

USEFUL WEBSITES and RESOURCES 2017 for Year 12

www.adviza.org.uk/who-am-i/young-person

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

Provides information on careers / employment / apprenticeships / applying for jobs / CVs/ university / choices after 6th form.

Useful Careers Resources

- Which University Enter your choice of A levels and see which university courses you can access

Courses and where to study

www.sacu-student.com Student tab – Explore tools – For lots of inspiration use Course Explore & view a “cloud” of courses in a subject area! Or for a more logical search of subjects & related courses, use Subject Explore & use the spokes on the wheel for lots of detailed information. You can also register on SACU to save your results, and to take the Spartan Test

www.ukcoursefinder.com Generates degree courses to suit your interests and links to universities and directly to the university websites. Can refine by location and predicted grades.

www.ucas.com. More than just an application process. Search for courses and access guidance on personal statements, deadlines and other vital information.

www.university.which.co.uk Enter your A levels to find out which courses you can access. Search for courses and much more.

www.unistats.direct.gov.uk Really useful! Compares universities on % of graduates employed into graduate jobs, % of students satisfied and other key information for prospective students.

www.push.co.uk The ruthlessly independent guide to UK universities, student life, gap years, open days, student finance, drop out rates, unemployment after 6 months, M/F ratio, size.

www.whatuni.com University reviews written by the students who are studying there. Search for courses.

HEAP'S DEGREE COURSE OFFERS 2018. Universities ranked by degree subjects and entry grades. Includes real interview questions and what universities are looking for. See also www.heaponline.co.uk Helps you to search for university courses.

University league tables...look at the subject tables not just the overall ranking!

- www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk
- www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide
- www.telegraph.co.uk/education/league-tables
- www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings

Also useful:

www.thestudentroom.co.uk The largest student community in the world. Forums on choosing universities / degrees / student life and much more!

www.opendays.com Find out when the university open days are.

www.telegraph.co.uk/education/universityeducation Daily Telegraph university section – lots of useful information and articles.

www.london.ac.uk/tasters Excellent university taster days. Free for year 12 students. All at London universities. Book from January.

www.bestcourse4me.com Website showing the link between the subject studied and careers and potential earning.

For information on creative careers:

www.creativeskillset.org

www.ccskills.org.uk/careers

Student Finance

www.gov.uk/student-finance All about loans, grants, bursaries, fees.

www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/finance-and-support

www.scholarship-search.org.uk Information on scholarships.

<http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk> Search for scholarships

www.studentcalculator.org.uk Helps you to calculate your finances.

www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes Useful!

Gap Year

www.gapyear.com

www.yearoutgroup.org

www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry The Year in Industry. Paid placements in science, technology, engineering, maths.

www.lattitude.org.uk

And after your degree.....

www.prospects.ac.uk Graduate careers website. Find out what you can do with your degree subject, which jobs are directly related to the subject, jobs where your degree is relevant. “What Do Graduates Do”- real job destinations

www.hecsu.ac.uk/current_projects_graduate_market_trends.htm Information on graduate market trends

www.targetjobs.co.uk: Graduate job search www.jobs.nhs.uk Jobs in the NHS.

Apprenticeships

www.getingofar.gov.uk National Apprenticeship website. Essential.

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk Very useful.

www.gov.uk/jobsearch Lists all apprenticeships available by area.

www.studentladder.co.uk

www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

www.milkround.com (Schoolleavers)

www.apprenticeships.qa.com Excellent website for IT and business apprenticeships.

www.milkround.com Graduate jobs and internships

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

Websites Specifically for Higher Level Apprenticeships and Degree level Apprenticeships

www.careerfinderucas.com

www.milkround.com/staticpages/150909/the-times-guide-to-higher-and-degreeapprenticeships

<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/choosing-a-course/is-a-higher-or-degreeapprenticeship-really-right-for-you> (Then download the Degree and Higher Apprenticeships Guide)

Companies recruit at different times. If you are looking for an apprenticeship, you need to be prepared to start applying to companies from the beginning of Year 13. Some companies will have their recruitment processes up and running in September. Others may not begin the process until May or June of the following year but you need to be prepared. Companies use social media to recruit including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn

Voluntary work

www.do-it.org.uk a searchable database of voluntary opportunities

www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Work Experience opportunities for year 12 students –

<http://www.studentladder.co.uk/Work-Experience/work-experience.html> **A wide range of opportunities are listed on Student Ladder – closing dates vary.** They include Science, Finance, Law and Media There is a number of organisations which provide an insight into their business for A level students. Work experience can range from 1 day to 2 weeks. There is strong representation from the finance industry and investment banks such as Credit Suisse, firms such as Ernst & Young, from legal firms such as Pinsent Masons and Old Square Chambers and from media companies such as The Guardian.

S.T.E.M Careers (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

numerous opportunities to encourage more young people to apply to these subjects and careers. Taster days & courses, work experience and research placements:

- Summer Research Placements – www.nuffieldfoundation.org/nuffield-researchplacements
- STEM Taster courses are offered at most universities
- www.etrust.org.uk/headstart Science, Technology Engineering & Maths