

BITESIZE

PASSPORT
DAY

Welcome to Bitesize Passport Day.
A virtual journey to higher education,
one week at a time!

This worksheet is an interactive PDF so you can download it and complete it on your computer or mobile device (or print it if you prefer!). Once completed, please email it back to passportday@studyhigher.ac.uk with any questions or queries.

Step 1

Print or Download the worksheet. If you are completing it on your device, select to open it in a PDF Viewer.

TIP: If you have two devices (i.e. a laptop and a phone), you could watch the workshop video on your phone whilst completing the worksheet on your laptop).

Step 2

Complete the worksheet as best you can – jot down any questions you want to ask us!

Step 3

Email your completed worksheet back to us along with any questions you have.

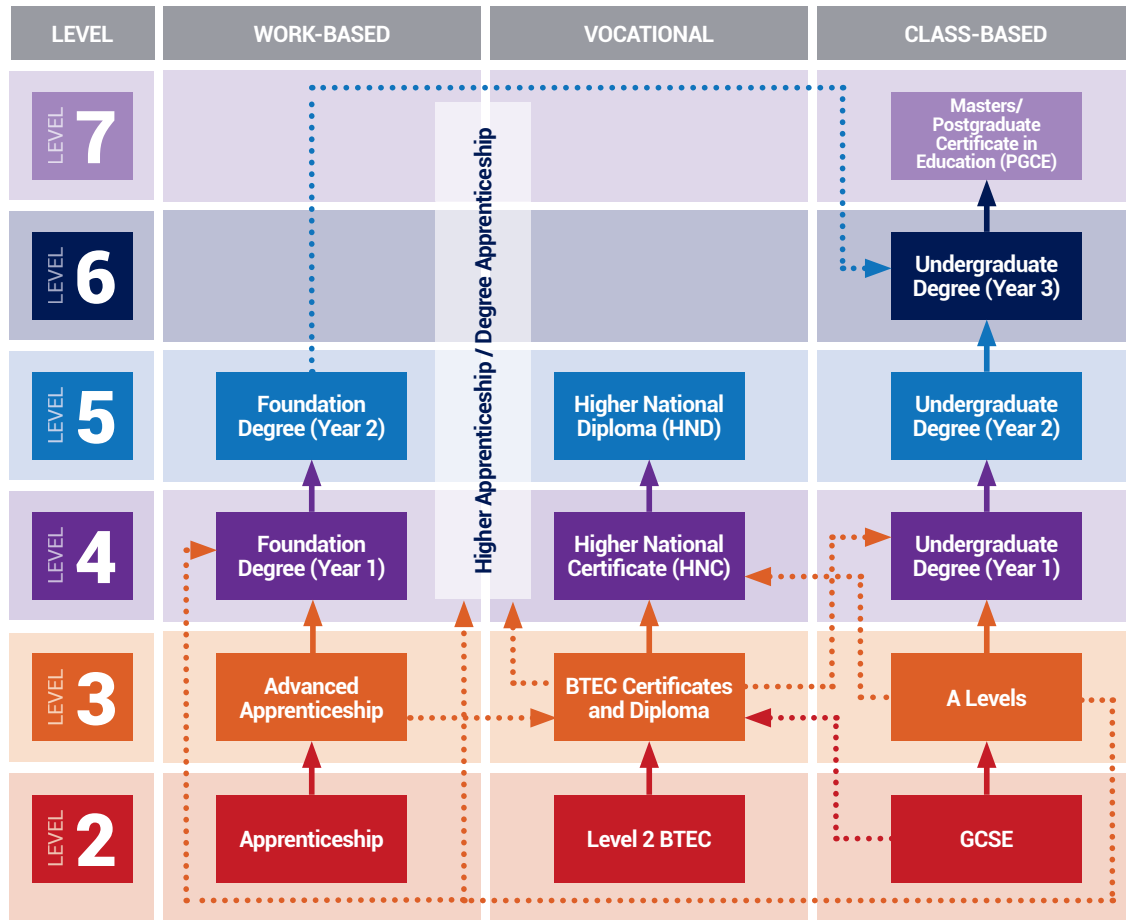
This week the theme is

ROUTES TO HIGHER EDUCATION

The aim of this workshop is to help you gain a better understanding of the different educational pathways and to work out which route is the best one for you to reach your future career. Whether that is going to university, becoming an apprentice, doing a degree apprenticeship or looking for a job.

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Qualification Grid



If you're unsure about what any of these qualifications are, check the definitions on the next page...

TASK 1

Watching the workshop video, complete the following:

What was Sam's route to university?

What was Julie's route to university?

Qualification Definitions

APPRENTICESHIPS

Level 2 qualifications can cover an NVQ, Key Skills and a Technical Certificate. Advanced Apprenticeships offer **Level 3** qualifications and can lead to progression to **Level 4** Foundation Degree or Degree level study.

A LEVELS

A Levels are **Level 3** courses which you will complete over two years. Completing A Levels usually allows you to progress on to a degree course.

BTEC CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

First Diplomas are broadly equivalent to four/five GCSEs, at grades 9 to 4. National Certificates and Diplomas are broadly equivalent to two or three A Levels and will enable students wishing to progress.

HNC (HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE)

A HNC is a **Level 4** course which allows you to progress onto a HND course. This is equivalent to the first year of a degree.

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

These are **Level 4** qualifications, which can progress to Level 6 or 7, and are similar to other apprenticeships. They can give you practical work experience whilst studying academically and earning a salary. To get on to a Higher Apprenticeship you will need to have entry qualifications at Level 3 - such as A Levels, BTEC, NVQ Level 3 or an Advanced Apprenticeship.

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

These provide the opportunity to gain a Level 6 or Level 7 qualification, working in partnership with employers and universities. Degree apprenticeships combine working with studying part-time at a university. Apprentices are employed throughout the programme, and spend part of their time at university and the rest with their employer. This can be on a day-to-day basis or in blocks of time, depending on the programme and requirements of the employer.

NVQs (NATIONAL VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION)

These are qualifications that are based on the skills and knowledge needed for specific jobs. They usually have a level after the course such as NVQ Level 2 in Administration.

FOUNDATION DEGREES

A Foundation Degree allows you to be in employment and work for a Level 5 qualification. The Foundation Degree allows progression on to a full degree through a top-up course.

HND (HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA)

A HND is a **Level 5** course which allows you to progress onto a degree top-up course. This is equivalent to the second year of a degree.

DEGREE OR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES (BA / BSc etc)

A Degree is a **Level 6** course which allows you to progress on to postgraduate courses such as a Masters (MBA, MSc etc).

PGCE

A Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is a year long course that leads to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).



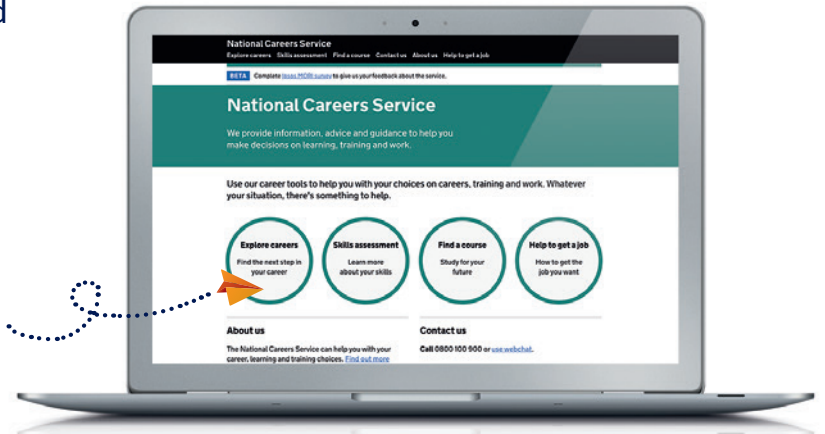
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO FOR A CAREER?

TASK 2

Find out more about your dream job!

Think about a career that you are interested in and would like to know more about.

Visit nationalcareers.service.gov.uk and click on the **Explore Careers** section, then use the search bar to explore any of the hundreds of job profiles available. Find out what a job involves and if it is right for you.



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Job profile:

Entry requirements:

Skills required:

What you'll do in that job:

Salary:

Working hours, patterns and environment:

Career path and progression:

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