

Useful resources for students and parents:

Careers Information and Research

<http://icould.com/> provides career inspiration and information for young people through free access to over 1000 personal video stories, detailed job information, plus practical tips, insight and advice.

<http://www.careersbox.co.uk/> is a free online library of careers related videos, news and information showing hundreds of real people doing real jobs.

http://www.prospects.ac.uk/types_of_jobs.htm helps to match skills and personalities to over 400 job profiles.

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/> offers advice for school leavers, with a section for parents & teachers too.

<https://guest.startprofile.com/> is an online careers learning tool which can be used to explore future career and education options. It can also be used by parents. The site includes a range of short three minute videos to help students explore a range of careers.

www.16personalities.com/ helps to explore your personality type, is completely free and gives an informative and detailed profile. Can also help when writing personal statements and CV's.

<https://www.ychertfordshire.org/> Hertfordshire County Council's youth service

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/> main website for the National Careers Service, there are links to job profiles, CV writing and other careers information.

Apprenticeships and Training

www.apprenticeships.org.uk national apprenticeship service official website.

www.getingofar.gov.uk government's apprenticeship vacancy site.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/> includes a vacancy snapshot of opportunities with some of the world's biggest and boldest companies.

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk apprenticeship vacancy information and advice about job search.

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/> just like the websites name – helping young people 'get their first job'.

www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/ apprenticeship vacancy information and advice about job search.

<https://www.thebigchoice.com/> apprenticeship vacancy information and advice about job search.

<https://careermap.co.uk/> apprenticeship vacancy information and advice about job search.

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/> UCAS database linked to degree and higher apprenticeships.

<http://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/> NHS Careers.

<https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship> information about a traineeship pathway.

University

<http://www.ucas.com/> universities and Colleges Admissions Service: Information for those who would like to go to university, everything you need to know including how and when to apply.

<https://university.which.co.uk/> university and degree course research tool. Uses UCAS data but offers different search criteria.

<https://degreecoursefinder.pearson.com> degree course finder around the world.

<https://www.push.co.uk/> guide to UK universities.

<https://www.whatuni.com/> independent guide to UK universities, student life, gap years, open days, student finance and all things student related.

<https://unistats.direct.gov.uk> official website for comparing UK higher education course data.

www.opendays.com/ it's never too early to start looking at universities. This website also has a great open day calendar.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/> opportunities to book onto free lectures and demonstrations prior to making your degree course choices.

<http://www.bestcourse4me.com/> easy searching for university courses, university course reviews and college course reviews in the UK.

<http://www.open.ac.uk/> not sure you want the expense of university? Then you could consider Open University course.

<http://russellgroup.ac.uk/> 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research and outstanding teaching and learning.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance> information about student finance and loan application procedures.

<http://www.fulbright.org.uk/> Fulbright Commission information about study options in the USA.

Future Trends in the graduate job market

Find out what the graduates from the previous year did - how many had jobs, the types of jobs they went into, and how many went on to further study. This information will help you to get a better understanding of the job market. http://www.prospects.ac.uk/what_do_graduates_do.htm

Help with A-level Options: The Russell Group Guide to making decisions about post-16 education

<http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices/> Download 'INFORMED CHOICE' a helpful publication outlining broadly the entry requirements. Please note that choices of A levels will vary between departments at universities, so please use this as an overall guide not as a definitive resource. The best way is to contact the Admission Tutor for the subject(s) you are interested in applying to study.

Year Out / Gap Year research

<http://www.gap-year.com/> research gap year opportunities worldwide.

<http://www.yearoutgroup.org/> research gap year opportunities worldwide.

<https://www.realgap.co.uk/> research gap year opportunities worldwide.

<https://projecttrust.org.uk/> research gap year opportunities worldwide.

<https://www.campamerica.co.uk/> gap year opportunities in North America.

<http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry> Science and technology Placements.

Job Search

www.neuvoo.co.uk a one stop shop for young people looking for alternatives to university.

<https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/> vacancies at UK Job Centres (18+ job search).

www.totaljobs.com enormous generic job search site.

www.reed.co.uk enormous generic job search site.

www.indeed.co.uk enormous generic job search site.

www.monster.co.uk enormous generic job search site.

<https://www.fish4.co.uk/> enormous generic job search site.

<https://www.gumtree.com/jobs/> enormous generic job search site.

www.future-talent.com apprenticeships, jobs and training for school and college leavers.

<https://uk.linkedin.com/> preparing a professional public profile to recruiters

STEM

Careers information related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

<https://www.allaboutstem.co.uk/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/>

<http://www.noisemakers.org.uk/>

<http://www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/>

<http://www.futuremorph.org/>

<https://robogals.org/>

Volunteering

www.vinspired.com voluntary opportunities for 14 – 25 year olds.

www.do-it.org.uk/ the UK's national volunteering database.

www.ncsyes.co.uk National Citizenship Service programme. Provides young people with an opportunity to take on new challenges, learn new skills and help out in their community.

Labour Market Information

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/ier/ngrf/lmifuturetrends/> Warwick University Labour Market Trends.

<http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/widget/> Labour Market Information website.

Local Post 16 Colleges of Further Education

www.westherts.ac.uk

www.oaklands.ac.uk

www.hrc.ac.uk

www.nhc.ac.uk

Support for students with disabilities

<https://www.gov.uk/recruitment-disabled-people/encouraging-applications>

<http://www.jobcentreguide.co.uk/jobcentre-plus-guide/34/disability-employment-advisors>

Choose the subject area that interests you

Administrative and Clerical

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/administrative-and-clerical>

Alternative Therapies

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/alternative-therapies>

Animals, Plants and Land

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/animals-plants-and-land>

Arts, Crafts and Design

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/arts-crafts-and-design>

Catering Services

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/catering-services>

Construction

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/construction>

Education and Training

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/education-and-training>

Environmental Science

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/environmental-sciences>

Financial Services

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/financial-services>

General and Personal Services

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/general-and-personal-services>

Information Technology and Information Management

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/information-technology-and-information-management>

Legal Services

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/legal-services>

Management and Planning

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/management-and-planning>

Manufacturing and Engineering

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/manufacturing-and-engineering>

Marketing, Selling and Advertising

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/marketing-selling-and-advertising>

Medical Technology

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/medical-technology>

Medicine and Nursing

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/medicine-and-nursing>

Performing Arts, Broadcast and Media

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/performing-arts-broadcast-and-media>

Publishing and Journalism

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/publishing-and-journalism>

Retail Sales and Customer Service

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/retail-sales-and-customer-service>

Science and Research

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/science-and-research>

Security and Uniformed Services

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/security-and-uniformed-services>

Social Services

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/social-services>

Sport, Leisure and Tourism

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/sport-leisure-and-tourism>

Storage, Dispatching and Delivery

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/storage-dispatching-and-delivery>

Transport

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/transport>