



Post 18 Pathways

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ALL HERE TO HELP



Aim of careers education and guidance

- ▶ To enable you to make well informed realistic career decisions about your future and put plans into action



Options after Sixth Form

1. University
2. Job/Apprenticeship
3. College course
4. Gap Year



University

- ▶ Higher education – Level 4 and above
- ▶ Subject-based course
- ▶ Vocational course
- ▶ Single/joint/combined
- ▶ Types of course
 - Degree (BA, BSC)
 - HND/HNC
 - Foundation degree
 - Degree with foundation year
- ▶ Entry grades vary



University – where to study

- ▶ University/college
- ▶ Stay local
- ▶ Move/live away
- ▶ City/town university
- ▶ Campus university
- ▶ Consider your priorities
- ▶ Look beyond the prospectus



University – benefits

- ▶ Study something you are passionate about
- ▶ Gain skills and qualifications
- ▶ Independent living
- ▶ New friends/activities
- ▶ More time to work out a career plan



Things to consider

- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Is it the best option for you?
- ▶ Getting it right:
 - Course
 - University



Apprenticeship

- ▶ Train for a job in the workplace
- ▶ Industry recognised qualifications
- ▶ Levels 2–6 – Intermediate, Advanced, Higher, Degree (Level 6 degree level)
- ▶ National database of apprenticeships

[Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



Apprenticeship Benefits

- ▶ Start earning money
- ▶ No student debt
- ▶ Gain 'real life' work experience
- ▶ Start progressing your career
- ▶ New experience – new friends, activities etc.



Things to consider

- ▶ Do you have a career goal?
- ▶ Are there jobs locally that would suit you?
- ▶ Can you afford to move away?
- ▶ Jobs limited in some sectors
- ▶ Degree apprenticeships competitive (may need to start lower)
- ▶ Research the labour market!



Further Education (college)

- ▶ Courses free to under 19's
- ▶ Train you for job/career sector. Some examples:
 - Veterinary nursing
 - Engineering
 - Personal Trainer
 - AAT
- ▶ Courses to prepare for university – e.g. Art Foundation
- ▶ Points/grades for university from Level 3



Gap Year

- ▶ Earn money
 - ▶ Gain relevant experience
 - ▶ Test out career ideas
 - ▶ New experience – travel, gap year projects
 - ▶ Study
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- ▶ Warning: make sure you have a plan!



Other Employment

- ▶ Local job market – Advanced manufacturing, logistics, engineering, health and social care, hospitality, business, finance, IT, retail /customer service.
 - ▶ Finding jobs:
 - Job boards
 - Job Centre
 - Employer websites
 - Agencies
 - Direct Contact
- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> (Getting a Job)



Career Planning



Help available at Latimer

1. Careers programme in school
 - Information – websites, careers programmes (unifrog)
 - Careers events
 - External speakers
 - Visits
2. Work experience
3. Opportunities to volunteer/gain skills
4. 1 to 1 careers meetings
 - Booked appointments
 - Drop-ins



Work experience

- ▶ July – Year 12 (all students)
- ▶ BUT others need more
 - University courses
 - Apprenticeship seekers
 - Undecided about plans
- ▶ Start early
- ▶ Seek advice

**WORK
EXPERIENCE**



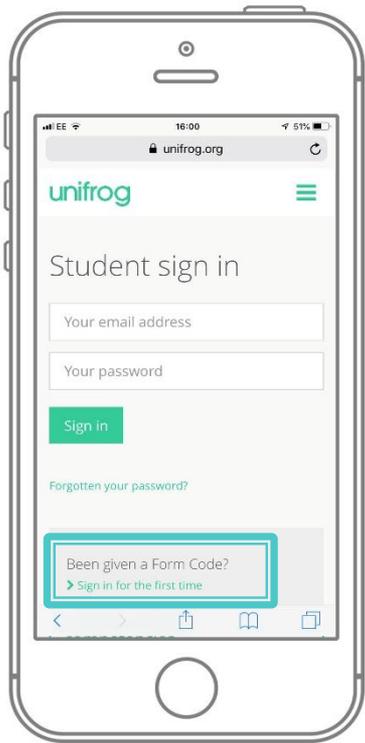
Unifrog

- ▶ One-Stop-Shop where students can:
 - **Explore career interests:**
 - Personality tests
 - Interest profiles
 - Careers library
 - **Find opportunities**
 - Universities
 - Apprenticeships
 - Scholarships / bursaries

unifrog



Parents & carers, get signed up!



Scan this QR code or go to www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code.

This is what you need:

<<Insert Parent Sign up Code here>>

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!



Information Sheet

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6th Form Information Sheet

General Careers Information

National Careers Service Look out for the link to the Job Profiles for information on a wide range of careers	iCould Videos covering careers and opportunities, case studies and Buzz Test
Prospects What job would suit me? What can I do with my degree?	Careerpilot Research different job sectors, job sector quiz

Higher Education

UCAS Course search, explore options, how and when to apply	The Complete University Guide What, where to study, league tables, open days
What do Graduates do? Graduate destinations from different university courses/subjects	Prospects Applying to university, post-graduate study, graduate jobs, what can I do with my degree?
Open Days University open days calendar	What Uni? Find courses, read reviews, student views
Informed Choices A Level subjects linked to a range of university courses and careers	Discover Uni and Unistats Information and guidance on higher education, student views, graduate outcomes
Student Finance Takes you step by step through the process	The Uni Guide Search for courses using points/A Level grades

Apprenticeships / Training

Find an Apprenticeship National database of apprenticeships at all levels	NCTU - Not Going to Uni Search by sector and region, including national schemes.
UCAS - Understanding Apprenticeships UCAS Apprenticeship Finder Includes higher/ degree level apprenticeships	Career Map Many higher-level opportunities, including graduate roles
Step Into The NHS: Apprenticeships Full range of apprenticeships in the NHS (not included on other sites)	The Bedford College Group Northampton College Starting Off Local apprenticeships
Amazing Apprenticeships Information about apprenticeships and other options, including trainee case studies	

Prospects Services – Northamptonshire www.prospects.co.uk




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Gap Year / Volunteering

National Careers Service - Gap Year Advice Ideas for a gap year, useful websites	Do IT Connecting people to do good things National database, search by area
Gap year Prospects.ac.uk Includes information on graduate gap years	Volunteering Matters National programmes – home and abroad
UCAS Gap Year Ideas Advice, suggestions, factors to consider	East Midlands - Groundwork Get involved in local community projects

Post-18 Further Education (College)

Bedford College Group Tresham College – Bedford College Group	Northampton College Northampton College
Moulton College Moulton College	Stamford College Stamford College

Employment/Job Search

National Careers Service Advice on job vacancies/job sites, applications, CVs, interviews	Find a Job - Jobcentre+ Register for the job-matching service, search for jobs
Gov.uk Information on work, employment rights, pensions	

Work Experience

Springood Virtual Experience Free virtual work experience programmes	Student Ladder Work Experience Companies offering work experience in a range of sectors
Success at School Ideas for work experience and how to find it. Tips for developing relevant skills.	Speakers for Schools Links industry leader employers to schools and students
Ways to develop skills National Careers Service Ideas for work experience and volunteering	Virtual Work Experience LifeSkills (barclayslifeskills.com) Virtual and online opportunities and activities

Prospects Services – Northamptonshire www.prospects.co.uk




Quote

“Seek lots of advice from other people but don’t always run with them. It’s important to run your own race”

