



Post 18 Choices:

What Next?

Don't yet have any career ideas...not sure what careers may suit you?

Try online career quizzes to learn more about yourself and for career inspiration:

- 🛡 Buzz Quiz – www.icould.com
- 🛡 Take The Quiz – www.prospects.ac.uk
- 🛡 Careers Quiz https://sacustudent.com/?page_id=2779

Career Research and Exploration

Research the facts about a wide range of careers, including qualifications and skills needed, how to get into different careers and potential salary and prospects. The following general careers sites are a great starting point.

- 🛡 <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>
- 🛡 www.prospects.ac.uk

Consider the pros and cons of any career ideas you have; these could be different for different people

Apprenticeships

Most Apprenticeships are advertised on the National Apprenticeships website: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Create your account on this site as soon as possible. Set up alerts to receive e-mails of vacancies as they come up.

You may also want to try:

- 🛡 www.notgoingtouni.co.uk
- 🛡 The 'Alternatives' section of www.ucas.com

Apprenticeships, especially those at the higher levels, including degree apprenticeships can be very hard to get, so always consider a back-up plan



University

www.ucas.com

Use universities own websites for research too and look at data regarding what graduates from the degree courses you are interested in, went on to do after graduation (Universities can supply this information, if you can't find it online give them a call).

- 🛡️ A-Level Matching Tool https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2779
- 🛡️ Personal Statement Inspiration and Tips https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2779
- 🛡️ <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/howwrite-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement>
- 🛡️ Not sure which Degree to do - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-undergraduate-what-study>

Other Websites Aimed at School Leavers:

These include details of a wide range of national school leaver and apprenticeship programmes plus internships

- 🛡️ www.notgoingtouni.co.uk
- 🛡️ www.studentladder.co.uk
- 🛡️ www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk
- 🛡️ www.apprenticekent.com

Full Time Work

Job websites and Employment Agencies

- 🛡️ www.jobsinkent.com
- 🛡️ www.indeed.co.uk
- 🛡️ www.reed.co.uk

Company Websites / Social Media

- 🛡️ Google company names and look for their corporate and careers pages or search on www.yell.com
- 🛡️ Check out companies' social media pages (Facebook / Twitter) to make contacts and look for opportunities



Network with Family and Friends

Many jobs are gained through contacts. Ask friends and relatives if they know of any jobs linked to your career ideas. Arrange work experience with a company, relative or friend.

Speculative Applications

Send your CV (and cover letter) to local businesses: use www.yell.com to get addresses

Work Experience / Volunteer Work

 www.studentladder.co.uk/work-placements

 www.vinspired.com