

Presenter notes

- This presentation has been created with the view of taking around 15-20 minutes
- The information is correct when created in Aug 2026 – please check any key information before delivering as the landscape can change!

User instructions

- The presentation is set out as a 'true or false', where students will see the statement, decide if it is true or false, and then the answer is shown with an accompanying video to watch
- You may wish for students to show hands for true/false, or split them into teams
- If you wish to do it as a competition and show all the videos, you may need slightly more than the time allows or to split it over more than one session
- Throughout it follows the same format – read the true or false statement, change slide, read the answer and then if there is an accompanying video these will follow before the next statement
- Please see explanation sheet for further guidance

Get Set: GCSE to HE

Pathways & Myth Busting

Navigate the Journey



Aims



To investigate some of the common myths surrounding higher education

**We are going to do this
through a 'true or false'
session!**

True or False

You must move away from home and
live in halls to go to university



OR

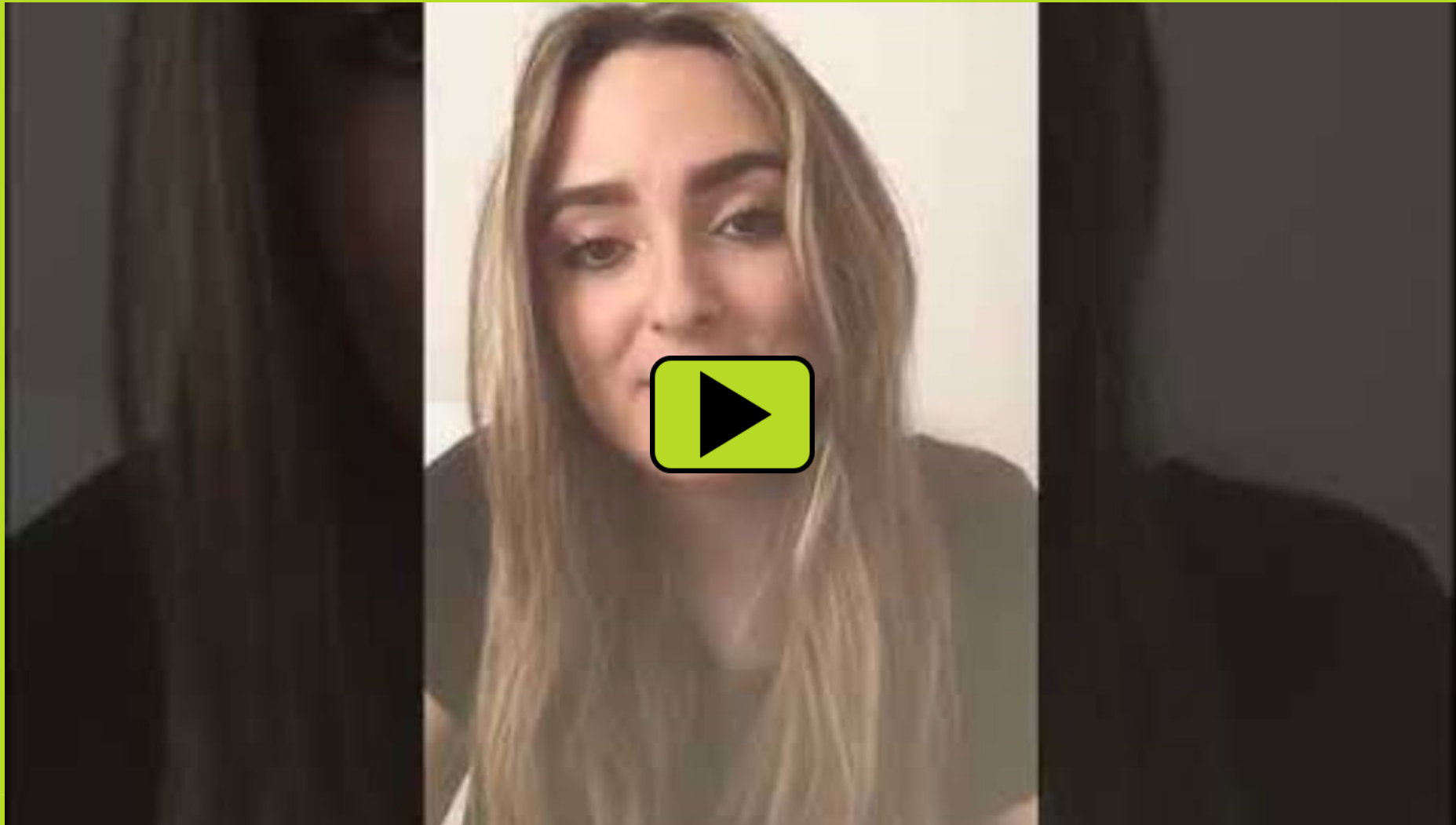


FALSE

- Many students choose to **live on campus** or away from home
- Increasing numbers **remaining at home**
- It is normally **cheaper to live at home**
- Students who live close to the university and stay at home are called '**commuters**'.



Student Voice: Where you live at university



Student Voice: Commuting to university



True or False

You must study A-Levels to be able to
go to university



OR



FALSE

There are **lots of qualifications** that can get you into university, including:

- **BTECs/V-Levels**
- **T-Levels**
- **Apprenticeships**
- **A-Levels**

Most courses will also ask for your **GCSE grades**, especially in English and Maths.



Studying Level 3 - BTEC



True or False

If you don't get the grades needed, you might still be able to go to university that year



OR



TRUE

There are a few options...

- Some universities **may accept applicants**, even if they miss the grades of their offer
- **Clearing** - universities **open up any remaining spaces** they have to students
- Some universities offer **foundation years** for some subjects. This is a base year that you would complete before your degree.



Foundation Years



True or False

A full-time course means you will be at university 9-5 every day



OR



FALSE

- **Timetables vary** depending on the **subject**
- Practical subjects that feature **lots of lab work** and courses like **medicine, nursing and teacher training** often have higher levels of teaching time
- For other courses you may only have **lessons 3 days a week** but will be expected to work **independently** outside of that.



Day in the life of a business degree student



True or False

Doing any degree will likely help you to
access a wider range of jobs



OR



TRUE

- For some careers, there is an **obvious link to a university course** – for example, if you study medicine to become a doctor
- **Many jobs open to graduates** (people who have a degree) will specify that you **need a degree** but not necessarily the subject





True or False

You can study for a degree at a university, at a college or online



OR



TRUE

- **University** is one option, whether you choose to **move away to university** or **live at home**
- Many **Further Education colleges** are now opening more degree courses
- You can also **study online** through a provider like the **Open University**.

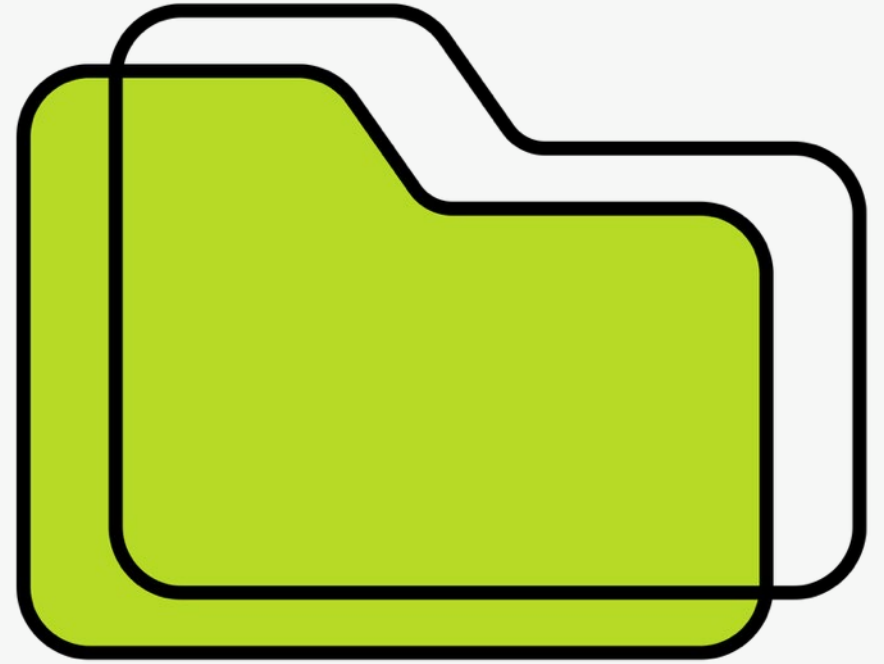


Study at a College – University Centre West Anglia



GET SET 

Thank you



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