

TRANSITIONS

What do we mean by transitions?

When you go through a process or period of change!

You might find the transitions difficult. You won't be the only one – everyone needs time to adjust. Your teachers and tutors will understand that it isn't easy or a quick process. Transitions are ongoing and do take some getting used to!

Who is this pack for?

This guide is specifically designed for Year 12+ students preparing for Higher Education. By the end of this pack, you should know:

- ❖ *What is HE*
- ❖ *What is university*
- ❖ *What is a degree*
- ❖ *Why bother*
- ❖ *Key info*

What is HE Education?

HE is attending university or a similar educational institution where you study at degree level.

What is University?

Higher level educational institution. Students study for a degree in their chosen field and academic research is carried out. *There's over 350 universities in the UK and over 50,000 courses!*

What is a degree?

A degree is the qualification awarded to students when they graduate University.

There are different types of degree awards *however* if you haven't been to university before, you will apply for an undergraduate degree.

An undergraduate degree takes a minimum of 3 years to complete, with the longest course lasting 5-7 years.

You will graduate with a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or a Bachelor of Arts (BA) depending on what subject and course you choose. Usually, BA's are humanities subjects, BSc's are science subjects *however* it depends on the University itself – do your research!

Why bother?



Academic

Some people choose to go to university because it develops academic progression. You become more connected to a subject. University gives you the opportunity to study, develop your critical thinking, analysis and better understanding of a topic you're interested in.



Professional

Some people choose to go to university because it benefits your professional development. You gain invaluable employability skills and work experience including Study Aboard and Sandwich Year in Industry. University prepares you for a range of industries not just your specific area.



Personal

Some people choose to go to university because it benefits personal development.

You will gain:

- New experiences
- Independence
- Resilience
- Friendship
- Travel opportunities

Key Information:

Go to the website of the university you're considering or attending. Search for your course and find out the following:

Course Code:

Length of course:

BA or BSc:

Overview of course:

1st Year Modules:

Assessment:

If you have any questions, you can live chat a member of our team [here](#).

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