**Student Life Recap**

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| **Key terms:*** *Student Loan –* Money lent to you by the government to pay for university and your living costs (you pay this back once you are working)
* *Scholarship –* A competitive award given to students to recognise a particular talent or skill (e.g. sport, music, academics, etc.) that you **do not** pay back.
* *Bursary –* A non-competitive award given to students automatically (e.g. carers, students from a low-income family) that you **do not** pay back.
* *Lecture –* A type of teaching at university often where a teacher speaks to a large group who take notes on what they are saying.
* *Seminar –* A type of teaching at university delivered in a small group led by discussion and sharing of ideas on a particular topic.
* *Welcome week –* Also known as ‘*Fresher’s Week’* this is the first week of university often reserved for 1st year students to settle in and meet new people.
* *Students’ Union –* A charity set up separate to the university who are elected by and represent the student body. They also organise and run sports clubs, societies and advice services.
* *Student society/club –* A group elected and run by students who share an interest that organise events, play in competitions and arrange meetings.
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To recap what you have heard in today’s session, below are a few pieces of the key information to remember.

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| **Key questions:***What is University? –* University is a Higher Education institution that gives students significant knowledge of a subject(s) and many skills needed for them to succeed in the future. University also gives students the opportunity to pursue a subject they have a passion for and qualifications they need for a future career.*What are some of the skills you need at university? –* Anyone can go to university but some of the skills that will help you include independence, communication, confidence and organisation. Don’t worry if you feel that you don’t have these skills yet, you will start to develop these further throughout your GCSE and A-level studies.*What support does university offer? –* Each university offers different things but most will offer financial support (e.g. advice on budgeting), academic support (e.g. personal tutor and peer guides) and pastoral support (e.g. stress workshops and puppy therapy). *How is school different to university? –* There are a couple of key differences between school and university. The biggest differences are; how you are taught (e.g. lecture and seminars), the amount of free time (e.g. you may not have lessons all day) and more responsibility over your own work. *What does a Students’ Union do? –* A Students’ Union is separate from the university and represents all students. They organise student groups (e.g. clubs and societies), organise volunteering opportunities and have advice services (e.g. housing and academic).*Can students earn money at university? –* Lots of students have a part-time job at university. Though you don’t have to, it is a great way to earn some extra money and work on your key skills. |