

Useful Websites

- The Informed Choices booklet produced by the Russell Group (top 24 universities) gives some good advice on GCSE and A' level subject choices and progression to university. Research subjects and careers carefully but also consider choosing subjects you enjoy and are good at and not because you think you *should* do them. Look at:
<http://russellgroup.ac.uk/policy/publications/informed-choices/>
- To find out more about your options and to search for courses in Essex visit www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcse
- The UCAS website enables you to explore jobs linked to school subjects, by job families and by your skills. Go to www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcse/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs The 'buzz' quiz www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/find-career-ideas/buzz-quiz may give further ideas.
- www.ucasprogress.com Find out about all the post-16 education and training options before you search for courses and make your applications
- To research university courses – use www.ucas.com to help you with your research. Look at course content very carefully and check out the entry requirements. www.unistats.direct.gov.uk is another good website to check out when researching universities. If in any doubt about specific subject requirements email the universities direct - addresses are on the UCAS website. Another useful website for you and your parents/carers are www.whatuni.com, www.applytouni.com & www.parentadviser.co.uk
- www.unistats.direct.gov.uk is another good website to check out when researching universities
- www.whatuni.com, www.applytouni.com & www.parentadviser.co.uk for you and your parents/carers
- www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/ alternative ideas if you are not going to University
- www.mystudentevents.com finds you open days, taster days, events and experiences in seconds. Search 100s of university & college open days and study events across the UK.
- www.savethestudent.org/student-finance/student-grants-bursaries-scholarships.html offer a whole host of money management tips and resources that would be useful for prospective university students
- www.yourlife.org.uk/life-choice-future-finder connects today's A Level subjects with tomorrow's jobs
- www.prospects.ac.uk match your skills and personality to 400+ job profiles
- www.AllAboutSchoolLeavers.co.uk for information on where your qualifications can take you and latest job information
- www.AllAboutCareers.com is a careers information site for 16-24 year olds looking for graduate schemes, graduate jobs, apprenticeships, placements & internships.
- www.studentladder.co.uk for information on over 2,500 work placements, graduate schemes and internships for 16-24 year olds
- www.thebigchoice.com to look for graduate jobs, student jobs, school leaver jobs and work placements
- www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk specialises in the recruitment of Apprentices so register your details on the site
- www.purepotential.org provides free university and career advice to students from state schools and colleges across the UK empowering them to make informed choices about their future university and career decisions

- www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk provides careers advice and information on a wide range of jobs, training courses, resources and funding (look under Job Profiles)
- www.milkround.com/earlycareers careers resources for school and college leavers
- www.plotr.co.uk a careers platform which brings together insight and guidance from industry with real opportunities to learn and work
- www.careerpilot.org.uk for study and work. Plan your route, build your profile, find a provider and search job sectors. For A Levels, vocational qualifications, apprenticeships and more.
- www.successatschool.org is the place for young people to explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, courses and advice
- www.icould.com provides career inspiration and information for young people, showing what is possible in work and offering different ways to think about careers through free access to over 1000 personal video stories, detailed job information, practical tips, insight and advice
- www.careersa-z.co.uk has a large resource of links to online careers information
- www.careerswales.com look under tools and resources and then job information where you will find an A-Z list on each individual career option
- www.careercamel.com addresses the needs of young people in today's job market. Gives students an understanding of what a career entails and how to go on to secure employment. Also includes online tools such as CV templates, a CV builder and covering letters.
- www.bestcourse4me.com/ an independent and free guide which shows the link between what you study, what you earn and the jobs you can get
- www.careersbox.co.uk/ the national online careers film and video library featuring real people in real jobs to help young people make informed decisions
- www.future-talent.com alternatives to attending University including apprenticeships, entry level jobs and training courses, which you can research and apply for at the click of a button
- www.careersworld.co.uk/east-of-england/your-region features training providers and jobs in your region
- www.targetcareers.co.uk for advice on career options after A levels and tips on school leaver schemes and higher apprenticeships