

Introduction to *Student Life* Workbook

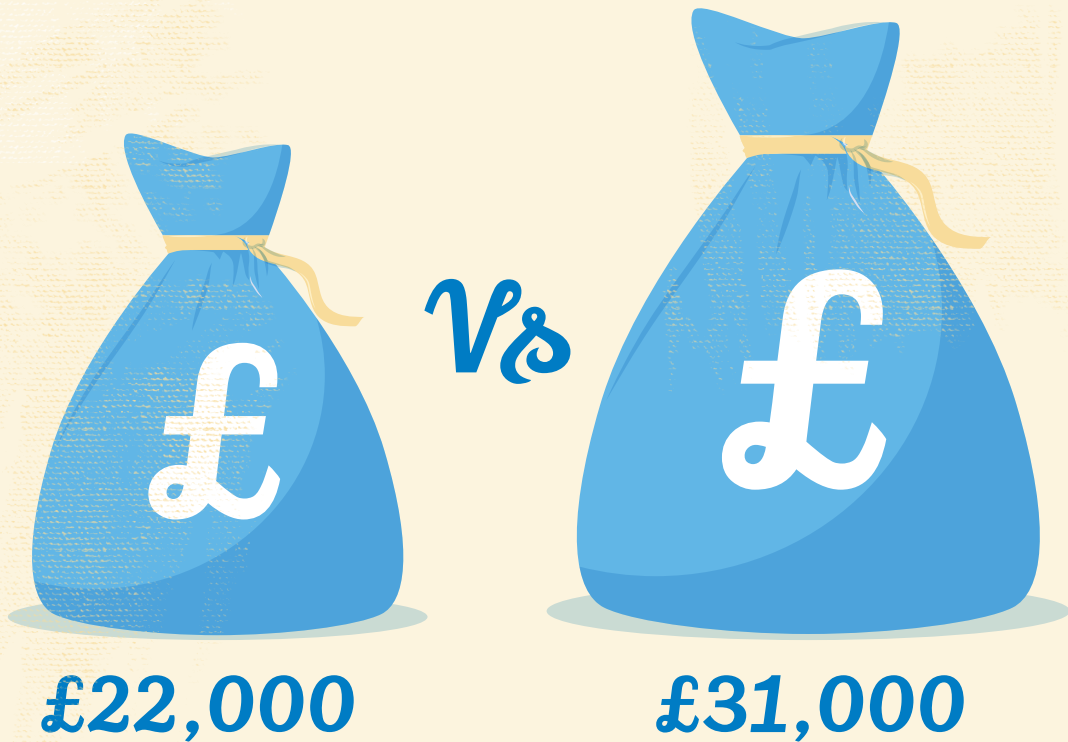
What have you covered?

- ✓ Discussed the benefits of both university and higher/degree apprenticeships
- ✓ Looked at budgeting for living independently
- ✓ Looked at the social side of higher education



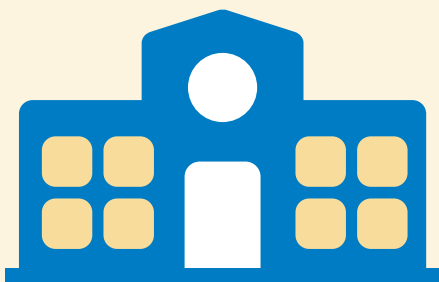
Higher education!

- what's the point?



On average, those of working age earn £22,000 without a degree, and £31,000 with a degree. Both are great wages, but you can earn more with a degree due to the skills and expertise your education has helped you develop. Of course, money shouldn't be your sole incentive, but it is a good example of the benefit of higher education.

But, there is more than one way to get higher qualifications

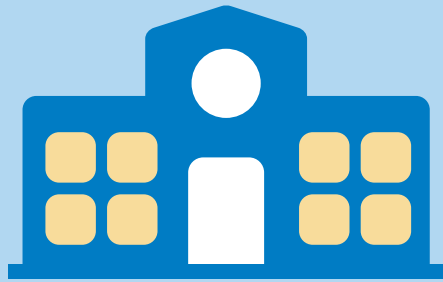


University



Higher/degree apprenticeship

Which route do you prefer?



University

You could get a part time job whilst you study, look into the maintenance loan and potentially receive scholarships/grants

Live on campus, in the city or stay at home

There are a variety of clubs and societies you could try out in your spare time



Higher/degree apprenticeship

Earn a wage and work for a company whilst studying

There are options in your local area as well as further afield

You will be able to fulfil your hobbies in your free time

Consider the entry requirements and the modules you will study in both options



What are the assessment styles?
How important are placements or the opportunity to study abroad?

The key is to research your options

{ here are some places to start! }



UCAS (ucas.com)

Home or away?

On campus or in the city?

UCAS will provide information on local options and other options further afield

What are the course options?

Use UCAS to search your desired subject area

The same course at different universities can have very different modules, so it is important to look into course descriptions to identify the modules you will be studying



University

Finance

Student Loans:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-undergraduate-student-loan>

Are there any scholarships or grants available?

This will vary by institution, check out their website for more information

Individual institution

With friends or living alone?

Loud and social or smaller and quieter?

Check the institution for information on their halls options, or look into private rent options in the area

What are the entry requirements?

This will vary between institutions

What would my social life be like?

Check out the institution's student union page for more information

What would my social life be like?

If you are studying through a university, you can see what they offer, or access clubs in the community

What are the entry requirements?

This will vary by employer or institution – check out their job or course description

Are there apprenticeships available in your area of interest?

Another website to check out <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>



Apprenticeships

Which institution would I be getting my qualification from?

This will vary by employer

How much would I be paid?

Find the latest information on apprentice minimum wage, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/pay-and-conditions>

Although employers can vary their wages

Do you want to stay local or move away?

There are a variety of apprenticeships, check out:

'Find an Apprenticeship' on www.gov.uk

Check out other job websites, e.g. Indeed

Check local employers websites individually – they may only post opportunities there

Case studies

See the full case studies here:
hellofuture.ac.uk/casestudies/



University

Grant's story

Subject area:
English or teaching

Studied at:
Lancaster – as I didn't want
to move too far from home

**What was your key point in
deciding to apply for university:**

Getting my AS results gave
me the push I needed

**Was there anything difficult in
starting a degree?**

It was a whole new lifestyle
but university started feeling
like home pretty quickly

**What was the best thing about
studying at university?**

I would say the support given by the
course leaders and listening to them
share their wealth of knowledge,
expertise and experience



Higher/degree apprenticeship

Phillipa's story

Subject area:
Engineering

Study level:
I have completed my foundation
degree and now working towards my
undergraduate degree

**Did you find anything difficult
when applying?**

For this apprenticeship I had to
complete aptitude tests as well as
an interview, but enough information
was provided to me beforehand to
feel confident

**Any advice for someone
from your area?**

A degree apprenticeship can be a
good option if you want to earn a
wage and study

hello future.

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