

# Career and progression options after Sixth Form

## Higher Education Options

- 1. Higher Education in a local FE/ HE College
- 2. Higher Education at a University
- 3. Open University
- 4. Apprenticeship- Higher- Degree- Masters L4 –L6/ L7
- 5. Foundation degree- work and study ( e.g. 4 days at work; one day at College)
- 6. HNC/ HND- 1- 2 years plus Top-Up to degree option ( typically also working)



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## Training Options

- 7. Apprenticeship- Advanced L3 or Intermediate L2
- 8. School Leaver or Training Programmes ( e.g. HSBC; KPMG )

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## Further Education Options

- 9. Further Education towards professional qualifications in a local college e.g. AAT/ CILEX/ Teaching Assistant/ other (work part- time and study part- time)
- 10. New Level 3 course for 1 year e.g. 90 Credit Diploma (full time study)- age/ level consideration
- 11. Gap Year with re-sits and/ or additional qualification if required e.g. GCSE Science

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## Employment Options

- 12. Full- time work
  - 13. Part- time work plus study or volunteering (e.g. to build CV)
  - 14. Several part- time jobs
  - 15. **Running your own business**- see Prince’s Trust website; Shell Live Wire for initial advice
  - 16. Job Centre Plus Support from School Leavers’ Team/ National Careers Service- referral
  - 17. Prince’s Trust Programme (or Fairbridge Programme)- referral
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- 18. **Gap Year** Useful if you feel unsure, want more time to think and review ideas, gain part- time work, volunteering, build CV, travel, deferred entry to University, work full-time



## Useful websites for further research:



### 1. I'm not sure what I want to do?

#### Career research:

- (i) Unifrog <https://www.unifrog.org/>

See SEARCH BY SUBJECT or INTERESTS; also consider the PERSONALITY PROFILE

- (ii) National Careers Service

Explore Job Roles by **JOB CATEGORY** e.g. Useful for 'I want to do 'Something in Construction,' 'Something in Health,' 'Something to do with Law' etc.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

Discover your skills- Skills assessment questionnaires

<https://beta.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

### 2. Employment Research: <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

- (i) See 'Trending jobs' at Reed <https://www.reed.co.uk/>  
 (ii) <https://uk.indeed.com/> <https://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk/>  
 (iii) CV Support: <https://www.cvplaza.com/>

### 3. How can I research career ideas based on my subject choices?

Prospects : <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree>

Luminate: <https://luminate.prospects.ac.uk/what-do-graduates-do>



### 4. How can I research degree course ideas?

<https://www.ucas.com/>

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs>

### 5. How can I research Higher and Degree Apprenticeships?

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-uk>

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

Email: [JRobinson@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:JRobinson@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk) to arrange a careers appointment