

### THE VALUE OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR PARENTS

Student Ambassador



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### Introduction

#### Why go?

- To pursue a specific career path
- Personal challenge
- Explore your subject in more depth
- Student experience



#### What we cover:

- Academic and social benefits
- Making the most of it
- Life skills learned
- Graduate employment



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### Benefits of university

#### Academic

- In-depth study of topics
- Greater flexibility and choice
- Be accountable to yourself
- Study with experts in their field
- Access to fantastic learning resources
- Enjoy going to classes

#### Social

- New experiences
- Opportunity to meet new people
- Opportunity to discover life in another part of the country
- Clubs and societies
- Independence and freedom

#### Career

- All degrees are attractive to employers
- Graduate schemes offer progression in a company
- Potential to earn more money with a degree
- Different initiatives available to help develop skills eg Kent's Employability Scheme

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## A new approach to learning

10 contact hours a week...no problem!

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
9am			Lecture				
10am	Lecture						
11am							
12pm			Seminar				
1pm		Seminar					
2pm	Lecture				Seminar		
3pm					Seminar		
4pm							
5pm	Seminar						

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## A new approach to learning

Take everything else into account...

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
9am			Lecture	Essay preparation/ research	Seminar preparation	Working	
10am	Lecture	Seminar preparation	Essay preparation/ research				
11am	Lecture preparation		Seminar preparation		Society meeting		
12pm		LUNCH	Seminar	LUNCH			LUNCH
1pm	LUNCH	Seminar	LUNCH	Library visit	LUNCH		Working
2pm	Lecture		Sports Practice		Seminar		
3pm	Seminar preparation	Lecture preparation (for Wed mom)		Essay preparation/ research	Seminar	Lecture preparation (for Monday)	
4pm				Seminar preparation	Group work for presentation		
5pm	Seminar	Seminar preparation					

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## Valuable Life Skills

- Time management
- Communication skills
- Team working and networking
- Budgeting
- Washing, cleaning and cooking...




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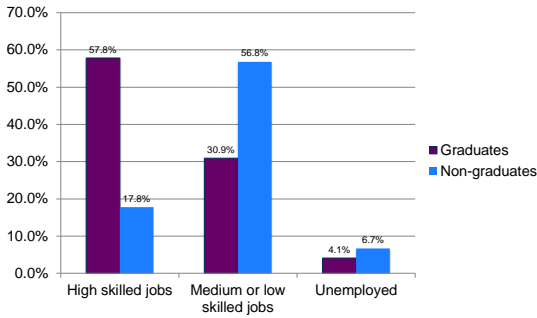
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## The national employment picture



Source: Graduate Labour Market Statistics 2017 (updated by Department for Education 24 April 2018)

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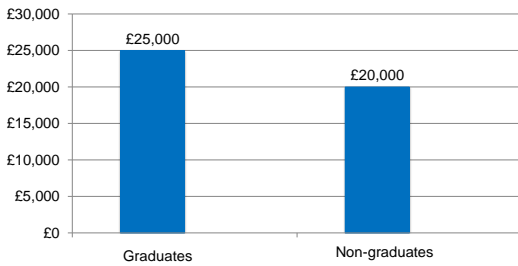
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## Do graduates earn more money?

A graduate earns an **average** salary of £25,000 compared to an average of £20,000 for non-graduates.



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## Pathways

### What are the options available?

Students don't have to choose a full-time course

- You can study most full-time courses on a part-time basis
- Bachelors degree
  - Joint or single honours
  - Year abroad or in industry
- Foundation year
- Foundation degree
- HNC or HND
- Top-up degree



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## Next Steps...

If they want to go...

- ✓ UCAS
- ✓ Open Days
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ Prospectuses
- ✓ Speak to teachers/ advisors
- ✓ Research available funding



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## Conclusion

- Important to make an informed decision
- There is a lot of support available to help them
- Investment into their future
- The student experience is unique
- They'll get out what they put in
- Any questions?



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