

Higher Education

Universities and Colleges

Covers courses
available after
Further Education
(level 3)

Usually need to be
18 to study a HE
course.

Applying is a
multi-stage
process.

Full time study at
a university isn't
the only way to
get a degree.

You can undertake a degree course at
home, on an apprenticeship, with a
training provider at a college or a
university

Your college may have an earlier
deadline to review your application to
help you have the best chance of
succeeding.



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Using the Digital Prospectus can you find the answers to the following questions?

- Q1. How many different types of HE courses are there?
- Q2. What kind of entry requirements are generally needed?

- Q3. Why would work experience be an advantage for academic study?
- Q4. Is there anywhere in Stockport you can study a HE course?

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Do you need a HE Qualification to access the best paid jobs?



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Higher Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships with a vocational course of Level 4 and above

May take five to six years to complete

Entry requirements are usually Level 3; A levels, NVQs, BTEC etc.

Competition is difficult for places- you will be competing against existing staff and experienced adults.

Degree apprenticeships, like advanced and higher apprenticeships, mean splitting your weekly hours - 80% at work and 20% study.



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Higher Apprenticeships

Using the Digital Prospectus can you find the answers to the following questions?

- Q1. How do you find available degree/higher apprenticeships?
- Q2. What kind of entry requirements are generally needed?

Q3. Will volunteering and/or work experience be to your advantage when applying?

Q4. What are the benefits of doing an apprenticeship as opposed to going to Uni?

Q Getting paid to study is attractive, but what are the cons to doing a degree apprenticeship?



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UCAS

UCAS points convert your your qualification from a grade into “points”. You can find these tables online

Apply on time - degree courses may fill up and you may miss out.

There's an application fee and form. You'll also need a personal statement and a written reference

When making a career plan-research a few degrees, look at the entry requirements and make sure your plan is flexible enough to adapt to changes

If you miss the deadlines you are entered into “clearing” - a matching process which offers places on courses to applicants who don't have an offer



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Clearing

Clearing usually runs for a few months.

If you missed the deadlines you might be eligible to be offered a place through clearing

If you don't have any offers or a confirmed offer after your results you might also be eligible for clearing.

It's not just "bad universities" or "unwanted courses" in clearing, people change their mind, move abroad, start a job or apprenticeship, accept a different place, or defer a year

If you are in doubt remember to ask questions, research and look at all of your options. There is a lot of free advice available to you.



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Consider

HE options are not usually funded, check if you're eligible for scholarships, grants, bursaries or other assistance

Financial concerns might make you worry there's a lot of press about student debt levels which can be intimidating

Taking out student loans can be an overwhelming amount of money, there are set systems to ensure you can afford to pay it back

If you are estranged from your family, leaving care or acting as an unpaid carer there is financial assistance available to you, which you will not have to pay back.



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