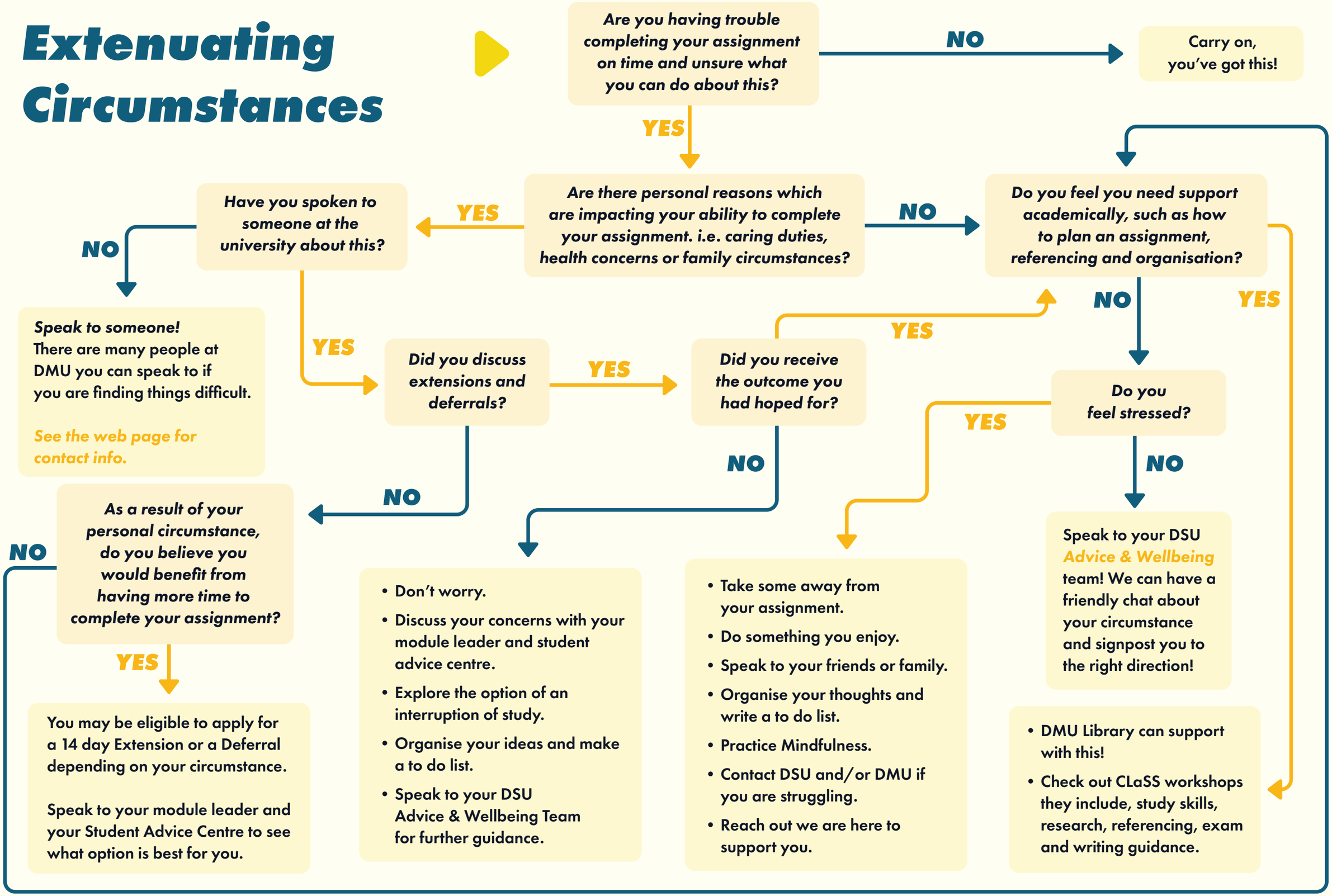Extenuating Circumstances