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# WHY PROGRESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION?

## DETAILED KNOWLEDGE



Studying at higher education level gives you the opportunity to gain a higher level of knowledge in a particular subject. You're probably used to studying lots of different subjects at school. If you decide to progress to higher education, you'll be able to select just one or two subjects that you want to study in more depth.



## TRANSFERABLE SKILLS



Higher education study allows you to develop loads of new skills that will look great on your CV. You might be asked to deliver presentations, work in groups, demonstrate critical thinking, time-management and initiative, and much more.

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## EXPERIENCE AND NETWORKING

Many higher education courses give you the opportunity to network with employers from fields related to your area of study. You may also be given the opportunity to undertake work experience or placements as part of your course.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS

Some careers require applicants to hold a higher education qualification. Your qualification may open more doors for you in terms of employment and, on average, those who successfully complete a higher education qualification earn more than non-graduates.



## IT COULD BE FUN!

Studying a higher education qualification allows you to focus on the subject that you find most interesting and would enjoy learning more about. You'll get to meet new people, try new things and if you decide to move away from home to study higher education you'll learn to be more independent.





THINKING ABOUT...

# HIGHER EDUCATION?

So, you're considering going to university, or thinking about studying for a degree-level qualification at a college or other education provider?

We've put together a top tips list that will help you prepare for, and navigate your way through, higher education.



## Chat to your school or college

A great place to start is to talk to your tutor or careers adviser about what you're thinking of doing. They can point you towards support that's available at your school or college to help you progress.



## Think about WHERE you want to study

Many higher education institutions offer accommodation for students studying with them, therefore, you might want to consider whether you want to move away from home to study or to study locally and commute. There are over 395 HE institutions across the UK, so there is plenty of choice!



## Think about WHAT you want to study

There are thousands of different higher education courses on offer. You may want to continue studying a subject you've enjoyed at school or college, or try something completely new.



## Explore UCAS

UCAS is the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. When you apply for a higher education course, most of the time you'll apply through UCAS. Therefore, most higher education courses will be listed on UCAS. Take a look at our UCAS leaflet to find out more about the application process.

## Degree/Higher Level Apprenticeships

If you're considering an Apprenticeship, you'll want to look at the Government's website which lists all the Apprenticeship options available: [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

## Entry requirements

Once you have an idea of the course you might like to study, be sure to check out the course entry requirements. Each provider will publish what qualifications they'll typically ask students to have when they apply. Some courses might like you to have studied certain subjects at Level 3, or have achieved particular grades at GCSE-level or equivalent.

## Get some work or volunteering experience

Some higher education courses might like you to have some relevant work experience prior to applying, and even if not, it is really important for you to develop and demonstrate skills that you can't always learn in school. You never know, you might find something you really enjoy doing that surprises you! It will also give you more things to talk about in your course application.

## Visit, visit, visit

If you can, go and visit some universities, colleges or other providers that appeal to you. Being able to visualise yourself somewhere will help you to make your decisions. You'll also get an opportunity to talk to course leaders and lecturers.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the Study Higher team on the details below

**Remember...**do what is right for you!