Why go to university?

Wonderful things happen here.
Deciding whether to go to university is a big decision. Below are a few benefits of why university could be for you.

**Academic**
- Opportunity to obtain a qualification from an internationally recognised institution
- Over 35,000 courses to choose from almost 370 UK universities
- Choose one subject or combine subjects (honours or joint honours)
- Study full-time or part-time
- Learn from experts in the field – with plenty of support
- Variety of learning methods/assessments
- Experience world-class facilities
- Have the opportunity to have a year in industry or study abroad

**Social**
- Opportunity to experience new things, visit new places and meet people from across the globe
- Globally recognised artists to local/student bands
- Hundreds of sports clubs and societies to choose from:
  - Societies: Business, Languages, Drama, Musical Theatre, Raising and Giving (RAG)
  - Sports: Football, Rugby, Water Polo, Sailing, Cheerleading
- Student life is about diversity and achieving a good balance between work and social life (and having FUN!)

**Career prospects**
- Transferable skills such as delivering presentations, problem solving and time management that can be used for future employment
- Some careers require a specific degree (e.g. Veterinary Medicine or Civil Engineering)
- Placement years at universities allow a student to gain valuable experiences with top employers
- Graduates have a greater earning power and higher employment rate than non-graduates
- Consistent support from the Careers Service – even after you graduate!

**Independence**
- Opportunity to develop as an individual and enhance “life skills” including:
  - Budgeting (and paying bills!)
  - Cooking
  - Washing clothes
  - Gaining cultural awareness and developing social skills
  - Live at home or live in halls of residence (whatever your choice, make the most of it!)

**Support**
- Student Life Mentoring – a current student to offer you help and advice
- On campus GP
- Student Services for any funding, budgeting, health advice
- Wardens – 24/7 Security

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2,300+ placement partners

95% employability on average over 5 years