

## How Studying Abroad Can Help You

It's that time of your life where you are considering your options and your journeys of your life, the stress of choosing your GCSE options, whether you take A-levels, BTEC or an intermediate or an advanced apprenticeship and whether you carry on to University or a higher apprenticeship. We only have 4 years to make our choice, which will shape who we are and what journeys we will endure. If you are going to take the university option have you ever considered leaving your home, jumping on that aeroplane and studying in a foreign country?

A survey of more than 2,500 students found 37% would take up a degree overseas, compared with 20% in a similar poll last year. (BBC News) Studying abroad in a different country has increased and is likely to continue to increase due to many factors:



### **1. Rising tuition fees.**

- Countries such as Germany and Brazil have free tuition fees therefore students will not likely be in debt as if they would if they studied in the UK.

### **2. Language Skills**

- Being able to speak a second language such as Spanish, French or Mandarin is a great skill as a young adult trying to enter the professional world. There will be better opportunities for you to work abroad and work with individuals, who can speak the same language that you can.

### **3. You get to learn about yourself**

- If you study abroad you get to return home with new ideas and perspectives about yourself, which allow you to develop yourself and strengthen your beliefs and views whilst experiencing different cultures.

### **4. Form new and rewarding relationships**

- You will be able to meet new people and be confronted with new situations on a daily basis. You get a chance to meet new people and form friendships that may last a lifetime and get to experience life as a foreigner as a real citizen of that country.

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