

# Your options explored: university, apprenticeships and more.



## Why consider university:

- Choose from thousands of academic qualifications and explore your career options.
- Choose from a range of vocational qualifications to gain hands-on experience within an industry.
- Gain independence by living away from home.

## Why consider an apprenticeship:

- Gain on-the-job experience, and make workplace connections sooner.
- Earn as you learn, up to around £200 per week on average.
- No tuition fees, which means no student debt.

## Alternative options:

- **Go straight into another form of employment:**
  - Learn on the job and gain 3 or more years' industry experience than those going to university.
  - Start earning straight away.
- **Take a gap year:**
  - Gain vital work experience.
  - Help increase your confidence and independence.
  - Pay towards future tuition fees.
  - Travel and broaden your horizons.

## Where to find careers advice:

- You can find out which career may be best for you by completing CACHE Alumni's [career diagnostic](#).
- It may be useful to check out the job profiles on the [National Careers Service website](#), which will give you useful information on different job roles, salaries and the qualifications you may need.

 You can also take a look at the learner page of [our website](#) for more information