

Pathways at 18

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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

Insurance **Media**
Retail Management **Publishing**
Accountancy **Investment Banking**
Events Management
Human Resources
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?



**Median Salaries:
Working Age Population (16-64 year olds)**



**Median Salaries:
Young Population (21-30 year olds)**



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?

£9.40

£67.50

£142.50

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? – www.which.co.uk/university

UCAS – www.ucas.com

Unistats – www.unistats.ac.uk



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

- 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)



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 250 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

Type of apprenticeship	Equivalent educational level	Level
Degree	Degree or Masters degree	Level 6 and 7
Higher	Foundation degree/ HNC/ HND	Level 4,5,6,7
Advanced	2 A level passes	Level 3
Intermediate	5 GCSE passes Level 9-4 (A*-C)	Level 2

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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
Laboratory Science
Tailoring Digital and Technology
Banking Relationship Manager
Surveying Aerospace Software Development
Chartered Legal Executive Outside Broadcasting Engineering
Nuclear Science Product Design and Development
Systems Healthcare Assistant Practitioner
Solutions Automotive Engineering
Dental Technician 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
www.gov.uk/apply-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

- Where? Will you need to get a job?
- Can you continue at a part-time job?
- Work experience?

Volunteer

- Where? UK or overseas?
- Will it cost you money?
- Which company will you go with?

Travel

- Costs? Structured or independent?
- Planning required – How long? Who with? Where? When?

**Plan
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For the gap
year and
afterwards



Key points to conclude

- Research all 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?