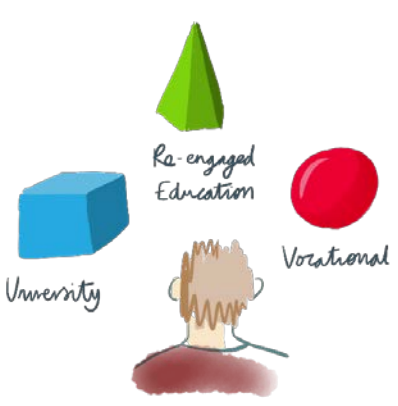


My Future Plans

Student Workbook

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What am I thinking of doing after BHASVIC?

This time next year you will be taking your final exams.
By then you will have already had to decide what it is you will be doing after you leave BHASVIC.

This is a big decision and one that you need to take with care and when in possession of all the facts; your Tutor or teachers will not be able to make this decision for you!

The four sessions of the Pathways 2 project should help you research the route you prefer designed around completing activities which will give you the SKILLS to properly research and make your choice!



Session 1: SACU Careers / HE quiz

The SACU Spartan test is an excellent starting point for looking at your own strengths and skills to consider.

- **Universities and Higher Education**
- **Career Paths**

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TEST COMPLETED!
VIEW YOUR **PERSONALISED** CLOUDS NOW



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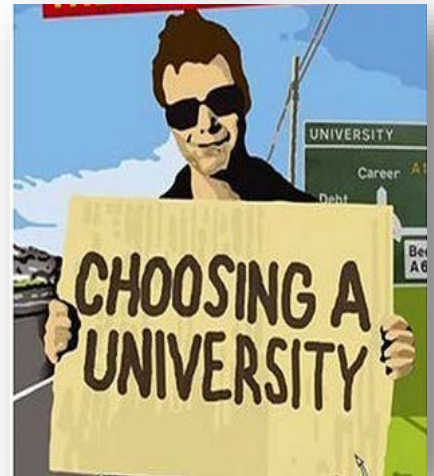


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SACU Screenshots

Session 2: University Research & Open Days

- Some of you will not yet know what sort of Higher Education course you wish to study, let alone where you might want to study it. This is fine: The purpose of this session is that when you do decide, you will know how to look for a course and how to compare courses to choose the best one for you.
- Of course, those of you who do know what you want to study can start looking for your precise course; this will give you a huge head start in your application.
- There are a huge number of courses to choose from and you will be spending 3 or 4 years at University so it is really important to spend time researching the place and the course to make sure that you like it.



Researching University Courses

It takes time!

You don't have to stick to a degree in "English" or "History" or "Mathematics". What about "American Studies", "Medieval Languages" or the "Philosophy of Mathematics"? Too many students limit their choices by sticking to "traditional" subject titles – there is much more to it than that!

By completing this workbook you will have the skills to properly research your courses.

Obviously, if you know the sort of course you want, or even the broad area of study you are interested in, then it makes sense to research those courses. If you still have no idea just choose a course at random – remember at this early stage it is the skills we are interested in, not your final decision which could be months away.

Sources of information - How to read them

When reading any information about a university or course, ensure:

- you are aware of who is putting forward the information
- you get advice from many different sources
- you go to the university and speak to people within the department
- compare courses at different universities.

Choosing a Course – What is important to you?

<p>What grades do you need?</p>	<p>Pick a university website. Ideally somewhere you might be interested in.</p> <p>Find a course. Look at the entry requirements – what are the entry requirements for A levels and BTEC?</p> <p>Course</p> <p>Entry Requirements</p>
<p>Grades and Tariff points</p>	<p>Do you know what your grades will be equal to pointwise? Try this http://www.universityfinder.org.uk/ucas-points-calculator.html</p> <p>What are your likely Grades?</p> <p>What are your likely tariff points?</p>
<p>Lecture time / independent study</p>	<p>How much time will you spend at Uni? Which University: http://university.which.co.uk/ Click on the link above for Which University.</p> <p>Search for a course and can you find the three different types of How you will spend your time? Hint – click on the course title – not University</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
<p>Assessment exams/ coursework</p>	<p>How will your work be assessed during your course? Which University: http://university.which.co.uk/</p> <p>Search for a course and can you find the criteria for three different types of assessment?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
<p>Gender split /mature students?</p>	<p>Using Which University: http://university.which.co.uk/</p> <p>Can you find the gender split for physics at Swansea? What other factors can we find information on? List 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. <p>Students receiving offers?</p>

Professional qualifications?	<p>Browse https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/professional-courses</p> <p>Give three examples of professional qualifications that could be gained while studying a degree.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
Work placements offered?	<p>Most universities will offer work placements. Check out http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/placements for example</p>
Studying in Scotland	<p>Degrees studied in Scotland tend to be more modular and main subjects are not studied until the second year.</p> <p>http://www.studyinscotland.org/find-a-university/</p>

Choosing a University – What is important to you?

Uni websites and prospectuses provide more detailed info about the course and what it is like to study there. Speak to admissions staff to find out more about offers and alternative offers that may be available. Also ask about outreach programmes, summer schools and masterclasses provided. These could provide info & advice to support your decision.

Prospectuses	<p>University Prospectus Finder: Order 10 free copies to be sent to your home address. http://www.prospectusfinder.co.uk</p>
Opinions of students	<p>There is lots of information online from students currently studying at uni. This is a great place to start.</p> <p>https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/Choosing_a_University</p> <p>Can you see the student forums?</p> <p>Find out about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location - city or rural? • Cost of tuition / living? • Clubs/enrichment/social life/sports? • Facilities? • Scholarships and bursaries? • First generation scholars scheme/ WP /student support? • Cost of travel and books?
League Tables for Unis	<p>Use league tables carefully. Check out https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/</p> <p>What are the top 3 universities in terms of student satisfaction?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.

Living Costs	<p>You might want to consider how much it costs to live in different areas of the country. This can make a big difference to the need to work while you are studying.</p> <p>Check out this article http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/household-bills/11033327/The-cheapest-and-most-expensive-universities-for-living-costs.html</p> <p>What is roughly the most expensive?</p> <p>And the least expensive uni?</p>
Travel from home?	<p>It is not always the distance that matters but the journey. Some trains run direct routes locally (for example Bristol and York)</p> <p>Use https://www.thetrainline.com/ If you have a couple of universities in mind check out the time to travel and the cost</p> <p>Time..... Cost.....</p> <p>Time..... Cost.....</p> <p>Or check out coaches http://www.nationalexpress.com/home.aspx</p>
Study abroad?	<p>Many universities offer the chance to study or work abroad for a year.</p> <p>Check out http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/study-abroad</p>
Interview or portfolio needed?	<p>You may need an interview for a degree course. Check out http://university.which.co.uk/advice/ucas-application/checklist-university-and-degree-subjects-you-might-be-interviewed-for</p> <p>Name three courses you might be interviewed for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
Foundation year available?	<p>The UCAS website is great for looking at potential foundation degrees which generally offer lower entry (Sussex is CCC)</p> <p>https://www.ucas.com/</p> <p>Try looking at undergraduate sports courses and with foundation years. What is the typical offer?</p>
Subject league Tables	<p>Which Universities excel in what subjects?</p> <p>https://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide</p>

Accommodation – costs?	<p>Unistats is a great website you can use to compare courses https://unistats.direct.gov.uk/Compare-Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember experiences for each course will be different for each person and differ year on year. • Some info (such as student satisfaction & employment outcomes) are retrospective and may not show what it will be like for you • Do not give too much credence to small differences between courses, particularly if there are only a few students on the course. • Sometimes there are no data, but that should not have a bearing on your student's view of the quality of the course. • The entry profile represents all qualifications and is not wholly representative of the grades students may need to get in. <p>Search a course at three different universities and find the differences in accommodation costs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 3.
Do they offer scholarships and bursaries	<p>Many universities offer financial incentives for you to study there Check out http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk/</p>

Open days

Open days can give you a real sense of what it would be like to live and study at a particular university.

- Book a place – these can be very popular events.
- Plan the day – there can be a lot of activities to fit in.
- Ask questions, speak to student ambassadors, academic staff and professional staff to find out more about life at university.
- Go to subject talks and activities.
- Take a look at the accommodation.
- Explore the campus and the town or city.
- Write a list of questions to ask and take it with you.



Open days	<p>Open days are crucial in helping you make a decision as to whether you might like to spend three years (or more) study at a particular university</p> <p>Check out University Open Days visit http://www.opendays.com/ or https://www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/find-open-day%20</p> <p>You usually have to book in advance What are the open days for any university you might be interested in</p> <p>University..... Date.....</p> <p>University..... Date.....</p> <p>University..... Date.....</p> <p>University..... Date.....</p> <p>University..... Date.....</p>
Open day questions	<p>You might be travelling a long way to visit a uni.</p> <p>Check out http://university.which.co.uk/advice/open-days which will help you organise questions in advance.</p> <p>Give three examples of questions for your subject area.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
Funding for Open days	<p>If you are a WP student you may be entitled to funding from BHASVIC to visit an Open day.</p> <p>Some universities also offer funding. Can you check out any of your choices and see if they offer to fund open days. Don't forget admissions officers at university are there to help and you could give them a call and ask if you feel you may be entitled.</p>
Open Day Apps	<p>Check out your uni choices to see if they have any Open day Apps you can download onto your phone.</p>

WhatUni

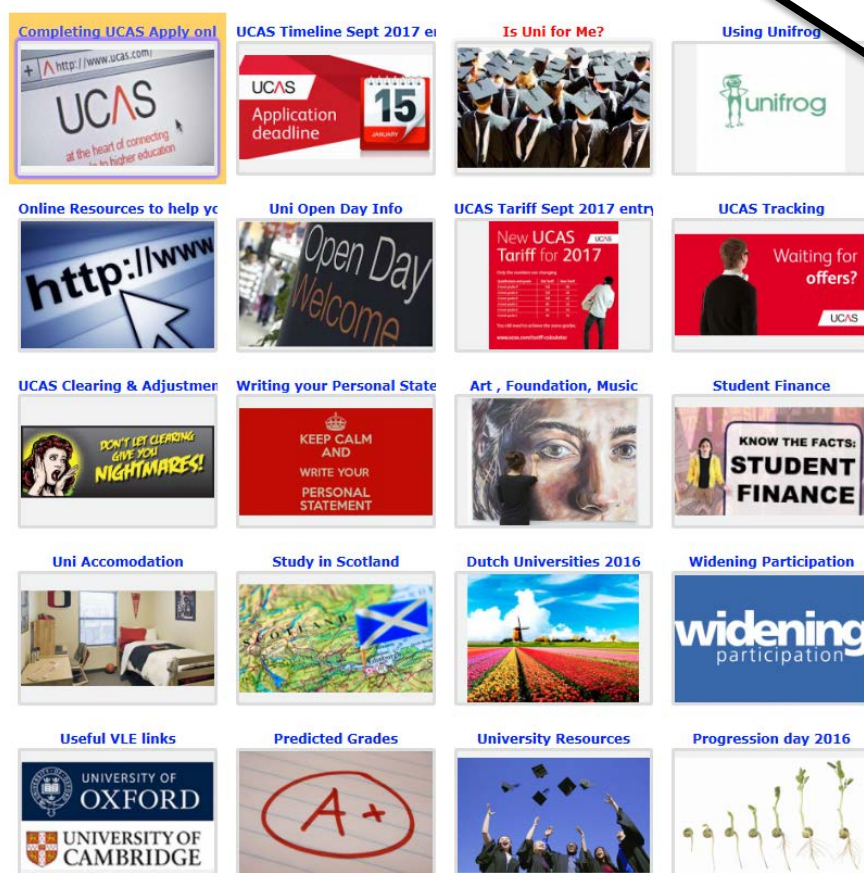
Research tools to help you with your choices



- **Student Services:** Browse through prospectuses and literature for some of our most popular destinations
- **WhatUni:** Sign up for a free account at WhatUni. It will help you browse courses and look at future options. Find it here <https://www.whatuni.com/>
- You will be starting in 2018 if thinking of going straight to uni after BHASVIC or 2019 if thinking of a gap year.
- Write down your user name and password here to remind you.

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Check out the VLE page on Universities



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App tools

There are many mobile friendly Uni search tools online such as coursematch <https://www.coursematch.io/>

Space for your own notes

Three universities that are in the location where I am thinking of studying are:

University	Reasons

A possible course at one of these universities that I might think about is:

Course	Reasons

A broad area that I want to study in is_____ and some interesting courses are:

Course	Where is it?

The course I want to do and the Universities I want to do it at are:

Course	University	Points/grades required

You can also use the Course Analysis Forms at the end of this booklet

Remember, look beyond the 'traditional' courses; there's so much out there that many people don't even look at: don't miss out!

Why not try **Performance Sportswear Design** at Falmouth or **Middle Eastern Studies** at Leeds or **Environmental Management** at Manchester? You can study anything if

Session 3: Types of Degrees, Taster Days, Summer Schools, FE & Art Foundation

There are many types of degrees

Where you start on these pages will depend on your personal position. Look at the box below and see which description most relates to you:

Qualifications	<p>BHASIC A levels and BTECs are level 3. Level 4 are those at degree level.</p> <p>Click on the link here and name 4 different qualifications at level 4 level. https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4.
WhatUni	<p>Use WhatUni to search for combinations of degrees that you may be interested in.</p> <p>You should find lots of ideas down the side panel.</p> <p>Single Degree</p> <p>Joint Degree</p> <p>Multidisciplinary?</p> <p>Major with a minor.....</p>
Sponsored Degrees	<p>The Scholarship Hub provides information on finance, funding and http://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/blog/sponsored-degrees-uk</p> <p>Register and search their database for sponsored degree opportunities.</p> <p>Make notes of any that interest you. Or copy and paste the links and information here.</p>
Higher Degrees and Degree Apprenticeships	<p>Which? Guide to higher and degree apprenticeships http://university.which.co.uk/teachers/introduce-higher-education-options/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships-guide-download</p> <p>Download the free guide and read through.</p>

Informed choices	<p>It important you are able to make informed choices when applying. If you are applying to a 'top' university some course will expect at least two facilitating subjects. Read through the section and can you name 3 examples. http://russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. <p>Don't panic if you are not studying two facilitating subjects – ring the university admissions office and ask them.</p>
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University Taster Courses

University Taster courses can be a good way to experience the academic and social life at university before completing an application

Prospectuses	<p>Search on the UCAS site for possible taster courses. You may well have to apply quickly.</p> <p>https://www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/learn-about-uni-taster-course</p> <p>Copy and paste any interesting links here.</p>
London taster courses	<p>Check out London taster courses</p> <p>http://www.london.ac.uk/5197.html</p>
League Tables for Unis	<p>Register for taster courses alerts for the subject areas you are interested in.</p> <p>https://www.unitasterdays.com/</p>
Living Costs	<p>Another useful site. Explore and look for interesting events.</p> <p>http://mystudentevents.com/</p> <p>Copy and paste any interesting links here.</p>



Further Education

Local Colleges	<p>You may wish to look at other local colleges: http://www.theargus.co.uk/education/search/?school=&postcode=Brighton&distance=5&phase%5B0%5D=is_post16&p=0</p> <p>Have a look at local options – remember you can change the distance from Brighton to look further away.</p>
Adult education providers.	<p>Check out more local providers.</p> <p>https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/community-learning-team/adult-learning-providers-and-courses</p>
More local colleges	<p>Also take time to look through Brighton Film School http://brightonfilmschool.co.uk/</p> <p>BIMM http://www.bimm.co.uk/</p> <p>City College (now Brighton Met) http://www.ccb.ac.uk/ and Northbrook (now Northbrook Met) https://www.northbrook.ac.uk/</p>

Art Foundation

Don't forget that Art Foundation courses are run by colleges around the country. These are our most popular choices.

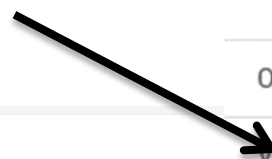
Northbrook Met	<p>Interested in an art foundation?</p> <p>https://www.northbrook.ac.uk/courses/?s=&code=FFDFDY</p> <p>When do you need to apply by?</p> <p>How do you apply?</p>
City College (Brighton Met)	<p>Interested in an art foundation?</p> <p>http://www.ccb.ac.uk/public/courses/fulltime/art-and-design-btec-foundation-diploma-level-3-4-sept-11-4790.html</p> <p>When do you need to apply by?</p> <p>How do you apply?</p>

Short Courses

As an alternative you may want to explore the ranges of short courses and distance learning available.

Free Online courses	Free online courses from Universities and a variety of providers. https://www.futurelearn.com
More free Online courses	https://www.khanacademy.org/
Free learning from the open University	http://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses
Learn coding for free	Into computing and coding? https://www.codecademy.com/
Open University	Get a degree and work - distance learning higher education courses http://www.open.ac.uk/

Check out the VLE page on Art Foundation



Visual Arts Tutorial Page

Key Dates:

- Personal Statement 1st Draft - **Friday 20 October**
- Personal Statement 2nd Draft - **Friday 10 November**
- Application deadline MET (City College and Northbrook) Foundation Courses - **Friday 24 November**. Please ensure application forms, including re date *at the latest*
- Application Deadline for UCAS - **Friday 24 November**, please ensure that your UCAS application form (including Personal Statement) is complete
- Application deadlines for other courses, such as Foundation Courses in London - please check the deadline with the individual college and notify

Open Events:

MET (City College, Brighton and Hove):

- Wednesday 4th October 2017, 5pm-7pm
- Thursday 2nd November 2017, 5pm-7pm
- Wednesday 31st January 2018, 5pm-7pm
- Thursday 22nd March 2018, 5pm-7pm

Art and Photography Foundation Courses take place at Central Campus - Pelham Street, Brighton, BN1 4FA

MET (Northbrook):

- **West Durrington Campus - Thursday 2 November, 6-8pm**
for Art & Design, Fashion & Textiles, Foundation Art, Games Development*, Graphic Design.

Art & Design, Digital Arts, Graphic Design & Illustration, Fashion & Textiles take place at University Centre - Littlehampton Road, Worthing BN12 6NU

Introduction:

This VLE Course is designed to support you and prepare you for applications and interviews made for foundation courses, national diplomas, founde the Visual Arts. We have included practical advice and tips to try to make it a positive experience for you. No two interviews or course applications a prepared then you will be confident about handling any situation that arises.

- Oxbridge
- Visual Arts Applications**
- University
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Session 4: Work Skills, Career Paths & Ideas, Apprenticeships, Graduate Jobs, Volunteering

Work Skills

Use the website links to identify **10 key work skills** that are really helpful to include on any CV and personal statement.

Check whether you feel you have already gained these (at college or outside college) and how you might fill the gap.

Identify 10 key work skills

Check the box if you feel you can already evidence them and give a brief example.

Skill	✓	Evidence
Example: Teamwork	✓	Play in a football team
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Need ideas?

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-planning/273051-the-top-10-skills-thatll-get-you-a-job-when-you-graduate>

<https://www.monster.co.uk/career-advice/article/what-skills-should-i-include-on-my-cv>

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/sk/top-ten-skills.htm>

How can you gain work skills?

Barclays Life Skills	<p>There are websites that can help you can work skills. Sign up for a Barclays Work Skills account and have a browse. https://www.barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-to-gain-experience-and-build-my-network/sixth-form/</p> <p>Barclays Life Skills have put together a virtual work experience module https://www.barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/university/virtual-work-experience/</p>
Young Enterprise	https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/about-us/young-enterprise-by-region/south-east/
Young Start-Up talent	http://youngstartuptalent.co.uk/about/

Career Paths & Ideas

UCAS Ideas:	<p>For students that have no idea about what university course to study at degree, a good starting point is https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/what-study</p>
Higher Ideas	<p>The 'Higher Ideas' site can also help. It's on the VLE: VLE > Student Services > Careers > Help with Decision Making. Select the Ideas Generator and enter your current A-level subjects / interests to get some ideas on possible degree options.</p>
SACU	<p>SACU (UCAS backwards): The Spartan Test is excellent for giving course and career options http://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2850</p>
HEAP Online	<p>HEAP Online is excellent as all the university course choices are grouped together in UCAS points, not alphabetically. Go to VLE > Student Services > Careers and Next Steps > Help with Decision Making for access to the site and instructions on how to log in.</p>
Careers Advice	<p>This guide provides a good overview of how to support young people making career choices http://www.careersadviceforparents.org/p/choosing-career-paths.html</p>
National Careers Service	<p>The National Careers Service has a good overview of different job profiles which includes their entry requirements and training paths, duties and hours of work: https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/home</p>
Career Videos	<p>Explore career videos: http://icould.com/</p>
Career Planner	<p>Career Planner Questionnaire: https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner</p>
Career Sectors	<p>Target Careers has information by sector and a parents section of the website https://targetcareers.co.uk/</p>

Careers	Plotr has information on a wide range of careers http://www.plotr.co.uk/
Carers, Education and student life	https://www.brightknowledge.org/
Range of options if you are not going to Uni	http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/
Exploring options	https://successatschool.org/

Check out the VLE page on Careers and next Steps & Work Experience

Careers Information, Advice & Guidance

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Apprenticeships

What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?

Need help?

http://www.thebigchoice.com/School_College_Leavers/Advice/Benefits_Of_An_Apprenticeship.html

Name 4

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What qualifications can you gain through an apprenticeship?

They generally fall into 4 categories. What are they?

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/search-and-apply/post-16-apprenticeships>

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National Apprenticeship Service	The National Apprenticeship Service page is the main site for researching vacancies and making applications https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
Degree Apprenticeships	Lots of info online http://careerpilot.org.uk/info/working-and-learning,-including-/employer-sponsored-degrees/ http://careerpilot.org.uk/info/working-and-learning,-including-/new-degree-apprenticeships-from-/
Love Apprenticeship	Love Apprenticeship is another good website on apprenticeships providing vacancies and advice http://www.loveapprenticeship.com/jobs/performing-arts-broadcast-and-media/east-sussex/#browsing
National Apprenticeship Service	The latest apprenticeship campaign from the National Apprenticeship Service - find out more: https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/

Apprenticeship Guide	The Apprenticeship Guide is a one-stop-shop for anyone looking to find out more about apprenticeships and offers a whole host of information to help college leavers make the right career choice. http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/
Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools	The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools project has been commissioned by the National Apprenticeship Service, part of the Skills Funding Agency (SFA), to support the Government's target of achieving 3 million apprenticeship starts by 2020. http://amazingapprenticeships.com/
Amazing Apprenticeships	News Articles from Amazing Apprenticeships http://amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/Top-100-final-small.pdf
Apprenticeships in Sussex	Apprenticeships in Sussex can help young people to search for apprenticeship, traineeship and pre-employment training in Sussex http://www.apprenticeships-in-sussex.com/
Rate my apprenticeship	Rate my apprenticeship has reviews of employers and national database of vacancies https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/
Brighton and Hove Jobs' apprenticeship vacancies	Brighton and Hove Jobs' apprenticeship vacancies in the local area http://www.brightonandhovejobs.com/jobs/apprenticeship-/

Graduate Jobs

Prospects	Explore jobs related to different degrees through Prospects https://www.prospects.ac.uk/
OCR Careers	OCR Careers page for learners and parents http://www.ocr.org.uk/ocr-for/learners-and-parents/careers/
London taster courses	Careers websites offering information on a range of options https://www.brightknowledge.org/ https://successatschool.org/
What can I do with my degree?	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree
What degree for what career?	https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/choices-about-uni/242-which-degree-do-you-need-for-which-career#specific

Earn as you learn – My Pocket Skill

Tutoring, dog walking? Register and assign up to offer a skill

<https://marketplace.mypocketskill.com/>

Local Help

Don't forget we have two careers advisors on site Lynne and Adele to help you. You can book an appointment with them at the student services desk.

There are Information, Advice and Guidance services run by Local Authorities who can support young people not in education, employment or training. The service to refer to depends on where a young person lives.

Brighton and Hove Youth Employability Service	http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/youth-service/youth-employability-service
YES Youth Employability Service east Sussex	https://www.c360.org.uk/education/careers/criconnexions
West Sussex Find It Out Centres	https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/your-space/life/finditout-centres/
The Prince's Trust	Supports and runs programmes to build skills and work experience https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/
National Citizen Service	Programmes for 16 - 17 year olds http://www.ncsyes.co.uk/

Volunteering

A really good way to enhance your CVs or Personal statement is by volunteering.

Can you think of any good examples of volunteering opportunities?

You may already volunteer – coaching?

Prospect	https://do-it.org/
OCR Careers	http://www.communitybase.org/volunteers
London taster courses	http://www.bhcommunityworks.org.uk/volunteering/looking-volunteer/

Session 5: Work Placements, Study Abroad, Gap years

Work Placements

Work Placements at Uni for a term or year are a great way to gain experience in your chosen career.

What might be the advantages of taking on a work placement through your university degree?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Struggling to think of any? Try

http://www.thebigchoice.com/Placements/Advice/Benefits_of_a_Work_Placement.html

What might be the benefits for employers?

And universities?

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships/work-placements>

Have you got particular universities in mind.

What work placements might they offer and where?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Check out

<http://www.totalprofessions.com/university-students/work-placements>

Particularly useful section on sector-specific graduate schemes

Lots of ideas for students and gap year schemes

<http://www.studentladder.co.uk/work-placements.html>

Study Abroad

What might be the advantages of taking the opportunity to study abroad at some time during your university degree?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Struggling to think of any? Try <https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/studying-abroad/studying-abroad-benefits>

Have you got particular universities in mind.

What opportunities to study abroad might they offer and where?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Gap Years

There is lots of really useful information out there if you are thinking of a gap year.

General Advice	<p>Lots of general good advice and information</p> <p>http://gapadvice.org/</p> <p>It is worth having a look at the costs.</p>
Work Opportunities	<p>Really useful info on working through your gap year</p> <p>https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year</p> <p>Star wars locations to visit on a gap year?</p>
Government Advice	<p>Useful government advice</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/gap-year-foreign-travel-advice</p> <p>Name 3 issues to consider before travelling abroad on a gap year</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.

More useful travel advice	https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/
Year in Industry	Fancy a year in industry – have a look at some of the opportunities available http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry
Student forum	Great ideas from those who have taken a gap year, or are considering it with all the research done http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/search-beta/?tsr-search-query=gap+year
Great advice on gap years	Including a useful section on A level retakes https://www.studential.com/gap-year-guide https://successatschool.org/advice/gap-years
Some excellent links to explore	Year Out Group Real Gap Experience BUNAC Volunteering England Volunteer Scotland Volunteering Wales Volunteer Now – Northern Ireland Youth social action volunteering – #iwill https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/alternatives-higher-education/gap-years

International Applications (optional)

“Rising costs in the UK are leading to a boom in applications from UK students to universities’ overseas,” BBC.



Many degrees offer students a chance to study abroad, for example most foreign languages courses will include a year abroad, as will American Studies courses.

However, increasingly, UK students are considering studying all of their degree abroad. This is largely due to the fact that the increase in fees for UK universities has meant students are looking abroad for possibly better value courses or a new and now affordable experience.

Think about studying abroad; what are the advantages?

As you can see there are a lot of good reasons to consider studying abroad. But there are other things you need to consider.....

What might be the problems with applying to an international university and studying abroad?

BHASVIC can help provide you with a lot of information about this route and we can pass on the advice and guidance based on the experience of previous students who have applied to study abroad.

However, because each country is slightly different in what it wants from an application, you must be prepared **to take responsibility for your own route through the various application processes. This will include:**

- The timings of the application process
- The requirements – in terms of personal statements, grades etc.
- Studying for and sitting any required tests, such as the USA's crucial SAT tests
- Thinking about money, carefully working out the full costs and how you will fund your studies

Key resources:

The VLE site: Studying Abroad provides links to key websites for the main overseas countries to which English students apply and where they study. Go to **VLE > Student Services > Studying Abroad**

University Opportunities	http://thestudentworld.edufindme.com/
Degrees in Europe	http://www.eunicas.co.uk/
Undergraduate opportunities abroad	http://astarfuture.co.uk/
Study Abroad	https://www.studyabroad.com/
Study Abroad	http://www.studyoverseas.com/
Info about university rankings	https://www.topuniversities.com/
Study in Holland	http://studyinholland.co.uk/
USA Applications	http://www.fulbright.org.uk/
Australia & New Zealand	http://www.studyoptions.com/
Canada	http://www.educanada.ca/

Study Abroad

This VLE site is intended to provide support for BHASVIC students who are considering an application to an overseas university for undergraduate study. **Before using this site for research, please read the Important Information section below.**

The BREXIT vote has very serious ramifications for those of you who wish to Study Abroad, in an EU country.

The best guidance that can be offered at the moment comes from the Dutch University friends of BHASVIC it is pasted here:

British students currently studying in the Netherlands should be fine and assuming the negotiations are not done by September, student starting this fall should be fine too. The lower tuition fees would still apply to them.

Assuming the UK still wants access to the Single Market I imagine they will join the EEA which would also grant students the lower tuition fees and all rights of EU students.

The problem of course is the uncertain times till that has been fully negotiated. Till then we cannot say anything for sure. And the negotiations may last a while. The EU will want to set a precedent and make it clear to other countries that things will not be made easier for you if you leave.



Checklist for University

1. AS & A level results

- ☐ Am I likely to come near the grades/points they are asking for?
- ☐ Do I meet the specific subject requirements for the course?

2. The course

- ☐ Does the course contain those aspects of the subject I definitely want to study and avoid those I do not want? Courses with the same course title at different universities often have very different course contents.
- ☐ Is the course taught and assessed in a way which suits me? Do I prefer lots of contact with the lecturers, or being left largely to my own devices? Do I prefer more course work assessment to almost total dependence on written examination assessment?
- ☐ What is the length of the course?
- ☐ How flexible is the course and how much choice do I have in what I study?
- ☐ Is there an opportunity for work placement as part of the course? If there is, will I have to find the placement myself or will the university find it?
- ☐ If I want sponsorship, can I get help from the university?
- ☐ Does the course lead to any professional qualifications which are recognised by the relevant professional bodies?
- ☐ What are the job prospects with a degree from this university?
- ☐ If I want to learn a foreign language do I have the opportunity?
- ☐ Are there opportunities to study part of the course abroad?

3. The University environment

- ☐ Do I want to be in a city, on the outskirts of a town or in the countryside?
- ☐ Do I require certain facilities such as a cinema, a theatre, an art gallery, a concert hall etc. to be nearby?
- ☐ How far is the university from my home? I'll need to get home sometimes for family events such as birthdays.
- ☐ How easy is it to get to the university by road or by public transport?



4. Accommodation

- ☐ Most universities guarantee first year accommodation but what do they mean by University accommodation and where exactly is it?
- ☐ If the accommodation is some way from the academic centre, how do I travel, how long does it take and how much does it cost?
- ☐ What help is there with accommodation after the first year?
- ☐ What form does the accommodation take? It can be in the 'in hall' system where meals are provided but will I find this restricting? If it is self-catering, will I starve?
- ☐ Will I have to share accommodation?
- ☐ What about cooking and laundry facilities

5. Costs

- ❑ What is the cost of accommodation and what does it include? Do not assume that it is cheap to live in the North and expensive in the South.
- ❑ Will I be able to get a Saturday job if I want one to help with the finances?
- ❑ How much is it going to cost me to travel home?
- ❑ What are costs like in the Students' Union?
- ❑ What bursaries does the university offer?

6. Leisure

- ❑ If I'm interested in certain sports, what facilities does the university offer and are they within walking distance or ten miles away?
- ❑ Do I need to be near the sea or close to mountains to pursue my particular sporting interests?
- ❑ If I'm interested in music, can I join the orchestra or sing in the choir without being a music student?
- ❑ Are there opportunities to take up a new interest or sport and receive suitable coaching?
- ❑ If I'm interested in radio broadcasting or journalism, will I be able to work on the student radio or magazine?

Institutions

- ❑ **Higher Education** Course at an institution, which leads to a post advanced course qualification (E.g. Degree, Foundation Degree, Diploma in Higher Education, etc.)
- ❑ **University** Institution which provides primarily academic courses leading to degrees and in some cases other Higher Education qualifications (E.g. HND)
- ❑ **Oxbridge** The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge
- ❑ **Colleges and Institutes of Higher Education** A variety of institutions, which offer degrees validated by a local university.
- ❑ **Campus University** Style of more modern university design, where the university is situated on a green field site outside a city, has large grounds with all buildings, accommodation, lecture rooms, laboratories, Union buildings together (Surrey and Sussex are examples).
- ❑ **Collegiate University** A large traditional university comprising a group of colleges each of which has its own character and teaching staff (E.g. Oxford, Cambridge, Durham and York).
- ❑ **College of Technology/Technical College** Further Education institutions providing mostly vocational courses for full and part-time students for diploma or other certificated qualification. Some colleges also provide degree courses validated by a local university.
- ❑ **Russell Group** This is an association of 20 major research-intensive universities of the UK. These universities are Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Imperial College, King's College, Leeds, Liverpool, LSE, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Queen's (Belfast), Oxford, Sheffield, Southampton, UCL, Warwick.



Degree Structure

- ❑ **Single** One subject.
- ❑ **Joint** Two subjects studied equally.
- ❑ **Combined** Two or three subjects studied in varying proportions.
- ❑ **Foundation/Access/Conversion Course** One year course for students lacking appropriate A-level qualifications (does not necessarily guarantee progression to degree study).
- ❑ **Foundation Degree** These degrees were introduced in 2001 and are learning degrees delivered by further education colleges, universities and other training institutions working in partnership. Students will often study at a further or higher education college, but their degree will be validated by a university.
- ❑ **Modular** Self-contained units, minimum number required to be studied, mix and match.
- ❑ **Vocational** Directly linked to a career.
- ❑ **Sandwich** Practical experience included.
- ❑ **Sponsorship** Schemes by which some industrial and professional organisations find financial assistance for some courses. Competitive. May involve a commitment to working for the organisation
- ❑ **International element** Chance to study and work abroad.



BHASVIC University Application Timeline

Spring Term 2017	<p>Is HE for me? A1-A2 Transfer Higher Education/Specialist evenings for parents/carers Careers staff available UCAS Apply opens 24th May for Sept 2018 Entry</p>
Summer Term 2017	<p>Research skills / University focus in tutor Open days Careers Enrichment Day Careers staff available Intro to Personal Statements Help me write your reference</p>
Autumn Term 2017	<p>UCAS Apply – applications can be submitted 6th September College Internal Deadline for Oxbridge / Medics 15th September FINAL UCAS deadline for Oxbridge Medics deadline 15th October College Internal Deadline for all guaranteed UCAS applications Friday 24th November References and Personal Statements reviewed in tutor / Apply sessions</p>
Spring Term 2018	<p>FINAL UCAS Application deadline 15th January Focus in tutor on accommodation / Finance / Independent Living UCAS Extra opens 25th February FINAL UCAS Application deadline for art / design foundation courses 24th March (check individual institutions) Offers and replies</p>
Summer Term 2018	<p>Deadline for University replies and offers UCAS Apply - if you receive all decisions by 31st March, reply by 4th May UCAS Apply - 5th May Uni/college decisions due on applications submitted 15th Jan – 5th May UCAS Apply - If you receive all decisions by 5th May, reply by 8th June UCAS Clearing - Applications received after 30th June into Clearing UCAS Apply - Last date to apply in Extra – 4th July UCAS Clearing opens – 5th July</p>
Results Day 2018	<p>16^h August 2018 – BHASVIC Helpdesk opens UCAS Adjustment opens UCAS Apply 31st August Offer conditions must be met & Adjustment ends Final deadline for 2018 entry applications – 20th September 2018</p>

COURSE ANALYSIS FORM 1

Course title _____

Name of institution _____

Degree/Award _____ Duration of Course _____

Course requirements _____ Grades/Points _____

Number of places available _____ Number of applicants _____

FULL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE AND ANALYSIS

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RECREATIONAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

MONEY AVAILABLE IN BURSARIES OR SCHOLARSHIPS

OPEN DAYS

- When are they?
- What questions do you need to know the answers to?

COURSE ANALYSIS FORM 2

Course title _____

Name of institution _____

Degree/Award _____ Duration of Course _____

Course requirements _____ Grades/Points _____

Number of places available _____ Number of applicants _____

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