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University

- University offers further study after college, sixth form or when you are ready.
- Many professional jobs require a university degree, such as, architecture, dentistry, physiotherapy and lots more. Employers are often looking for people with graduate level transferable skills - irrespective of the degree subject studied.
- The job market is changing rapidly, and we know careers are no longer linear. A degree will help prepare you for a wide range of jobs and industries.
- Visit www.ucas.com and <https://university.which.co.uk/> for further advice.

Higher or Degree Level Apprenticeships

- Higher and degree apprenticeships combine study and work and are available at levels 4 to 7. You will work, earn money and study towards a foundation degree, HNC, HND or a degree with this option.
- Higher apprenticeships can include foundation degrees, Higher National Certificates and Higher National Diplomas or similar. Degree apprenticeships include full bachelor's and master's degrees.
- For higher and degree apprenticeships it is important to check entry requirements and application processes.
- Do some research on the company and look at the different roles they offer. Apprenticeships at any level are hugely competitive and you will need to prepare and be resilient.
- Use <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> to look at and apply for vacancies.

Employment

- When you have finished sixth form or college you might want to start work rather than continue in full-time education.
- There are opportunities available, but the job market can be competitive, so it is important to be prepared.
- Do your research, write a CV and think about your strengths, skills and qualities. If you suffer a setback, ask for feedback on ways you can improve.
- If you are job hunting, then try and find out what training the company offers and what the opportunities might be for promotion in the future. Consider the longer-term prospects for the career and whether further training will be required to progress.
- Visit <https://www.indeed.co.uk/>

Gap Year

- A gap year is constructive time out to travel and/or work in-between life stages.
- It usually means travelling, volunteering or working, often abroad but often it can mean all three.
- Gap years are now seen as a way to improve your CV, to gain relevant work experience in a particular field, try new experiences and cultures and to work out what is important to you, getting a work life balance.
- Ask your career practitioner for the volunteering and gap year guide.
- Visit <https://www.gap360.com/activities>

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