Benefits of Going to University
The Common Misconceptions

- It will just be like school
- There are no interesting subjects
- I don’t want to go miles away / I don’t want to leave home
- University won’t help me get a job
- It’s all about studying
- I can’t afford it
- I’ll get into debt
- I’m not clever enough
“It will just be like school or college”

- You choose what you study – joint honours / modules
- You choose when and how you study
- It’s rarely a 9-5 day, Monday - Friday
- There’s time for part-time work, sport and a social life
- The holidays are longer – more time for work or travel
“There are no interesting subjects”

- Over 52,000 courses to choose from
- The Expected – Biology, English, Maths
- The Unexpected – Puppetry, Surf Science & Technology, Product Design
- Vocational Courses – Nursing, Tourism
“I don’t want to leave home”

• Over 100 institutions
• 50 institutions in London alone
• You could choose a course at a local university
• You might want to go miles away
• If so, this is a great opportunity to:
  o Make new friends
  o Discover a new place
  o Develop as a person
Some degrees are essential for certain careers

- e.g. Engineering, Medicine & Nursing

You may make connections with people in the industry

Work placements

Graduate skills are in demand

Graduates can earn between 30% and 80% more – Times Higher Education

“University won’t help me get a job”
“It’s all about studying”

- Possibility of living away from home
- A diverse student population
- Planning and Organisation
- Sport facilities on campus
- Students’ union: clubs and societies, student magazine or an affordable night out
- Overseas exchanges
“I can’t afford it”

• You don’t have to pay a penny upfront
• Maintenance Loan and Tuition Fee Loan
• Bursaries, grants and scholarships available
• Extra for those with dependants / disabilities
• Part-time work whilst studying
• NUS discounts!
“I’ll get in to debt”

- Payments of student loans deferred until after graduation
- Repayable through the tax system
- No-one pays until they are earning more than £25,000
- Repayments then made at 9% of income above £25,000
  - e.g. on a salary of £30,000 a graduate will pay £37 per month
- Part time work whilst studying
“I’m not clever enough”

People with all sort of skills and strengths progress to University. Are you:

- Responsible?
- Good with words?
- Good with computers?
- Scientific?
- Hard-working?
- Organised?
- Outgoing?
- Practical?
- Caring?
- Athletic?
- Artistic?
- Musical?
Seize the opportunity

• Choose your course and university carefully
  o Choosing the wrong Subject or University is a common cause for dropping out.
  o Choose your subject / University for the right reason
• Opportunities for professional placements, work experience and networking at University
• Student discounts and offers
• Access to specialist libraries and institutes
Invest in yourself

• 95% of students agreed that university is a great investment

• Graduates earn £100,000 more over a lifetime than non-graduates

• Graduate skills are in demand by employers

• Remember the whole package
  o All the benefits of University

• A short term limited investment for long term gains
Any Questions?