



University Life

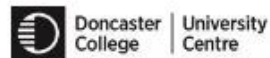
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- HeppSY stands for Higher Education Progression Partnership South Yorkshire.
- HeppSY is part of a national programme which supports young people in Year 9 to Year 13.
- We provide impartial information and advice and engage with all higher education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

What is Higher Education?

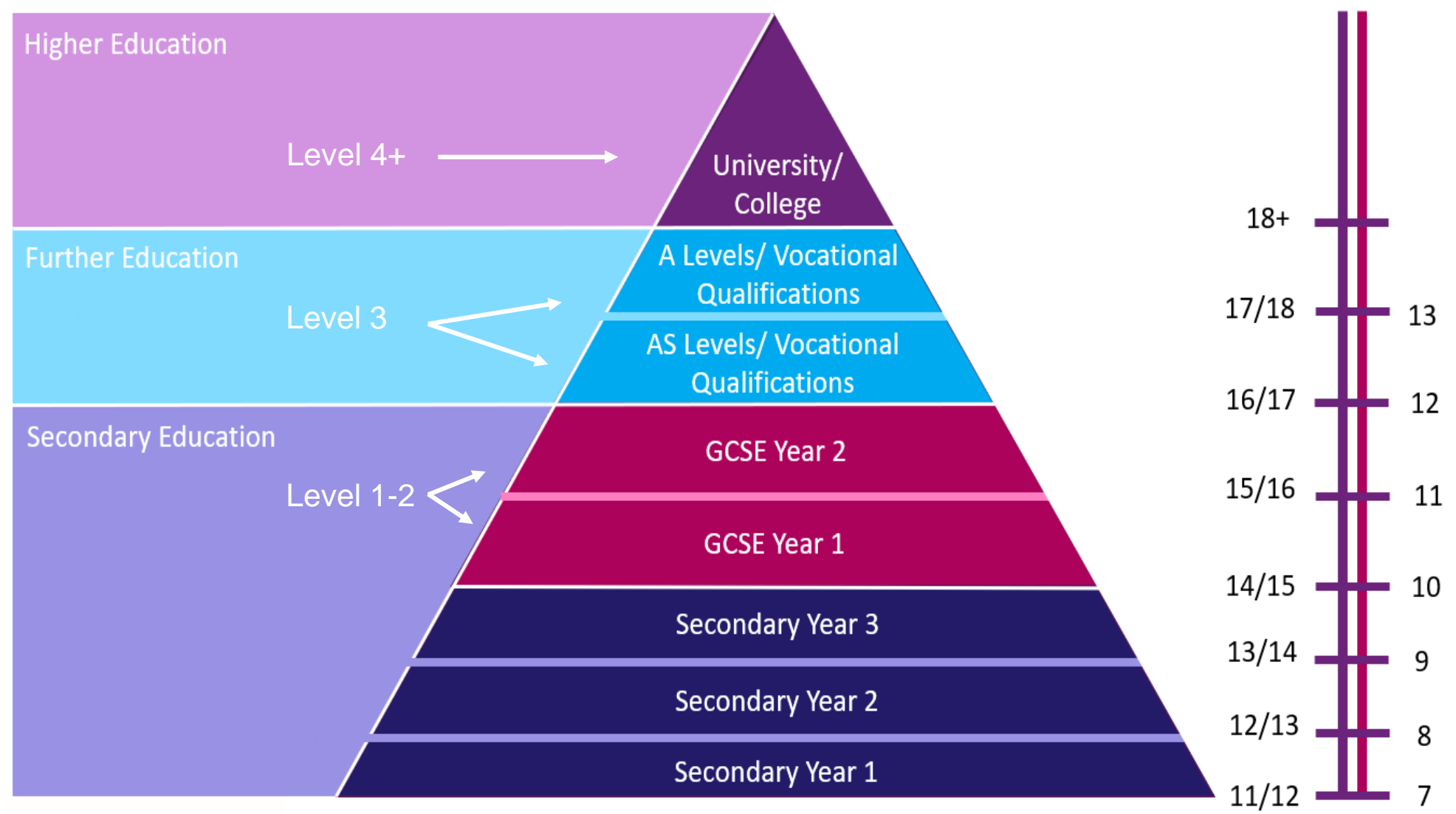
- Higher education is studied at **Universities and Colleges**. It is a programme of study at **level 4 and above**.
- This means it is studied after A-Levels / BTECs / level 3 qualifications.

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



Education Pyramid

Where are you?



HE Qualification Flashcards

Degree (Level 6)

This is an academic qualification a step up from those studied at Sixth Form and College.

Most degrees are studied at University and last around 3-4 years and you can choose to study one subject or combine two.

E.g Law, Ethical Hacking, History, Journalism...

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship (Levels 4-6)

This HE option combines study with on-the-job training typical of an Apprenticeship. These courses last between 3-6 years, you won't pay tuition fees and you earn a wage whilst training.

E.g Childcare and Education, Engineering...

HE Qualification Flashcards

Foundation Degree (Level 5)

A shorter course, lasting 2 years often focusing on developing in demand skills. It's equivalent to two thirds of a degree and can open doors for those wanting to study further in the future and provide the skills needed for specific employment.

E.g Nursing, Drama, Social Work...

Higher National Certificate and Diploma (Levels 4-5)

These courses last 1-2 years and are designed to equip you with skills relevant to your chosen career.

E.g Civil Engineering, Construction, Accounting...

What is different about studying at Higher Education?

Lectures and Seminars

- Lecture: A formal talk or presentation, given to a group in a lecture hall/ auditorium by an expert.

Seminar: Small groups discussing a topic. These are more informal and usually consist of a debate or discussion.



Tailor your Study



Choose the subject you want to study and the topics within that subject that interest you the most.

Choose subjects and topics based on how they're assessed. E.g. If you prefer writing essays to taking exams, then choose subjects where essays are the only assessment type.

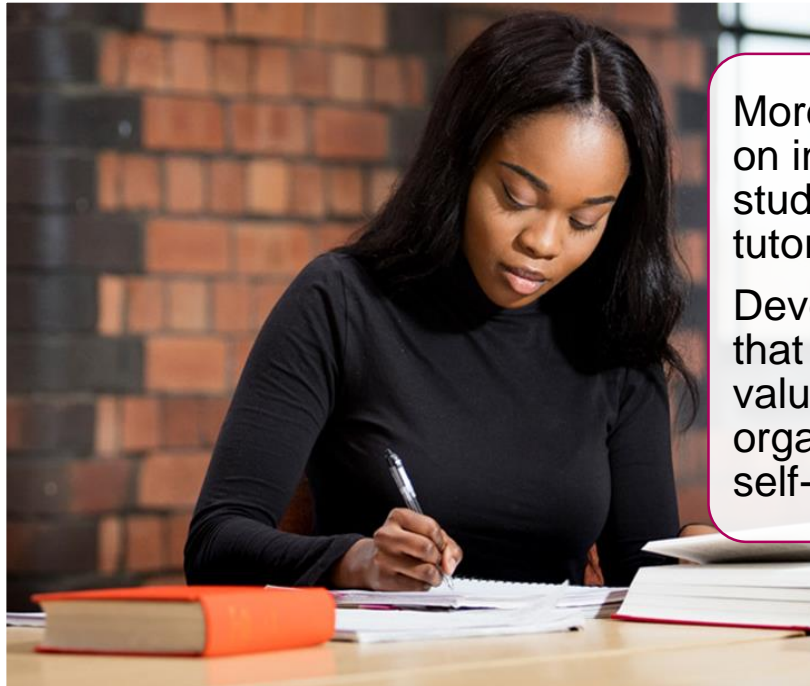
Opportunities



You have the opportunity to gain work experience, study abroad and volunteer alongside your studies.

What is different about studying at Higher Education?

Independent Study



More emphasis on independent study, guided by tutors.

Develop skills that employers value like organisation and self-motivation.

Free Time



Every day is different and start and finish times vary from subject to subject.

You decide how you use your free time!

Student Life




Watch this video to see what student life is like in and outside the classroom!



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Accommodation



First year students typically live in Halls of Residence which often look like this!



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



with a shared kitchen and dining area



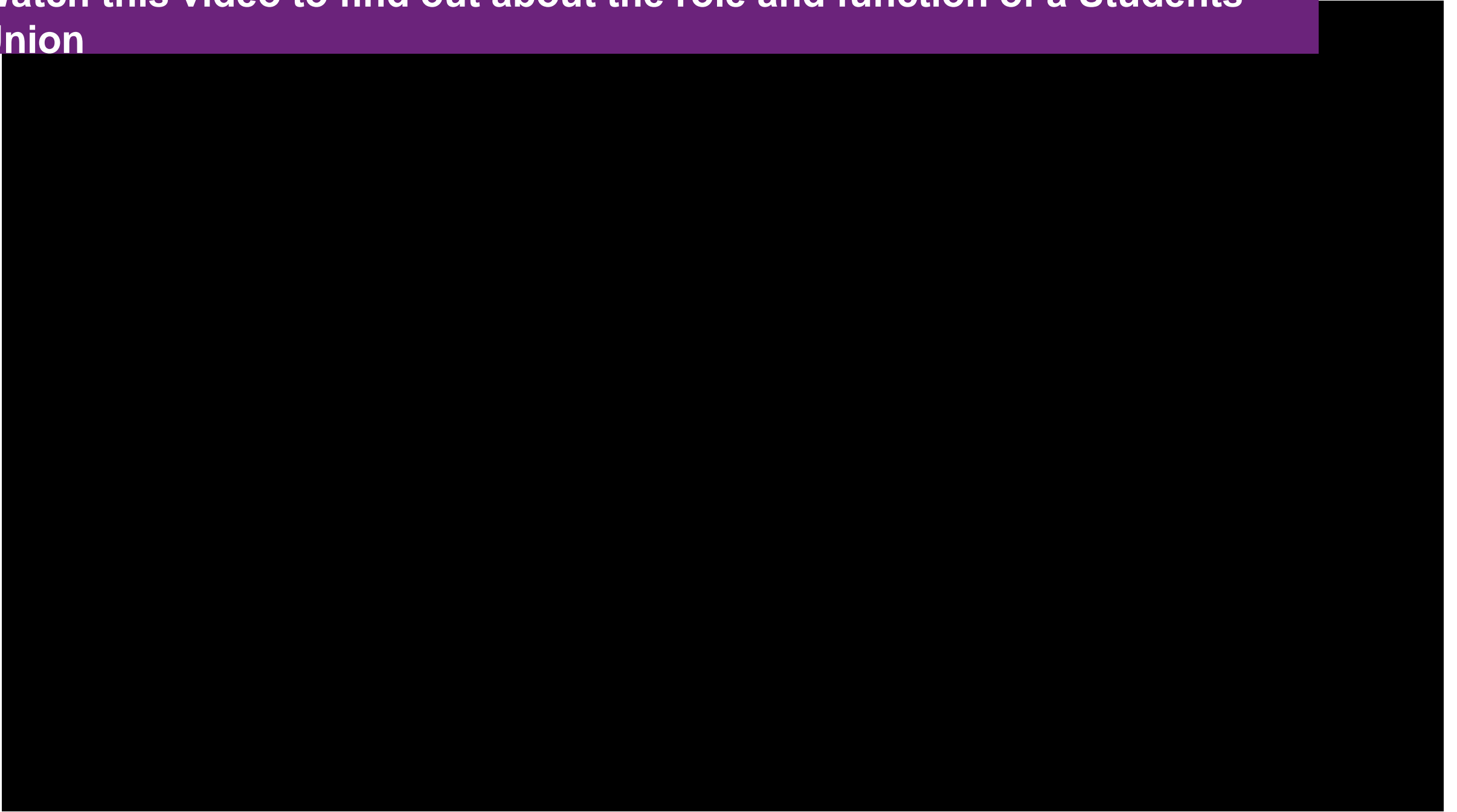
Meet new people from across the country and the world

There are different options to suit all budgets and preferences

BUT

You don't have to move away from home to attend Higher Education, many people stay at home and commute!

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



Students' Union

Run by students



- Students' Unions are run by students for students.

Work spaces



- The buildings usually include areas where you can work if you don't like the library!

Support services



- They have support services which offer help looking for accommodation, tips on essay writing, wellbeing support and much more.

Events and Social



- Students' Unions also organise and host events, socials and gigs.

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

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Societies

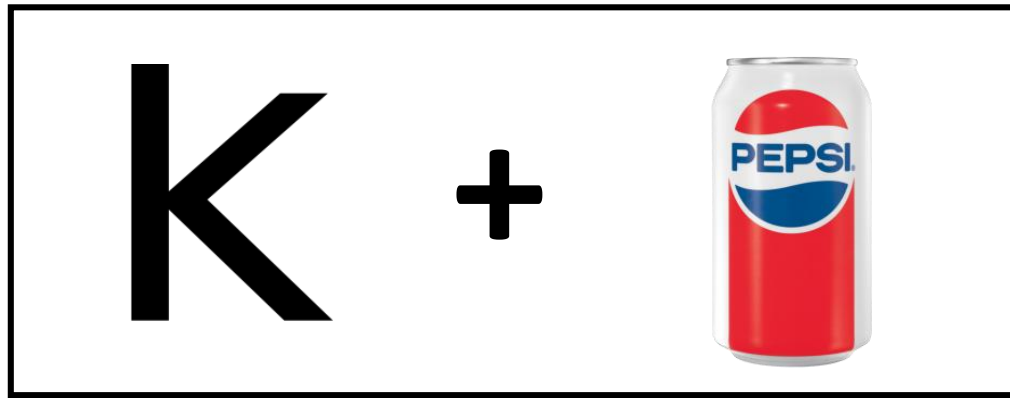
- Societies are clubs at university which any student can join!



- 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...



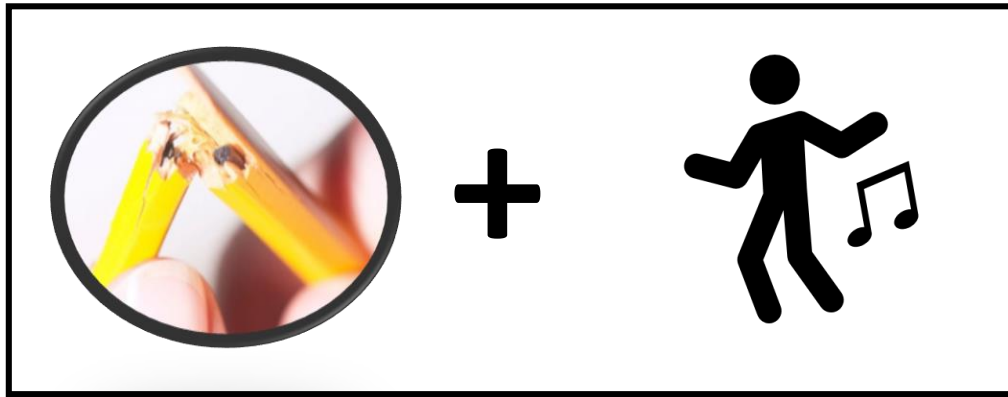
K-Pop Society



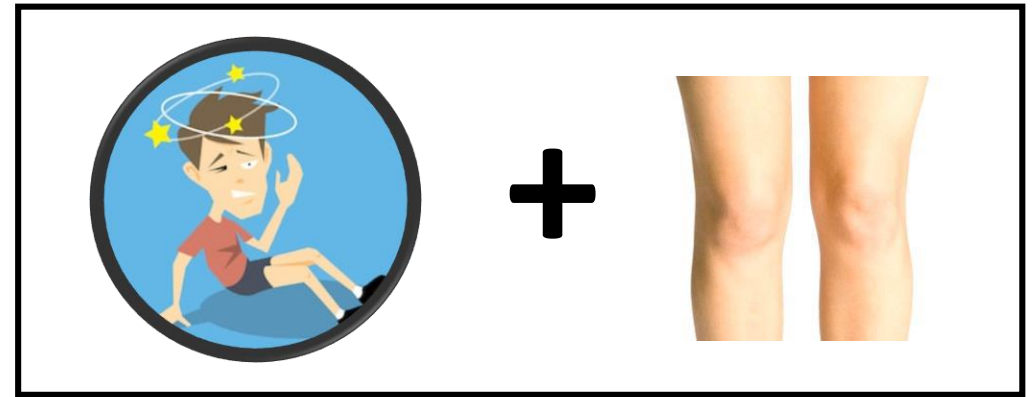
Harry Potter Society

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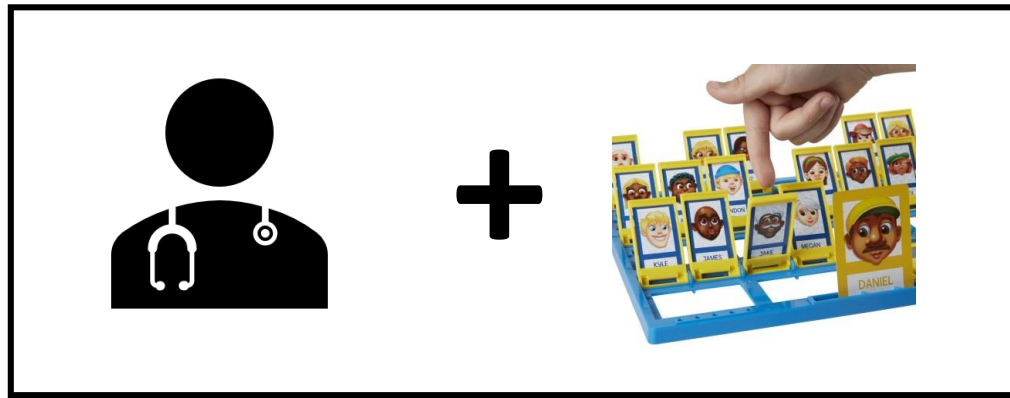
Break Dancing Society



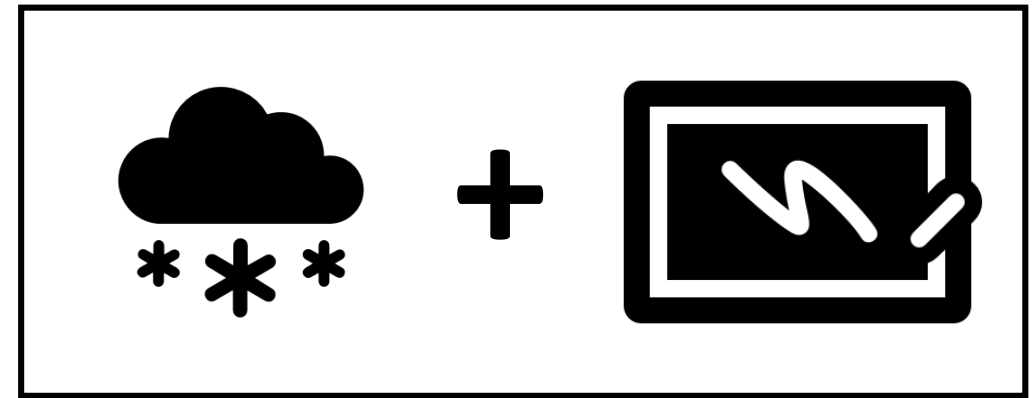
Disney Society

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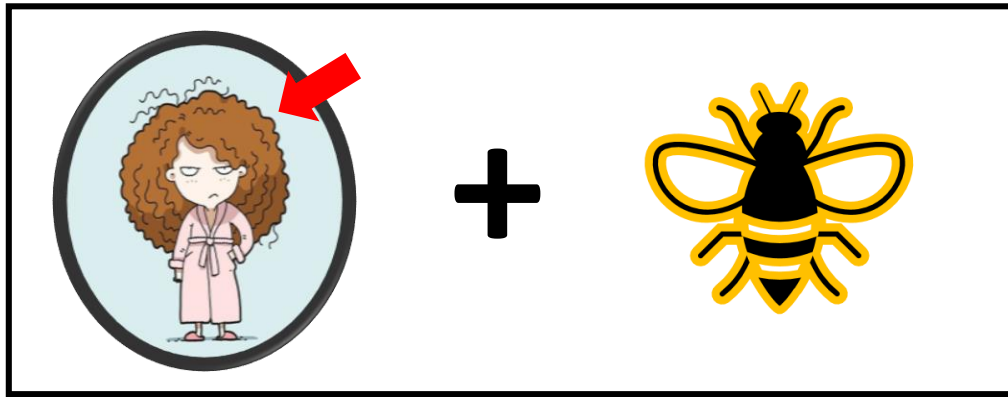
Doctor Who Society



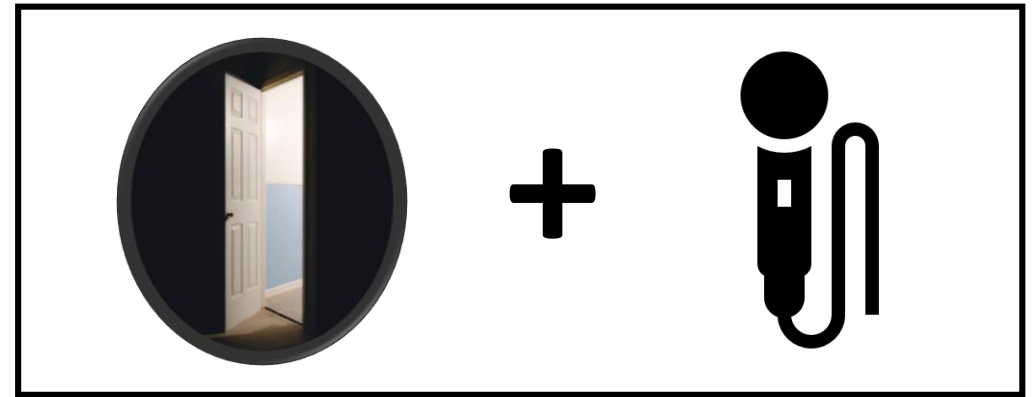
Snowboarding Society

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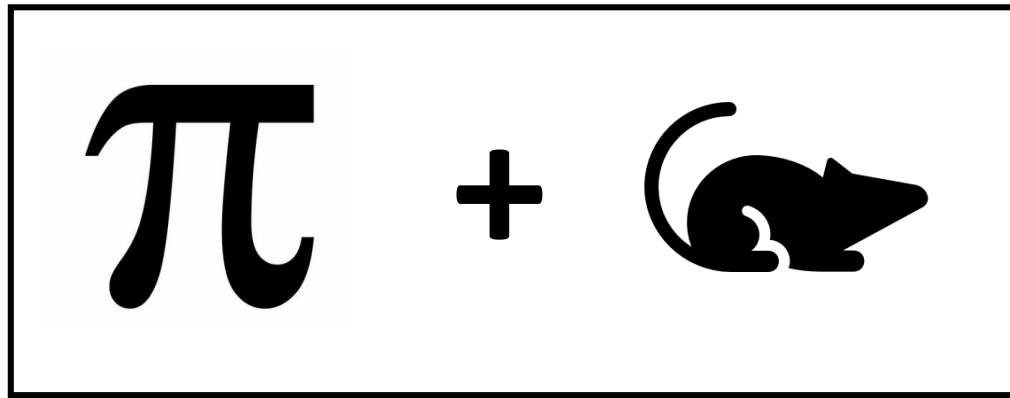
Frisbee Society



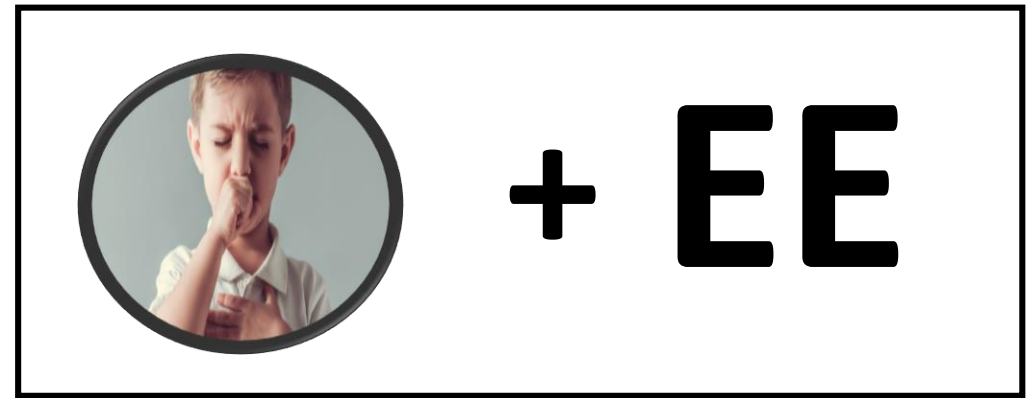
Open Mic Society

Society Dingbats

Say what you see...



Pirate Society



Coffee Society

Summary

1.

The main differences between school and HE are:

- new learning environments (like lectures and seminars)
- more choice over what and how you learn
- potentially more free time but also more responsibility over how you use your free time
- more opportunities to do things like work experience and travel!

2.

HE is not just about what you study! There are lots of opportunities to get involved in activities that look great on your CV, meet like minded people and have lots of fun!

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!



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