

PROGRESSION

University Information,
Employment Information and
Apprenticeship Information

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This term we start looking towards the future and what you will do when you leave college next year. It seems early but for some options you need to start thinking about what you want to do so you can apply and meet deadlines.

We will help you consider your options: – University (Higher Education), Employment or an Apprenticeship.

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIPS

Employment would be a Part-time or Full-time job. Most jobs have progression routes to gain higher roles within the industry you work in – employers normally offer training opportunities.

An Apprenticeship is where you apply for employment but it comes with training to achieve a nationally-recognised qualification. In industry not everyone has a degree – they can achieve industry-recognised qualifications up to and beyond a degree (but it takes time to do). One example is for Accountants - they achieve an Accounting Qualification.

You need to start thinking about what job role you might like to apply for and where you would like to work - either industry or location. If locally, you need to make sure there might be opportunities for you in the local area – so start looking now and see what is out there.

Please see [‘I want to be employed’](#) or we have an A-Z apprenticeship resource (glossary) on MOODLE.

UNIVERSITY OR FURTHER EDUCATION

If you are planning on going to University or Further Education what are you going to study?

It might be a subject you need to study for a particular career – Professional Policing, Nursing, Psychology, Law.

It should be a subject you are passionate about and want to learn in further detail – for another 3 years – one you want to do research on.

The beginning stage is to discover what subject you would like to study – There are over 50,000 courses available. In the UK everyone applies to university through an organisation called [UCAS](#) – which has a very detailed website. You can search for courses using their Course Search – you will look for Undergraduate courses (a graduate is someone with a degree so you want undergraduate).

Type in a subject or part of subject - or just an interest (only some degrees need you to have completed particular A Level subjects to apply. These are mainly national curriculum subjects e.g. Maths, English, Science etc). e.g. you can study Sociology, Business, Accounting, Media etc without having done the A Level first.

No two universities will teach the same subject the same, nor will they normally cover exactly the same content – so you need to do research. Which university covers the parts that you are particularly interested in?

UCAS COURSE SEARCH

You can explore subject guides: <https://www.ucas.com/explore>

Help in choosing the right course for you:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/how-choose-right-undergraduate-course-you>

<https://www.ucas.com/> to get to the screen below:

The screenshot shows the UCAS website's course search page. At the top left is the UCAS logo. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'Further education', 'Undergraduate', 'Postgraduate', 'Apprenticeships', and 'Careers'. Further right are a search icon and a 'Sign in' button with a user icon. Below the navigation is a large banner with the text 'CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE'. Underneath the banner is a search bar with several tabs: 'All results', 'Courses', 'Uni & colleges', 'Apprenticeships', 'Advice', and 'Events'. The 'Courses' tab is selected. Below the tabs is a search input field with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Undergraduate'. To the right of the input field are two dropdown menus, one for 'Location (optional)' and another for 'Subject'. A search icon is located to the right of the 'Subject' dropdown.

Choose courses
Choose undergraduate

Type in the
subject/topic/interest

You will go in 2023 so pick this option on the next screen

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I WANT TO DO

There is time – but you do need to start thinking about it.

Explore all possibilities – University and Employment

If you have doubts/concerns please talk to your Personal Tutor or come to Careers

You can do an online survey which tries to match your likes and dislikes to Job profiles (types of roles). We use [KUDOS](#) our licence code is: helplist 95.

A guide for using KUDOS – or come and see us in the Careers department and we will help.

Also you might like to read '[I have no idea what I want to do](#)'.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION AT COLLEGE?

MOODLE:

We have put resources we think are useful in one place – [MOODLE](#).

See the link to Careers in the orange section on the front page of MOODLE.

WHAT'S ON MOODLE/CAREERS?



CAREERS BULLETIN:

FIND OUT ABOUT JOB VACANCIES, APPRENTICESHIPS, UNIVERSITY, PERSONAL STATEMENTS, CVS – UPDATED WEEKLY

YOUR OPTIONS AFTER COLLEGE?
APPRENTICESHIP? DEGREE? NOT SURE WHAT TO DO?

VIRTUAL CAREERS EVENTS
FIND OUT ABOUT THE LATEST EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN COLLEGE

WHERE TO START/USEFUL RESOURCES
BOOK A CAREERS INTERVIEW, TRY KUDOS TO FIND A CAREER TO SUIT YOU

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
WHAT ARE THEY? WHERE DO YOU GET THEM?

WORK EXPERIENCE
HOW TO FIND WORK EXPERIENCE (VIRTUAL)

RESULTS DAY
RESOURCES TO HELP ON THE DAY (STAFF ARE ALSO ON SITE)

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIPS
EMPLOYERS, CVS, COLCHESTER INSTITUTE

UNIVERSITY
HOW TO APPLY, COMPLETE THE APPLICATION, BUZZWORD, PERSONAL STATEMENT, WHERE ARE THE UNIVERSITIES?

VOLUNTEERING, STUDYING ABROAD, YEAR OUT
SOME OF THESE OPTIONS MAY BE LIMITED AT THE MOMENT

STUDENT FINANCE, BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS, DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE
ALL THINGS MONEY

CAREERS BULLETIN

Updated each week with information sent to us by Universities and Employers.

- Vacancies for employment and apprenticeships
- Open Days/Insight days for university and employers – go to visit or have a virtual visit
- Application information
- Summer schools – where you can stay at a university for a week to get an experience of what it is like and learn about subjects. Normally Free.

See a copy here or ask your Personal Tutor for a copy

CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Have a question? Come to speak to us in Careers – we are through the Library in room 113.

You can book a Careers meeting with a Careers Adviser.

Remember your Personal tutor – they always like to know what your intentions are and what research you have done

