

# How can I support my child through their Higher Education application?



Welcome! Thanks for joining us today, we will begin this information session at 5pm. This event will be recorded.

Please mute your microphone and add any comments or questions to the chat.

# Who are Hepp?

## Higher Education Progression Partnership

We are here to provide impartial information about higher education and gaining higher level skills.

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# Overview

- What does a higher education application involve?
- How you can support your child?
- Parent perspective
- Student perspective
- Q&A

How confident do you feel  
supporting a child in your care with  
a university level study application?

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# What is higher education?

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Higher education is higher level study, at level 4 and above, and includes qualifications and routes such as degrees, HNDs, HNCs, foundation degrees and degree apprenticeships.

Most higher education courses require the completion of level 3 qualifications (like A levels, T levels or BTECs) to gain entry onto the course. You apply for courses through UCAS.

Some courses may have other requirements, such as work experience, minimum GCSE grades, an audition, interview, or an additional test. All entry requirements will be listed on an institution's website.

The application process to higher education usually begins a year before joining the course (in September you would start your application, sending it via UCAS between October and January), to start the course the following September.

# UCAS application sections

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Personal  
details

Education  
and work  
history

Course  
choices  
- up to 5

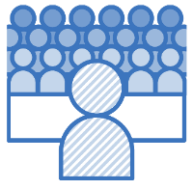
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References

# What help and support do they get from school/college?



Schools and colleges are legally obliged to provide access to independent and impartial careers advice and guidance.



Speakers will come into school / college to give students ideas about future choices, linked to higher education and career pathways.

College / sixth form will encourage students to attend open days at universities and colleges to see what it's like (lots in person, some continuing virtually).



They will be supported through the higher education application process.  
Applications are made through the UCAS website.



# How can I help and support them?



Chat about their future career and education options early. It's normal to change ideas! What do they enjoy, what skills do they have, what are their favourite subjects? Do they know what the jobs they're suggesting would involve?



Research together. UCAS has job profiles, course search, subject guides and lots of other useful information.

Ask if they want you to attend open days with them. It's a great way to learn more about where they might live / study in the future and ask any questions you have.



In future applications, what will they talk about? Encourage hobbies, volunteering, part time work / work experience, as they will all be helpful and can be drawn upon.





# Maureen

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Parent's perspective of supporting children through higher education applications

# Grace

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Student's perspective of higher education applications

After this session, how confident do you now feel supporting a child in your care with a university level study application?

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Have you  
considered  
university level  
study yourself?

It's never too late!

In 2019/20 there were around 254,000 mature undergraduate entrants at UK universities; 37% of all undergraduate entrants.

Mature students are eligible for student loans, and you may be eligible for a Childcare Grant, Parents' Learning Allowance, or Adult Dependents' Grant.

# Evaluation

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Does anyone have any questions?

# Thanks for listening

## Any questions?

We have our own regional outreach hub geared towards providing support and information for you.

Visit the HeppHUB [www.hepp.ac.uk](http://www.hepp.ac.uk)

Ask us a question [www.heppsy.org/chat](http://www.heppsy.org/chat)

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