

# Pathways to University

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# Education Pathways

Further Education = College

Higher Education = University

Articulation = College & University

Graduate Apprenticeship (GA) = Work & Learn

# Benefits of Higher Education

Further your knowledge and learn subjects not available at school

Higher earnings potential

Overall experience and personal development

Wider career options – some jobs need certain qualifications

Study abroad

Better job prospects

Remember! You can go back to Higher Education after college (articulation) or while working (GA)

# What kind of courses can I study?

Vocational subjects that train you for a job e.g. nursing, engineering or Forensic & Analytical Science.

Subjects that you studied at school e.g. Mathematics, English, Physics.

Things you may never have heard of- e.g. Construction Management, or Occupational Therapy.

# How do you get there?

- Try to take **relevant subjects** if they are on offer.
- Most Universities require a **written subject** even if you are applying for a technical course.
- Try taking a **balance** of subjects so you don't limit yourself.
- Try to get some relevant **work experience**.
- Take part in wider achievement and volunteering.
- Look out for **on-campus events** at local universities and colleges – open days.



# How do you get there?

## Degree Link

2 years at college + 2 at university or  
1 year at college + 3 years at university

## Partner Colleges:

NESCol, Dundee & Angus, Fife, Forth Valley,  
City of Glasgow, & Glasgow Clyde College



# Application Process

All university applications in the UK are done through UCAS in S6

Applications to college and apprenticeships (including GA) are done out with UCAS. You can apply to college and uni at the same time

There are back up options, e.g. UCAS Plus and 'clearing' if you don't meet your conditional offers

# Which University is best for me?

## Compare

Courses with the same name may be **different** at each University. What does X offer that Y doesn't?

## Visit

You may completely **change** your mind once you **visit** the campus

## Reach out!

Don't be afraid to **reach out** if you're struggling. If something needs to change – **change it!**

## Don't Panic

There is no wrong path! If things don't go to plan with your exams there are so many **options.**



# Which University is best for me?

## Where do you want to live? WHY?

- Can you move away from home?
- How much will it cost to travel home?

## What facilities are you looking for?

- Sports facilities
- Subject-specific facilities

## What clubs and societies are there?

- Making new friends
- Continuing your hobbies

Do they offer placements  
and Study Abroad?

What do the rankings say?

**You  
Decide**

# University Ways of Learning



## Lectures

- Larger groups
- Lecturer provides you with information

## Tutorials

- Smaller groups
- More discussion
- Tend to follow-up a lecture

## Practical

- Labs
- Studio Work



## Student-led Learning

- Reading / Research
- Study Groups and Projects

## Study Abroad / Placements

- Long-term and short-term placements



# What RGU offers

We offer over **300** different courses, these are available to study as:

- Undergraduate Courses
- Postgraduate Courses
- Online Short Courses
- Degree Link – from College to University
- Graduate Apprenticeships

We have **Industry Experts leading our courses** and offer not only their own experience and knowledge but deliver our leading educational material, this will help set you apart when applying for jobs in your final years or after you graduate. With our **placement opportunities** and **leading employability rates**, studying a degree with RGU will help set you apart.



# RGU Hub

Bridging the gap between secondary school and higher education.

## Support for Pupils

- 1-1 Discussions on your Options
- Attend our Access To Programmes
- Find out about Widening Access Offers

Based in Portlethen Academy every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.



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