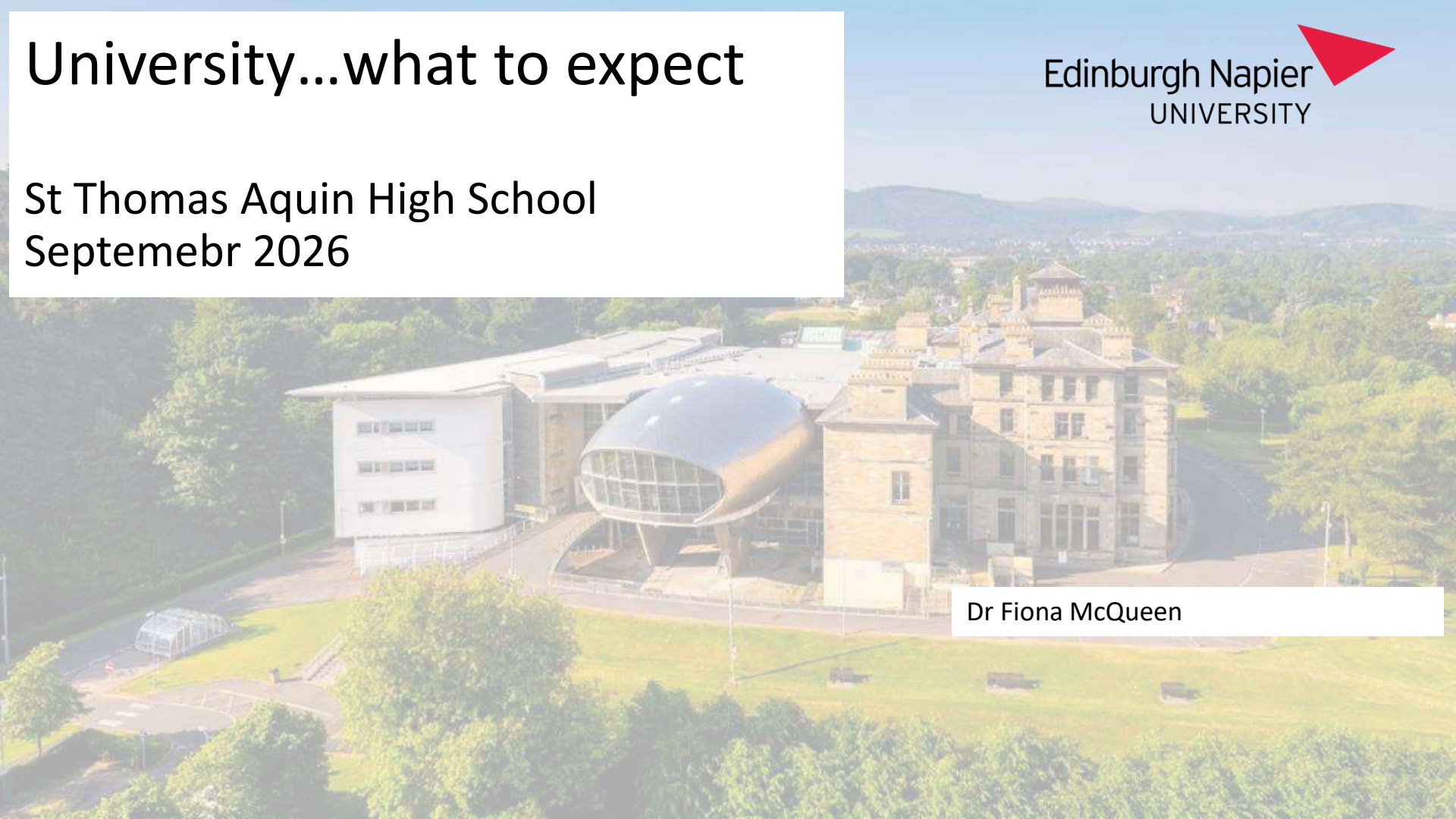


University...what to expect

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Introductions

- I'm a Sociology lecturer at Edinburgh Napier University (within Social Sciences, in the School of Applied Sciences). I'm based at the Sighthill Campus.



Scottish Higher Education Sector (HE)

- After Oxbridge we have majority of ancient universities due to Universities
 - St Andrews (1413), Glasgow (1451), Aberdeen (1495), Edinburgh (1582)
- Modern universities
 - Heriot-Watt (founded 1821, became university in 1966), Dundee (founded 1881, became university in 1967), Stirling (founded in 1967 as university), Strathclyde (founded in 1796 as institute, became university in 1964)
 - Abertay (1888 founded, 1994 became university), Glasgow Caledonian (1908 founded, 1993 became university), Queen Margaret (1975 founded, became university in 1992), West of Scotland (1897 founded, university from 1993), Highlands and Islands (founded in 2011 as university)
- Also other institutions including Royal Conservatoire, Scotland's Rural College and Open University who can all award degrees



What are the main differences between universities?

- Often think of rankings...based on secret formula... but includes factors like UCAS tariff score (grades for entry), NSS (student feedback), REF framework (performance in research)

But what will make a difference to your experience...

- Style of teaching
- Who is teaching
- Who fellow students are
- How big university is (and your course in particular)



How will your child study?

Depends on their subject, your programme and university

Things to think about...

Do they like the place?

Do they like the university - does it suit their studying style?

Do they like the programme – what they will be studying?





What is the staff to student ratio on this programme?



Who typically delivers the teaching (lectures, tutorials, labs etc.)?



What size are classes across the years of study (first year lectures are usually much bigger than later years)?



Are there many options within the programme of study?



What support is available for learning difficulties and mental health?

Key
questions
to ask
when
going to
open days..

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