

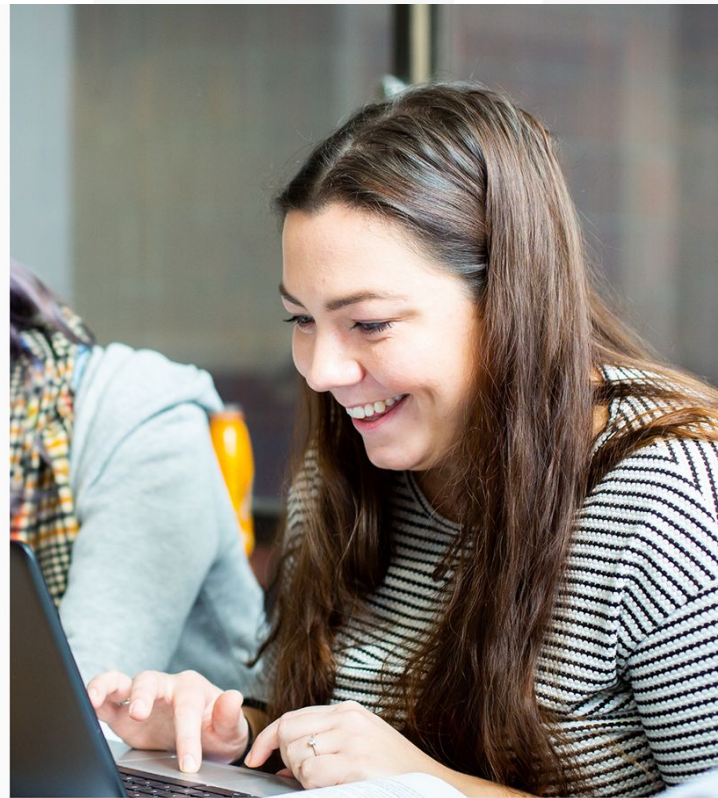
# Supporting your young person into Higher Education

## Thinking points

- What are the benefits of pursuing Higher Education?
- What options are available for my young person?
- What can I do to support them?
- How will we afford it?
- Where will they live?
- What support will they receive?

# Higher Education vs Further Education

- Further Education (FE): continued learning after GCSEs, BTECs or the age of 16.
- Higher Education (HE): continuation of study after the age of 18.



# What are the benefits of pursuing Higher Education?

- Higher salaries
- More career options
- Build self confidence, independence and responsibility



# The Higher Education journey

12-14  
Year 8/9



Choose GCSE options.

Certain HE courses  
require certain GCSEs

15-16  
Year 11



Choose FE options (A Levels,  
BTECs, apprenticeships).

Think about potential HE  
courses - which FE course is  
best?

16-17  
Year 12



Begin FE/A levels

Consider HE in depth  
- carry out research

17-18  
Year 12/13



Apply to HE

Application may be via UCAS  
or directly to employer (for  
degree apprenticeship)

18+



Start HE

4 Some unis prefer certain A-levels



# Helping your young person make choices

- Choosing a course
- Choosing a university
- Choosing where to live
- The bigger picture - wider interests and support



## Choosing a course

- What do I enjoy?
- What are my strengths/expected grades?
- Do I have a particular career path in mind?
- Would I prefer a course that includes work-based learning?
- How do I learn best?



## Course options

Can study at:

- Universities
- Colleges
- Specialist institutions - eg Art Schools
- Distance Learning - The Open University

Qualifications include:

- Bachelor Degree (eg BA (Hons), BSc (Hons), LLB)
- Diplomas (eg HNCs and HNDs)
- Foundation Year
- Foundation Degrees and Top-up Degrees
- (Can also do a sandwich years/courses)

# Choosing where to live

## Living at home

- What is the commute like?
- Travel costs
- How will I make time for extracurricular activities and socialising?

## Living away from home

- Student accommodation or private housing?
- Specific requirements e.g. own bathroom
- Budget

# What support is available?

- Counselling and mental health support
- Additional learning support
- Financial support
- Learning resource centre



# Key dates

## Year 12

### Mar–Apr

- Start researching university Open Days, Summer Schools, Taster Days etc.
- Apply for work experience

### May–Aug

- Sit your practice exams or AS exams if your school or college does them
- Attend university Open Days, Summer programmes etc.
- Gain some work experience

## Year 13

### September

- Settle into Year 13
- Start drafting your personal statement and UCAS application
- Last chance for Open Days

### October

- Mid-October is the deadline for applying for Oxford and Cambridge and for most courses in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry via UCAS

### January

- Mid-January is the deadline for applying for most university courses via UCAS. You can choose up to five courses

### Feb–Mar

- Attend offer holder days and/or interviews
- UCAS Extra opens in February
- Apply for Student Finance
- Review your responses – you should hear back from all your choices by the end of March

### Apr–Jun

- Confirm your choices by the beginning of May
- The deadline for Student Finance is the end of May
- Revise and take your exams

### Jul–Aug

- IB results arrive at the beginning of July
- A level results arrive mid-August
- Accept your offer
- OR go into Adjustment or Clearing

# UCAS

- Platform everyone uses to apply to university
- Useful information on post-18 options and making applications
- Deadline for applications is mid January
- Offers are usually conditional until results day



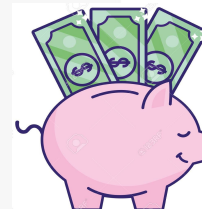
# How will we afford it?



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## Tuition Fee Loan

Covers cost of your  
degree

## Maintenance Loan

Covers living costs e.g. rent,  
transport, food

Your young person's  
student Finance

# Maintenance Loans - what could I be entitled to?

<b>Student circumstance</b>	<b>Entitlement (2021-22)</b>
Living at home	Up to £7,987
Living away from home	Up to £9,488
Living away from home in London	Up to £12,382
Studying abroad	Up to £10,866

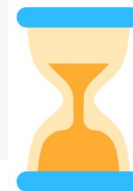
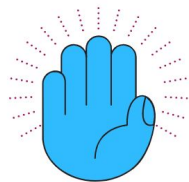
# Additional Financial Support

- Full-time students from low income households
- Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- Parents' Learning Allowance
- Childcare Grant
- Adult Dependents' Grant





# Repayments



Student loan repayments are deducted from your salary if you're earning over £27,295 per year.

If your income falls below this, payments will stop.

All remaining balance is wiped after 30 years

## Useful sites

- UCAS website
- [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)
- [www.gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)
- Student Finance calculator



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