



## **YEAR 9: Key Words Activity**

**Aim: to familiarise learners with some of the key words used in higher education**

Ask the learner/s to write down the meanings of as many of the following words as they can.

- Higher Education (HE)
- Further Education (FE)
- Degree
- Seminar
- Lecture
- Tutorial
- Undergraduate
- Graduation
- Faculty
- Halls of Residence
- Students' Union
- Campus

**Debrief:** Explain the meanings of the words that are unfamiliar

**Learning outcome:** That learners understand the meanings of key words associated with higher education, and can use them appropriately

**Additional resource:** See accompanying definitions

**Suggested time:** 15 minutes

## **Definitions:**

**Higher Education (HE)** – study at a university, college or Higher Education Institution. Most people studying at this level are aiming for a degree, a foundation degree, a certificate of higher education or a diploma of higher education.

**Further Education** - study at a college after 16, which could be A-Levels or vocational qualifications.

**Degree** - this is the level of course you can study at a university or college.

**Seminar** - a small group of students meet to discuss a particular topic with a tutor.

**Lecture** - a presentation or talk, usually given to a large group of students.

**Tutorial** - a one-to-one meeting with a tutor to talk about work and other course issues.

**Undergraduate** – A student working towards a first degree qualification.

**Graduation** – when you have finished your degree a graduation ceremony will be held to acknowledge your achievements.

**Faculty** - a group of academic departments that are grouped together for teaching.

**Halls of Residence** - these are blocks of student flats, usually rented out to students in their first year. Sometimes catering is provided.

**Students' Union** - the building where students meet to socialise, join clubs and societies and where they can get help with problems.

**Campus** - the grounds on which the buildings of the institution are located. More common if the institution is outside of a city centre.