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Please find below a list of a range of links to help you; they are grouped into categories to make them easier to navigate.

### Advice on choosing 'A' levels:

- Choose the best 'A' levels, Scottish Highers or International Baccalaureate options for your future. Whether you want to go to university or get a job straight after school or college:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/a-level-choices/315491-what-a-level-subjects-should-i-take>
  - <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-18>
  - <https://www.ucasprogress.com/search>

### Career options

<https://www.fasttomato.com/> Use the school code for FREE sign up! Find out about different options by searching Careers sectors full of advice and information such as salaries you can expect to earn, the types of jobs available and what your options are with, or without, a degree:

- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>
- <https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/job-descriptions>
- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

### Advice for students interested in Apprenticeships

(Levels: Intermediate L2, Advanced L3, Higher L4, Degree L4/5/6)

- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/apprenticeships-223>
- <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-16/apprenticeships>

- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>
- <https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

## Advice for students interested in Higher Education (University)

- <https://targetcareers.co.uk/university-hubs/>
- <https://targetcareers.co.uk/search/courses>
- Find out what university rankings mean by looking at how they are calculated and what measures are:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni/choices-about-uni/384889-what-university-rankings-mean>
  - <https://unistats.ac.uk/>
- Look at what content, teaching methods and contact hours would suit you best as well as what careers each subject might lead to:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni/degree-subject-guides>
- These university reviews tell you what the universities are really like and are written by current students:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni/university-reviews>
- Find out how much university will cost and get advice about tuition fees, whether you are from England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/choices-about-uni/50-university-tuition-fees-and-funding-ster-days>,

## Building your CV

- Put together a CV that will show you in the best possible light, whether you are applying for work experience, an entry-level job or apprenticeships and similar programmes:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/applications-and-interviews/198-how-to-write-a-cracking-school-leaver-cv>
- Find out about online ability and aptitude tests for school leaver programmes, including numerical and verbal reasoning tests:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/applications-and-interviews/44-online-ability-tests-for-school-leaver-programmes-and-apprenticeships>
- Make sure your online application form stands out for the right reasons and helps you get the apprenticeship place you want:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/applications-and-interviews/42-top-tips-for-filling-in-school-leaver-programme-application-forms>

## University application support

- Find out how to ‘ace’ your UCAS application with our advice articles on starting your statement, what you should include, how it should be structured and how you should handle offers:
  - Open events, taster days and how to write a Personal Statement
    - [https://www.ucas.com/search/site/type/article/type/structure\\_content?keywords=Personal+Statement](https://www.ucas.com/search/site/type/article/type/structure_content?keywords=Personal+Statement)
    - <http://purepotential.org/personal-statements/>
- Discover what is appropriate to wear for a university interview and what clothes you should avoid:  
<https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni/applying-for-uni/314689-what-to-wear-for-a-university-interview>
- Use our guide to deadlines to find out the key dates you need to know when applying to uni:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/applying-for-uni/52-when-to-apply-for-university-through-ucas>

## Work experience

- Find out about the different ways you can gain the work experience you need to impress employers and get hired, whether or not you go to university first:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/skills-and-experience/388-work-experience-for-school-students-what-you-need-and-how-to-get-it>
- Make the most of your work experience by finding out what to wear, how to impress and what you should do once it is completed:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/skills-and-experience/313849-how-to-make-the-most-of-your-work-experience-placement>

## Advice for your gap year

- Thinking of taking a gap year before starting university or beginning work on an apprenticeship? Plan ahead so you get what you want out of your time out:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/gap-years/180-how-to-have-a-well-planned-gap-year>
  - <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/gap-year-226>

## University open days and Taster sessions

- University open days are a fantastic way of finding out about the universities that you are thinking of studying at and the courses you might want to take. Here are some top tips for making the most of your visits:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni/choices-about-uni/313867-how-to-make-the-most-of-university-open-days>

## The UK's 100 most popular employers for school leavers

- Take a look at the 100 most popular employers for school leavers as voted for by school pupils:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/school-leavers-100>

## The UK's 50 most popular universities for school leavers

- Find out the 50 most popular universities in the UK as voted for by school pupils:
  - <https://targetcareers.co.uk/top-50-unis>



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