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## Before HeppSY

Before HeppSY, we didn't learn about careers or university, so it was a possibility, but I didn't know much about it. At the beginning of Y12, I didn't know to do. My sister went to university, but my parents didn't. She's just graduated so I've been able to see her experience, which has influenced me to want to go. I've applied to local universities, including University of Sheffield, UCLAN, York St John and University of London.

## How HeppSY has supported me

We've been on trips to Sheffield, Leeds and Huddersfield, which were my first real experience of university. Ed, our higher education engagement assistant (HEEA), has helped me with my choices. I went on a University of Sheffield trip and they said you can do Korean Studies, so I've applied to study that course at five universities. I started looking at the places I could study Korean, but a lot of them required higher grades than I was predicted. Ed showed me there were options that required grades that were equivalent to mine, and ones which were achievable. HeppSY told me about courses that offer the chance to go abroad for a year, which I want to do. I didn't know this opportunity existed before.

HeppSY has told me about student finance, as before, I didn't know much about it. Now I know how to pay it back and I've done activities to help me appreciate it. Initially, I was concerned about personal statements because it's hard to know how to write them. I realised all the universities were different, so the courses offered different levels of the language and the history aspects of Korean Studies. I'm confident in my decision now, thanks to HeppSY.

The HeppSY bus was beneficial, as we learnt about university experiences. The people on the bus had gone to university so we were able to ask them questions. Ed, our HeppSY HEEA, is quite heavily involved in the school, so we do a lot of activities within the week. We do AC (alternative curriculum) days every half term, so we're able to go over HeppSY things then.

The benefits of going into higher education are the experience, as well as just getting a degree. People expect you to have a degree now to get a job, so it's other things that you'll be able to gain whilst you're doing your degree, that will help to set you apart. I'm hoping to gain more friends and more confidence.

## What I've learnt from HeppSY

- Look at your options carefully before making a decision
- Make the most of your opportunities
- Find out as much information as possible

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