

# 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 £170 per week on average.
- No tuition fees, which means no student debt.

## Alternative options:

- **Employment:**
  - Learn on the job and gain 3 or more years' industry experience than those going to university
  - Start earning straight away.
- **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 a **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