



# Year 12 Future Choices Information Evening





## Benefits of doing a degree?

**Transferable** skills are skills and attributes you acquire in one area that are **equally applicable** in other areas:

- Confidence
- Self –reliance
- Interpersonal skills
- Communication skills – Written and Verbal
- Organisational skills
- Key life skills
- Increased chance of financial security

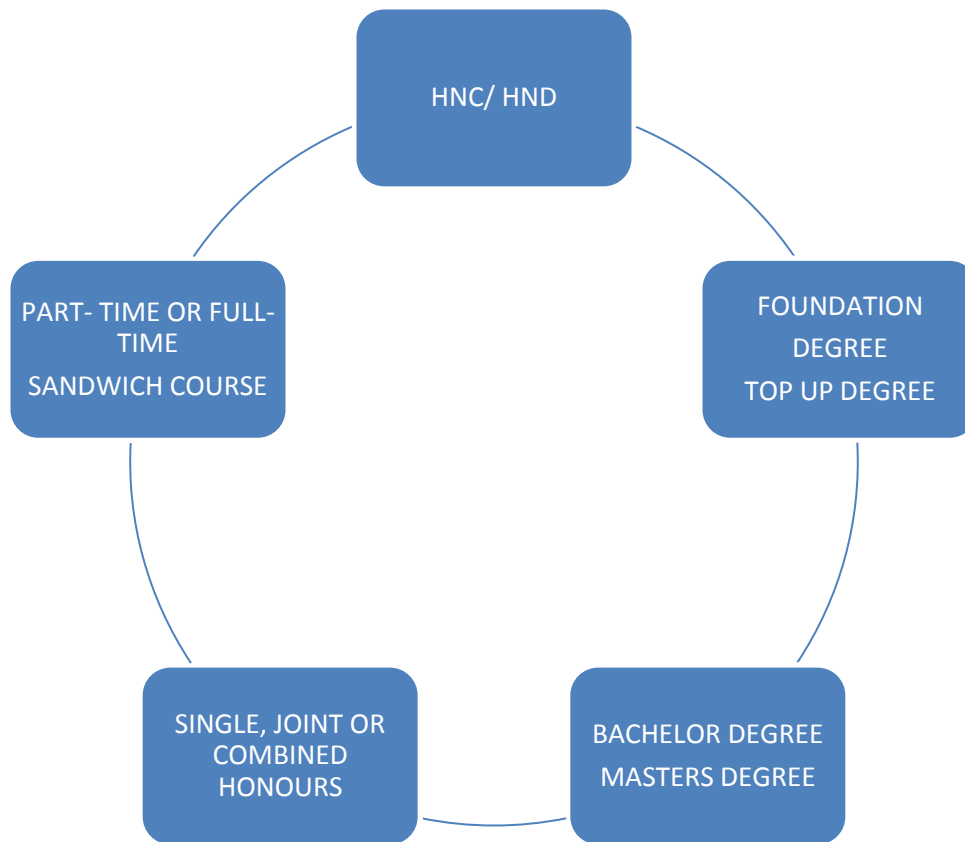
Completing a degree can often help you to enter a career above the starting grade.



# University

- 50,000+ courses at 300+ Universities/Institutions
- How do you find the course that suits you?
- Research – Unifrog, UCAS, Open days
- What do you need to get a place on the course? – subjects, grades, experience beyond the classroom
- Types of institution
  - Oxbridge
  - Redbrick Universities
  - Modern Universities
  - (Former) University Colleges
  - Specialist Colleges

# Types of courses available





## Getting it right

The course you choose does not have to link to a specific career. To guide your choices, consider the following:

- Passion and purpose for the subject;
- Skills, abilities and experience gained at the end of 3 or 4 years;
- Career prospects and future employability;
- Course content and understanding of how the qualification will benefit you in the future.

Then choose a university that offers your course. You will be studying for at least 3 years, so it must be something you really enjoy!



# What course is right for you?

2 choices when choosing a degree:

## Vocational Degree Course

This is a course that leads directly into a profession.

- Example    Law Degree to become a Solicitor  
              Maths Degree to become a Maths teacher

## Non-Vocational Degree Course

This is a course that does not necessarily lead directly into a profession. The skills and abilities that you develop from this degree will enable you to progress into a variety of careers and professions.

- Example    History Degree could progress into a career in Marketing  
              English Degree could progress into a career in Retail Management



## Broaden your Horizons

If you want to go into a specialist area, for example **Drama**, do additional research as this subject can be highly competitive.

So branch out...

- Theatre Studies
- Film/Television and Drama
- Creative Performing Arts
- Theatre and Performance
- Media Performance
- Creative Performing
- Visual Theatre
- Creative Industries
- Technical Theatre
- Theatre Arts
- Contemporary Acting

Look for courses that are similar to what you wish to study, but have a slightly different name as they often have fewer applicants.



## What else do I need to be thinking about?

- Cost/Student Finance
- Bursary/Scholarship
- Accommodation
- Location – *accessibility/ home or away/campus or dispersed/ city or rural?*
- Size - *big or small?*
- Facilities/nightlife/clubs/societies
- Availability of places
- Teaching/assessment
- Predicted grades and asking grades
- Graduate destinations

Could you spend the next 3-4 years of your life there?





## Course search for University

- **Be proactive!** Selecting the right course and institution takes time .
- UCAS - updated regularly
- Use **UNIFROG**.
- Minimum entry requirements. Do their predicted grades match the requirements?
- Course Specific Requirements – is the institution asking for specific grades or subjects at GCSE and A level?
- What they are looking for beyond academic study (**evidence of volunteer work/experiences/skills/abilities**)?