

## Introduction to Student Life and Student Finance



### Activity 1

#### Higher Education Vocabulary

Use the 'useful sites' list on page three of this worksheet to do some research and find out what the following terms mean.

1. Campus
2. Entry requirements
3. Student Union
4. H.E.
5. Degree
6. Professor
7. Academic
8. Tuition Fee
9. UCAS
10. Scholarship

## Activity 2

Choose one of the iPersona cards below to research online, or in college prospectuses, to answer the questions on the next page. If you prefer, there is an Instagram template on page four of this document so that you answer the questions based on your own circumstances.

**Sam**

How can I progress?  
Visit [nextstepssw.ac.uk](http://nextstepssw.ac.uk)

Age 16 Male

Interests: Family, Hobbies, Personality, Location, Skills, Interests, Finance, Education, Media

**Jacob**

What could I study?  
Visit [nextstepssw.ac.uk](http://nextstepssw.ac.uk)

Age 15 Male

Interests: Family, Hobbies, Personality, Location, Skills, Interests, Finance, Education, Media

**Amy**

Where could I go?  
Visit [nextstepssw.ac.uk](http://nextstepssw.ac.uk)

Age 16 Female

Interests: Family, Hobbies, Personality, Location, Skills, Interests, Finance, Education, Media

**Next Steps South West**

**iPersona Challenge**

Can you help our Instagram character explore their future? Read the bio below then look for a study route and career path to suit their interests.

- My dad would like me to work in his mechanic garage.
- I enjoy riding motorcross bikes at the weekend.
- I grew up in the countryside with a close circle of friends.
- I am confident with hands-on practical tasks.
- I enjoy problem solving and I pay attention to detail.
- I studied GCSE Business Studies.
- Written work makes me anxious, I prefer speaking.
- In my spare time I make Youtube vlogs.

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- Nobody in my family has gone to university.
- I take part in a local theatre group.
- I live in a small town and don't want to travel outside of Devon.
- I like producing music on my laptop at home.
- I am shy at school, but come alive when I get creative!
- I studied GCSE Media Studies at school.
- Socialising in big groups makes me nervous.
- My only work experience is a paper round at the weekend.

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**iPersona Challenge**

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- My siblings say I should go into healthcare like they did.
- I enjoy watching wildlife documentaries.
- I've grown up in a busy city but like to visit the coast.
- I'm passionate about saving the environment.
- I love to be challenged and can get quite competitive!
- My favourite GCSE subjects were Science and Geography.
- In group work I always take the lead.
- I write short blog articles for a local charity.

Use the table and prompts below to jot down your findings.

1. Imagine a course that might suit them.
2. Imagine a location that might suit them.
3. Would they like a campus that is big or little?
4. What kind of club or society would interest them?
5. Where could you find this information about a university?

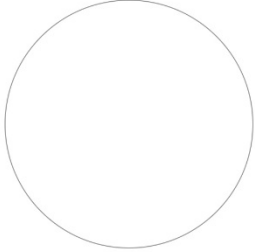
To find out more use the following useful websites:

Next Steps South West	<a href="http://nextstepsw.ac.uk">nextstepsw.ac.uk</a> (try the 'plan your future' section, and have a look at 'sites we like' to find loads more helpful websites).
College & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Websites	Use these to find out what courses are available locally and where you could go to study.
Prospectuses & Open Evenings	College and 6 <sup>th</sup> form websites should have links to prospectuses and information about open evenings easily available.
Apprenticeships	<a href="http://gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a> (to search and apply for apprenticeships).
Careerpilot	<a href="http://careerpilot.org.uk">careerpilot.org.uk</a> (lots of information about your choices at 16 & 18 and links to information about Apprenticeships, A-Levels and Vocational Training).
UCAS	<a href="http://ucas.com">ucas.com</a> (has information about university courses available in the UK).
NCS	<a href="http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk">nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk</a> (try the 'job profiles' section).

Use the blank Instagram Profile below to consider your own decision making processes that are personal to you.

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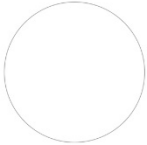
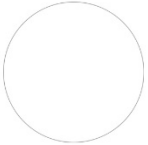
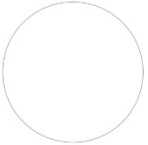

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


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**Name:**  
Age:  
Hobbies:

Location:

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# Budget Sheet



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Have a go at budgeting your money based on the weekly amounts written below.

Rent	Phone Contract	TV Licence	Groceries & Toiletries	Gym / Sport	Travel	Socialising	Laundry	Shopping / Clothes	Savings & Emergency Funds
<p>Free: Living at home.</p> <p>£90 per week: Small single room with shared shower &amp; toilet.</p> <p>£110 per week: Medium room, shared kitchen, en-suite bathroom, 5 min walk to campus.</p> <p>£125 per week: Large double room, en-suite, on campus.</p> <p>£140 per week: Studio flat, 15 min walk to campus.</p>	<p>£2.50 per week: SIM ONLY, 4GB data, 500 minutes, unlimited texts.</p> <p>£5 per week: SIM ONLY, 20GB data, unlimited minutes and texts.</p> <p>£40 per month: £59 upfront cost, iPhone X, 15GB data, unlimited minutes and tests.</p>	<p>£12 per month: Colour TV licence.</p> <p>£0 per month: Declare no licence needed. (This can be done online).</p>			<p>£20 per week: Car.</p> <p>£40 per month: Bus pass.</p> <p>£50 per month: Train session ticket.</p>		<p>£20 per month: Laundrette on campus.</p>		
<b>Totals</b>									