



**ROOTS  
TO  
SUCCESS**

**INTRODUCTION TO  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

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Higher education (also known simply as HE) is the level of education you can undertake after you have completed post-16 studies (such as A levels, T Levels, and BTECs).

You can enter higher education at any age after 18 and can return to it at any stage in your life, meaning there's no rush!

You might study a HE course at a university, in a further education college or with an online provider. Each higher education provider offers different subjects, so there's plenty to choose from.

You can also study at a higher level at higher education providers all over the UK. Meaning you can either move away from home or stay nearby, maybe even the city you live in now!



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# WHAT IS HIGHER EDUCATION?

# COULD HE BE FOR YOU?

There are lots of myths around higher education like that it's only for certain types of people but that's untrue!

Higher education is open to anyone who is motivated in studying their subject, not just exam results. Money from student finance makes it so everyone can afford to go into higher education as well.

There are so many options within higher education, we like to think there's something for everyone!



## WHY GO TO INTO HE?



Some people go into higher education because they have to for a future career like as a doctor, lawyer or teacher. But there's plenty of other reasons to study at a higher level!

You get to learn about something new or maybe something that you already love, you can become more independent and also meet plenty of new people and make loads of new friends. It will also make getting a job easier in the future!

# WHERE CAN I STUDY HE IN YORK?



*"The University of York is a research-intensive university which works with partners around the world to tackle some of the most pressing global challenges. The University is deeply embedded in the local community. Our values and commitment to the public good have never been more important. We are a hub for sharing knowledge, inspiring collaboration and enriching lives."*



*"York College provides a wide range of vocational courses, A-levels and apprenticeships, as well as vocational degrees and a range of specialist courses and qualifications in many fields. We aim to support local students achieve their goals by providing support and flexible study options, such as part time learning."*



Flip over the page for  
some helpful definitions



*"University Centre Askham Bryan is a specialist land based college and offer a large range of courses which will set you up for a career doing what you feel passionate about. Whether you are leaving school, interested in degree-level courses, want an apprenticeship or would like to take up a new activity or learn new skills to help you do your job and improve your job prospects, Askham Bryan College is such a great place to study."*

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**YORK  
ST JOHN  
UNIVERSITY**

*"York St John University is a high quality, friendly university with a campus based in the centre of the historic City of York. Founded in 1841 we transform lives through the power of education across the generations. We pride ourselves in our community here at York St John University. It's a close-knit, inclusive place that offers a lot more than a degree certificate."*



# HIGHER EDUCATION WORDSEARCH

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University  
Study  
Course  
Graduate  
Campus  
Library  
Seminar  
Lecture  
Research  
Fieldwork  
Exams

## SOME HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

**University and College** - a place where you can study subjects at a higher level

**Course** - the subject you are studying at a university or college

**Graduate** - a person who has completed their course

**Campus** - where the university or college's buildings and spaces are located

**Seminar** - a lesson with talks between a small group of students

**Lecture** - a talk by a teacher to a large group of students at university or college

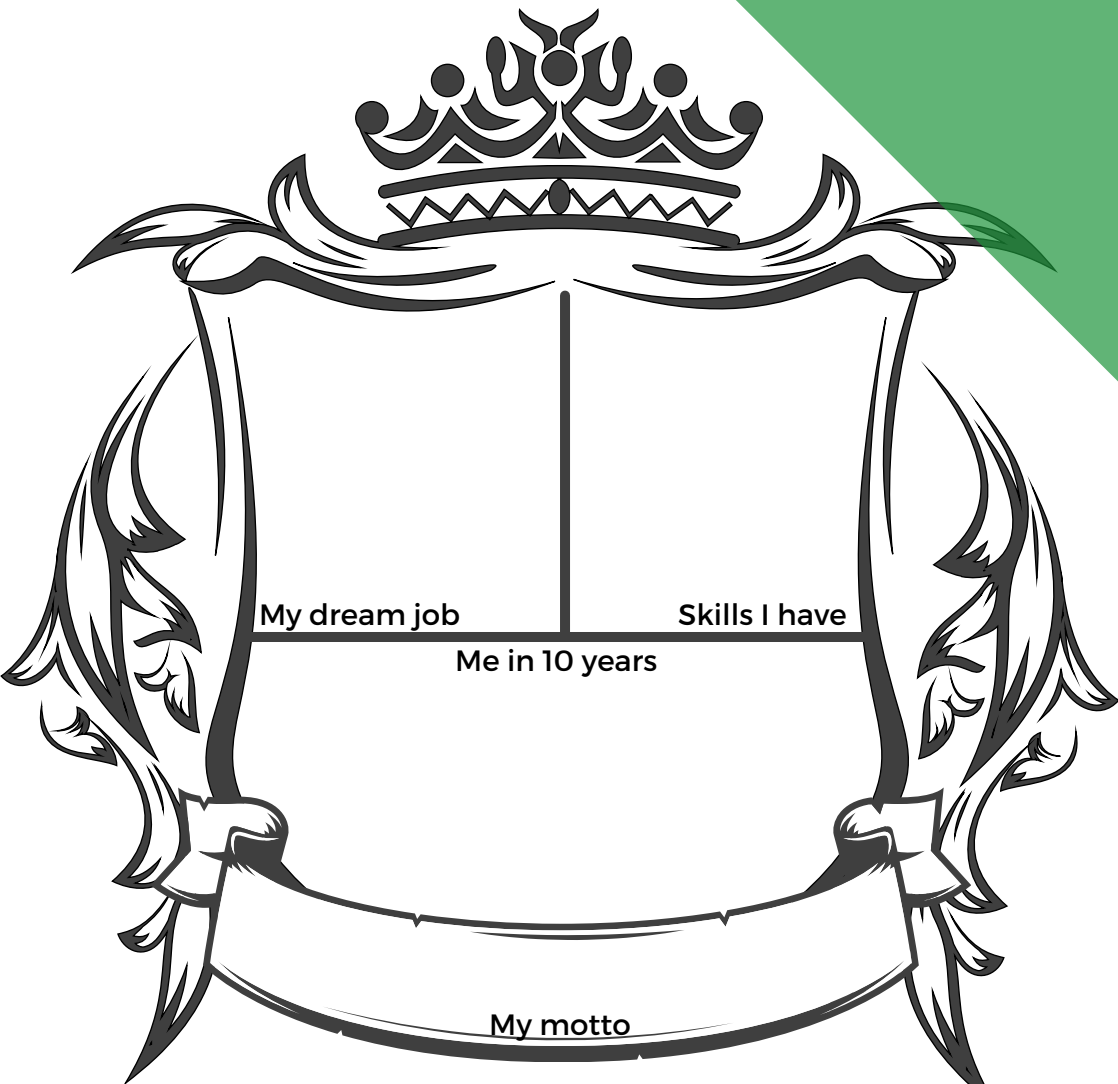
**Research** - the study of materials to discover new things

**Fieldwork** - a lesson not in the classroom but outside!

# DREAMSHIELD

We all have dreams and ideas about what we want to do and who we want to be when we are older.

**Create your own dream shield which represents your future!**  
You can use words or draw pictures in the sections. When you are done, why not cut it out and put it somewhere you can see everyday to remind you of your dreams.





## ROOTS TO SUCCESS

If you enjoyed learning more about higher education, why not check out **Roots Online** - a free online resource for all pupils in years 7 - 11 exploring all things higher education:



[york.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/pre-16/roots-to-success/roots-online](http://york.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/pre-16/roots-to-success/roots-online)