Key Words

Researching your options can be confusing. This postcard can help by explaining some of the vocabulary you might encounter.

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Key Words For HE

Higher Education (HE)
Optional final level of study after further education (level 4 and above).

Undergraduate
A student who is studying for a bachelor's degree.

Tuition Fees/ Student Loan
Student loans are available to cover the cost of your course, and living expenses.

Personal Statement
A written opportunity to describe your skills and experience, and why a course is right for you.

UCAS
Universities & Colleges Admissions Service

Tariff
Used by UCAS to allocate points to post-16 qualifications.

Foundation Degree
A combined academic and vocational qualification in higher education, equivalent to two thirds of a bachelor's degree.

Foundation Year
An additional year of study at the start of a degree course that prepares students to go on to an undergraduate degree programme.

Higher/Degree Apprenticeship
An apprenticeship at level 4 or above, apprentices work towards a higher education qualification (HNC, HND etc).

Entry Requirements
What an applicant needs to have in order to get onto their HE course of choice. Including qualifications, subject specialisms, interviews, portfolio reviews, admission tests, and other types.