

Careers Newsletter

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Do you know your post 16 options?

Most of you know that you can study A Levels after school or maybe attend a college to study vocational qualifications. An apprenticeship is another option if you know the job or sector that you want to work in. Find out more about these options here: <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-16>.

But do you know what **T Levels** are - a new qualification that commenced this September and is equivalent to 3 A levels? Find out if T levels interest you here: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students>.

Traineeships are for young people who want to work, but need extra help before starting an apprenticeship or job. They are often a stepping stone to getting on to an apprenticeship. Traineeships include a substantial work placement and other opportunities to develop the skills and workplace experience that employers require. More information for students and parents below.



- For students: <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/apprenticeships/traineeships>
- For parents: <https://careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone/all-questions/what-is-a-traineeship-and-how-can-my-child-find-one>

Careers in the Creative Industries

From graphic and fashion design to museum studies, art administration, photography, production design, illustration and performing arts – the creative industry covers a broad spectrum of jobs. Read this article for general information about careers in this sector. <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/creative-arts-and-design/how-to-get-a-creative-job>

Do you love **art & design** but are unsure what degree or area you want to specialise in? An Art & Design Foundation Diploma is a one year course to help you explore your creative abilities and decide which areas interest you most. They can be studied at Further Education Colleges or Universities and are usually free to students who are not yet 19 years of age before they start.

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/what-to-study/art-and-design-foundation-diplomas>

Are you a talented **actor, musician, dancer or circus art performer**? Do you want to be a **theatre or film producer**? For those at the top of their game, find out more about Conservatoires and Drama Schools below and see the attached Conservatoires leaflet.

- <https://www.ucas.com/conservatoires/conservatoire-study-right-me>
- <https://www.federationofdramaschools.co.uk/about-us/partner-schools>

Do you know your personality type?

- Understanding your personality is great way to start thinking about your career. Find out what animal you are and take the Buzz Quiz!



In under five minutes, discover:

- your strengths and what makes you tick
- what you're like as a boyfriend or girlfriend
- job areas that might suit you
- which celebrities share your personality type

<https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/>

Finding an apprenticeship vacancy

Apprenticeships are jobs and so employers advertise the vacancies and you will need to find a vacancy, apply and attend an interview/assessment centres etc. You need to proactively search for a vacancy for the best chance of getting one. Some large employers start recruiting in the Autumn for apprentices to start the following September, so start looking now.

- **Register on the government's 'find an apprenticeship' website.** You can search and set up vacancy alerts by location and by level, but also use the filters in the 'browse' area to search by sector. You can also apply for many apprenticeships via the site. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- **Use your network** – tell everyone you know you are looking for an apprenticeship – you may find they know of an opportunity.
- **Apply via a college/training provider.** Some colleges such as Weston have courses for school leavers that are an apprenticeship and they state in the course content that they can help you find employment. This is because some employers have asked their training provider to start the recruitment process for them. Applying for one of these apprenticeship courses does not guarantee you will be successful in finding employment, and so you should keep looking for apprenticeship vacancies until you get an offer. You should also always have a back-up plan which could be also applying for a full-time course (you can apply to more than one college and more than one course at most, and can decide which offer to accept after you have your results).

- **Research and contact employers** you are interested in working for. Their website may have an area advertising apprenticeship vacancies (usually under 'careers', 'vacancies' or 'work with us') and you may be able to set up vacancy alerts. Follow the company on social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as they will probably promote vacancies there. You could also contact employers directly to enquire if they offer any apprenticeships and how you can apply. Some employers publicise their apprenticeship vacancies through events. Below are some coming up in the near future.

Burges Salmon – **Legal Apprenticeship** Virtual Open Evening - Tues 3 November

<https://www.burges-salmon.com/careers/apprenticeships/legal-apprenticeship/legal-apprenticeship-open-evening/>

Creative Industries - DRP Group Careers Broadcast - Tues 8 December

<https://learnliveuk.com/partner/drp-group-careers/>

RPC – **Paralegal Apprenticeships** Virtual Open Day - 19th November 2020

<https://www.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk/jobs/job/2162385/rpc-year-13-virtual-open-day-19th-november-2020>

Parents and Carers – helping your child begin their career journey

From pathways to work, employability skills, work experience and job roles linked to school subjects - this guide produced by Success at School in partnership with J.P. Morgan can help you to help your child. Follow the link to sign up for a copy.

https://mc.successatschool.org/parents-ebook?goal=0_f09eb3b2c8-01e8d44cba-161643189&mc_cid=01e8d44cba&mc_eid=db18d48b65



Useful links

Grofar	https://auth.grofar.com/
Careerpilot	https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/
Prospects	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/
Find an Apprenticeship	https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
Not Going to Uni	https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/
UCAS	https://www.ucas.com/
Barclays Life Skills	https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/

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