

Best for Higher Education / Initial Search

Web site	Best for ?
www.direct.gov.uk/uni http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes	<p>Best for general information especially on apprenticeships, universities and student finance. This site is clearly organised to help you get the advice and information that you need with lots of useful links. Parents will also find this site useful.</p> <p>Easy to understand summary of student finance, how it has changed and what it will mean for you in the future. Great for 'Busting the Myths' around student finance.</p>
www.ucas.com www.ucas.com/apply is where you will fill in and send off your application form online. Once it is completed you submit it to staff for checking and we attach a reference before sending it on to UCAS who then send it on to all of your chosen institutions.	<p>Best starter tool (click on what are my options? And you can explore options such as University, Apprenticeships, Gap years, Employment and Internships)</p> <p>Explore the university link and you can search for courses and universities. If you register with UCAS make sure you choose 2022 undergraduate entry and make a note of your username and password</p> <p>www.ucas.com/parents is also a useful source of information for parents.</p>
www.purepotential.org	<p>Best interactive site and best for advice on writing your Personal Statement. Register with them as soon as possible to access a range of materials and support.</p>
www.theuniguide.co.uk www.whatuni.com	<p>Find additional university information and access student ratings and feedback.</p>
www.opendays.com/calendar/	<p>Best for viewing University open days 'at a glance'</p>
https://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide	<p>The Guardian University Guide: Best for accessing rankings and comparison tables to inform your choices.</p>

Best for Apprenticeships & Career Ideas



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk	<p>Best for exploring the wide range of options at 18 for those students that feel university study is not for them. Select a category from: Apprenticeships, college courses, distance learning, internships, traineeships, gap year, professional qualifications, employment & training.</p>
www.prospects.ac.uk www.icould.com www.mycareerspringboard.org https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/	<p>Best for Careers Inspiration. Just register, answer some questions about yourself – and explore the wide range of potential careers recommended to you. Best for viewing films about different sorts of careers.</p> <p>Complete the career test to find out ideas for future careers and advice.</p> <p>Browse job profiles to look at a range of possible careers. See how much you can earn and work out what qualifications you need to pursue that career.</p>
www.apprenticeships.gov.uk www.careerpilot.org.uk www.solihullforsuccess.com	<p>This is the best starting point for finding out about Apprenticeships, checking your eligibility and searching apprenticeships available. There are also sections for teachers and parents to explore. To explore apprenticeships you will need to register your details into the system. This is an essential part of the application process.</p> <p>Good for exploring potential careers and gaining tips and advice on how to complete successful applications. There is also a section for Apprenticeships – including application and interview tips.</p> <p>Representatives for ‘Solihull for Success’ will deliver a presentation in Y13. Sign up with them and they will support you in searching for local employment and training opportunities. Click on the ‘job seeker’ tab to find out more</p>
www.deloitte.co.uk/careers www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice www.ukcareers.ey.com/students www.pwc.co.uk/schools www.joinus.barclays/apprenticeships www.bbc.co.uk/careers www.cgi-group.co.uk/careers www.hsbc.com/ukapprenticeships	<p>Best websites for going directly to the companies offering Higher level Apprenticeships. These websites provide a great deal of information about the different Apprenticeships they offer and outline additional opportunities through which you can find out more.</p> <p>If you get the opportunity to join one of their work experience programmes – I would strongly advise you to do so. This provides a great opportunity for you to showcase your potential and would support any future application that you make.</p>

Job Search & Other useful websites



www.monster.co.uk www.totaljobs.com www.reed.co.uk www.fish4.co.uk www.gov.uk/find-a-job	Job Search Websites Search for employment opportunities in your local area.
https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk www.studenthut.com	Excellent course search option – enables you to filter options based on the grades you think you will achieve. Also has university profiles, league tables and information on open days.
https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/career-advisers-and-teachers/work-experience-toolkit	Health Careers Guide Find out how to organise work experience with the NHS
https://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide	The Guardian University Guide
https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/	Russell Group – Informed Choices Guide
https://www.prospects.ac.uk/	Prospects career planner Register, answer some questions and you will be given pointers to possible career options.
https://www.suttontrust.com/	The Sutton Trust (part of the Social Mobility Foundation) Eligibility criteria for their summer schools <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Attending a state school 2) First in family to go to university 3) Have been eligible for FSM 4) At least 5 grade 7s at GCSE
www.yearoutgroup.org www.gapyear.com www.latitude.org.uk	Explore these web sites to look at a range of exciting gap year options. Remember, a number of the best schemes will require you to raise funds to support your year out. Students also take a year out to gain some work experience or earn money. If this appeals to you then make sure you take the time now to work out whether or not this is a realistic prospect.