

# CAREERS & FUTURES

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# CAREERS & JOB IDEAS

We enjoy a very successful relationship with SGS College Schools' Careers Service to provide independent and unbiased Careers Guidance and Inspiration across all years from Year 8 to Year 13. The **links below** are designed to be explored and to provide our students with a source of information and inspiration as they decide on their future pathway.

## National Careers Service

Job profiles on this site provide information about specific jobs/sectors, entry requirements, skills required, salary information etc.

## Careers Wales

A-Z guide of jobs with detailed information, videos and links for a wide range of different careers. Use the subjects link to research careers related to your favourite subjects.

## Careersbox

An online careers film and video library. Lots of case studies and video clips of real people doing different jobs.

## icould

Need inspiration for your career? icould includes 1000's of films of personal career stories, across many occupations. Includes an option to search by subject area.

## Career Pilot

Your choices at age 14, 16 and 18. Explore different job sectors and how you can study and work at the same time - even to university level. Information about vocational qualifications, plus top 20 apprenticeship vacancies in the South West.

## University Of Kent

"I want to work in..." For those people interested in graduate careers, this careers page provides useful Information and links to other website for a wide range of different careers areas.

**SACU Ltd**– Spartan Test - Suitable for sixth form students, the Spartan Test is a visual quiz that helps students start the exciting research process of deciding on future degree courses, apprenticeships and career options.

**FutureLearnCareers** partnered by over 170 world-class universities, institutions and industry leaders to create world-class courses to help you with your career



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# WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

## POST 16 COURSES

Not sure what to study at the end of Y11?

Each heading is a link to a site that will help you with some ideas.

[T-Levels](#) Information about the different T-Levels, what is included and career pathways.

[Russell Group Guidance 'Informed Choices'](#)

A useful website with a downloadable publication 'Informed Choices' that tells you which A levels are needed for different University courses. Also considers GCSE options.

[UCAS Further Education](#)

Information about sixth forms, further education and apprenticeships

[Grows](#)

Post 16 options



## POST 18 COURSES

[Russell Group Publication](#) - Use Informed Choices to help you understand which subjects open up different degrees.

[UCAS](#) - To find out about courses, places to study and entry requirements. Option to [CHAT](#) to students about their course/experience

[UK Course Finder](#) - Unsure which degree course? This could help you to decide.

[Discover Uni](#) - Useful for searching and comparing university courses.

[Federation of Drama Schools](#) - Compare courses available at Drama Schools, Universities & colleges.

[Careers in Film](#) - List of the best film schools in the UK/US and Canada

[The University Guide](#) - Search and compare courses and universities.

[Graduate Prospects](#) - What do graduates do? What can I do with my degree? What job would suit me?

[High Fliers](#) - Research/information on the top 100 graduate employers.

[Studential.com](#) - Information about choosing and going to university, the application process and preparing for interviews. Also studying abroad.

[Fulbright Commission](#) - A comprehensive guide to studying in the USA, inc scholarships and awards.

[Notgoingtouni](#) - Information and advice about jobs, courses (including degree level) and apprenticeships if you are considering *not* going to university.



NOT SURE WHAT TO DO IN THE FUTURE? EACH HEADING IS A LINK TO A SITE THAT WILL HELP YOU WITH SOME IDEAS...

[The Complete University Guide](#) - Information about studying at university in the UK and abroad.

[A Star Future Ltd](#) provides information about international higher education opportunities.

[i-studentglobal](#) - Information about studying in Australia, Canada, Ireland, USA and New Zealand.

[Education in Canada](#) - All the info you need to know.

[Study in Australia](#) - all of the information you need to know.

[Study in The Netherlands](#) - Lots of information, advice, course search and case studies if you are considering studying in the Netherlands.

[Apply to Uni](#) - Useful website to search for university open days, to compare universities using league tables and advice about writing your personal statement. There are some subject sample statements and regular subject and careers articles.

# EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

# SECTOR & SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFO.

If you know the broad area you want to work in, you may find some useful info here...

## NHS/MEDICAL CAREERS

**Step into the NHS** - Aimed at 14-25 year olds, it has a personal quiz which suggests roles in the NHS to suit you.

**Preemed Projects** - A specialist company that is dedicated to arranging hospital work experience placements abroad

**British Assoc of Occupational Therapists and College of Occupational Therapists** - Information, booklet and video clip about being an Occupational Therapist (work, courses & placements)

**NHS Careers** - This site has detailed information and case studies for over 350 different careers available in the NHS. Search for degrees and other registered courses. There is an online quiz to help you decide .

**The Medic Portal** - Advice on what to consider when choosing medical schools.

**Medical Schools' Council** - Advice and wide range of resources and information for getting into medicine.

**Healthcareers** Information and advice if you are unsuccessful in getting into medical school.

**NHS Healthcare science video** - A video clip about healthcare science roles at Gloucestershire hospitals.

**NHS Bursaries** - Information about funding on NHS courses

## SCIENCE CAREERS

**The Science Council** - Information about Careers in science, matching quiz, case studies and job vacancies.

**Institute of Physics** - The Professional Institute for Physics; provides career ideas related to physics, plus information about studying physics at degree level.

**Royal Institute of Chemistry** - The professional institute for Chemistry, information, news and developments. Careers information and advice.

**Cogent** - Cogent SSC is the employer-led, strategic skills body for the science industries this website provides an A-Z list of careers within the science industry.

**Smallpeice Trust** - Charity which provides short residential courses in science, technology and engineering subjects to year 10-12 students and promotes careers in engineering.

## AUTOMOTIVE, RAIL & AVIATION INDUSTRIES

**Routes into Rail** - Information about the range of careers in the rail industry.

**Auto City** - Created by the Institute of the Motor Industry it is aimed at young people interested in working in the motor industry sector. This website features over 150 different careers including information, course search and Apprenticeships.

**Aim High Fly2Help** - Information about working in the aviation industry. See also **careers in aerospace**.

## ENGINEERING

**Tomorrow's Engineers** - Learn about the variety of different careers available in engineering.

**Institute of Mechanical Engineers** - Information about the mechanical engineering sector, including details on scholarships and awards.

**Institute of Civil Engineering** - Information about the civil engineering sector. Education section has information for students including scholarships, fun facts, work experience and how to become a civil engineer.

# WE ARE CONFIDENT

## SECTOR & SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFO. CONTINUED...

**This is Engineering** - Information about different types of engineering including "Meet the engineer" - short videos about people working in engineering.

**Careers at Sea** - Merchant Navy careers opportunities.

## FILM INDUSTRY

**Into Film** - Video clips about careers in the film industry including visual effects.

**My First Job in Film** - Information about getting into roles within the film industry.

**Screenskills** - Find out about ScreenSkills' work with the screen industries: animation, film, high-end TV, games, television, VFX and immersive tech.

**The British Film Institute** - Information and news plus competitions for 16-19 year olds.

## LAND-BASED AND ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS

**Lantra** - Contains information about different land-based and environmental careers and courses. News, events and updates, job vacancies.

**Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management** - Information for students wishing to study ecology. Advice about how to choose a course, what to do in your gap year and your CV.

## LANGUAGES

**Modern Languages at Top Universities** - Find out about the benefits of studying modern languages – including key skills and the values of a modern language degree in today's global workplace.

**GCHQ** - GCHQ have news and links in their careers section as well as vacancies.

**Prospects** - Find out what you can do with your degree in modern languages including job options, work experience, further study skills.

Careers using Modern Languages - **Kent.ac.uk**

Careers using Modern Languages - **Bright Knowledge**

## MATHEMATICS

**Maths Careers** - Find out about careers available in maths.

**Institute and Faculty of Actuaries** - If you are good with numbers and like solving problems, you might wish to consider a career as an actuary.

## CAREERS IN SPORT

**Careers in Sport** - For inspiration - provides an in-depth analysis of the different career options available in the world of sport.



# SECTOR & SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFO.

**The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity** - News, information, events, careers and a course finder for this sector.

**The British Institute of Sport and Exercise Sciences** - The professional body for sport and exercise. This website contains sector information, developments and news, a course search, careers information and advertised vacancies.

**UK Sport** - Inspiring the nation through Olympic and Paralympic success. UK's high performance sports agency powered by DCMS and The National Lottery.

## TEACHING

**Teaching Agency** - Information about how to become a teacher, the training, work and pay.

## IT AND COMPUTING CAREERS

**Chartered Institute of IT** - The professional Institute for IT provides information and careers advice on work experience, assessment centres, CV writing and interviews.

**Tech Partnership** - The Tech Partnership is the network of employers working to create skills for the UK's digital economy, a useful website if you are considering a career in this area.

**CREATIVE INDUSTRIES - Discover Creative Careers** - Information about a range of creative and design careers, links to other websites.

## CONSERVATION AND ZOOLOGY

**British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums** - This website provides up to date news and information, details of events, a course search facility, careers information, vacancies in conservation and zoology and a list of zoos and aquariums who offer work experience.

## SUSTAINABLE CAREERS - Parental Guide

## CONSTRUCTION

**Go Construct** - There is a useful A-Z careers listing which details a range of specialist roles within this sector along with a progression route, case studies and career trends and forecast information for each role. Information about work experience/apprenticeships etc.

**Electrical Careers.** Information, advice and resources about careers in the electrical industry.

## AEROSPACE

**Careers in Aerospace** - This website aims to provide impartial information, on aerospace, aviation and defence career pathways and entry routes.

## CULTURAL HERITAGE

**Get in to Heritage** - This website provides information about the wide range of careers in the heritage industry including conservation, museums and archaeology. There are case studies, job opportunities and events and activities.

## GEOGRAPHY

**The Royal Geographical Society and Degree Choices-** Information on a range of careers in geography

## GEOLOGY

**The Geological Society**

## PERFORMING ARTS

**National Youth Theatre** -For 14-25 year olds, the National Youth Theatre provides the opportunity to audition for a two-week intensive acting course during August. The first step is to register and submit a recorded audition, if you are successful, you will be invited for a live digital recall. If you are successful, you will be invited to a course in the summer, after completing the course you become a member of the NYT and are able to audition to perform in the many shows which run each year.

**Federation of Drama Schools** - Information about drama training and provides advice for students of all ages including the chance to compare courses available at Drama Schools, Universities and colleges.

**Spotlight** - General news, advice and information.

**One Dance** - News, information and events.

**National Youth Music Theatre** - For 14-23 year olds, the National Youth Music Theatre hold annual auditions around the country including Bristol during January and February for four major productions in the summer. Auditions form an all-day workshop comprising of singing, acting and dancing. NYMT also offer residential courses.

## MUSIC

**University of Kent** - Careers in the music industry.

**UK Music** - Careers in the music industry.

## LAW

**Law Careers** - If you are interested in a career in law this website has information about the range of different careers available, how you train, work experience, case studies and more.

**The Lawyer Portal** - Partnered with the Bar Council & CILEx and is written by lawyers, with contributions from top law firms – guides, information, hot topics and more!

**University of Law** – law practice - Information on the different practice areas of the law. Including what is covered by each, what it's like in practice, current issues, and the skills required to be successful.

**Chambers Student** - Lots of useful information about getting into law including resources to research law firms and barristers' chambers.

**Student Ladder** - Information about national legal firms who offer legal apprenticeships



# WE ARE CURIOUS

## SECTOR & SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFO. CONTINUED

### THE POLICE

**Join The Police** - Information about careers in the Police Force, routes in, vacancies etc.

**Police Now** - The National Detective Programme and Leadership Programme for graduates

### THE ARMED FORCES

Information about the different careers in each branch of the armed forces. These websites include information about entry routes, requirements & sponsorship.

The RAF

Royal Navy/Royal Marines

The Army

**SOCIOLOGY** - British Sociology Association

**PSYCHOLOGY** - British Psychological Society Useful information about how to become a psychologist and choosing BPS accredited course.

**Jobs in Psychology** - Useful for looking at what kinds of jobs are being advertised in different areas of psychology. See also NHS Health Careers and Prospects websites.

### FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

**Tasty Careers** - Find out about careers in the food and drinks industry.

**Hospitality Guild** - Information about careers, jobs, qualifications, employers and training providers in hospitality.

# APPRENTICESHIPS & SCHOOL LEAVER PROGRAMMES

**National Apprenticeships** - for National and local apprenticeship opportunities. This site has information about a wide range of different sectors.

**Startprofile** - search for your ideal career, explore different careers, complete your profile and search for apprenticeship and live job vacancies.

### South West Apprenticeship Company (SWAC)

Matches apprentices to employers and provides careers support for individuals.

### All about School Leaver Programmes

This website is dedicated to those students who are interested in gaining a school leaver programme or apprenticeship. The employer section shows some of the national companies who offer schemes, shows current vacancies and provides hints and tips about CVs, interviews and assessment days.

**The Student Ladder** - Information about school leaver programmes and sponsored degrees. Find out how to gain work experience in a range of different sectors

**Rate My Apprenticeship** - information about school leaver programmes, sponsored degrees and apprenticeships. Search for vacancies and read reviews from current apprentices.

# VOLUNTEERING

**Careerpilot** - If you are thinking about volunteering, this link provides useful information and suggestions plus links to other websites to search for opportunities.

Do It

**Gloucestershire Volunteer Centre**

Overseas Volunteering

# GAP YEAR

**Independent Gap Advice** - Provides young people with free and impartial information and advice on taking a gap year or shorter break from formal education.

**Studential Gap Year Guide** - A comprehensive guide to help you choose and plan a gap year.

**Not Going To Uni** - Opportunities available to travel to all parts of the world as well as UK-based volunteer and charity work programmes

**Gap Years** - Gap year travel essentials are an important part of your trip, covering things like travel insurance, accommodation and health.

**Year In Industry** - The Year in Industry scheme offers students who are interested in all areas of engineering, science, IT, e-commerce, business, marketing, finance and logistics the opportunity of a paid work placement. These can be during a gap year, before university or as part of a university course. You will be paid a proper wage, and will be expected to undertake a challenging job, which will both be stretching and relevant for your future studies and career path.

**Bunac** - Work and travel adventures on summer camps, working holidays, volunteer projects and internships in some of the world's most exciting locations.

**Projects Abroad** - Projects Abroad offer gap year programs in over 30 destinations worldwide



# WE ARE HAPPY

# EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

# JOB SEARCHING WEBSITES

## NEED TO FIND A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME JOB?

**Stroud News & Journal** - Online version of the local newspaper, with a job vacancy section.

Vacancies at **Stroud Council**.

**Glos Jobs** - Job vacancies covering a wide range of sectors, including part-time jobs and jobs for students.

**School Leaver Jobs** - Search for local and national jobs and apprenticeships by sector or by postcode. Sign up to receive a newsletter or job email alerts. This website provides information about CVs, covering letters, completing application forms and preparing for interviews.

**The Big Choice** - This website provides advice for school leavers and graduates. Part time and summer job vacancies are advertised as well as sponsored degree programme vacancies, graduate schemes and placements.

# SETTING UP YOUR OWN BUSINESS

**Careerpilot** - Advice and information about funding information for setting up a business and self-employment.

**Princes Trust** - With over 30 years of experience in getting young people set up in business, The Princes Trust has picked up a range of hints, tips and videos along the way and are more than happy to share them with you, from business plan templates to marketing tips..

**Government** - Information about setting up, growing, tax and registering a business.

# WE ARE INDEPENDENT

## UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE TESTS

### MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VETERINARY

**BMAT** completed on paper and has 3 sections including an essay section. This website explains the test and there are sample papers to download.

The **UKCAT** is done on a computer and is more like an IQ test. This website provides hints and tips and practice test.

**Cambridge University Admissions**

**Oxford University Admissions**

**The National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT)** verbal reasoning test helps universities to make fairer choices by helping them to learn more about their applicants and their aptitude for studying law.

**UCAS Admissions tests**



# STUDENT FINANCE

**The Scholarship Hub** Search for scholarships, grants or bursaries based on a wide range of eligibility criteria via a comprehensive database of student funding.

**Student Finance** Information about financing your Higher Education course.

**Money Saving Expert (Martin Lewis)** Student finance explained, a PDF booklet is available to download.

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