



Benefits of Higher Education



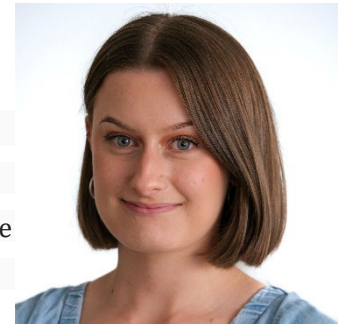
The benefits of higher education - a parent perspective - Samya Saddique

In this blog Samya talks about her concerns and the benefits of her children attending University. Samya's eldest child has just started his 2nd year of a Psychology degree and her daughter is about to start her first year at University.

"If you are a parent considering whether to encourage your child to apply to university, I would say that the benefits outweigh any apprehensions you may have. University is commonly associated with increasing knowledge and new learning, but I think it is so much more than this. I have seen first-hand how my child has flourished in the short space of a year at university. Having a proper taste of freedom and being 'grown up', my child has immersed himself fully into student life, made new friends and relished in the responsibilities thrust upon him."

[Click here to read Samya's full blog](#)

The benefits of higher education - a student's perspective Grace Halton



In this blog Grace talks about her experience of being a student at Sheffield Hallam University, and working as a Student Ambassador which has led to Grace gaining a full time job at Hepp as a Graduate intern.

"When I moved to Sheffield, I felt like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders, as I had finally got what I wanted. During my degree, I worked with industry professionals, performed in a lead role at the Crucible Theatre, acted in short films for 'Welcome to Yorkshire', co-created two feminist theatre productions, and made friends for life. My course was assessed seventy percent on my performance in practical exams and only thirty percent on written coursework. This often meant long days in rehearsal rooms, particularly in third year when I was devising my final show, however the support network I had made of my friends and lecturers played a vital part in my success and ultimately leaving with a First."

[Click here to read Grace's full blog](#)

Our Parent and Carers Guide is now available

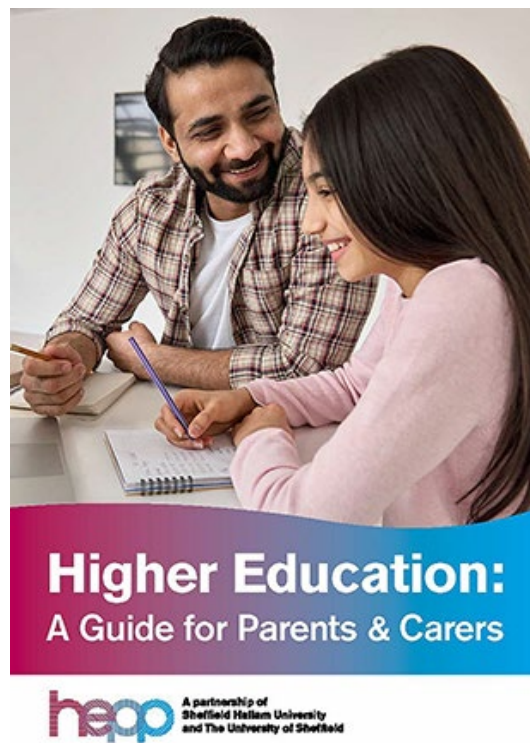
We are very excited to announce that our newest resource for Parents & Carers is now available in hard copy or online.

To request a hard copy please email: hepp@shu.ac.uk

Alternatively, you can click on the link below for our copy online

[Higher Education: A Guide for Parents & Carers \(hepp.ac.uk\)](https://www.hepp.ac.uk)

Higher Education: A Guide for Parents & Carers is a comprehensive brochure providing parents and carers with the information needed to help your young person in decision making, application and all things higher education.



We are recruiting paid Parent/Carer Ambassadors!

We are currently looking for more Parent/Carer Ambassadors - if you have a child/children at any higher education institution, this paid role could be of interest to you.

Hepp deliver sessions to parents and carers about the pathway into higher education. There is no better way to provide this information than through parents and carers who have lived the experience. With your support you can put others at ease through the process.

If you are interested to hear more please contact **Kelly Self** on k.self@shu.ac.uk or 07824 431415.

Upcoming Sessions for Parents and Carers

Thurs 10 November 2022 – 12-1pm

It's never too late to learn!

The Higher Education Progression Partnership will be running an online session with education providers from across the South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire to help you discover the different options for adults wanting to progress their learning. From learning a new hobby through to studying for a qualification at college or university, the options are endless!

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Tues 29 November 2022 – 5-5:30pm

Supporting disabled students into higher education

Our on-line event will help you find out more about what a disability is, the support that is on offer at higher education institutions and how you can help support disabled students through the process.

This session will cover:

- Disabled Student support.
- Disabled Student Allowance (DSA).
- The words/expressions used in higher education and how it is different to school.
- Resources available to support disabled students.

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Thurs 9 February 2023 – 5-5.45pm

Parent and Carers - Understanding Student Finance

As a parent or carer, we know the cost of higher education study can be daunting.

Come along to this 45 minute information session where we'll explain how student finance works for higher education.

We will give you the facts on:

- how much money students can receive as a loan or non-repayable bursary/ scholarship
- the extra financial support they may be eligible for
- repayments
- and explain how finance isn't a barrier to higher education

This event is applicable to parents and carers of secondary aged students with a focus for Y10 onwards.

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Tues 28 February 2023 – 5-5:30pm

Funding Support at University for Disabled Students

This is an opportunity for students/parents/carers/teachers and advisers to find out :

- What Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) is.
- What forms you need to complete and how to do that.
- The support provided for disabled students at higher education institutions.
- Take part in a Q & A session with current disabled students studying for a degree.

Find out why it is important to start the DSA process early in order to make sure all the support you need is in place for when you start your higher education journey.

It is never too early to start. Come along to our session to find out more.

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Thurs 29 Jun 2023 – 5-5:30pm

Parents and Carers - Options after Y11

Join us for this 30 minute information session where we will explain what the difference is between BTECs, A Levels and T Levels and the routes into higher education. We will discuss the different options available to your young person and how to support your young person with their Post 16 options.

You will hear from our student and parent ambassadors who will share their experiences and what they found useful. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions.

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- [HeppSY](#)
- Book a careers appointment with one of our qualified careers advisers in our sister organisation, HeppSY: <https://extra.shu.ac.uk/heppsy/about/careers-education/>

Remember your support is invaluable and working together can make a difference.

Keep an eye out for our next edition in January 2023
