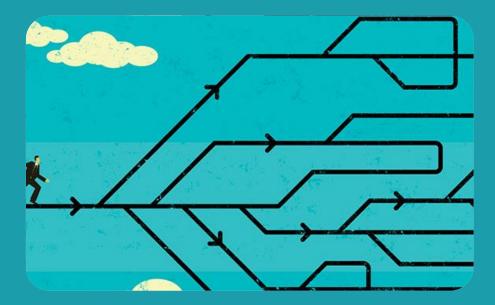


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### What could you do?

• Higher Education (HE)

• Apprenticeships

• Gap year

Employment





# **Higher Education**

### Why consider going to university?



#### Some careers *require* a degree





### Some graduate opportunities don't mind what your degree is in

#### InsuranceMedia RetailManagementPublishing Accountancy InvestmentBanking EventsManagement HumanResources Hospitality Solicitor Sales



### Types of degree subject

- Vocational medicine, nursing, dentistry, surveying, engineering, journalism
- Non vocational history, chemistry, maths, geography
- Semi vocational business, law, psychology, childhood studies

Destinations show that ALL degrees develop employability skills valued by employers



### What did they study?

These 3 graduates all had the same degree

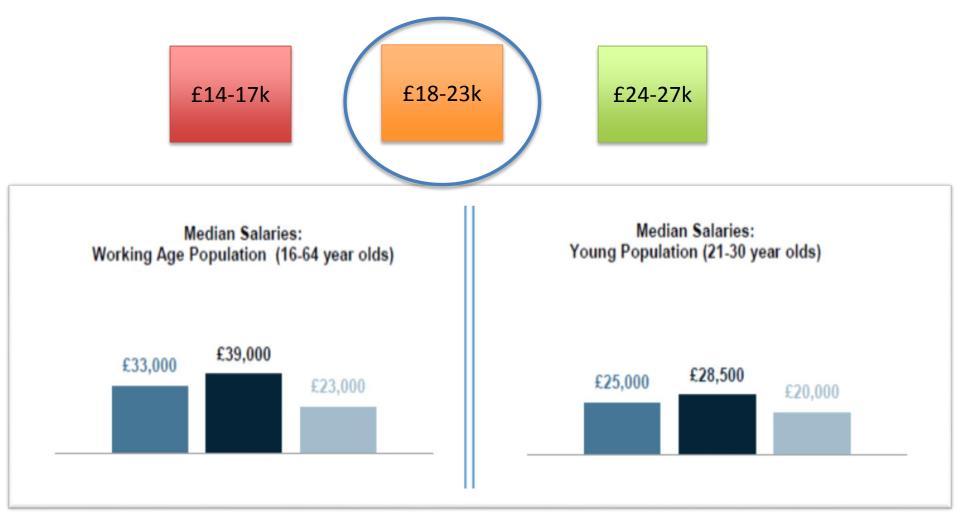
- Investment Banker
- Events Manager
- Hotel Manager

Q. What degree did they study? Business, History or Psychology?



### What could you earn?

Q. What was the average graduate starting salary last year?





### Financial implications of HE



- Tuition fees are currently set at a maximum of £9,250/year
- Loans are available for tuition fees and living costs
- Nothing to pay back until you earn over £25,725 per year.

If you earn £27,000 (£1,810 / month) how much will you repay each month?



### What degree subject should you choose?



- A subject you love or are passionate about
- A new subject that you are really interested in
- A subject that links to potential careers of interest

#### **Useful** websites



SACU (idea generator): www.sacu-student.com Which University? – <u>www.which.co.uk/university</u> UCAS – www.ucas.com Unistats – www.unistats.ac.uk





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## Ideas to help decision-making and build skills (even from Year 11...)

Student

ww.do-it.ord

- Work experience
- Summer schools
- Voluntary work





Community action – e.g. NCS



- University open days / insight days
- Wider exploration, free online courses
   (e.g. Future Learn )
   Future



## Apprenticeships



## What do apprenticeships actually involve?

- Paid work in an industry of interest
- Gain qualifications or an apprenticeship standard, as well as job specific skills and experience
- Can last between 1 6 years
- Usually work 30-40 hours / week with one day a week in college / training provider





### Different types of apprenticeships

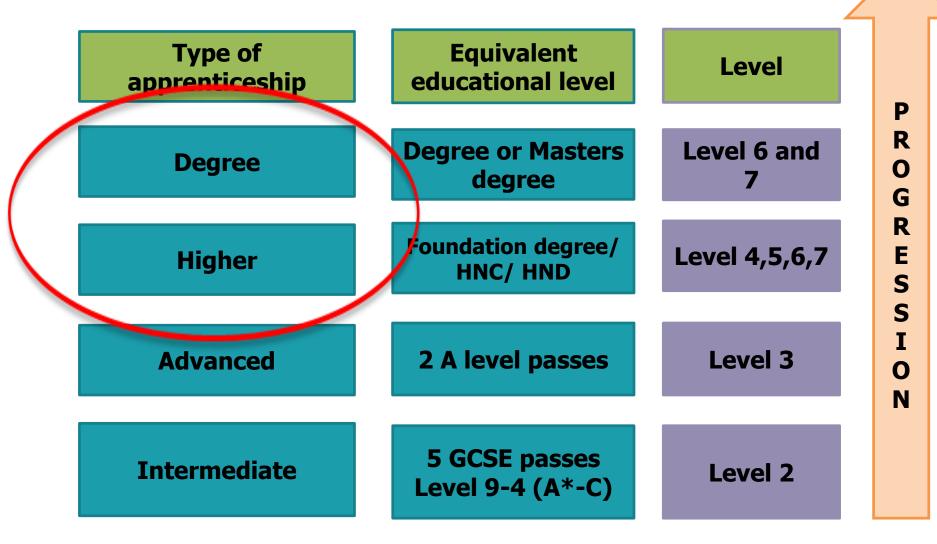
There are over <u>250</u> types of apprenticeships available within a wide variety of industry sectors:

Creative & Digital Media Dental Nursing Animal Care IT Agriculture Fashion and Textiles Construction Logistics Aviation Operations Beauty Therapy Cabin Crew Retail Games Testing Youth Work Plumbing Food Manufacture Photography Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Sea Fishing Barbering Nuclear Decommissioning Insurance

Veterinary Nursing Health & Social Care Events Metal Processing Marketing & Communication Print & Printed Packaging Dry Stone Walling



### Apprenticeship levels





### Degree apprenticeships

- Work and study part-time for a degree at university. This can be on a day-to-day basis or in blocks of time
- Apprentices are employed and paid a wage throughout the course so no student fees
- Currently limited number of opportunities available so competition can be strong



### What degree apprenticeships are available?

Solicitor LaboratoryScience Tailoring DigitalandTechnology BankingRelationshipManager Surveying AerospaceSoftwareDevelopment CharteredLegalExecutiveOutsideBroadcastingEngineering NuclearScience ProductDesignandDevelopment Systems HealthcareAssistantPractitioner Solutions AutomotiveEngineering DentalTechnician Electronic Engineering Construction



How much can you earn as an apprentice?



- The minimum wage on an apprenticeship is £3.70/hour (£136.90 for 37 hour week)
- For Level 2 and Level 3 apprentices mean basic pay was £6.98/hour
- On Level 4 and Level 5 provision mean was
   £10.80/hour
- Higher levels can earn considerably more (starting around £15K/year)



## Where to look for apprenticeship vacancies

 Key website is government 'Find an Apprenticeship' site <u>www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</u>

GOV.UK Find an apprenticeship

 Student Ladder website has a good overview: www.studentladder.co.uk



 Also check companies own websites (may not advertise on external sites)



## Taking a Gap Year



### How to use your year out wisely

Work	<ul> <li>Where? Will you need to get a job?</li> <li>Can you continue at a part-time job?</li> <li>Work experience?</li> </ul>	Plan Plan Plan PlanFor the gap year and afterwards
Volunteer	<ul><li>Where? UK or overseas?</li><li>Will it cost you money?</li><li>Which company will you go with?</li></ul>	
Travel	<ul> <li>Costs? Structured or independent?</li> <li>Planning required – How long? Who with? Where? When?</li> </ul>	









### Key points to conclude

- Research <u>all</u> of your options don't assume you know
- Weigh up the pros and cons for you as an individual
- Make sure you make your decision based on accurate, up to date information
- Understand that this research needs time and shouldn't be done in haste



### **ANY QUESTIONS?**