



The Future is You: Introduction to University workshop for Y6's

Notes and resources to accompany PowerPoint presentation

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This presentation introduces University and higher education to Y6 children. It includes a mixture of video clips and activities and can be taught alongside the 'Y6 – The Future is You – Opportunities' presentation by the University of Northampton, and alongside Y6 transition activities.

It will take 45 mins.

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Today we are going to explore a few new terms, such as higher education, college and university.

Question to the class: Is anyone familiar with these terms? Has anyone been to a University before? Does anyone know anyone who has been to University?

University is somewhere you study after you turn 18 years old, if you want to learn more about a subject or to get a certain job.

Firstly, we're going to show you a video clip to get you thinking and to help you understand what we're talking about today.

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Activity: Watch this short video, and then we'll explore a bit more what we mean by the terms Higher Education and University

UCAS short intro to HE: https://youtu.be/Of4_6antgN4

Note to teachers: The words can flash up on the screen fairly quickly, so please be aware that some learners may need further explanation (see next slide).

Q: Now that we have watched it, what were the key words that people remember?

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Activity: Pair and share, or self reflection. Who knows anything about the following terms? (see following slide notes too)



University – a place of study after sixth form or college. In England, students typically study at University after the age of 18 (after Year 13), though you can leave education, work for a few years and choose to study at a university at any age. There are thousands of courses to choose from and that is the difference with school – you don't have to go to university, you **choose** to. People choose to study a subject they love, to study a subject that will help them get the job they want to do (e.g. teaching, as a gaming animator or fashion designer) and also to increase their chances of a better paid job.

University is a place of study for '*higher education*' (see the next slide for a simple image). You're in compulsory education at the moment. Higher Education is your choice.

Degree – the name of a qualification studied in higher education. Typically takes three years, and once you've finished, you can put letters after your name! E.g. BA, BSc, BEng (Batchelor of Arts, Science or Engineering).

College – typically a place of study for *further education*. This is where you may study after you finish school at 16 years old. Post-16 studies take place in schools, yr 12 and 13 (sixth forms) or colleges. (See next slide for image.)

Some people choose to work and study after they finish school, this is called an *Apprenticeship*. Typically for more hands on careers but not exclusively (e.g. carpentry, plumbing, small animal care, catering...). People usually do an Apprenticeship instead of A-Levels or BTECs at post-16. Apprenticeships can be studied at several levels, from the equivalent to GCSE's through a higher apprenticeship, equivalent to a *Degree*.

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Routes into Higher Education

So, how do you get to into higher education and where does it fit into your future?

This is a very basic overview, and there are many ways you can study, develop your skills and get work experience in the job you want to do when you're older.

After Year 11 (16 years old) you decide whether to stay on at school and go to 'Sixth Form' (yr 12/13) to study A Levels or BTECs, go to College, or even start working and doing an Apprenticeship (working whilst you study). This is called 'Further Education' or FE. Unlike school, you choose what and where to study!

After Year 13 (or equivalent - 18 years old) you choose to go to work, or College (FE) or University (Higher Education – HE) to study a subject in even more depth – called a Degree – for at least three years. Going into higher education, you get to study a subject you enjoy, or specialise in a job you want to do, which gives you much better chances for getting a better paid job and a job you want to do.

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Activity: University facts – stand up if it's true, sit down if it's false

- You attend the University in your hometown
- You wear a uniform at university



- Everyone must go to university once they've finished school
- You call teachers (lecturers) by the first name
- There are clubs similar to after school clubs at University e.g. football or debating clubs

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You attend the University in your hometown

FALSE. There are 100's of Universities – in this Country and all over the world! Northampton has a University, so does Bedford, Cambridge, Leicester, Newcastle, Bournemouth... In fact, many places have colleges and universities where you can study higher education courses. You can choose! Students are able to access some financial support to enable them to move away from home and go to a university that they choose to.

You call teachers (lecturers) by their first name

TRUE Your teachers at university are called lecturers (not teachers) and you call them by their first name.

Everyone must go to university once they've finished school

FALSE. It is up to you and may depend on the job/career you would like to go into. University isn't for everyone and not all jobs will ask for a Degree (university qualification). However, for those that enjoy learning and want to learn a subject in depth, it increases your chances of getting a better paid job in the future. There are over 50,000 different combinations of subjects to choose from! Some careers will require you to get a Degree (or even higher qualifications!), such as Teaching, Engineer, Nursing...

Everyone must study at some level until they are 18 years old – but that doesn't just have to be at a school or college (such as a traineeship or Apprenticeship – where you learn on the job and gain work experience as well).

You wear a uniform at university. FALSE. There is no equivalent to a 'school uniform' at University. University is a place where you are treated like adults, being able to make your own choices about what you study, what you wear, how much time you spend studying... You are responsible for your own learning and you learn much more independently than at school.

There are clubs similar to after school clubs at University e.g. football or debating clubs

TRUE. Universities have a 'Students Union' which has a variety of clubs and societies to meet all interests and hobbies.... The University of Northampton has many including American Football society, Hockey society, Women's Football society, Rock Music Society, LGBT+ Society (lesbian, bi-sexual, gay and transsexual) Harry Potter Society, Debating Society... so you could meet a variety of people from all over the world with the same interest as you. There are also many cafes and nightclubs for 'student only' places to meet other University students.

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If your class is interested, use this interactive link to explore what the University of Northampton campus is like.

<https://www.northampton.ac.uk/360-Tour/>

Optional activity: Ask the class, what are the similarities or differences to school?

Answers could include:

Similarities: classrooms, whiteboards in the classroom, sports hall, café/restaurant

Differences: bigger than school, open work/study spaces, specialised teaching spaces (for example, media suites, Paramedic Science, Midwifery, Arts subjects), gym, halls of residence (where you can live on campus), laundry.

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Note to teachers: See the following presentation resources, if you would like to make this into a 'card sort' activity. Alternatively, move onto the following slide.

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Activity: Either as a card sort individually or in pairs from the screen, discuss the courses listed above. Do you think these are REAL courses or FAKE courses?

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There are many, many different subjects you can study. Over 50,000! And when you go into further and higher education there will be many other different subjects as these are changing and developing all the time, in line with technology and employers. The point is, **whatever you're interested in, there is a course or career or job out there for you.**

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Notes for teachers: The course titles are noted in bold. These are all full undergraduate 3 yr Degree courses, other than **SurfScience & Technology** which is a Foundation Degree (equiv. to yr 1 & 2). These are all subjects from universities and HE colleges across the UK.

Details of each course title are on the following pages of this document.

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University isn't just about studying! University is about learning new things about you, meeting people from all over the world, living in a new town or city (if you want to), being independent and being who you really want to be. At University, you meet lots of like-minded people, who may be very different from the people you went to school or college with, and often, these become friends for life.

University life is a lot of fun, and hard work too! One of the key things that people learn at university is life skills.

Activity:



Q. Ask the class, to think about the SKILLS they've used today.

HANDSUP

[Answers may include: listening, team work, collaboration, respect, communication, questioning, thinking, working together, being able to talk in front of others...]

To do well at school – and beyond – you need to harness all of these skills and apply them to all aspects of your life.

Q. Hands up who goes to an after-school club or activity out of school? [ask for a few examples]

We've talked a lot about school, but for some of you, you might continue doing your hobby as a career or to study at university. Or your hobby might be the thing that opens the doors and gives you different opportunities. For example, playing Rugby, going to Guides or Scouts or playing an instrument. All of the skills you are learning in these hobbies are also giving you the skills you need to get through secondary school and beyond.

Skills such as commitment, challenge, perseverance, resilience, confidence...

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So, ultimately, you have the power to choose.

How hard you work.

How much effort you put in.

How easily you give up.

Opening yourself up to new opportunities.

Having a positive outlook and being the best that you can be.

We've talked a lot about your future – and what you might choose to do once you've finished school. There are over 50,000 different combinations of subjects you can study in higher education! You have so many more choices as you go through your schooling journey and options available to you. **Whatever you're interested in, there is a course or career or job out there for you.**

Ultimately, remember that EFFORT gives you SUCCESS. Putting the effort in with school and any other activities you take part in (music, sports, hobbies, helping your grandparents with their gardening...), will give you more confidence, options and choices for what you want to do when you finish school.

Optional video: Why is Education Important? <https://youtu.be/YJbQphVcGxA> (2 min 13) A short video outlining the point of education.

Recommended animation: Future Choices. (1min 44 seconds) To help Y6 students understand the progression routes into higher education and that is their choice to make!

<https://youtu.be/w8f2ypKStOw>



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Final activity to end the lesson: UCAS course search. If I.T. is available (or as a whole class) explore the different courses available at University. <https://digital.ucas.com/search>

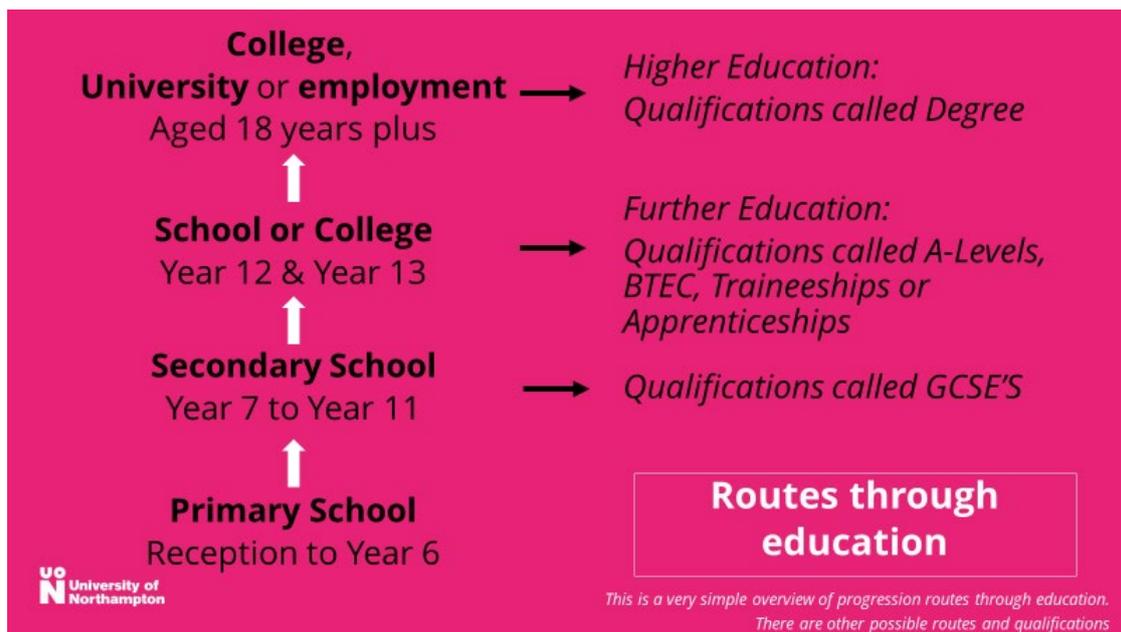
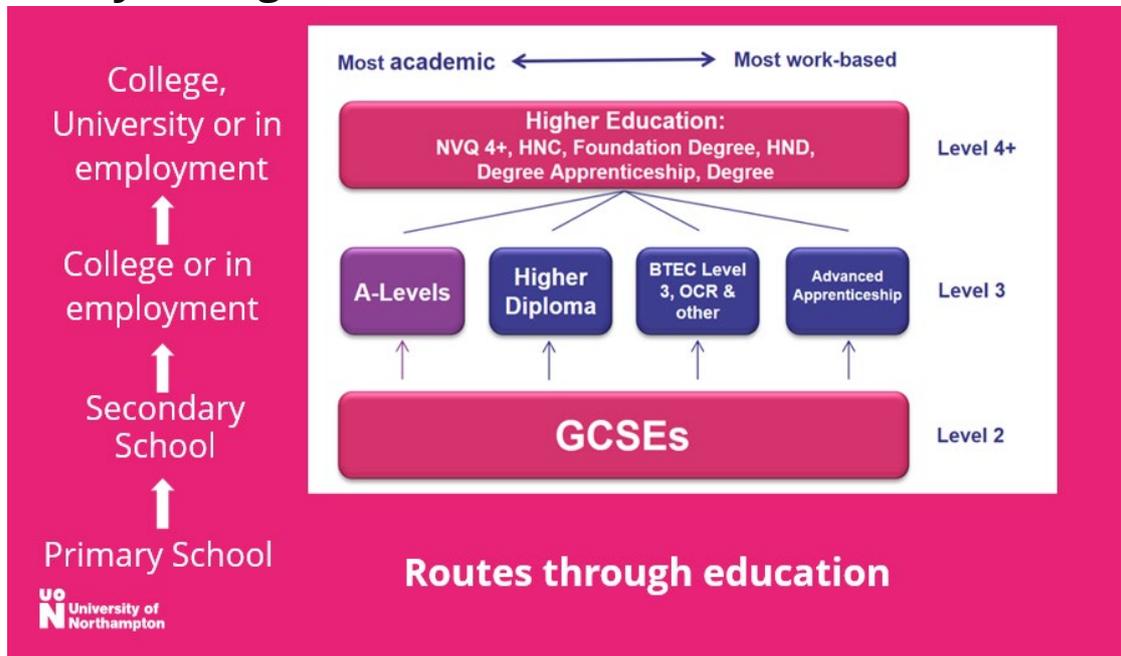
- Search for courses of subjects that you learn at school.
- Search for courses you've never heard of!
- What is the most unusual subject you can find?
- Have you heard of some of these towns and cities where the courses are based?

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For further information on careers, options post key stage 4 and going to university, check out aspire-higher.co.uk

Resources to accompany workshop

Pathways to Higher Education



Resources to accompany the activity: Which of these are real courses?

What do the letters BA, MA, BEng etc. mean?

They are the general subject area studied during your Degree course.

B – Bachelor - this is the awarding title of the Degree, once completed.

You can gain a Bachelor in the following areas:

- BA – Bachelor of Arts
- BSc – Bachelor of Science
- BEng – Bachelor of Engineering
- BEd - Bachelor of Education
- FD – Foundation Degree (this is equivalent to 2/3 of a Degree course)

Below is a short overview of each Degree title, for those wanting to find out more. Many of these are available at a variety of universities, below is just an example with a short description to help explain what each Degree covers.

Baking Science and Technology: BSc. London South Bank University. Includes Artisan chocolate training and advanced bread technology. Can focus on nutrition and aspects of food production.

Equestrian (Sports Coaching): BSc. Hartpury University. A course to enhance practical coaching skills with horses and riders on site. This course is ideal for those who want to get the best out of the horse and rider partnership, coaching and teaching at novice or professional level. There are opportunities to work alongside top-level coaches, at international competitions and events, a riding simulator, as well as the chance to work towards British Horse Society qualifications. Recent graduate destinations: professional equestrian coach, professional rider and postgraduate study.



Horology (study of **time**): BA. Birmingham City University. The only course of its kind in the world. Enables you to study clocks and watches, both mechanical and electronic, as well as assessing the art and science of time measurement. Careers in the luxury watch industry. You'll examine the history of timekeeping, how clocks and watches work, and how they are designed, providing you with the restoration skills that are in demand within the industry.

Circus and Physical Theatre: BA. Bath Spa University. You'll learn a whole host of skills and receive top physical training from experts in the field. This intensive course is focused on helping you build the skills you need to become a strong, creative, and adaptable circus professional. The aim of the course is to integrate physical circus skills with theatrical performance. You will have regular opportunities to present your creative work through performance projects using specialist circus venues and equipment. students can even snag an opportunity to perform at Glastonbury.

Floristry and Floral Design BA. Myersclough College. This course teaches historical floral design, design trends and business planning. Traditional, period, contemporary and experimental designs will be studied. Incorporated within these designs are the latest trends in the manipulation of fresh plant material and experimental designs using modern decorative accessories.

Games Art BA. University of Northampton. Exploring the visual side of the Games industry, from storyboarding through to character and environment design. The university also has a Computer Games Development programme meaning Games Art students can work with programmers to produce commercial quality games.

Puppetry Design and Performance BA. University of London. specialist study area of theatre practice, and graduates have been known to find work at Cirque du Soleil, the London Symphony Orchestra, performing shadow puppet workshops and puppeteering at Thorpe Park.

Teaching BA or BEd. Various universities. 3 or 4 years. Learn about the curriculum and includes work-based learning – just like the trainee teachers in your school.

Surf Science and Technology: FdSc. FOUNDATION DEGREE. Cornwall College (University of Plymouth)...and by the beach! This course won't teach you how to surf, but you'll be in a great position to work for brands such as Billabong or

Surfers Against Sewage when you graduate, or even set up your own surf shack. Including a European field trip. Study the sport of surfing, surfing businesses; event management; environmental science; human exercise science; design and manufacture of surf boards and the environment and human impacts on it.

Farm and Business Management: BSc. Newcastle University. exploring biology, soil science, nutrition, management, accounting and law and management techniques used for decision-making in agricultural businesses in the UK.

Education Studies (Harry Potter Module). BA. Durham University. It's a second-year module, not a whole degree. Look at Harry Potter in a social, cultural and educational context. Education Studies looks at Education in its broader, International sense, including Social policy, politics, sociology, psychology (not training to become a teacher).

Music Production & DJ Practice: BA. Middlesex Uni. You'll learn real-time mixing, remixing, sampling, and electronic improvisation, as well as background about the industry itself. In your final year you'll even learn about the DJ as a performer, where you'll create, prepare and perform a live DJ set.

Cruise Management. BSc. University of Plymouth. Created in collaboration with employers in the industry, you cultivate your professional hospitality management skills in cruise operations. You will emerge confident and eager for the responsibility of managing sophisticated floating resorts around the world.

Acting. BA. University of Bournemouth. This course will prepare you for a career in the professional acting industry by training you in a range of drama and acting techniques including: stage, repertory, TV and musical theatre.

Leather Technology. BSc. University of Northampton. Teaches you to work and travel within a manufacturing industry. A science-based degree, exploring the processes of using and treating leather. Modules include manufacturing, the retail industry, working in the Tannery and chemical labs.

Footwear and Accessories. BA. University of Northampton. Teaches the creative skills & technical knowledge needed for a career in Footwear and Accessory design. You are encouraged to be creative, experimental & innovative; to give you the opportunity to enjoy your craft & refine your skills. Opportunities for European visits to trade fairs and International competitions.



Illustration. BA. Anglia Ruskin University. Emphasis on innovative and imaginative ideas as well as strong drawing and painting, graphic design and digital skills. All of which are explored through narrative, cultural, social and environmental themes at each level in; workshops, staff set, live and competition project briefs to develop your personal visual language and illustrative approach.

Fashion BA. University of Northampton. Develop the design skills and technical knowledge you need to be successful in the fashion industry. The course provides a rigorous depth of knowledge and industry-relevant skills, placements and trips abroad as well as competing in a National Fashion Show at the end of the degree.

For more course information, see the UCAS course finder:

<https://digital.ucas.com/search>

Card sort activity

Cut these up to be used for a card sort activity. Which of these are REAL university courses and which of these are FAKE?

Baking

Horses

Clocks

Circus Skills

Floristry

Computer Games

Puppetry

Teaching

Surfing

Farming

Harry Potter

Being a Music DJ

Cruise ships

Acting

Leather

Shoes

Drawing & Painting

Fashion