SLN: Uni Connect

An FE perspective on the current issues/concerns students have in applying for university in the 2020/21 cycle.

Vicky Speirs
SLN:Uni Connect Project Coordinator
East Sussex College Group
Eastbourne and Lewes

Vicky.Speirs@escg.ac.uk.









Introduction











Background

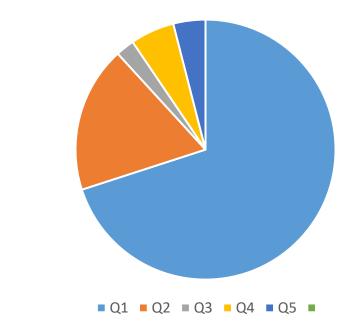
2020/21 cohort numbers – **1,690**

<u>77%</u> of our Level 3 cohort are undertaking vocational programmes

88% of our cohort Live within quintiles 1 and 2.

Last year saw <u>39%</u> of our Uni Connect cohort progress into Higher Education as of UCAS final destination figures.

2019/20 ESCG Uni Connect Students In Quintile 1,2,3 & 4



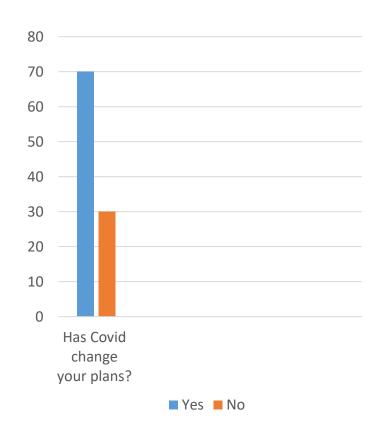








Has Covid:19 impacted progression plans?



70% said that (so far) Covid has not impacted their progression plans after college.

30% said Covid has changed their progression plans after college.

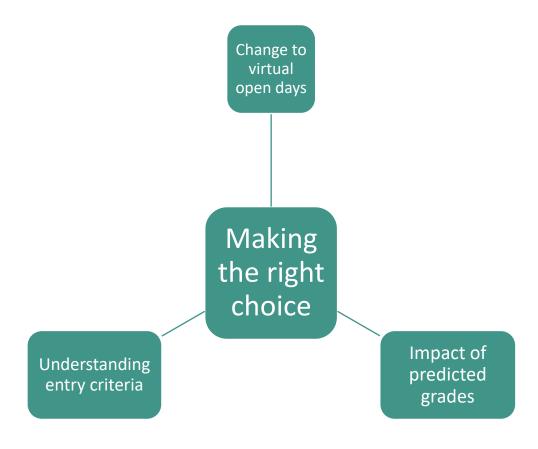








Making the Right Choice



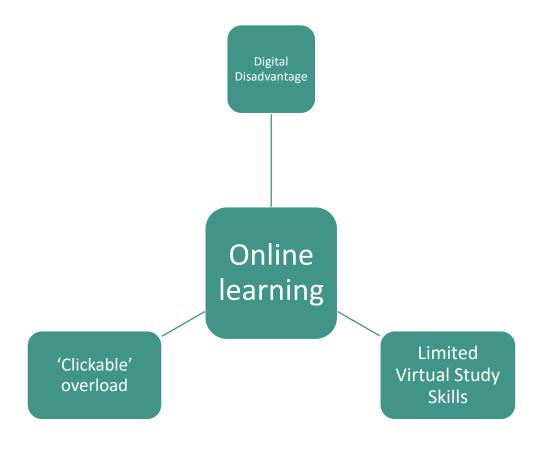








Online / Remote Learning











Key Concerns

"I'm worried I will not get the full uni experience, such as the social side of things and this is very important if I'm moving away from my friends and family"

"Both my sisters are at uni, all their lectures are online, and this makes it difficult for them to learn sometimes."

"It has not changed my mind about going but I am wary of the fact that a lot of my friends are paying ridiculous amounts of money to currently be attending class from their dorm rooms - so if by Sep 2021 the uni situation is still the same I would consider deferring."

Worries

"My sister, she says it's very much different and cannot come home but she says that she would prefer to be at university as she's still in a learning environment."









How are we helping?



Programme
of digital
support
training via
Peer Coaches



Digital resources developed by Students



Deliver face to face where possible.



Adapting delivered activities to bust myths.

Sussex Learning Network



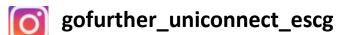




Thanks Vicky.speirs@escg.ac.uk

https://www.escg.ac.uk/support/go-further/

www.sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk







@GoFurther SLN







