

Useful careers websites and resources for parents, staff and students

'National Careers Service' Job Profiles:

Use the following link to access job profiles. Use these profiles to explore your career ideas.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

National Apprenticeship Service: Use the following link to search and apply for vacancies

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/

Icould: Free access to over 1000 personal video stories, detailed job information, plus practical tips, insight and advice and Labour Market Information <http://icould.com>

Careers box: National online careers film and video library. You will be able to watch real people doing real jobs to help give you more of an insight www.careersbox.co.uk/

'All about Careers' : A careers site highlighting job profiles, updates on job sectors, career matching tool and featured employer links www.allaboutcareers.com

'My kinda future' : A careers site to build your CV, meet employers and find a job www.mykindafuture.com/

'Get my first job': a website to look at Apprenticeships and Traineeships www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

U Explore - <http://website.u-explore.com/>

Students - **Start** provides you with all the information you need in one place, you can set up a personalised profile to help you make better education and career choices. **Grofar** is where you should build up your personalised Action Plan – you should update this regularly so your ideas are saved as you go through school.

Parents- Use **Start** at home with your child to help cut through the fog of careers advice and begin making more informed choices – every step of the way

Success at School: Career advice for schools and students aged 13-19. Search jobs, advice & find out about employers, work experience, courses, career choices, apprenticeships.

<https://successatschool.org/>

General useful careers sector websites

Apprenticeships in the Motor Vehicle Trade- www.remit.co.uk/

Careers in law - www.allaboutlaw.co.uk

Careers in sport - <http://careers-in-sport.co.uk> ; www.sportengland.org/

Construction Industry Training Board - www.citb.co.uk/

Creative jobs and careers - <http://ccskills.org.uk/careers>

Engineering Industry Training Board - www.ecitb.org.uk/

FutureMorph- Science and maths careers www.futuremorph.org

NHS careers - www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/

Public Services - www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/ ; www.bedfordshire.police.uk/apply/Recruitment-and-volunteering/Recruitment-and-volunteering ; www.army.mod.uk/ ; www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers

Where STEM can take you - www.wherestemcantakeyou.co.uk

Useful College websites

Check open days and courses

www.accesscreative.ac.uk/ - Access Creative College Birmingham (games, media, music related courses)

www.babington.co.uk - Babington Business College Lichfield

www.bedford.ac.uk – Bedford College

www.boa-academy.com – BO Academy Birmingham

www.southstaffs.ac.uk – Lichfield, Tamworth, Rodbaston & Cannock

www.moulton.ac.uk – Moulton College

www.shuttleworth.ac.uk – Shuttleworth College

www.staffordcoll.ac.uk – Stafford College

www.bmetc.ac.uk – Sutton Campus (Birmingham Met College)

www.ucbcourses.com – University College Birmingham

Post-18 - Useful websites for those of you considering your longer-term plans

www.applytouni.com - Independent site supporting the university application process

www.bestcourse4me.com - Includes an excellent clearing course finder if you need a results day Plan B

www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance - for information on student finance from 'Student Finance England'

www.frontier.ac.uk - Gap/Year Voluntary abroad working in Wildlife and Conservation, Teaching and Medicine

www.grantfairy.com - Scholarship app which helps students find scholarships to pay their university tuition fees and reduce their student loans.

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/ - Looks at alternative options to going to University including Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

www.nomisweb.co.uk or www.statistics.gov.uk - for Labour Market Information (LMI) –it is important to consider what employment opportunities are going to be available in the future and where these are likely to be

www.opendays.com - University open days listed here

www.prospects.co.uk - Information on graduate employment and demographics

www.push.co.uk - Ruthlessly independent university guide (student view)

www.qaa.ac.uk - Quality assurance site; reports on HE institutions

www.studentcashpoint.co.uk - Student funding

www.studentastic.co.uk - Tips on how to survive the student life!

www.studential.com - Template guides for personal statements

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk - Offers independent HE picture, course search and money facts

www.ucas.com - Key site to support a University application process

www.unistats.co.uk - Search, review and compare subjects at universities and colleges in the UK

www.yearoutgroup.co.uk and www.heguide.org.uk - to find out more about taking a gap year