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**Year 12 Workbook**

A big welcome from the University of Northampton to our online resources. Whether you have already made a start on researching Higher Education or if you are still deciding if university is right for you, we hope that our interactive videos and activities will give you a great insight into the university journey.

This booklet goes hand in hand with the presentations that can be accessed by emailing [schools.liaison@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@northampton.ac.uk). As you go through each presentation you will be asked to complete questions, please do your best to answer the question fully before continuing onto the next part of the video -good luck!

**Introduction to Higher Education**

This section relates to our Introduction to Higher Education video which can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/okLQtZXyWcU>. This is a great starting point covering the benefits of going to university, Student Finance, different qualifications, how you can start researching and the application process through UCAS.

1. (Slide 3) Write down 3 benefits to going to university:
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   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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2. Course entry requirements: UCAS Tariff points are allocated to level 3 qualifications that you study in Sixth Form or at College. Some universities use UCAS Tariff points in their course entry requirements.
   1. (Slide 4) Work out how many UCAS Tariff points you hope to achieve based on your predicted grades:

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*Tip: Follow the link* [*https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator*](https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator) *and don’t forget to add in non-academic qualifications!*

* 1. (Slide 4) Go to [www.northampton.ac.uk](http://www.northampton.ac.uk) find 3 courses that you may be interested in studying and complete the following table:

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| Course | UCAS Points required | Any additional requirements |
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1. (Slide 5) Jargon Busting: What do these words mean?

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| **Terminology** | **Meaning** |
| BA/BSc |  |
| Fresher |  |
| Undergraduate & Postgraduate |  |
| Halls |  |
| SU |  |
| Seminar & Lecture |  |
| Campus |  |
| Maintenance Loan |  |
| Prospectus |  |
| UCAS |  |

1. Joint Honours: With so many courses on offer it can be hard to choose just one. With a Joint Honours degree, you can study two courses, whether they are closely related or completely different.

(Slide 6) Write down a Joint Honours combination that you might consider doing at The University of Northampton:

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| --- | --- |
| **Subject 1** | **Subject 2** |
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1. Course Choices: There are over 50,000 undergraduate courses taught at universities across the UK. With so much choice it’s important that you study a subject you enjoy and will help you reach your goals.

(Slide 7) If you are unsure of what you would like to study at university, please list 1 subject for each of the areas mentioned:

* + 1. Professional Subject:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    2. Current Subject:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    3. Vocational Subject:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    4. Hobby/Interest:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    5. New Subject:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. At the University of Northampton, we aim to make your course choice as straightforward as possible, with our extensive range of study options and combinations.
   1. (Slide 8) Course considerations: It’s really useful to find out through your research what the course involves and what is important to you.

List your 3 top priorities for choosing your course:

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* 1. (Slide 9) List your 3 top priorities for choosing a university:

i.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ii.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

iii.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Tip: Check out* [*https://www.northampton.ac.uk/student-life/university-living-laptops-trips-and-internships/*](https://www.northampton.ac.uk/student-life/university-living-laptops-trips-and-internships/) *for further information on how the university can help you throughout your studies.*

1. (Slide 10) Accommodation: If you choose to move away from home always remember that universities will offer various accommodation options for students with varying budgets.

Take a virtual tour of the accommodation available on-site at our Waterside Campus: [www.northampton.ac.uk/360tour/accommodation](http://www.northampton.ac.uk/360tour/accommodation)

a. Write down your favourite accommodation:

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b. What is the cost of the accommodation per week?

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c. What is the cost of the Park & Ride facility?

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1. Open Days: You can be confident that you’ll find out everything you need to know about studying with us when you attend one of our Open Days. Register for an Open Day at [www.northampton.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.northampton.ac.uk/opendays).

(Slide 11) Please consider 3 questions that you would like answered during your visit:

a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Student Finance: Whilst studying at university you may be able to borrow money from Student Finance England to help pay for your course tuition fees and to help with living costs.

(Slide 12) Visit the Student Finance Calculator [www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)

* 1. Calculate what you MAY receive in Student Loans\*
  2. Visit [www.northampton.ac.uk/student-life/bursaries-scholarships-and-awards/](http://www.northampton.ac.uk/student-life/bursaries-scholarships-and-awards/) to see what additional support you may qualify for.

\*Student Loan figures are for 2020/21 entry.

10) Research: With literally hundreds of universities to consider it’s important that you know what is on offer where, and which Universities and courses can give you what you want from your studies.

(Slide 13) Take some time to research the following links, they will help to guide you with your choices:

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| UCAS | www.ucas.com |
| Which | www.university.which.co.uk |
| Prospectus | www.prospects.ac.uk |
| Discover Uni | www.discoveruni.gov.uk |
| Fast Tomato | www.fasttomato.com |
| The complete university guide | www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk |
| Unifrog | www.unifrog.org |

We hope that you’ve found our Introduction to Higher Education session useful. Make sure to check out our other activities suitable for Year 12/ Year 1 Level 3 students including:

* Personal Statements – coming soon
* Applying through UCAS – coming soon
* University life outside of London – coming soon
* Interview Skills – coming soon

Email [schools.liaison@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@northampton.ac.uk) stating the activity that you would like to complete and we will send the resources across to you. If you do have any further questions about Higher Education please do get in touch using the same email address and we’ll be happy to help.