

**Move
on up**



**Become what
you want to be**




Aimhigher
West Midlands

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

“What’s your favourite subject at school?”

“Which schools are your friends going to?”

“Do you know how much homework you’ll get?”



Have you noticed how often you get asked these kinds of questions? Grown-ups just can't seem to help it.



To be fair, it's only because they want to help you get ready for the next stage in your life. They remember what going to secondary school was like, and how it felt exciting and a bit scary all at the same time.

This booklet is all about helping you to get ready for the future... and a chance to discover that moving on up to secondary school is the start of an even bigger journey that could take you to university and some amazing careers.



University Superstars

Have a look at these people and you'll see that University has been a part of your life already!

JK Rowling

Did you know that the Harry Potter author studied a French and Classics Degree at university?



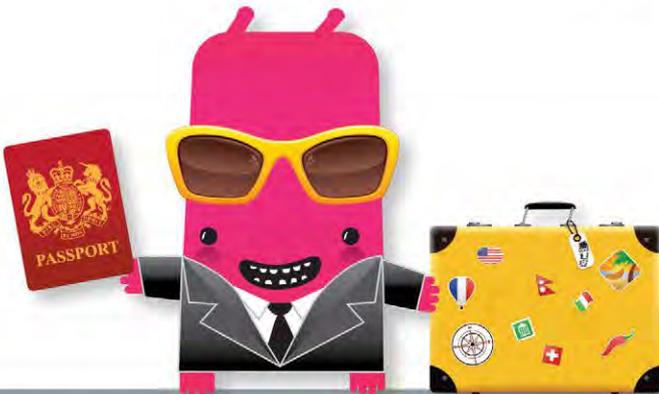
Greg James

Radio 1 presenter, Greg James, went to university and studied for a Drama Degree.



Prince William

Prince William studied Geography at university (where he met Kate). He now works as a helicopter rescue pilot.



Emeli Sandé

As well as being a fantastic musician and singer, Emeli has a degree in Neuro Science! (that's all about the brain).



Nick Park

The Shaun the Sheep and Wallace and Gromit creator did a Degree in Communication Arts.



Beatrice Lafon

Have you heard of Claire's Accessories, the shop on the high street? Beatrice Lafon is running this big company now whilst living in the USA. She has Degree in Business and is reported to earn \$1.6 million a year!



Meet some real students

We told some students about this booklet and they had a few things they wanted to say about their time at secondary school and university...

Arondip Pharwaha studied Mechanical Engineering. His best school teacher was Mrs Jones, who made lessons really fun. "She used pizza to explain fractions (and then we got to eat the pizza at the end of the lesson!)".

Favourite thing about university: "Having the opportunity to do lots of things like playing hockey, learning to snowboard, starting a radio station and meeting really interesting people, not just in England but from all over the world!"

What I'd tell my 10 year-old self: "Don't be afraid to speak to new people when you start secondary school, try new things and get involved – even if your friends aren't doing the same thing, you'll make new friends!"



Cristina Eddo was born in Italy and moved to the UK 3 years ago to study Psychology and Sociology. Christina believes she's always been lucky at school saying "I have had so many knowledgeable and passionate teachers who have inspired me to always aim high".

Favourite thing about university: "I loved my German course, and had a lovely time playing volleyball. I have discovered and embraced my potential".

What I'd tell my 10 year old self:
"Imagine with all your mind. Believe with all your heart. Achieve with all your might!"
(Ben Francia)



Meet some real students continued...

Lauren Jack graduated with a Sport and Exercise Science degree. A lively, outgoing person, she acknowledges that all of her teachers were great “for having to put up with me!”

Favourite thing about university: “Getting to take part in sports practicals everyday as part of my lectures and the University Netball team”.

What I'd tell my 10 year-old self: “You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think”.
(Winnie the Pooh)



Ben Ebbrell has top marks from his degree in Culinary Arts Management. He left university and set up sortedfood.com - the world's most engaged YouTube cooking channel - <http://www.youtube.com/sortedfood>. Ben loved his science classes at school.

Favourite thing about university: Being able to cook all day and learn about business and marketing too – and all in the city centre.



What I'd tell my 10 year-old self:
To do what you love, and try to do it well.



University of Anytown

7 Art Gallery

2 Sports Facilities

8 Museum

6 Student Union

5 Halls of Residence

1 Science Laboratories

4 Library

9 Astronomy

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Your Guide to Campus

A place with lots of university buildings is called a campus. It is like a small town, with shops, cafes and even a bank for students, with green spaces where people can relax in the fresh air.

-  **Science Laboratories** - Where research and experiments are carried out.
-  **Sports Facilities** - where you can play sports like basketball and five aside, or go climbing or swimming!
-  **Performing Arts Venue** - for bands and drama students to perform.
-  **Library** - thousands of books...but you won't need to read them all!
-  **Halls of Residence** - where students often live in flats with their friends.
-  **Student Union** - here students get together - to help each other and to have some fun.
-  **Art Gallery** - a place for art students to show their work.
-  **Museum** - some universities keep collections of things like fossils and statues here.
-  **Astronomy Dome** - students use this telescope to study the stars and planets.
-  **Lecture rooms** - this building has many lecture rooms (classrooms), where lecturers (teachers) work with students.
-  **Hall** - the part of the university where students receive their degree certificate when they have finished their studies. This is called their Graduation Ceremony.



Jargon Buster

As you can see the University of Anytown is a big place.

When **students** first arrive they have a **freshers' week** to help them learn where everything is and how things like the **library** work. Students settle in to their **Halls** of Residence and go the Students Union to join clubs and **societies** and make new **friends**.

Students have **lectures** in big classes, sometimes up to 300 people! **Lecturers** teach students in lecture rooms, studios and laboratories, and set them work – like a topic or project – called an **assignment**. Lecturers also meet students in smaller groups, called a **seminar** – where they can talk about how they are doing and make sure they understand everything.

Most University of Anytown students study for three years. If they work hard and pass their exams they graduate with a **degree**. Many people go to the **graduation** ceremony and wear a **cap and gown**... It is usually the only time they wear these square hats and black cloaks. The rest of the time students wear their own clothes, so no school uniform!



After leaving University, students keep in touch through the **alumni** community. This allows them to hear about new research and find out how their friends are getting on in their careers.



University Challenge

Move On Up Games

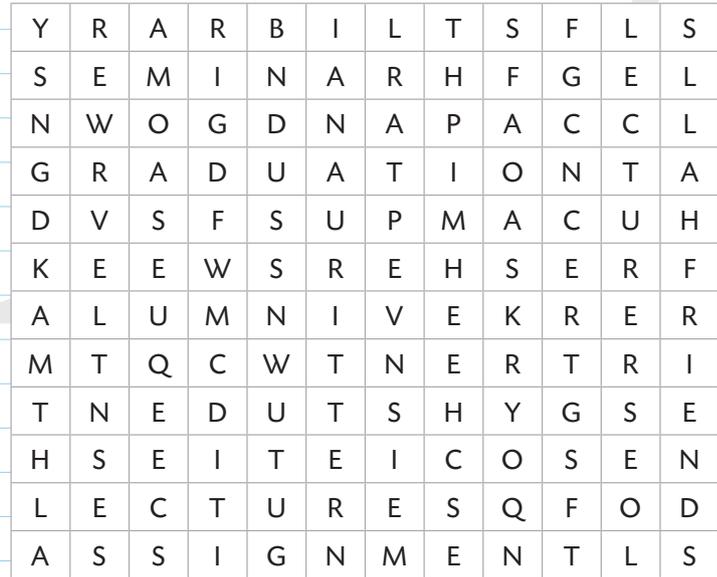


Moving from Primary to Secondary school is a big step. Some children feel ready and excited for the challenge but others are anxious and uncertain about the changes to come.

Aimhigher West Midlands have created some free, fun and interactive games to support you with your transition. Each online game will gently introduce the exciting changes that you'll face as you start your journey to secondary school.

Can you make it to the leaderboard?
Play the games now at
www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk/games

Word Search



ALUMNI

ASSIGNMENT

CAMPUS

CAPANDGOWN

DEGREE

FRESHERSWEEK

FRIENDS

GRADUATION

HALLS

LECTURERS

LECTURES

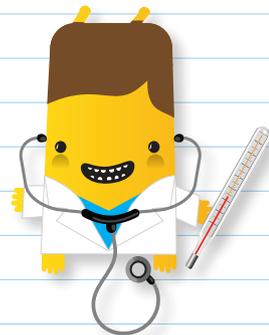
LIBRARY

SEMINAR

SOCIETIES

STUDENT

Really stuck? The answers
are on the back page.



A Day in the Life of a Student

8.30am Wake up...a bit late! Take a quick shower, get myself dressed, grab some cereal for breakfast, pick up my drinks bottle and my bag and get going! Walk fast to lecture – get there just in time, take a seat next to my friend.

10.00am Lecture – taking notes on laptop and pencil marking relevant parts in my text book.

12.00 noon Buy sandwich, eat and walk with friends across campus to the library.

12.15pm Start reading for my seminar. Already read most of it yesterday – just a chapter left.

1pm Seminar – we work in small groups, discuss the reading we have done and start putting together a presentation for next week. Lots of work ahead, but it's interesting and should be fun.



3pm Head for home. On the way I drop into shops and buy some groceries so I can cook tonight!

4pm Home, unpack shopping and start cooking. Have a chat with my flatmates about plans for the weekend ...there are 4 of us and we have our own rooms and share the bathroom and big kitchen. I eat early – made enough for a snack later too.

6pm Start looking at the presentation via facebook. I am now reading books online that will help.

9.30pm Research for a part time job – I need some more money! And I must go to the laundrette soon!

10pm Meet flatmates in the kitchen for our 10pm cuppa and chat (and my leftovers snack!) then back to my room to watch a video lecture on my laptop, then some recorded TV.

12.00 midnight Check calendar and pack my bag for the next day. Set the alarm and turn the ringer up LOUD – hopefully I'll hear it tomorrow!!

What could I be?

The best place to start is to ask yourself:
“What am I good at?” and “What do I love doing?”

Art? Then how about...
Advertising, Photographer,
Art Therapist, Fashion
Designer, Car Designer.

Maths? Then how about...
Banker, Architect, Aerospace
Engineer, IT Specialist.

Science? Then how about...
Doctor, Cosmetic Products
Developer, Laboratory
Manager, Astronomer,
Nuclear Scientist,
Pharmacist, Vet, Dentist.

Drama? Then how about...
Youth Worker, Stage
Manager, Radio Presenter,
Voice Coach.

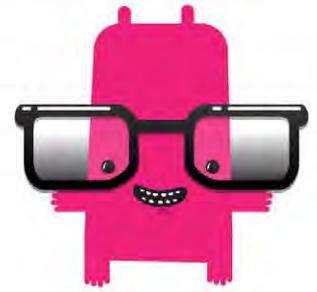
English? Then how about...
Journalist, Teacher, Script
Writer, Public Relations
Officer, Marketing director.



Food? Then how about...
Food Product Developer,
Food Toxicologist, Baker,
Chef, Environmental Health
Official.

Geography? Then how
about... Eco Tour guide,
Oil Explorer, Travel Writer,
Heritage Site Manager,
Sustainable Development
Adviser.

History? Then how about...
Librarian, Archaeologist,
Teacher, Museum
Curator, Writer.



Foreign Languages? Then
how about... International
Business Interpreter, Political
Translator, Charity Manager,
Tourism Manager.

Sport? Then how about...
Sports Coach, Sports
Therapist, Health Promotion
Specialist, Extreme Sports
Events Manager.



Some Fantastic Facts For You

1 in 5 
STUDENTS HAVE A PART TIME JOB

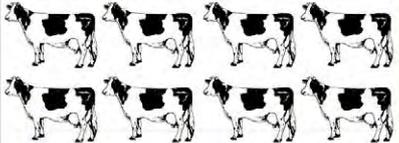
£35 
STUDENTS' AVERAGE
SPEND ON FOOD
A WEEK

MOST
STUDENTS
PAY ABOUT
£80
A WEEK ON RENT



ONE
UNIVERSITY
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TONNES
OF WASTE
A YEAR

**CATERING STUDENTS
AT ONE UNIVERSITY
USED**

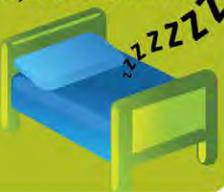
6,568
LITRES OF MILK AND

31,808Kg
OF FLOUR IN A YEAR

 **OVER 1½ MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UK ARE STUDENTS** 



UNIVERSITIES CAN BECOME HOME
TO WILD BIRDS LIKE **CANADA GEESE,**
DUCKS, KESTRELS AND PEREGRINE
FALCONS! SOME UNIVERSITIES HAVE
WEBCAMS SO YOU CAN WATCH
THEM HATCH AND GROW!

MANY UNIVERSITIES
HAVE STUDENTS
FROM OVER
 **150**
COUNTRIES!

THE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN
ONE UNIVERSITY HAS **3,050 ROOMS.**
THEY ESTIMATE THAT
PEOPLE SPEND
7,173,600 HOURS
ASLEEP IN THEIR
ACCOMMODATION
EVERY YEAR. 



**ONE UNIVERSITY HAS
2.5 MILLION BOOKS,
6,500 TREES AND
28,000 STUDENTS.**

Word search solution

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