

Frequently asked questions - Careers

Below you'll find answers to the questions we get asked most about accommodation

Where can I go or who can I talk to for help with my career plans?

Ask your Teacher/Tutor for the name of the Careers Adviser linked to your School/college and arrange a 'virtual' or 'face to face' appointment.

Are there resources to help me find out what I'd be good at?

There are lots available online, why not look at <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment> or <https://www.ucas.com/careers/buzz-quiz> to help you see where your interests link with your skills and explore your career options.

Where can I find out about occupations that interest me?

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers> and <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles> both cover details including job activities, qualifications /training and salary/wages.

What if I change my mind about my chosen career?

It's absolutely fine to change your mind, it's really tricky knowing exactly what career suits you, so don't worry if your ideas evolve or turn into something completely different, in fact that's pretty normal, just remember to thoroughly research your new ideas, in order to make the right decision

I'm considering University, but where do I start?

Book an appointment to speak with your school Careers Adviser and/or a **Shaping Futures Adviser** <https://shaping-futures.org.uk/> for impartial advice and guidance. Also check out information at: <https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options>

Can I do an Apprenticeship at University?

Yes, **Degree Apprenticeships** combine working with studying part-time at a university working towards a bachelor's or master's degree. Similarly, **Higher Apprenticeships** give the chance to gain Level 4 qualifications, with most apprentices gaining an NVQ Level 4, HND, or foundation degree. <https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships/how-apply-apprenticeship>

At what age should I start thinking about my career?

There's no right or wrong answer to this question as we're all different, however we would advise not to leave it until the last minute, so if you can start to develop your ideas as **early** as possible, it will give you plenty of time to research thoroughly. Remember your initial ideas will probably change and evolve as you progress through education which is perfectly normal, so better to start sooner rather than later!