

# INTRODUCTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

## LESSON OBJECTIVES:

- To explain the different options after college.
- To introduce some advantages of Higher Education.

## RESOURCES REQUIRED

- UoR Video – Why go to uni?
- PowerPoint slides

## WHEN IS THIS RESOURCE TO BE USED?

These activities can be used anytime to suit your students.

We find that form/tutor time is a good opportunity to share advice with students. These resources are designed to fill 20 minutes, and can be used as one-off activities, or as part of a series of activities.

### STARTER:

**Next steps mindmap** – Get students to think of the different options available to them after leaving college/6th form. Write ideas on the board and try asking students to think of advantages and disadvantages of each option.

### SUGGESTED TIMES:

5 mins

### MAIN:

**Slide 4:** Talk through with students the options on slide 4. There are teacher notes about the different options available. It's a good chance to get students to reflect on why they chose to stay on into Further Education. Maybe they didn't think they would earn much money at age 16, or maybe they didn't know yet what they wanted to do.

5 mins

**Slide 5:** Emphasise that the more they learn, and the higher in education they get, the more opportunities they will have in their futures.

**Slide 6:** Play the video 'Why go to uni?', filmed by University of Reading ambassadors.

3 mins

**Slide 7, 8 and 9:** Confirm that there are lots of reasons why students go to university. Transferable skills are just as important as academic learning in the competitive job market.

5 mins

### PLENARY:

**Slide 10:** Students who are thinking about going to university as their 'next step' might like to start thinking about university options and courses they would like to study.

2 mins

### EXTENSION:

If time allows, students may like to hear about your experience(s) at university, or start some research of their own. University websites can be very helpful for providing outreach experiences to help students get to know different subjects on offer, and find out about life at university in general. At the University of Reading we offer a lot of virtual activity to help students feel well prepared about their choices: [www.reading.ac.uk/outreach](http://www.reading.ac.uk/outreach)