

## Year 13s – What Next?

### **Don't yet have any career ideas...not sure what careers may suit you?**

Try online career quizzes to learn more about yourself and for career inspiration:

Buzz Quiz – [www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com) / Take The Quiz – [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) / Careers Quiz [https://sacu-student.com/?page\\_id=2779](https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2779)

### **Career Research and Exploration**

Research the facts about a wide range of careers, including qualifications and skills needed, how to get into different careers and potential salary and prospects. The following general careers sites are a great starting point.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> / [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

\*\*Consider the pros and cons of any career ideas you have; these could be different for different people\*\*

### **Apprenticeships**

Most Apprenticeships are advertised on the National Apprenticeships website: [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

Create your account on this site as soon as possible. Set up alerts to receive e-mails of vacancies as they come up.

You may also want to try:

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk) / The 'Alternatives' section of [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

\*\*Apprenticeships, especially those at the higher levels, including degree apprenticeships can be very hard to get, so always consider a back-up plan\*\*

### **University**

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

Use universities own websites for research too and look at data regarding what graduates from the degree courses you are interested in, went on to do after graduation (Universities can supply this information, if you can't find it online give them a call)

A-Level Matching Tool [https://sacu-student.com/?page\\_id=2779](https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2779) / Personal Statement Inspiration and Tips [https://sacu-student.com/?page\\_id=2779](https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2779) and <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement> / Not sure which Degree to do - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-undergraduate-what-study>

### **Other Websites Aimed at School Leavers:**

These include details of a wide range of national school leaver and apprenticeship programmes plus internships

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

[www.studentladder.co.uk](http://www.studentladder.co.uk)

[www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk)

[www.apprenticekent.com](http://www.apprenticekent.com)

### **Full Time Work**

**Job websites and Employment Agencies** e.g. [www.jobsinkent.com](http://www.jobsinkent.com) [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk) [www.reed.co.uk](http://www.reed.co.uk)

### **Company Websites / Social Media**

- Google company names and look for their corporate and careers pages or search on [www.yell.com](http://www.yell.com)
- Check out companies' social media pages (Facebook / Twitter) to make contacts and look for opportunities

**Network with Family and Friends:** Many jobs are gained through contacts. Ask friends and relatives if they know of any jobs linked to your career ideas. Arrange work experience with a company, relative or friend.

**Speculative Applications:** Send your CV (and cover letter) to local businesses: use [www.yell.com](http://www.yell.com) to get addresses

**Work Experience / Volunteer Work:** [www.studentladder.co.uk/work-placements](http://www.studentladder.co.uk/work-placements) and [www.vinspired.com](http://www.vinspired.com)