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THE UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

PATHWAYS TO LEVEL 4 AND BEYOND



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EXPLORING EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Online CPD Opportunity for Organisations
working with Young People

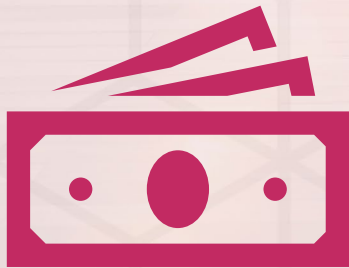
TODAY'S OBJECTIVES:

**TO DISCUSS THE UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION PROCESS & THE THINGS
YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD CONSIDER**



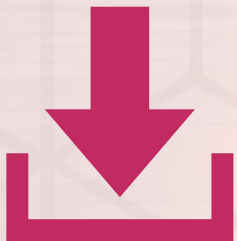
TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

**TO DISCUSS THE WAYS IN WHICH
UNIVERSITY CAN BE FINANCED**



TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

**TO CONSIDER SOME OF THE
CHALLENGES AND THE SUPPORT
AVAILABLE AT UNIVERSITY**



TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

**TO BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE WHEN
DISCUSSING THE UNIVERSITY
PATHWAY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**



SUN **DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE**

The University Pathway

**The
Application
Process**

**Student
Finance**

**Student
Support**

**University
Learning**

ACTIVITY: MY YOUNG PERSON **THEIR NEXT STEPS**

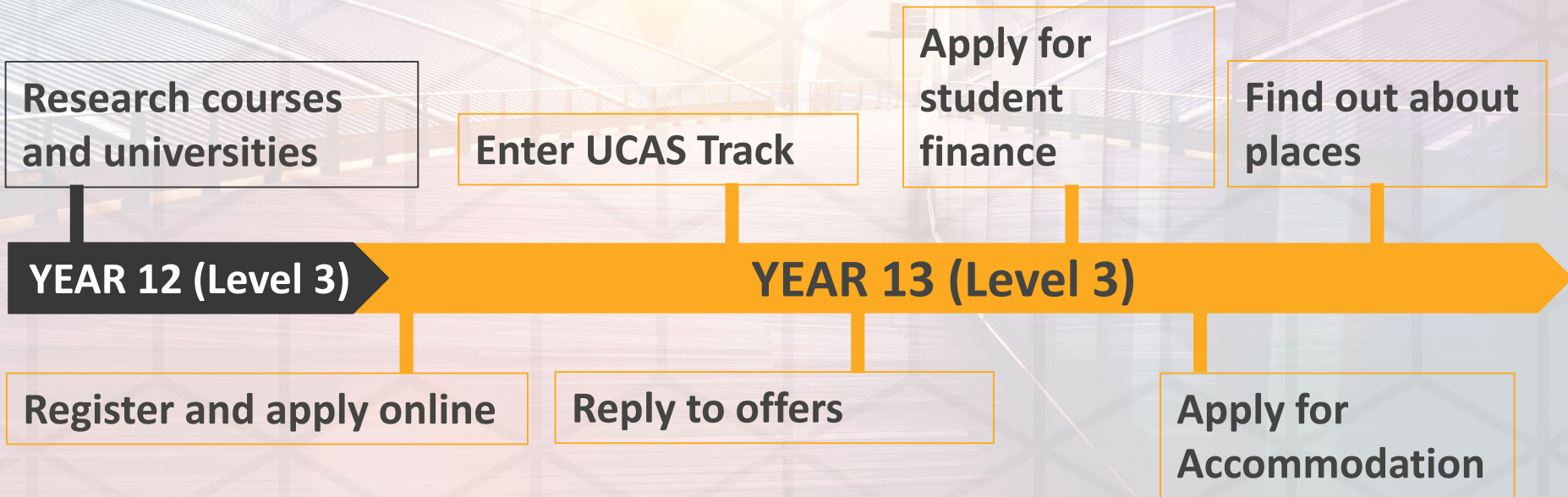
Thinking about the young people
that you work with...



Where does your role fit into
the topic of university?



THE APPLICATION PROCESS



THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1 Confirm your firm choice

The housing process can begin once offers have been received and a firm choice has been chosen – many university's offer accommodation guarantees to those who confirm their firm choice by a certain date

1

3 Apply for accommodation

When applying to accommodation, most universities suggest that students select several choices in order of preference

3

5
Moving in!

5

ACCOMMODATION TIMELINE

2 Assess the options

Each universities accommodation offerings will be different, so it is important to understand what your university offers as well as considering whether living at university is right for the student

2

4 Receive accommodation offer

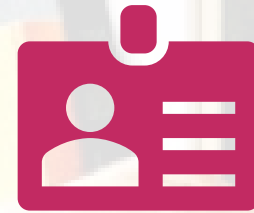
After applying, universities will send out accommodation offers based on what's available

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What is UCAS?

Provides information, advice, and admissions services to inspire and facilitate educational progression.

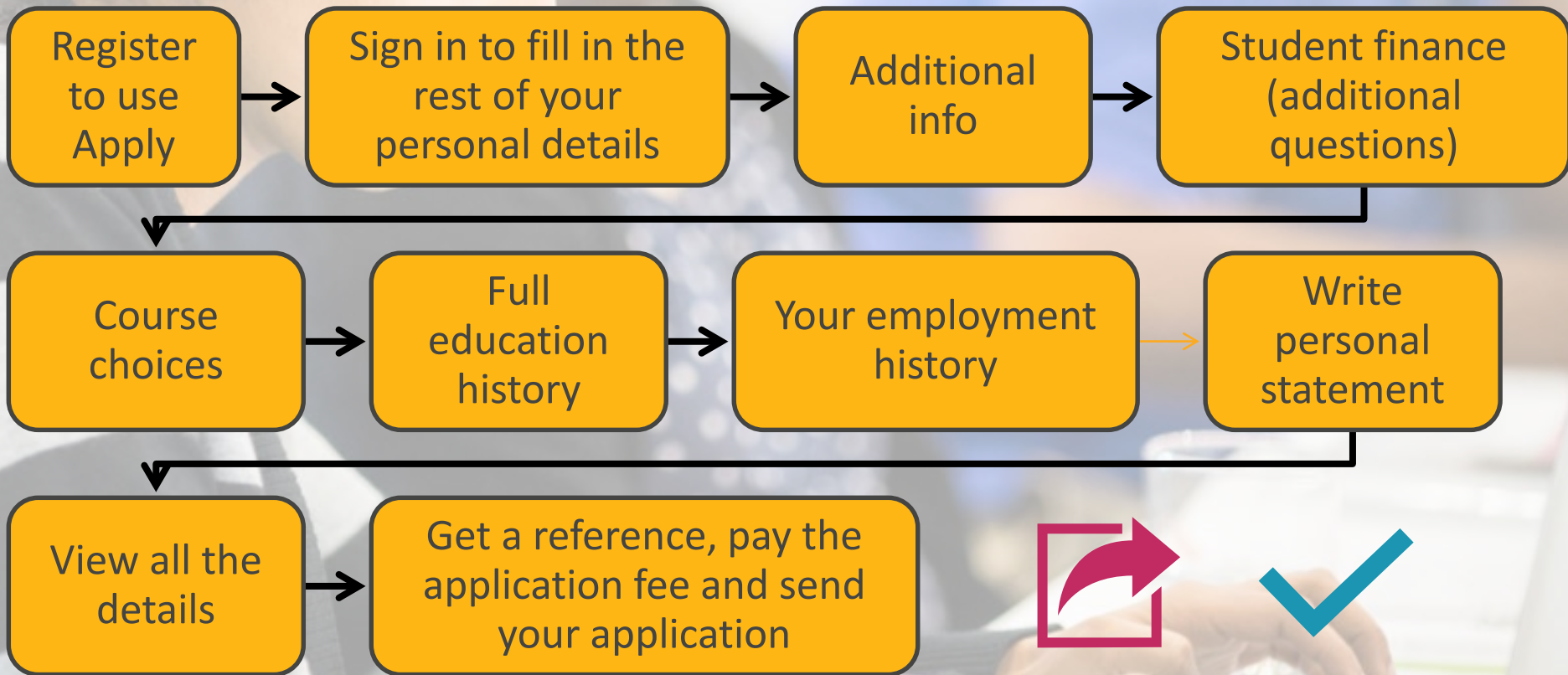


UCAS as a search engine:

<https://digitalucas.com/search> is UCAS' search engine and contains nearly all University courses in the UK.



THE STEPS OF APPLYING ON UCAS





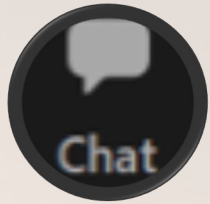
CONTEXTUAL ADMISSIONS

A term used to describe the use of additional data to provide context for a persons university application.



ADDITIONAL CONTEXT UNIVERSITIES MAY CONSIDER:

- Care Leaver
- Living in an area of low participation
- Living in an area with less advantaged socio-economic characteristics
- Refugee
- Attending an 'aspiring' school or college



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What comes to mind when
you think of student finance?

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Tuition fee
loan**

Paid directly to university



**Maintenance
loan**

Paid in three termly instalments



**Extra
support**

Scholarships

Bursaries

TUITION FEE LOAN

**Tuition fee
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Paid directly to university



Covers the
tuition fee up
to £9,250p.a.

MAINTENANCE LOAN

**Maintenance
loan**

Paid in three termly instalments



**Living at
home**
Up to
£7,324p.a

**Living at
university
outside
London**
Up to
£8,700p.a.

**Living at
university in
London**
Up to
£11,345p.a

MAINTENANCE LOAN

INCOME	LIVING AT HOME	LIVING AWAY FROM HOME
	MAINTENANCE LOAN (TOTAL)	MAINTENANCE LOAN (TOTAL)
£25,000 and below	£7,987	£9,488
£30,000	£7,315	£8,809
£35,000	£6,642	£8,130
£40,000	£5,969	£7,450
£45,000	£5,296	£6,771
£50,000	£4,623	£6,092
£55,000	£3,950	£5,412
£60,000	£3,516	£4,422

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$$£9488 - £4422 = £5066$$



Suggested Additional Contribution = £5066

**Extra
support**

Scholarships

Linked to academic results or ability

For Example:

University of
Winchester
Highflier
Academic

Even if students get an
unconditional offer, they should
continue to work hard as they may
earn an academic scholarship

In 2016, 50% of
students who
desire to

achieve the
as well as

academically.

Students with entry grades equating to 136 UCAS points or
£500-£550 will receive a £2000 bursary in their first year towards things which
continue to help them prepare for a first-class university.

Extra support

Bursaries

Linked to personal circumstances

For Example:

University of Portsmouth Bursary

An annual grant of £1,250 per year bursary if you are a full-time undergraduate. This support will help towards breaking of less than £25,000 that prevent young people from care entering higher education.

Universities

For a more bespoke overview of support available at each institution can be found in the university's student services department and on the university website.

Solent University Carers Bursary

This is a non-repayable bursary of £1,200 awarded to young carers who continue to have caring responsibilities while they are studying at university. A £1,000 Bursary for students from a home with a household income of between £16,001-£30,000.

Extra support

FOR WIDENING PARTICIPATION TARGET GROUPS

Asylum Seekers and Refugees

- Support depends on their status and the university they apply to
- Not usually eligible for the 'home' rate of tuition fees or student finance
- Many universities who have signed up to the **Universities of Sanctuary** scheme offer fee waivers



Estranged Students

- Estranged students can apply for independent status
- **StandAlone** lead the charge and has had 85 universities pledge their support in the areas of: Finance, Accommodation, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Outreach and Transition



Young Carers

- Support for young carers varies between HE institutions so it is vital that students do plenty of research
- Students need to tell their institutions about their caring responsibilities – the **Carer Passport** can make this easier



**Extra
support**

**Care
Leavers**

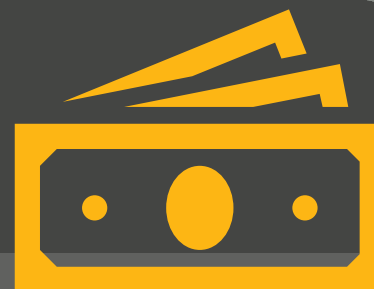
**Local
Authority
Leaving Care
Grant**

Care leavers can
get support from
both universities
and local
authorities

**Local
Authority
HE
Bursary**

Universities
can offer
support such as
bursaries or
personal tutors

Propel lets
you search
universities
support



**Extra
support**



**A single Disabled
Students
Allowance of up to
£25,000 is being
introduced in
2021/22**

**Extra
support**

NHS SUPPORT



Extra payments worth up to £3,000 per academic year will be available for eligible student's and they could receive:

- £1,000 - childcare costs
- £1,000 – if studying in a region struggling to recruit
- £1,000 – new student studying a shortage specialism.

Extra support

Looking for extra support

- Websites and prospectuses of individual universities and colleges will contain the most information
- Check the *Complete University Guide*
- When applying, be sure to fill out personal details on UCAS or the university application



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THE STUDENT FINANCE QUIZ



THE STUDENT FINANCE QUIZ (1)



How much do you need to be earning before you begin paying back your undergraduate student loan?



A) £25,000 B) £26,575 C) £27,295



C) £27,295

THE STUDENT FINANCE QUIZ (2)



What percentage of earning over the threshold do you pay back?



A) 9%

B) 10%

C) 15%



A

You will pay **9%** on everything you earn over **£27,295**

REPAYMENT

Annual income before tax	Approximate monthly income	Monthly repayments (approx)
£27,295	£2,274	£0
£30,000	£2,500	£20
£35,000	£2,916	£57
£40,000	£3,333	£95
£45,000	£3,750	£132
£50,000	£4,166	£170
£60,000	£5,000	£245

THE STUDENT FINANCE QUIZ (3)



An estimated
83% of students
will not pay
back their full
student loan
(Onward, 2019)

A) 1

ne limit

If you don't pay back the loan after 30 years, the loan is
cleared

THE STUDENT FINANCE QUIZ (4)



How is a student loan paid back?



- A) You must arrange to pay it back yourself
- B) The university arranges this for you
- C) It is taken away from your salary via payroll



C

The student loan repayments get taken away through payroll so the amount you receive in your bank account each month already has it removed

THE STUDENT FINANCE QUIZ (5)



What if my circumstances change? (e.g. loss of a job, salary reduction)



- A) Your payments stop or drop accordingly
- B) You must continue your paying your student loan as normal
- C) The student finance company will pay in the interim



A

If you've started repaying the loan, but then lose your job or take a pay cut, your repayments drop or stop accordingly

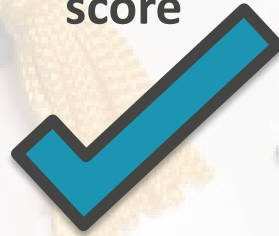
STUDENT FINANCE MYTH BUSTER:

You don't have to pay your student loan if you **move abroad**



If you move abroad you still have to repay your student loan. However, it is no longer automatic, it is up to you to communicate with the student loans company

Student loans have no effect on your **credit score**



Student loans aren't the same as normal debt, as they don't appear on your credit history.

Even if you've got the cash it can be **cheaper to take the loan**



This is simply because many won't ever need to repay their loans in full.

STUDENT FINANCE MYTH BUSTER:

Student loans aren't available for **part time** students



Part-timers are entitled to loans for tuition fees from the Student Loan Company as long as it's their first degree. They won't, however, be eligible for maintenance loans or grants

Student loans aren't available for **students over 25**



First time full-timers can get loans for tuition fees whatever their age, while loans for living are only available to full-time students aged under 60 at the start of their course.

UNIVERSITY TIMETABLE

Level 4 Politics and Global Studies

	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30
Mon				PO1230 Lecture Prof. W, Sheward TAB102															
Tue		PO1101 Lecture Prof. J, Bloggs WB3																	
Wed																			
Thu								PO1202 Lecture Prof. S, Roberts SAB202											
Fri												PO1301 Workshop Prof. C, Ryan TAB104							

8hrs Contact Time

22hrs Independent Study

	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30	
Mon		Studying in cafe	PO1230 Lecture Prof. W, Sheward TAB102				Gym			Studying in library										
Tue		PO1101 Lecture Prof. J, Bloggs WB3				Studying in library					Studying at home						Climbing society			
Wed		Studying in library				Group Project				Hockey Match										
Thu	Gym		Studying in library					PO1202 Lecture Prof. S, Roberts SAB202					Studying in library				Politics society			
Fri	Gym		Studying in cafe				Personal tutor meeting						PO1301 Workshop Prof. C, Ryan TAB104			Studying in library				

18hrs independent study in this example

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Academic Tutor
Can help students:



To adapt
to
university

Reflect on
work

Academic tutors
are usually a
member of course
staff who offers
one-to-one
support

**Academic
Services**



Academic
services is a
university
department
dedicated to
offering:

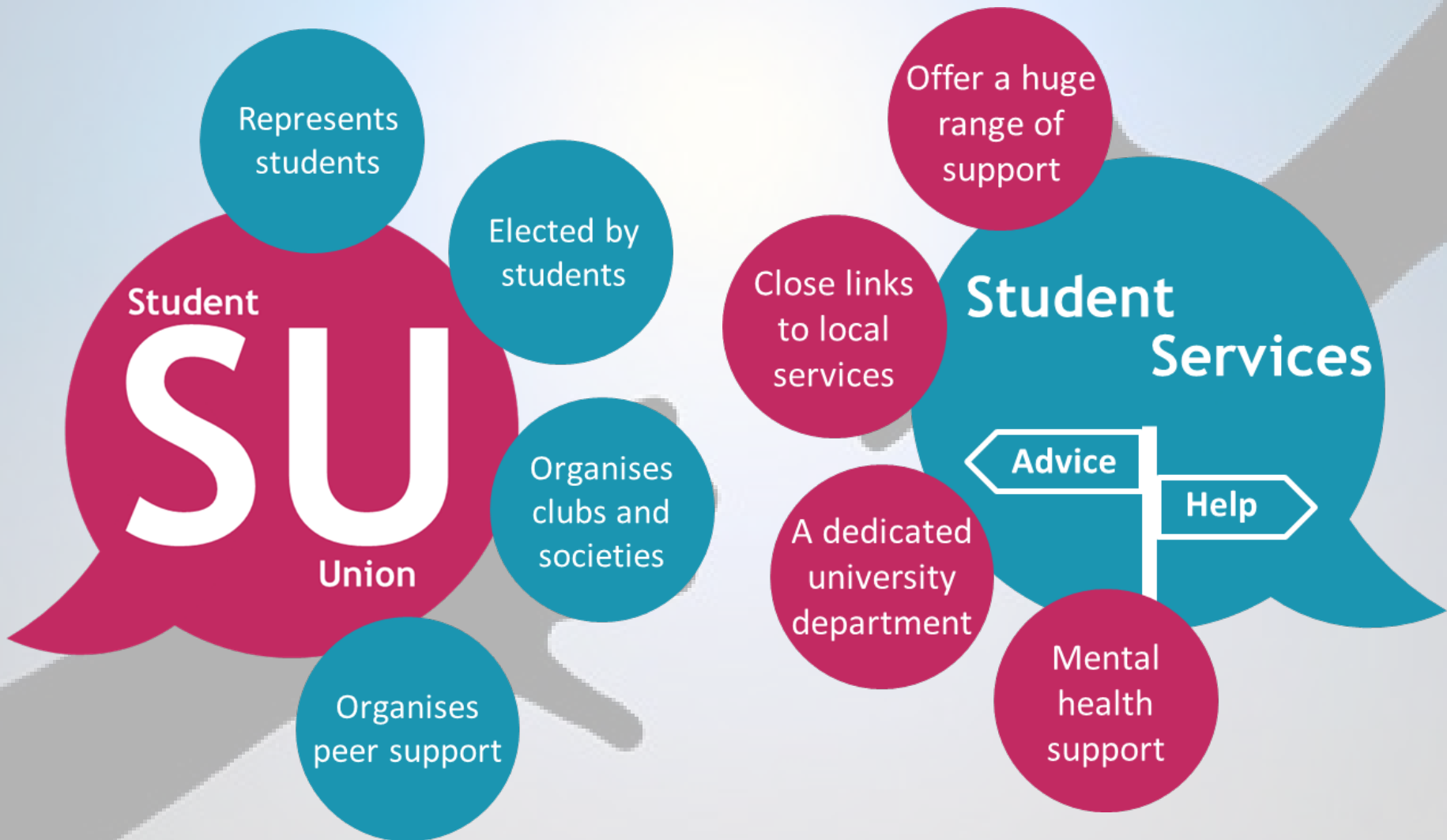
One-to-
ones

Study
guides

Skills
workshops

Mentoring
schemes

WELFARE SUPPORT



ACTIVITY: MY YOUNG PERSON THEIR NEXT STEPS

University

Is university something they would consider? Why/why not?

At what stages might they need extra support?





ADDITIONAL SIGNPOSTING



OUTREACH & ACCESS ACTIVITY

CAMPUS VISITS

WORKSHOPS



UNIVERSITIES



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CONTEXTUAL
ADMISSIONS

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



SUN ACTIVITY

FESTIVALS OF
INDUSTRIES

RESIDENTIALS

WORKSHOPS

REVISION DAYS

THIRD PARTY
ORGANISATIONS

WEBSITE & RESOURCES

SPOCs & PROGRESSION
MENTORS in Schools &
Colleges

CPD



FUTURE STEPS



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FAIRS &
OPEN DAYS



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