

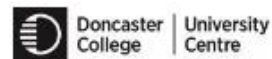


University Life

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**Sheffield
Hallam
University**



These resources are provided by HeppSY

- HeppSY stands for Higher Education Progression Partnership South Yorkshire.
- HeppSY is part of a national programme which supports young people in Year 9 to Year 13.
- We provide impartial information and advice and engage with all higher education opportunities to help young people make the best choices for them individually.

Outcomes

This presentation will help you:

- Gain words and phrases that will help you talk about university level study and your thoughts about it.
- Talk about the areas of learning or extra-curricular activities that offer you the most satisfaction.

What is Higher Education?

- Higher education is studied at **Universities and Colleges**. It is a programme of study at **level 4 and above**.
- This means it is studied after A-Levels / BTECs / level 3 qualifications.

Level 1 & 2	GCSE
Level 3	A-Levels / BTECs
Level 4-7	Higher & Degree Level



HE Word/ Phrase	Definition
Erasmus	A programme throughout Europe, offering students the opportunity to study abroad for 1-2 semesters.
Joint Honours	A combined degree which usually involves two major areas of study, allowing you to combine different interests.
Seminar	Small groups discussing a topic. These are more informal and normally a debate or discussion.
Undergraduate	A student studying for their first degree who has not yet completed the course.
Semester	A term, lasting 15-18 weeks.
Degree	A qualification given by a university.
Fresher	A first year student.
Sandwich Course	A course that includes a placement between your second and third year of study.
Lecture	A formal talk, given to a group.
Placement Year	A period of supervised work



What is different at Higher Education?

Lectures and Seminars



Different ways to learn, in new environments

Independent Study



More emphasis on independent study, guided by tutors

Tailor your Study



Choose subjects and modules that interest you with assessment styles that suit you; exams, essays, practicals

Opportunities



Work experience, studying abroad, volunteering and more...

Free Time



Every day is different, you may start and finish at different times and even gain more free time.

Accommodation



Halls of Residence



Shared kitchen and dining area



Different options to suit all budgets and preferences



Meet new people from across the country and the world



The most common option is a private room with en-suite bathroom

Watch this video to find out what some typical first year accommodation looks like



Life as a Student



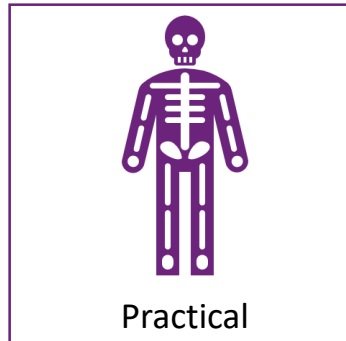
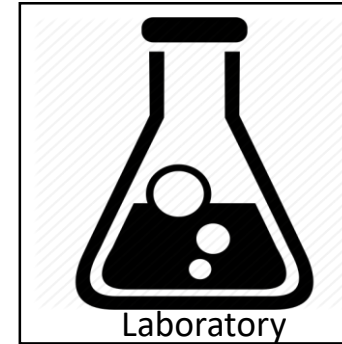
- There is no typical day!
- A first year's day will be completely different from a third year's.
- An historian's day will be different from a chemist's.
- A degree apprentice's day will be different to a university student's.



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Research your course

- Research what a typical week is like for a student studying for the qualification or subject you have applied for or you are interested in applying for at Higher Education.
- How many lectures do they have per week?/ Do they have labs?/ workshops?/ seminars?



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Free time

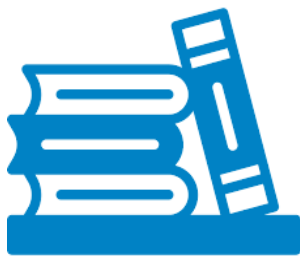
- Use this slide to give you ideas for how you might spend your free time as a student; research what societies/ sports teams you might want to join, how much time to spend studying, whether you would have time for a part time job.



Visit home



Sports



Independent study



Meal with family/
cook with flatmates



Societies



Cinema Trip



Party



Lie in



Time with friends



Watching TV



Relaxing



Applying for jobs

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Group work



Part time job































Meeting with
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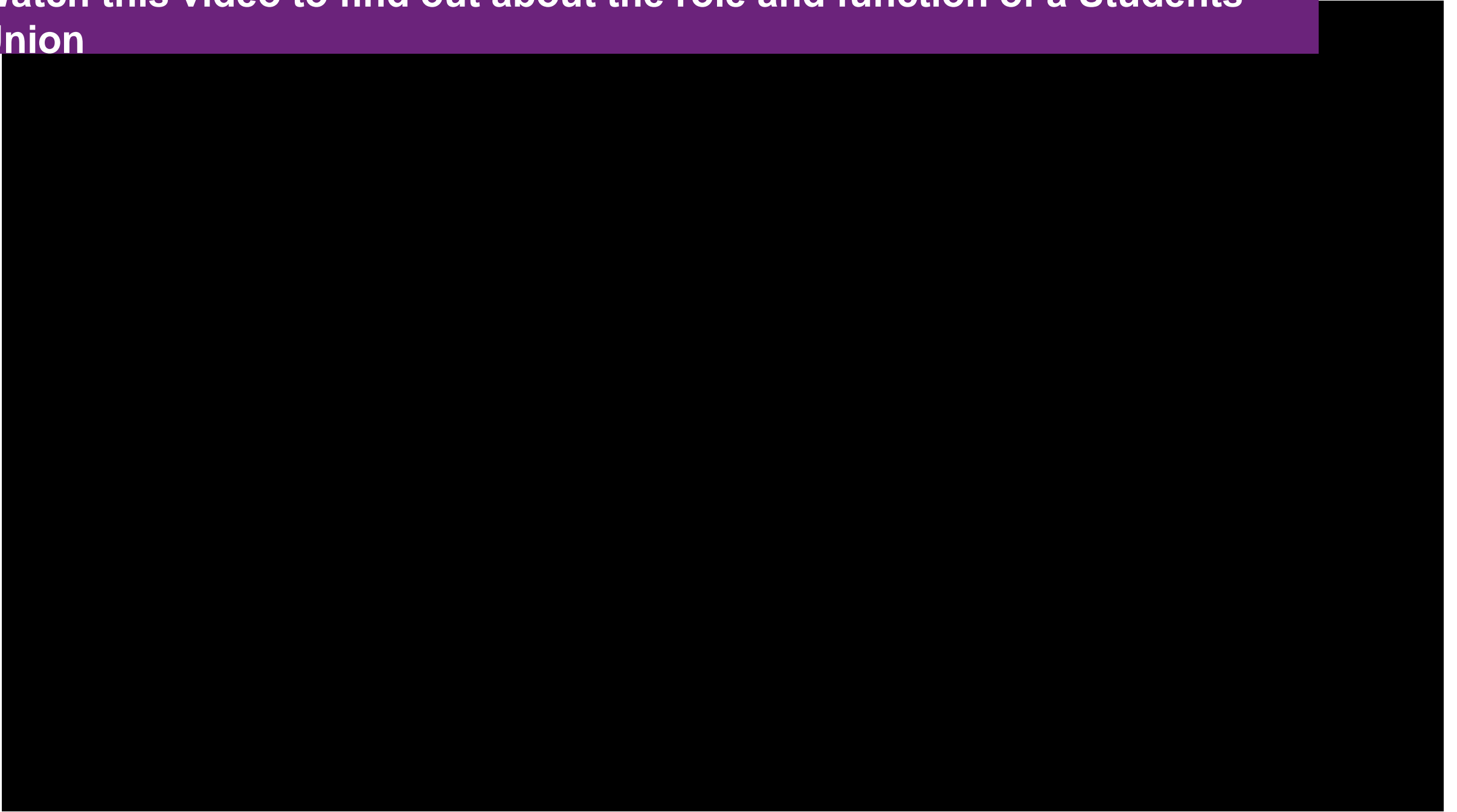
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Design your timetable

- Organise your week into a timetable like this one!
- This is for a student studying Business and Spanish!

Timetable for a student studying Business and Spanish							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM	 Lectures	 Seminars	 Conversation class	 Lie in	 Group work	 Part time job	 Lie in
AM	 Seminars	 Lectures	 Lectures	 Seminars	 Seminars	 Part time job	 Independent study
PM	 Cook with flatmates	 Independent study	 Independent study	 Seminars	 Time with friends	 Relaxing	 Independent study
PM	 Salsa	 Independent study	 Watching TV	 Societies	 Salsa	 Party	 Watching TV

Watch this video to find out about the role and function of a Students' Union



Freshers' Week

- First week of University
- Get to know the people in your accommodation, course and society
- Packed full of events
- Opportunity to join societies and clubs



DAY ☀	SATURDAY	🌙 NIGHT
ARRIVAL ICEBREAKERS	BAR NIGHT KARAOKE	
SUNDAY		
WIPEOUT TOWN TOURS	FORMAL NIGHT DURHAM REVUE	
MONDAY		
WELCOME TALKS DEPARTMENT LECTURES	LOFT NIGHT / BOARD GAMES	
TUESDAY		
MUG PAINTING COLLEGE TALKS	BLOCK PARTY / NIGHT WALK	
WEDNESDAY		
MATRICULATION FRESHERS FAIR	HYPNOTIST, KLUTE / BOARD GAMES	
THURSDAY		
SPORTS TESTERS TIE-DYE TSHIRTS	NEWCASTLE / GREYT BRITISH BAKE OFF	
FRIDAY		
REP TIME WELFARE SMOOTHIES	LOVESHACK / GREY'S GOT TALENT	
SATURDAY		
SPORTS AND SOCS FAIR FREP DAY OUT	SUPERBOP SILENT DISCO	

This is an example of a Freshers' Week timetable



Save money for Freshers' Week so you can afford to enjoy yourself without worrying!

Varsity

- A sporting tournament where two universities compete against each other
- You don't need to be on a sports team to get involved or spectate

**Sheffield
Hallam
University**

Vs



The
University
Of
Sheffield.

**Coventry
University**

Vs



**Newcastle
University**

Vs

northumbria
UNIVERSITY **NEWCASTLE**

Societies

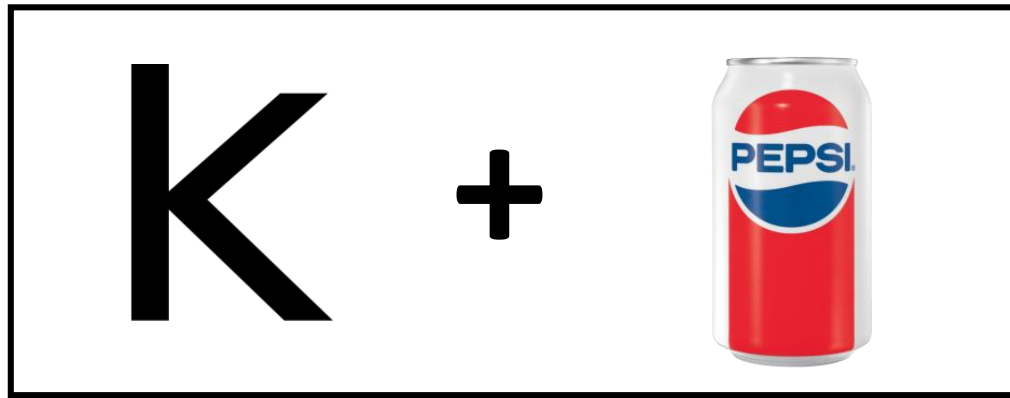
- Societies are clubs at university which any student can join!



- Most students are involved in societies because they're a great way to **make friends, try new things** and **guarantee a worthwhile experience.**

Society Dingbats

Say what you see...



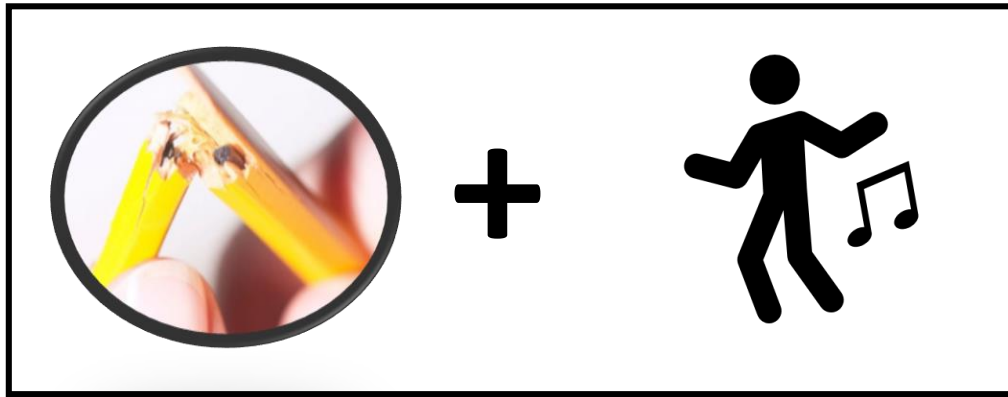
K-Pop Society



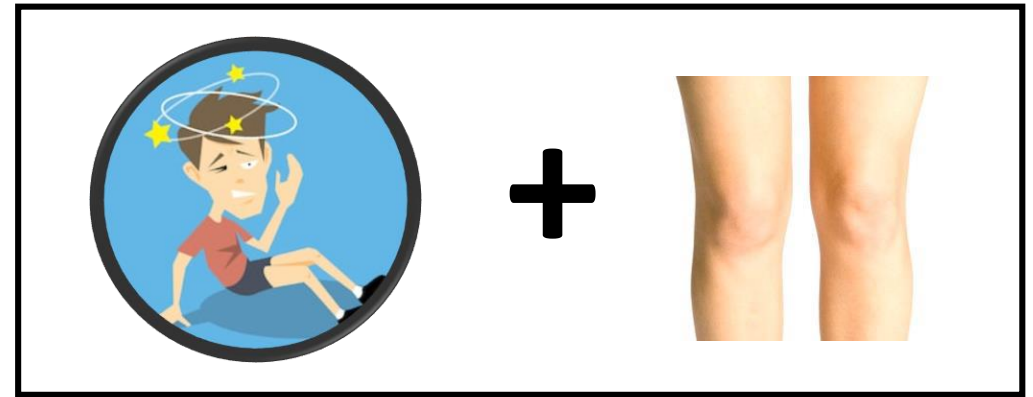
Harry Potter Society

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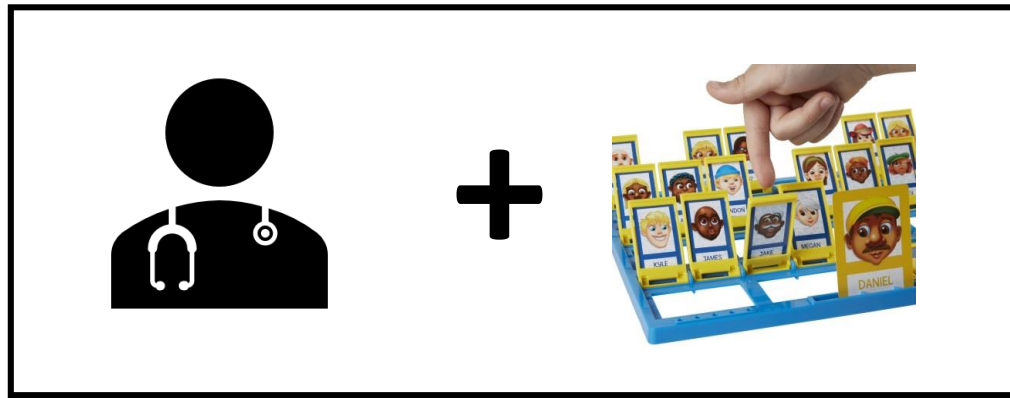
Break Dancing Society



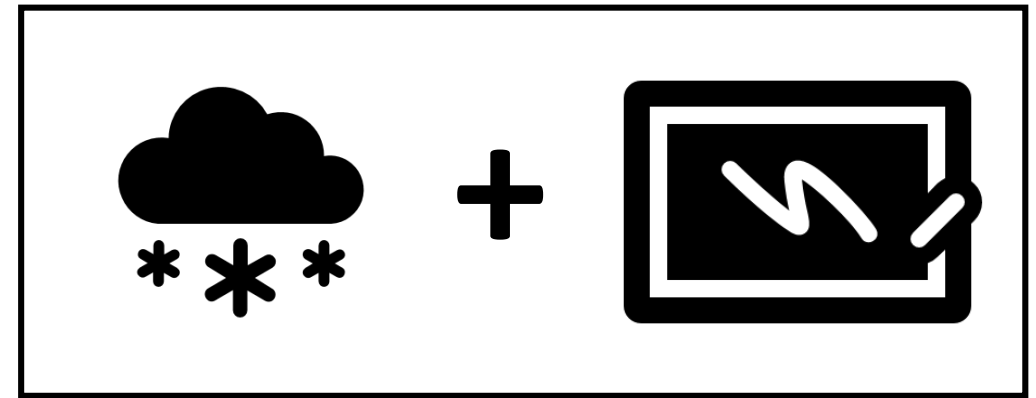
Disney Society

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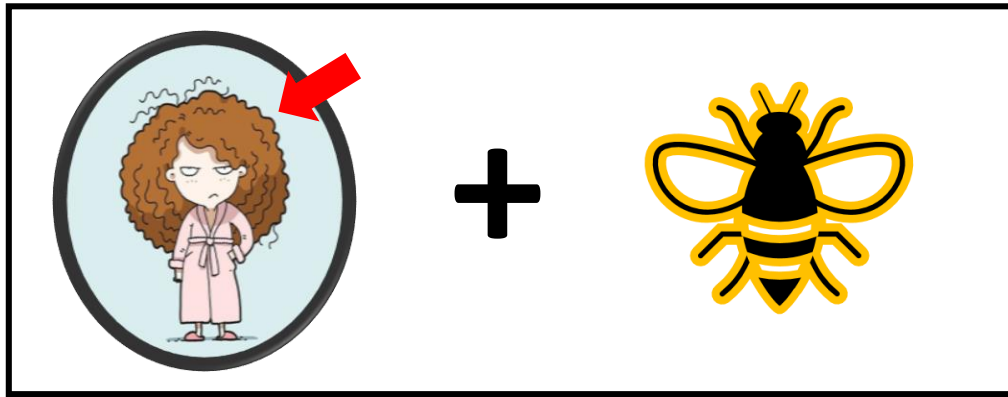
Doctor Who Society



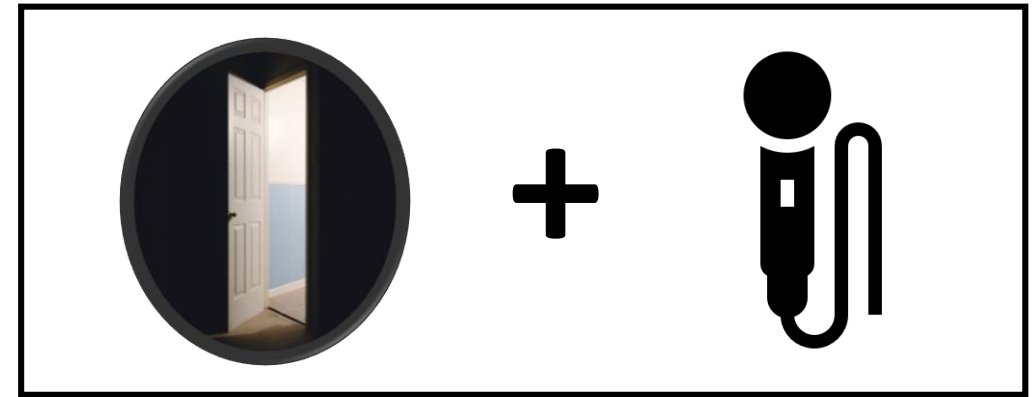
Snowboarding Society

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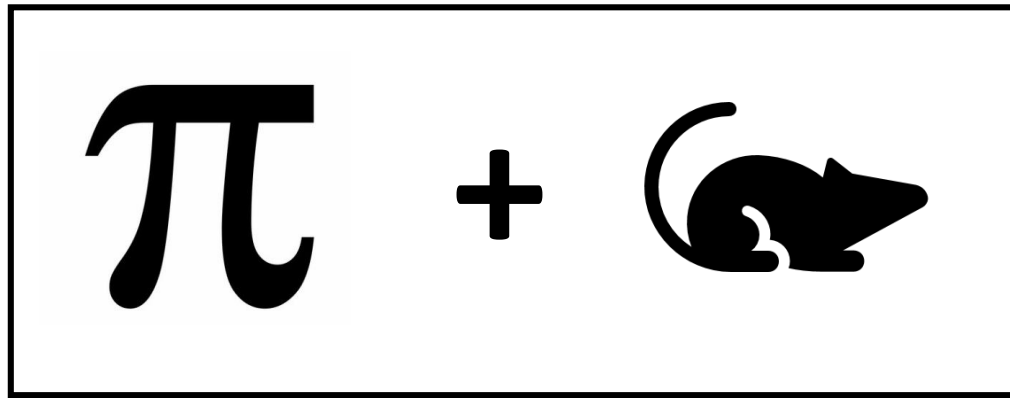
Frisbee Society



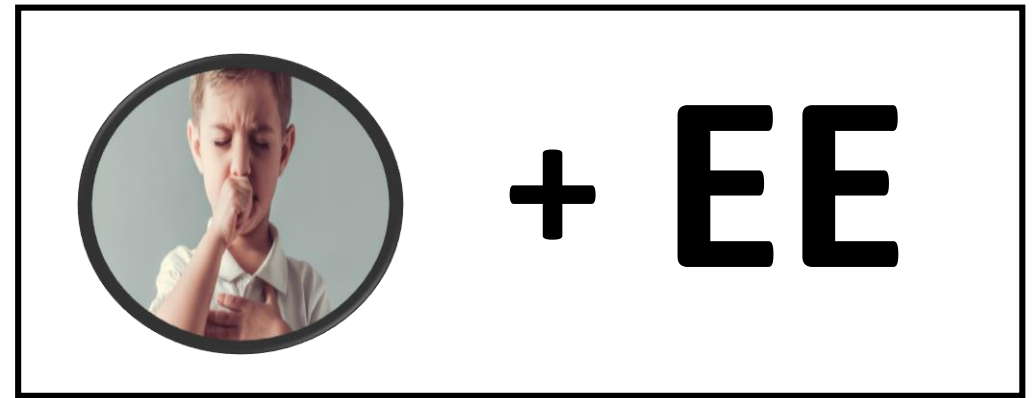
Open Mic Society

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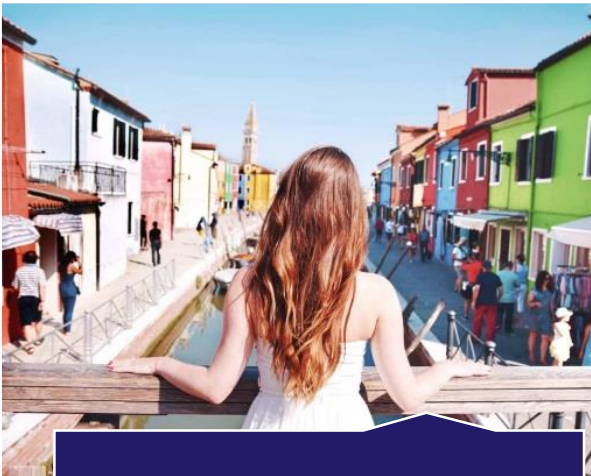


Pirate Society



Coffee Society

Opportunities



Study Abroad



New Sports and Hobbies



Volunteer



Work Experience



Research opportunities on offer through virtual open days or ask by email!



Summary

1.

HE will differ to school in a variety of ways.

2.

Not every student experience is the same this will depend on the degree you choose.

3.

There are a number of opportunities to get involved in at HE! Just take a look at your chosen universities Students' Union website to see what they have to offer

Next steps?

To find out more about what life is like as a student, visit university websites, attend virtual open days or check out blogs written by both recent graduates and current students at

Where next...

Ask!



About:

- Life at university
- Applying to courses
- Student finance
- Careers and skills

Talk!



To:

- Parents/ Guardians
- Teachers
- Careers advisors

Research!



At:

- prospects.ac.uk
- ucas.com
- discoveruni.org.uk
- heppsy/learners