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- What level is it?
- How do I get there?
- What are my options?
- What can I do now to prepare?

What level is HE?



Qualification levels

- Entry level – eg Skills for Life, Foundation Learning
- Level 1 – GCSE grades D-G, BTEC Intro Diploma
- Level 2 – 5 x GCSEs grade A*-C, BTEC First
- Level 3 – A level, IB, BTEC Level 3 Diploma

Higher Education

Level 4 and above

How do you get there?



- You need Level 3 qualifications for entry into Higher Education
- What you study at Level 3 could help inform what you do in HE and...what you want to do in HE could inform what you study at Level 3!

Different types



I will cover:

- Bachelor's degree (BSc, BA)
- Foundation degree (FdSc, FdA)
- Higher National Certificate / Higher National Diploma (HNC, HND)
- Higher Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships

Bachelor's degrees



- Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- Usually 3 or 4 years
- Mostly studied at university
- A wide range of subjects available

Foundation degrees



- Fd(A) or Fd(Sc)
- Equivalent to the first two years of a Bachelor's degree, so usually take 2 years to complete
- Mostly offered at colleges, some universities.
- Combine academic study and work based learning
- Opportunity to progress onto the 3rd year of a Bachelor's degree.

HNC / HND



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- Higher National Certificate and Higher National Diplomas
 - Usually 1 year – HNC or 2 years – HND
 - Mostly available through colleges
 - Work-related qualifications designed to give you the skills you'll need for a particular job
 - Opportunity to progress onto the 3rd year of a Bachelor's degree

Apprenticeships



- Higher Apprenticeships: work-based learning qualification. Length depends on the sector and provider.
- Degree Apprenticeships: mix of study at a university and employment. Apprentices gain a full Bachelor's degree whilst earning a wage.

What you can do now



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- Current studies
 - Start researching careers - National Careers Service
 - Course research – [UCAS.com](https://www.ucas.com) / [notgoingtouni.co.uk](https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk) / [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)
 - Experience for your CV or personal statement
Bucks Family Information Service (Youthspace)
 - Understand what works best for YOU

Any questions?



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