The benefits of higher education and how can I support my child to get there?

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.

We visit lots of schools in South Yorkshire, North East Derbyshire and Bassetlaw.
Overview

• The different routes into Higher Education
• Benefits from a parent perspective
• Benefits from a student perspective
• Q&A
What is higher education

Higher education is when you work towards getting a qualification post-18

Qualifications can be gained from:

• University
• Certain Colleges
• Degree Apprenticeships

Higher education is there for everyone!

Did you know there are currently 395 higher education providers across the UK with over 50,000 courses to choose from
Routes into Higher Education

There are many routes into higher education – this is a brief overview. The best route for you will depend on your personal circumstances and the higher education provider. For more information please visit www.ucas.com or contact the institution you want to go to.

**Foundation Degree**
These are based around academic and workplace learning. They take two years to complete (full-time) and can often be topped up with a third year to gain a full Bachelor's degree. Some courses will accept work experience for entry rather than academic qualifications.

**Degree**
The Bachelor's degree is the most well-known higher education qualification. You focus on one (or sometimes two) specific subjects. They usually take 3 years to complete full-time (or 4 years if you have a placement, year in industry or year abroad).

**Higher/Degree Apprenticeships**
These combine work with part-time study and can therefore take 3-5 years to complete. You apply for them like a job and your employer pays your tuition fees as well as a salary.

**HNC/HND**
These are vocational undergraduate courses available at further and higher education colleges. The HNC is roughly equivalent to the first year of a degree, and the HND to the first two years.

**Access Course**
This is the most common route into higher education for mature students (along with Foundation Years). It is a one-year intensive program which can be taken part-time. Entry requirements can vary from needing no previous qualifications to needing GCSEs in Maths and/or English. Some degrees will require a specific course/subjects.

**Foundation Year**
This introductory year at university is often integrated into a degree course, providing essential preparation and progression onto a relevant degree if completed successfully.

**A Levels**
These are the most traditional route into higher education for younger students, where you study 3-4 subjects in detail. Some degrees will require specific subjects.

**BTEC/NVQ**
These are a combination of practical learning and academic study. Like A Levels, they are the most common route into higher education for 16-18-year-olds. Not all universities accept them as qualifications, however, so check with your preferred institution.
Why go to higher education?

Career benefits
Academic benefits
Financial benefits
Social benefits
Personal benefits
The **financial** benefits of higher education

Higher earning potential

- more likely to be promoted into higher level roles when in the workforce.
- Graduates earn £100,000 more over their lifetime than non-graduates, on average.
The academic benefits of higher education

Opportunity to shape the future

- choose what and where to study
- state of the art facilities
- academic support & personal tutor
- learn from subject specialists
The career benefits of higher education

Better opportunity for the future

- 25% of jobs are only for graduates
- more likely to be employed/promoted
- industry specialist knowledge
- work placements
- network opportunities
The experience benefits of higher education

Opportunity for personal growth

- meet people from all over the world
- live in a new place, or stay at home
- study abroad opportunities
- join institution-wide societies
- student unions/sports/volunteering
Transferable Skills

- Research
- Critical Thinking
- Data Analysis
- Report Writing
- Enhanced IT
- Presenting
- Organisation
- Time Management
- Motivation
- Teamwork
- Budgeting
- Independence
Weighing it up

Your child will have a lot to weigh up. What’s best for them?

• What job would they like?
• What lifestyle would they like?
• What benefits would they gain?
• What would they do instead?

What is most important to them?
Evaluation

To help us support you at future events we would appreciate you completing our evaluation form either by using the QR code or the web link. It takes approximately 2 minutes to complete.

https://shusls.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6x2etVP6F8yVFR4

Does anyone have any questions?
We have our own regional outreach hub geared towards providing support and information for you.

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Thanks for listening
Any questions?