

**Choosing
the right
course and
university.**

HE versus FE



- How is HE different to your FE studies now?
- **HE is:**
- A choice from over 150 different institutions
- A different way of learning and working to school/ college
- Varying levels of subject
 - Foundation Degree
 - HND
 - Degree (BA, BSC, LLB, BEng, BEd).

Benefits of HE

- Independence
- Meet people
- Experience a different part of the country (or world)
- Explore a personal interest in a subject
- Gain a qualification towards career progression
- Gain transferable skills



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• **Over 50,000**



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- **Just 5!**

- But it is never too late to change your mind – UCAS Extra, Clearing etc



Exploring what is right for you



- The 4 C's

- Course

- City

- Campus (Accommodation)

- Career



Choosing your course

- Things to consider:
 - Single/Joint Honours
 - Length of course
 - Practical/theory balance
 - Teaching/assessment styles
 - Career destinations
 - Entry requirements
 - Professional accreditations
 - Work placements.



Location, location, location



• Things to consider:

- Distance from home
- Transport links
- Number of sites
- Rural or urban campus
- Cost of living
- Style of facilities
- City attractions
- Safety
- Cultural and faith support.



Accommodation

- Things to consider:
 - Guaranteed for first years?
 - Catered/self - catered halls
 - Internet access
 - Private rented
 - Facilities
 - Distance from campus
 - Value for money.



Career



- Information that may help your choices:
 - Important to select a course that supports your career aspirations
 - Take the Stamford test to find out which careers/ courses may suit you best (www.ucas.com)
 - Browse potential jobs (www.prospects.ac.uk)
 - This will give an indication of courses relevant to a career, salaries and personal qualities required
 - Speak to your careers advisers in school.

How and where to research

- List your priorities
- www.ucas.com
- Use prospectuses, course brochures, websites
- Check out open days/taster days
- Ask questions
- Apply early but continue to research, you can always change your mind



Conclusion



- Your future – a fantastic opportunity
- Start your research now!
- Make the right choice for **you**
- Attend open days
- Best years of your life!