

Useful Websites

Career Choice/Careers Information Advice

www.fasttomato.com

Interactive website to help make career choices and assist with decision making.

www.barclayslifefskills.com

Life-Skills, created with Barclays, is a free, curriculum-linked programme designed to give young people in the UK access to the skills, information and opportunities they need to help them towards getting the jobs they want. In schools, online and through work experience, Life-Skills helps young people be the best they can be.

www.nationscareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Website aimed at young people aged 13+ through to adults. Information has hundreds of job profiles and general information about finding work, CV and interviews.

www.nhscareers.nhs.uk

Information on careers with the National Health Service in England.

www.whatcanidowithmydegree.nhs.uk

Information for undergraduates and recent graduates of all disciplines, both clinical/vocational and non-clinical subjects. It provide information about careers and careers prospects within the National Health Service in England.

www.allaboutcareers.com

Careers information website for students.

www.allaboutlaw.co.uk

Law careers website for all aspiring lawyers. It offers careers advice for young people from sixteen to the end of your training contract, pupillage or other law careers.

www.etrust.org.uk

Charity providing opportunities for young people in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

www.icould.com

Website has over 1000 short videos of people taking about their jobs and also contains careers articles on various topics.

www.careersbox.co.uk

Free online library of careers related films, news and information.

www.careers-gateway.co.uk

The Careers Gateway brings together thousands of useful links for finding out about careers and higher education choices.

www.plotr.co.uk

Information about various careers, including short videos of people talking about their careers.

www.careersa-z.co.uk

Links to websites relating to a wide range of careers.

www.disabilityrightsuk.org

Information about careers, education, training, benefits, independent living and more aimed at people with a disability.

Further and Higher Education, Training and Life Long Learning

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/education>

Official Government website - Get help if you're at school, planning to go on to further or higher education, looking for training or interested in a student or career development loan.

www.getingofar.gov.uk

Register, search and apply for current apprenticeships vacancies countrywide.

www.apprentice.tv

Various videos about apprenticeships.

www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk

Information about apprenticeships, what you can study, how to apply, who offers apprenticeships and much more.

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Information about opportunities that exist outside the traditional university route such as apprenticeships, foundation degrees, diplomas, NVQ's, gap years, volunteering, distance learning and jobs.

www.ucasprogress.com

Search, explore and compare courses at school, academies, colleges and work based learning providers in your local area.

www.hotcourses.com

Search for courses in you local area including fun and careers courses, degrees and postgraduate courses.

www.ucas.com

Website contains official information for parents and students on all undergraduate courses including where to study, what does it cost? Course search, how to apply and track progress.

www.russellgroup.ac.uk

The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

www.cukas.ac.uk

Official Conservatoires UK Admissions Service. Research and apply for practice based music, drama and dance courses at some of the UK Conservatoires.

www.open.ac.uk

The Open University – Part-time study especially for older students, increasingly accepting younger applicants who have financial issues about full-time courses.

www.heaponline.co.uk

This resource is intended as a starting point for research into university degree courses available to you, depending on your predicted (or actual) UCAS tariff points.

www.which.co.uk/university

Facility to search courses, explore universities and colleges plus student reviews.

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide>

The Guardian guide to university - including league tables.

www.bestcourse4me.com

Explore career options and study options.

www.ukcoursefinder.com

Website helps you search and research your ideas for higher education courses.

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

Guides containing information about university league tables, subject league tables, universities, fees and finance, courses, careers and preparing to go.

www.push.co.uk

An independent guide to UK universities, student life, gap years, open days and all things studentish.-

www.brightknowledge.org

Guide to careers, education and student life.

www.unistats.com

The official website for comparing UK higher education course data.

www.opendays.com

Search for open days at universities and colleges.

www.skill.org.uk

National bureau for students with disabilities – promoting equality in education, training and employment for disabled people.

www.purepotential.org

Register online to access member's area, various sections including information about university, recruitment, events and personal statements.

www.studential.com

Information about GCSE's further education, gap year, apprenticeships, enterprise, university, postgraduate and army.

Admissions Tests

www.admissionstestingservice.org

A range of admissions tests including BMAT – Bio-Medical Admissions Test.

www.ukcat.ac.uk

UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) for medical and dental degrees, used by a consortium of UK university medical and dental schools.

www.lnat.ac.uk

National Admissions Test for Law used by UK's top universities as part of their undergraduate law admissions process.

Student Finance

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance>

Official Government website – information about student finance and loans for higher education. With links to the following:

- Student Finance England
- Access to learning Fund
- Teacher Training Funding
- Social Worker Bursaries
- NHS Bursaries
- Bursaries, scholarships and awards

- Childcare grants
- Parents' learning allowance
- Funding for postgraduate study
- Mature Students
- Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)
- Travel grants for medical and dental students (England)
- Adult Dependants' Grant
- NHS Student Bursaries
- Dance and Drama Awards
- Professional and Career Development Loans

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/education/find-course>

Official Government website – information about finance support for further education and training. With links to the following:

- Further Education Course Funding
- 16 – 19 Bursary Fund
- 24+ Advanced Learning Loan
- Care to Learn
- Discretionary Learner Support
- Grants and Bursaries for Adult Learner
- Professional and Career Development Loans
- Residential Support Scheme

www.studentfinanceengland.co.uk

Information about applying to university and student finance.

<http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/>

Information about scholarships – search by organisation and subjects.

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=77>

The educational grants search helps you identify appropriate charitable funding for education or training based on your circumstances and needs.

Student Life

www.nus.org.uk

Student rights, finance advice, with links to other organisations. Also provide NUS card for special student discount offers.

www.unite-students.com

Website for the largest provider in the UK of non-university rented student accommodation.

www.16-25railcard.co.uk

A student railcard that gives you a third off rail travel – subject to terms and conditions around the UK on the train.

Gap Year/Voluntary Work

www.vinspired.com

Search for volunteering opportunities in the UK – aimed at 16 - 25 year olds.

www.csv.org.uk

Community Services Volunteers is UK's largest volunteering and training organisation, search for opportunities in the UK.

www.princes-trust.co.uk

Information about various courses, programmes and volunteering with Princes Trust.

www.do-it.org.uk

National database of volunteering opportunities in the UK, overseas and residential opportunities.

www.volunteering.org.uk

Volunteering England website with links to other voluntary organisation websites.

www.vso.org.uk

Information about volunteering aboard. Also information about the International Citizen Service government funded programme for 18 – 24 year olds.

www.etrust.org.uk

Information about a Year in Industry – year long work placements for students completing A Levels/or equivalents – Inspiring future engineers and scientists.

www.gapyear.com

Information about planning your trip, countries, volunteering, jobs, short gaps and advice.

www.gap-year.com

Information about taking a gap-year.

www.gapwork.com

Gapwork.com is your one-stop website for gap year and backpacking information, including the latest news on gap year jobs, travel destinations and volunteering ideas as well as a comprehensive section to help you plan your gap year.

www.gapyearjobs.co.uk

A specialist job site, dedicated to helping you find the best job for your gap year. Whether it be in adventure, catering and hospitality, charity, leisure, sport or travel and tourism, Gap Year Jobs is the place to start your search.

Studying Abroad

www.hotcoursesabroad.com

Information about studying abroad, search for courses, scholarships and other useful information.

http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/education/index_en.htm

Information about studying in Europe including admissions, fees and financial help.

www.britishcouncil.org/more/study-work-create

Information about studying and working abroad for students/young people aged 16 – 25.

www.fulbright.co.uk

Information and advice about studying in USA.

www.braintrack.com

Links to over 13,000 higher education institutions in 194 countries.

Vacancies and Recruitment

www.gov.uk/jobsearch

Government website – search for full-time and part-time jobs in Great Britain and abroad.

www.wmjobs.co.uk

Search and register website for public sector jobs in the West Midlands.

www.walsall.gov.uk/jobshop

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/jobs

www.jobs.sandwell.gov.uk

www.dudley.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers

www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/jobs/

www.jobs.nhs.uk

Register and search for vacancies with National Health Service employers in England and Wales.

www.jobsite.co.uk

www.monster.co.uk

www.fish4.co.uk

www.totaljobs.com

www.indeed.co.uk

www.reed.co.uk

www.hotrecruit.com

www.jobsearch.co.uk

www.planetrecruit.com

www.jobs.guardian.co.uk

www.employersjobs.com

www.retailchoice.co.uk

www.inretail.co.uk

www.retailcareers.co.uk

www.office-angels.com+

www.thebigchoice.com

www.student-jobs.co.uk

www.summerjobs4students.co.uk

www.studentjobs4u.co.uk

www.e4s.co.uk

Undergraduates and Graduates

www.prospects.ac.uk

UK official graduate careers website – information about jobs, courses, work experience and advice.

http://graduatetalentpool.direct.gov.uk/cms/ShowPage/Home_page/p!ecaaefg

The Graduate Talent Pool is designed to help new and recent graduates gain real work experience

www.milkround.com

Advice about internships and graduate vacancies.

www.targetjobs.co.uk

Job search, internships, employer insights, career planner and careers sectors,

www.insidecareers.co.uk

Graduate careers information, graduate jobs and internships.

www.ukpass.ac.uk

UCAS postgraduate course search, apply and track progress.

www.gttr.ac.uk

Official website for Graduate Teacher Training Registry, course search, apply and track online application.

www.postgrad.com

Search for postgraduate courses.

Starting your business

www.princes-trust.org.uk

Information about Prince's Trust Enterprise programme which supports unemployed young people aged 18 – 30.

www.shell-livewire.org

On-line advice aimed at young people aged 16 – 30.

www.gov.uk/browse/business/setting-up

Official government website with information about setting up your own business.