# journey to HE

things to consider from year 11 to higher education



## Year 11

Year 11 is a busy year, but planning ahead is the best way to make the most of your time. Here are some points to consider:

## Post 16 Options

to study and where to study it. Think about what you enjoy and which courses you may need to study to achieve any future career aspirations. Attend open events and ask as many questions as possible!

#### **Exam Period**

You'll need to consider what At the end of Year 11 you will sit your GCSE (or equivalent) examinations. Perpare for these exams by creating a revision timetable and spending enough time on each subject. Prioritise those subjects you find most challenging, but be sure to spend time on each subject.

#### Wellbeing

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It is important that you look after yourself so you can perform to the best of your ability. Take breaks from your work to do things you enjoy and ensure you are eating and sleeping well. Remember, if you need extra support you can talk to friends, family or teachers.

# Year 12

### Settling In

During the first few weeks at sixth form/college you may find it takes time to adjust. Your institution will provide a whole host of support to help you settle in, and please remember that everyone is in the same boat so talking to others can really help!

#### Extra-curricular

When applying to HE it is important to have a a balance between your studies and outside interests. This is also an ideal time to get involved in some volunteering which will help you gain skills that can be transferred to HE or the workplace.

#### **Open Days**

Try to see all of the institutions you are considering applying to. well-rounded application with: Open days give you the chance to view facilities, speak to staff about the course and speak to students about their experience. There are lots of things to think about, but one of the most important is if you can see yourself studying at that particular institution.

## Year 13

#### **UCAS** Deadline

The standard UCAS deadline for most courses (exceptions apply) is 15th January. It is important that: your personal statement is in the final stages of its draft before the Christmas holidays to give you enough time to make any changes before the deadline.

#### Student Finance

Remember to apply for student finance before the deadline, to ensure your payments are made in enough time. Once you have filled out the application, and your parent(s)/carer(s) have submitted any required information, you will be sent a declaration. It is important you? remember to sign this and return to student finance.

#### Results Day

Have your UCAS ID number and the numbers for your firm and insurance choice handy on results day. Phonelines are incredibly busy on results day so be patient and keep trying to get through. If your results aren't what you expected you can use clearing or adjustment.





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