



Choosing the right path for you

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OPTIONS

- Further education
- Apprenticeship
- Employment Agencies
- Temping/Part Time Employment
- Friends & Family

FURTHER EDUCATION

- PROS:

Courses with recognised qualifications at the end

Access to teachers and resources that weren't available at school

Interaction with people from different backgrounds

- CONS:

It costs loads

There are loads of graduates out there

Too much temptation

APPRENTICESHIPS

- PROS:

They pay you!

You learn a real job

You get to understand how work works

- CONS:

They don't pay much

Some schemes aren't brilliant

What if I choose the wrong job?

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

- PROS:

Specialist agencies will have clients in the area you're interested in.

They will be able to advise on your chosen area and help get your CV to the right people.

- CONS:

Not all agencies are careful in matching candidates to jobs, choose wisely!

Some companies only deal directly with applicants.

Agencies have high numbers of applicants and may find it difficult to communicate with you, frustrating when you could be reaching out to employers directly.

CONNECTIONS

- PROS:

It's easy, family and friends can be a huge asset just because they're there

They will hopefully be honest in their view of you and your ambitions

- CONS:

How much benefit is limited by how well connected your friends and family are

They may try and channel you into something they know, or wanted for themselves

OPPORTUNITIES NOT OBSTACLES

- Parents
- Background
- Peer Pressure
- Confidence
- Expectations
- Media

WHAT NEXT?

- **THINK:** You know your strengths and weaknesses better than anyone; what you are good at, what interests you, what you could offer to a prospective employer? Be realistic with your goals, have a long term goal but remember there will be stepping stones to get you there.
- **RESEARCH:** Once you have an idea of the occupations you might be interested in do your homework. You can find out loads about job roles and employers online.
- **COMMUNICATE:** Speak to people who might know more about the type of job you're interested in. Remember, most people don't get much chance to talk about their work so they'll usually appreciate the interest.
- **LEARN:** Never stop learning, if you think you need to increase your skills and knowledge before applying for a role then do it.
- **WORK:** You will learn from any working environment so don't be shy of taking a part time job.
- **PREPARE:** Write your CV, put together a good cover letter, you are selling yourself! There are lots of career tests online that you can try.

GET GOING!

The worst thing you can do is to sit at home and mope. You have to get motivated, maybe get together with a friend so that you can help each other.

Keep busy! If you can't find a course or job immediately then try and find some volunteering roles or part time jobs.

Don't worry. Very few people know what they want to do, so try things and don't get upset if things don't work out.

Whatever you do keep talking to people, you never know they might think of the ideal opportunity for you.

USEFUL LINKS

Apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

<https://whitehat.org.uk/>

Career Advice

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

<https://www.livecareer.com/resources/jobs/search/14-job-hunting-tips>

<http://www.futuremorph.org/>

Career Tests

<https://www.whatcareerisrightforme.com/career-aptitude-test.php>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner>

<https://www.123test.com/career-test/>

CV Template

<http://haveringislamiccentre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/CV-Template.pdf>

Entrepreneurship

<https://startups.co.uk/>

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/>

<https://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/>

For Parents

<http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/>

Not Going To Uni

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/all>

UCAS (Universities and further education)

<https://www.ucas.com/>

Volunteering

<https://volunteermatters.org.uk/>

<https://do-it.org/>