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Introduction to Higher Education



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What do you already know about university?

Have a quick chat with the people around you.

What do you know about...

- What university is
- Different universities
- Different courses
- Costs of university
- Studying at university
- Living at university

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University: The Basics

- Typically attend after college or sixth form
- Usually choose one subject to study for three years
- University is optional unlike school or college; you decide if it's for you

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University can help you...

- Get a range of different jobs
- Become independent and develop important life skills
- Increase your subject knowledge
- Learn a completely new subject
- Have fun!
- Meet new people from all over the country (and the world)
- Gain work experience through **placements**
- Join a sport or society
- Study abroad



Where can you go to university?

- There are universities all over the UK (more than 150 in total).
- Different universities offer different courses.
- Choose to study close to home or further away.
- Universities can be set in a 'campus' environment or in a city centre.
- Universities range massively in size (from less than 1,000 up to 40,000 students).
- Universities can be traditional or modern in style.



What can you study?

How many different university courses do you think are available in the UK?

50,000!

Many of these courses you will have heard of. Some will sound like subjects you study already at school.

English Literature, Maths, History, Computer Science, Graphic Design...

Others may be entirely new to you...

Criminology, Occupational Therapy, Sports Coaching, Law, Philosophy, Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Songwriting, Football Management, Entrepreneurship, Games Design, Medicine, Film and TV Production, Fashion Marketing, Forensic Psychology... and many more!

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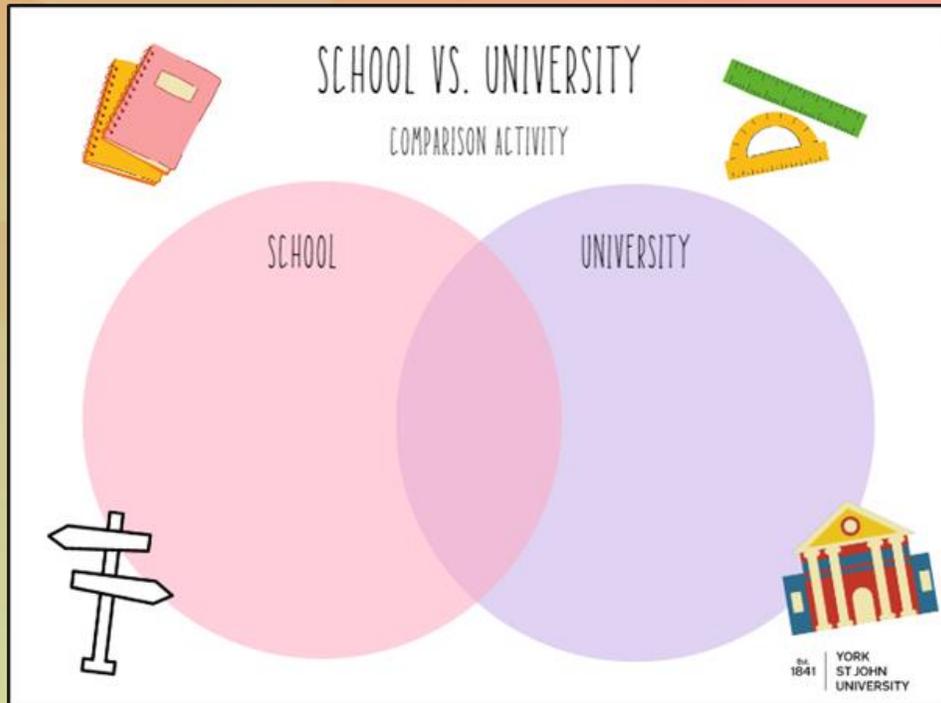
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There are a huge variety of university courses, with over 50,000 to choose from in the UK alone.

Some of these are a little more unusual, not just your traditional English and Maths courses.

It's up to you to decide whether a course deserves to be 'liked' (it's real), or 'swiped' (not real).

School Vs. Uni



What do you think are the similarities and differences between school and university?

Sort the items on the following slide into the venn diagram. If you finish these, add some of your own!

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- Sit exams
- Free
- Usually just one subject
- Range of sports clubs
- Up early every day
- Wear a uniform
- Lots of teaching hours
- Call teachers by first names
- Study abroad
- Part time job
- Work placements
- Live with other students
- Study many subjects

- Essays
- Karaoke
- Onsite gym
- Library open 24/7
- You choose when you study
- Independent research time
- Reading week
- Strict rules
- Lots of homework
- Pay tuition fees
- Practical hands-on learning
- Range of assessment styles
- Parents evenings

Reflection

Spend a few moments considering the following questions:

- How are school and university similar?
- How are they different?
- Are there aspects of university that you are looking forward to?
- Are there things that make you nervous?

Most of the big differences about university reflect the fact that you are an adult when you go.

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Any Questions?

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