

# A FEW TOP TIPS FOR THE TRANSITION!

**Go to open days/applicant days** - This will help you make the right decision about your next steps. It will also give you a feel for the place you are going before day 1, making it all a little less daunting.

**Chat to lecturers or classmates prior** - Another way to help that first day feel less daunting is to get to know people. You could find out who your new classmates will be on your college course or speak to people in your year that may be going to the same sixth form as you. A lot of universities will have social media groups you can join to get to know potential classmates or housemates. Feeling like you have a friend on day one could really help, but remember, if you don't get chance to do this, everyone is in the same boat and will be super friendly on day one. You could also get in touch with teachers or lecturers prior if you have any concerns or would like any advice on how to make a positive start.

**Treat Yourself** - We all like to treat ourselves from time to time and this is the perfect moment to refresh your stationery and feel motivated! Why not grab yourself a nice new notebook to pop your notes in or a new school bag to take to lessons?! Sometimes the small things like this can really help you make a positive start!

# PREPARING FOR WORK AFTER STUDY

**Build your skills** - Don't be afraid to learn new skills whilst you study. They don't have to relate to your course and can really help build up your CV.

**Say yes to opportunities**- Saying yes can really help you make connections and network whilst building on valuable experience. Whether it's work placements, volunteering or interesting part time work, say yes and grab those opportunities!

**Keep your CV up to date** - Make sure to document all of your achievements, work experience and education as you go! Depending on your subject it may also be useful to build on a portfolio. Doing this as you go saves time when you come to apply for jobs!