

Ace Level 3 Evening

Supporting Your Child's Future

Guidance for Post-16 Decisions
Session 4



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Supporting Your Child's Future

- Understand various **post-18 options** available for students.
- Importance of **guidance** in decision-making.
- Encourage **work experience** to gain valuable skills.



Post-18 Options

- University Pathways
- Employment
- Apprenticeship Opportunities
- College Courses
- Gap Year



University

- Higher education - Level 4 and above
- Subject-based courses
- Vocational courses
- single/joint/combined
- Types of course:
 - Degree (BA, BSC)
 - HND/HNC
 - Foundation degree
 - Degree with foundation year
- Entry Grades Vary



Universities: Where to study?



University/College

Stay Local?

Move/Live away?

City/Town?

Campus?

Consider your
priorities

Look beyond the
prospectus



University: The benefits

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



University: Things to consider

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

Apprenticeships

- Train for a job in the workplace
- Industry recognised qualification
- Levels 2 to 6:
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
 - Higher
 - Degree (Level 6)
- National database of apprenticeships

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





Apprenticeships: The benefits

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



Apprenticeships: 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 19s
- Courses to prepare you for University
- Train you for job/career sector. Some examples:
 - veterinary nursing
 - engineering
 - Personal Trainer
 - AAT
- 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
- Warning: make sure you have a plan!



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)

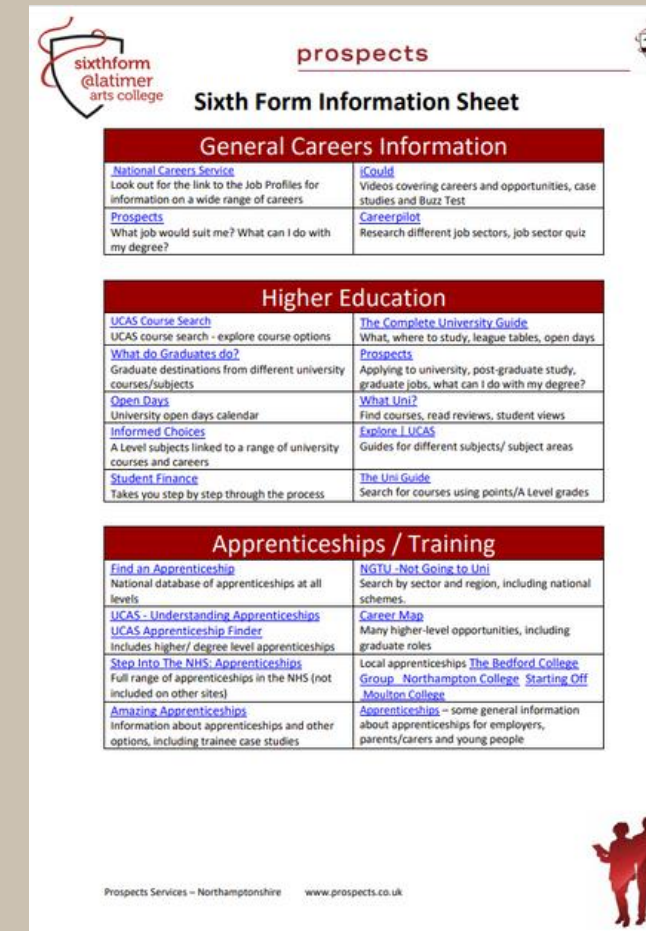


“Seek lots of advice from other people but don’t always run with them. It’s important to run your own race”

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How we support

- Future Me careers programme
- Unifrog
- Oxbridge programme
- 1:1 Personal Statement support
- 1:1 Career meetings
- Leadership & Volunteering opportunities
- Work Experience



Key Milestones for Post-16 Choices

This timeline outlines crucial steps parents can support their children with.



Insights on Student Pathway Preferences

Understanding choices when guiding sixth form students' futures

60%

Students preferring apprenticeships

A significant **60% of students** have shown a preference for apprenticeships over traditional university routes, indicating a shift in career preparation ideals. (Source: National Student Survey 2023)

75%

Parents feeling unprepared

Alarming, **75% of parents** expressed feeling unprepared to assist their children in making informed post-16 decisions, highlighting the need for resources and support. (Source: Parent Insights Report 2023)