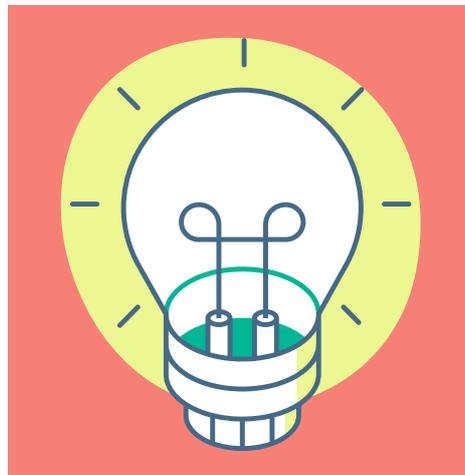




YOUR CHOICES



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POST-16 WORKBOOK



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After completing your post-16 study, you have 3 broad options. For each area below, explain whether this is your top choice, second choice or third choice and why.

| Employment | Apprenticeship | Further study |
|------------|----------------|---------------|
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Even if you know exactly what that top choice is, it's good to explore all options. You may decide to apply for something else later in life too.

You may want to, or not want to, go to University, but there are other ways in which you may choose to study further. The benefits of further study are that you become more of an 'expert' in one area, which could make you more employable and give you higher pay. Some jobs also require a higher level of qualification. You would need to consider finances and living arrangements but there are options for local study.

TASK: With all of the different options available to you, there are lots of new terms and acronyms used, for each one below write out a brief definition.

| Qualification | Description |
|---|-------------|
| BA (hons) | |
| BSc (hons) | |
| NVQ | |
| FdSc/FdA | |
| HNC | |
| HND | |
| Foundation Art Course | |
| Foundation Year (also called 'Year 0') | |
| MSc/MA | |

Many of these courses are offered at FE Colleges as well as Universities so you may be able to study locally.

There may be some universities or colleges that you have heard of, or even visited, but there will also some you may not have come across before.

Along with catering and lorry driving, there are also lots of job vacancies within the Health and Social Care sector.

When searching on UCAS, within 100 miles of Wiltshire Council County Hall in Trowbridge there are 124 'Health and Social Care' courses from 53 different providers and 345 courses from 80 providers within 150 miles.

TASK: Of those Universities and colleges offering Health and Social Care courses, how many can you name in the South West:

(to check answers, go to www.ucas.com and search Health and Social Care, choose Undergraduate, then use the filter for distance from postcode).

You can then do a similar search on Find an Apprenticeship and Job pages for Health and Social Care. Within a 30 mile radius of County Hall, Trowbridge, there are 31 Apprenticeship vacancies.

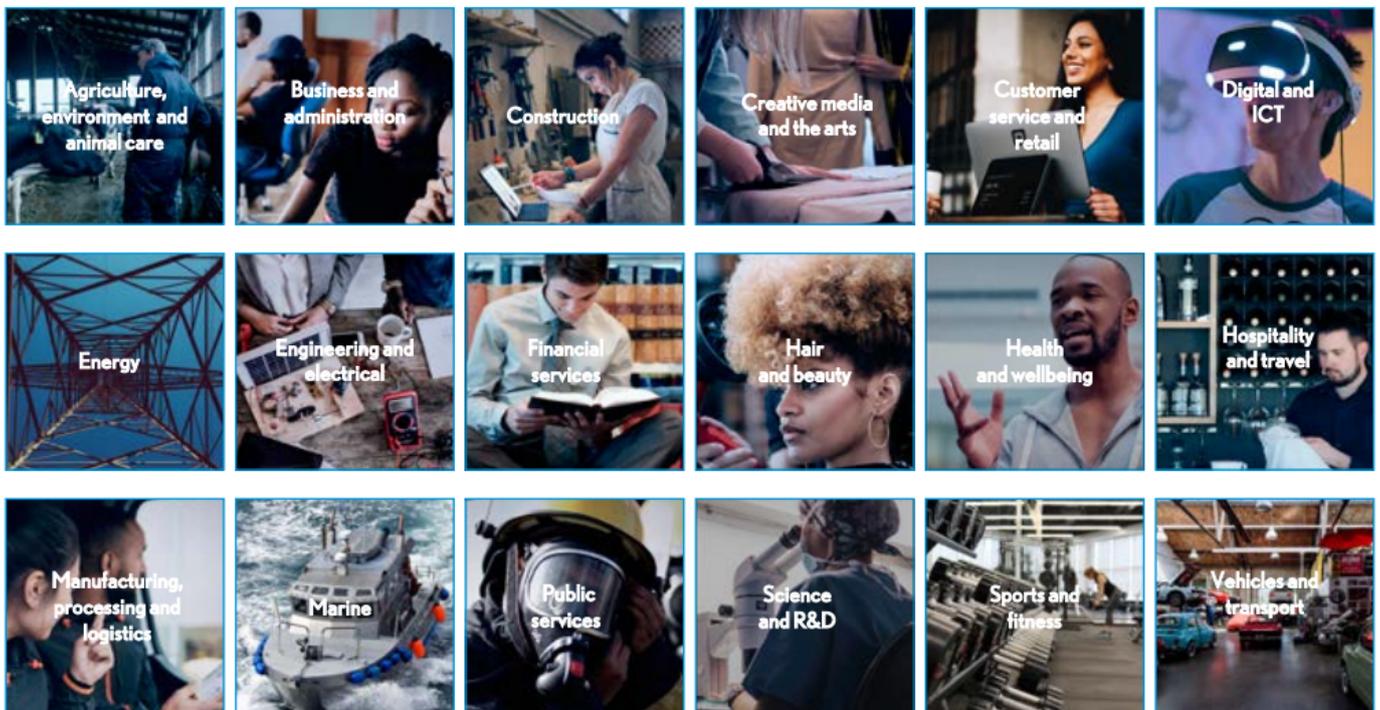
Apprenticeships may be offered at different levels and although you may be taking level 3 qualifications now (such as A Levels), you may need to drop to a lower level apprenticeship in your first role in the workplace.

Which apprenticeships are available?

There are thousands of apprenticeships in different job roles and industries. Each apprenticeship will also have a 'level' attached to it. The four levels of apprenticeship are:

| Name | Level | Equivalent educational level |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| Intermediate | 2 | 5 GCSE passes at A* - C or 9 - 4 |
| Advanced | 3 | 2 A Level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate |
| Higher | 4, 5, 6 & 7 | Foundation degree or above |
| Degree | 6 & 7 | bachelor's or master's degree |

Apprenticeships are available in a range of job areas:



Source: <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-schools>

TASK: What questions do you still have about apprenticeships?

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KNOW YOUR OPTIONS: ONLINE ACTIVITIES

- Career Pilot have some excellent resources
<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-18>
- Young Work Wiltshire pages for 18-21 year-olds
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/young/18-21/>
- You can search for career profiles, courses, apprenticeships and vacancies on Careers Explorer: <https://swlep.co.uk/programmes-swlep/careers-hub/careers-explorer>
- WIN HE Options video <http://www.winncop.ac.uk/students/he-options>
- Study Higher - Why Higher Education?
<https://www.studyhigher.ac.uk/resources/why-higher-education/>
- Uni Taster Days, on demand webinars about University and studying the different subject areas
<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand>
- Find an Apprenticeship <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Amazing Apprenticeships resources for post-16 students
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/?key-stage-5=1>