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Before HeppSY

Before HeppSY, I was unaware of all the options that were available to me and felt confused about what career pathway I wanted to take. I didn't know what I wanted to study or what career pathway would be right for me in the future.

How HeppSY has supported me

HeppSY has benefitted me as I had the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what university would be like. I went on the HeppSY bus and had a tour around a university, where I learnt about what university life was like and all about the financial side of it. Before this experience, I thought you might have to pay the university fees back all in one go once you start work, but I learnt that you have to earn over a certain amount and can pay it back bit by bit, which reassured me.

I also went on the 'Spring-up' week [higher education taster week at Sheffield Hallam University] which I really enjoyed. This taught me about university life and what it's like to be on campus. I'd been into a university before, but this gave me a better understanding, as we did lots of activities which helped me understand more about what higher education is like.

I've learnt a lot from HeppSY, including all about the different courses you can do in higher education; it's not just the traditional subjects such as English, Science and Maths. Before HeppSY, I thought university wasn't an option for me, but now I know more about it, I am considering going. However, if I don't go to university, I will be applying for an apprenticeship instead. I'm still undecided and want to look further into the types of courses there are – now that I know there are so many to choose from! HeppSY has encouraged me to follow my passion, which is engineering, so I am keen to follow their advice and continue to study this subject in the future.

The HeppSY programme has provided me with more knowledge about what university life is going to be like, including the type of courses you can study in higher education and the amount of support available. My advice for those who are unsure about which pathway to take is to have a look at what options you have, as there are so many benefits of going to university and studying a subject that you're passionate about.

What I've learnt from HeppSY

- To keep an open mind and not listen to the myths surrounding university life
- Take every experience as it comes to learn new things
- An understanding of the higher education choices available to me

Working in partnership to increase the number of young people progressing to higher education.