

Options to consider when you finish Sixth Form/College

Exam results are important, but they're not the only factor that shapes your future. There are many different routes to achieving your career goals, and what works for one person might not be right for another. Whether it's a degree, apprenticeship, or entering the workforce, each path has its own value. Below is a list of options for you to consider.

University

Traditional Degree: Pursue a full-time undergraduate degree in a subject of your choice.

Foundation Year: Start with a foundation year if you didn't meet the entry requirements for your chosen course.



Degree-Level Apprenticeship

Earn While You Learn: Combine working with studying for a degree, gaining hands-on experience and qualifications at the same time.

Industry-Specific Programs: Available in sectors like Engineering, Business, IT, Healthcare, and more.

Gap Year

Travel: Explore the world, experience new cultures, and gain life experiences.

Volunteering: Participate in volunteer programmes, either locally or abroad.

Work Experience: Gain practical experience in a field of interest before committing to further education or a career.



Further Education

Higher National Diploma (HND)/Certificate (HNC): Vocational qualifications that can lead to a degree or career in specific industries.

Access to Higher Education Courses: For those looking to pursue a degree later but need an alternative route to university.

Employment

Full-Time Job: Enter the workforce directly, gaining experience and potentially progressing within a company.

Part-Time Work: Work while you explore further education options or other interests.



Vocational Training

Traineeships: Short-term courses offering training and work experience, often a stepping stone to an apprenticeship or employment.

NVQs/BTECs: National Vocational Qualifications or BTECs in specific industries like Health and Social Care, Engineering or Business.

Entrepreneurship

Start a Business: Turn a passion or idea into a business venture.

Freelancing: Offer skills or services independently, such as graphic design, writing, or coding.

Military

Armed Forces: Join the Army, Navy, or Air Force, with opportunities for training, education and a career.



Creative Pathways

Artistic Pursuits: Pursue a career in the arts, music, theatre, or design, possibly starting with an internship or training programme.

Media and Broadcasting: Get involved in TV, film, radio, or digital media through work experience or specialised courses.

Specialist Programs

Language Learning: Spend time abroad learning a new language through immersive courses.

Study Abroad: Enrol in a university or college program in another country.

Exploring your options with a Career Coach can be incredibly helpful because:

- They provide personalised guidance tailored to your strengths and interests.
- They help you discover alternative pathways that you may not have considered.
- They offer expert advice on making informed decisions that align with your long-term goals.

Feel free to get in touch to find out how I can support you (or your child).

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