Welcome to Week 1 of Newcastle University's Summer Programme. This week is all about choosing your course and university. You can work through the following resources at your own pace to get thinking about your options:

- **Watch the Webinar** - The webinar is a great place to start. Recent graduates outline important factors to consider when choosing a course and university and share their own experiences.

- **Factors to Consider Sheet** - The fact sheet summarises important factors for you to consider. There's a blank template below, so you can write down your thoughts on each topic.

- **Listen to the Podcast** - Our outreach ambassadors all graduated from Newcastle last year. They chat about their experiences of choosing a course and university and share their top tips.

- **Where can your A Levels take you?** - Interactive PowerPoint presentation which outlines university courses and careers that could be perfect if you know what A Level subjects you enjoy, but aren't sure what you can do with them.

- **Subject-Specific Research** - Check out the resources we have from our three faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences, Medical Sciences and Science, Agriculture and Engineering.

- **Ask us your Questions** - If you've got any questions, or want to find out more from our current students, you can get in touch with them online through Unibuddy. You can search by subject if you'd like to speak to a student from a particular course.

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**Do your research early!** This will really benefit you when it comes to applying (we promise!) and will ensure that you're making informed decisions about your future. Happy researching!
Organise your Thoughts
Below is a blank template you can use to jot down your thoughts on course and universities as you complete your research.

Choosing a Course
Course(s) I'm Considering: ................................................................................................................................................................................

Thoughts on...
The Content- What modules can you study on this course/how interesting do you find these topics?: ............................................................................................................................................................
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The Potential Career Prospects ........................................................................................................................................................................
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Accreditation - Is the course accredited? ........................................................................................................................................................................
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Choosing a University
Universities I'm Considering: ........................................................................................................................................................................

What do you want from a University Experience?
A Campus or City University?
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Study Locally or Further Afield?
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What facilities would you like your university to have on-campus? E.g. Gym/sports facilities, cafes, study spaces, course-specific facilities e.g. laboratories, research facilities
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Now check that the universities you're considering match your requirements! It's also worth researching a university's graduate prospects & rankings to find out what graduates go on to after completing their degree.

Got questions for our students? Get in touch www.ncl.ac.uk/study/contact/unibuddy/