



So, what are
your options?



Hello,

**THIS BOOKLET WILL PROVIDE YOU
WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO:**

- **Explore your vocational study and career options**
- **Investigate progression pathways to follow post-16**
- **Identify useful links and resources to help you make more informed choices**

*Enjoy your
journey!*

REFLECT



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Have you thought about the type of **careers** and **professions** you would like to pursue?

No:

Yes: *(if yes, write them below)*



SUPPORT

National
Careers
Service



If you want to further help, speak to your school **careers adviser** or contact the **National Careers Service** which has a Freephone and webchat option.

*You can now call them for FREE
on 0800 100 900 from your mobile*

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/aboutus/contactus/Pages/Contactus.aspx>

What are your favourite interests and hobbies?



What subjects do you enjoy the most at school?



EXPLORE



*What's your
dream job?*

When we talk about a **dream job**, it could mean a few different things. It could be:

- ▶ **Doing something you're good at**
- ▶ **Doing something you're interested in**
- ▶ **Achieving an ambition like earning lots of money or travelling the world**

<http://icould.com/article/discover-your-dream-job/>

Find out which **careers and professions** best match your interests, hobbies and favourite subjects at school.

Done:

Date:

*Talk to your
Careers Adviser
and start planning
your future*



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Use your school's **careers software package** and explore the range of options that match your interests.



What **subject areas** do you think you would enjoy studying after your GCSEs?

Business

Art & Design

Childcare Studies

IT

Public Services

Engineering

Hospitality & Catering

Write your answer here:



ACTION



Use this search facility to **explore the range of qualifications** available to you in your local area.

 Done:

Date:

www.ucasprogress.com/search

Which of these **qualification pathways** would you be interested in following?

Apprenticeship

College

Sixth Form

Training

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*Loads of
useful stuff
on this site!*



There is a huge amount of information out there for you to look at, so why not start your search using the link below:

www.adviza.org.uk/who-am-i/young-person/useful-websites/

Think about the **learning environment** and **methods of study** that best suit YOUR style of learning:

In a workplace setting

Doing coursework

Being classroom based

Taking exams

Studying on a day or block release from work

A mixture!

ACTION



Take a look at these short videos about each of the **progression pathways** available to you after GCSEs.



APPRENTICESHIP



COLLEGE



SIXTH FORM




TRAINING



Done:

Date:

www.stayinlearning.org.uk

There are varying levels of **vocational and academic qualification** you can achieve, leading to degree and postgraduate studies. 

What is Higher Education?



Look at this presentation explaining the various routes into Higher Education available to you.

www.stayinlearning.org.uk/files/Higher-Education-Presentation-2015.pdf

Done:

Date:

National qualification network

Qualification level

Job level

7	NVQ 5	Master's Degree / Doctorate	Chartered Professional
6	Higher Apprenticeship / NVQ 4	Honours' Degree	Management Professional
5		Foundation Degree / HND	
4	Advanced Apprenticeship / NVQ 3	HNC	Advanced Technician/ Skilled/Supervisory
3		Vocational A Level BTEC/Cert/Diploma	
2	Apprenticeship / NVQ 2	AS / A2 Levels	Semi-Skilled Operator
1	Traineeship / NVQ 1	BTEC First Diploma	Operator
		GCSE Grades A-C	
		GCSE Grades D-F	

ENTRY LEVEL – Basic Skills / Skills for life



Think about **where you might like to study**. Consider factors like:

- **Distance from home**
- **Costs and financial support**
- **Type of institution or organisation**



SUPPORT

Did you know?

There are different types
financial support to help 16-19
year olds with study or training
costs. Find out more here:



www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

What are the **possible barriers** that might prevent you from reaching your career goals?

My barriers:



Try to think of ways to overcome your barriers and add them to this planner!



PLANNER


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Think about what your Huge Unbelievably Great Goal (HUGG) and make a plan here:

*Where I am
now*

*My step towards
my goal*

*What could
prevent me?*



Where I would
like to be!



How could I
overcome these
things?



What steps will you take to help you decide on the **best learning pathway** to follow? Some suggestions could be:

- **Research what you need to get in your GCSEs**
- **Investigate which A levels, BTECs, Apprenticeships or NVQs you should consider**
- **Draw up an 'action plan' of the things you need to do that will help you make a more informed decision about your future study pathways and career choices**

Write some of your own steps below and discuss them with your family, teachers and careers adviser.

My steps:



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