

Post 16 and Post 18 Resources

Pathways and Qualifications

These resources can help students and parents/carers understand the different types of education and training available after compulsory schooling.

Resource/Topic	For Students	For Parents	Description
Academic: A-Levels & IB	The Uni Guide Informed Choices (Russell Group Universities) https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/	The Parents' Guide To... Post-16 Options (UCAS) https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-finance-and-support/parents-and-carers	Information on subject choices, entry requirements, and which subjects are preferred for different university degrees.
Technical & Vocational (BTECs, T-Levels, etc.)	GOV.UK: T-Levels Amazing Apprenticeships https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/	GOV.UK: T-Levels Amazing Apprenticeships (Parents' Zone) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/	Details on vocational courses which combine classroom learning with a substantial industry placement.

	https://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/sep/15/a-level-choices-what-are-btecs https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/		
Apprenticeships	GOV.UK: Find an Apprenticeship Amazing Apprenticeships https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/	Amazing Apprenticeships (Parents' Zone) https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parents/	The official site for searching and applying for apprenticeships (all levels, from Intermediate to Degree). Includes guides and support.
Not Going to Uni	NotGoingToUni All About School Leaver https://notgoingto.uni.co.uk/	NotGoingToUni All About School Leavers https://notgoingto.uni.co.uk/	Alternative routes to higher education, training, and employment, including sponsored degrees, school leaver programmes, and traineeships.
Local Authority Information	Your Local Authority's website https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/educating-your-child-a	Your Local Authority's website https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/educating-your-child-a	Often provides specific information on local schools, colleges, and training providers, sometimes called a "Choices at

Local Authority Information regarding students with SEND	t-home/resources-to-help-you-home-educate/post-16 https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/support-for-young-people-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/education-for-young-people-with-send	t-home/resources-to-help-you-home-educate/post-16 https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/support-for-young-people-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/education-for-young-people-with-send	16" or "Local Offer" section. Invaluable information for parents and students - SEND information
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If the post-16 route is leading towards a degree, these are the essential resources:

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UCAS (The Application System)	UCAS Hub https://www.ucas.com/	UCAS: Advice for Parents & Carers https://www.ucas.com/discover/advice-for-parents-guardians-and-carers	The central organisation for university applications. The Hub is a great research tool, and the parent section offers excellent guidance.

Student Finance	GOV.UK: Student Finance https://www.ucas.com/money-and-student-life/money/student-finance	MoneySavingExpert (Student Finance section) https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/	Official government information on tuition fees, loans, grants, and how to apply for financial support. MoneySavingExpert often provides excellent, accessible explanations of the costs.
Course & University Search	The Complete University Guide https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/ Discover Uni https://discoveruni.gov.uk/	Whatuni website https://www.whatuni.com/ https://discoveruni.gov.uk/	Detailed search engines to compare courses, universities, entry requirements, student satisfaction, and career prospects. Thinking about uni choices? Search and compare undergraduate courses in the UK.

Resources to help with self-assessment and finding the right career fit:

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Careers Information, Advice, and Guidance (CIAG)	National Careers Service Careerpilot https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/	Parental Guidance Amazing Apprenticeships (Parents' Zone) https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/ https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/	<p>General careers advice, job profiles, skills assessments, and labour market information. The National Careers Service offers free advice via phone or webchat.</p> <p>Talking Futures is a resource created to help parents/carers to have informed and constructive conversations with their child/ren about the different training and education resources available to them.</p>
Career Matching Tools	Start Profile UCAS Careers Quiz https://www.ucas.com/explore/career-quiz	Encourage use of the tools and discuss results. https://www.ucas.com/explore/career-quiz	<p>Online tools to help students match their interests, skills, and values to potential careers and courses.</p>

	Prospects Careers Quiz https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner	
Volunteering, Work Experience and Gap Years	Young Enterprise https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/what-we-do Springpod https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice/virtual-work-experiences Gap Year advice	Support their search and application process. https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/ https://advice.springpod.com/article-category/articles-for-parents https://govo.org/ https://www.planmygapyear.com/	Resources for finding volunteering opportunities, work experience, and developing enterprise skills.

	https://www.planmygapyear.com/ https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/advice-on-a-gap-year/		
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Further Resources:

Options with your degree subject

http://www.prospects.ac.uk/options_with_your_subject.htm

Advice for School Leavers

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/guide-to-your-future> The Complete University Guide

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>

Alternatives to University

<http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

Money isn't everyone's priority, but maybe a factor for you when choosing a degree. Use this link to help you understand your choices in greater depth:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-41693230>