



**Careers Information Guide for Students
and Parents/Carers**

<p>Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships</p>	<p>The National Apprenticeship Service page is the main site for researching vacancies and making applications https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</p> <p>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</p> <p>The latest apprenticeship campaign from the National Apprenticeship Service - find out more: https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/</p> <p>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/</p> <p>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/</p> <p>News Articles from Amazing Apprenticeships http://amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/Top-100-final-small.pdf</p> <p>Apprenticeships in Sussex can help young people to search for apprenticeship, traineeship and pre-employment training in Sussex http://www.apprenticeships-in-sussex.com/</p> <p>Rate my apprenticeship has reviews of employers and national database of vacancies https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/</p> <p>Brighton and Hove Jobs' apprenticeship vacancies in the local area http://www.brightonandhovejobs.com/jobs/apprenticeship/</p> <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>Exploring careers/options</p>	<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> <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> <p>Explore career videos: http://icould.com/</p> <p>Career Planner Questionnaire: https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner</p> <p>SACU Spartan Test: http://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2850</p> <p>Target Careers has information by sector and a parents section of the website https://targetcareers.co.uk/</p> <p>Explore jobs related to different degrees through Prospects https://www.prospects.ac.uk/</p> <p>OCR Careers page for learners and parents http://www.ocr.org.uk/ocr-for/learners-and-parents/careers/</p> <p>Careers websites offering information on a range of options https://www.brightknowledge.org/ http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/ https://successatschool.org/</p> <p>Resource for parents http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/</p>
<p>Distance Learning</p>	<p>Short courses which may be helpful: https://www.futurelearn.com https://www.khanacademy.org/ http://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses https://www.codecademy.com/</p> <p>Distance learning higher education courses http://www.open.ac.uk/</p>

<p>Finding work</p>	<p>Employability advice: https://www.barclayslifeskills.com/ http://beach.brightonandhovejobs.com/</p> <p>Part-time work (we do not recommend that students undertake any more than 12 hours work whilst completing their studies). The College is not responsible for vacancies advertised on external websites. Individuals should take their own steps in ensuring the validity of the opportunity when contacting any of the advertised groups or individuals: https://www.reed.co.uk/ and https://www.indeed.co.uk/ https://www.cv-library.co.uk/ https://www.gumtree.com/part-time-jobs/brighton Agency Central Recruitment Agencies and Jobs http://www.agencycentral.co.uk/</p> <p>CVs and Covering letters: https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/get-a-job/cv-sections http://beach.brightonandhovejobs.com/applying-for-a-job/your-cv/ https://www.reed.co.uk/career-advice/ https://www.barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-to-use-my-online-presence-to-get-ahead/started-work/cv-builder</p>
<p>Further education</p>	<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>Adult education providers: https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/community-learning-team/adult-learning-providers-and-courses</p>
<p>Gap Year</p>	<p>These websites below offer general advice on taking a gap year and do not include specialist company websites.</p> <p>http://gapadvice.org/ http://www.gap-year.com/ https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year https://www.gov.uk/guidance/gap-year-foreign-travel-advice https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/ http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/search-beta/?tsr-search-query=gap+year https://www.studential.com/gap-year-guide https://successatschool.org/advice/gap-years</p>
<p>Not in Education, Training or Employment (NEET)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Brighton and Hove Youth Employability Service: http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/youth-service/youth-employability-service</p> <p>East Sussex Connexions: https://www.c360.org.uk/education/careers/criconnexions</p> <p>West Sussex Find It Out Centres: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/your-space/life/finditout-centres/</p> <p>The Prince's Trust runs offers support and runs programmes to build skills and work experience https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/</p> <p>National Citizen Service summer programme for 16 - 17 year olds http://www.ncsy.es.co.uk/</p>
<p>Qualifications</p>	<p>Government page on what qualifications levels mean https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels</p> <p>Informed choices http://russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/</p>
<p>School/College Leaver Schemes</p>	<p>https://www.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk/ http://www.thebigchoice.com/School_College_Leavers http://www.milkround.com/jobs/school-college-leaver-schemes/#browsing https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/</p>

<p>Starting your own business</p>	<p>Young Enterprise https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/about-us/young-enterprise-by-region/south-east/</p> <p>Young Start-Up talent http://youngstartuptalent.co.uk/about/</p>
<p>University</p>	<p>You can also find useful information on the University Applications section of the Parents and Carers page of the website.</p> <p>University information http://www.ucas.com/</p> <p>Specific sites for parents https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/ucas-undergraduate-parents-and-guardians http://www.parentadviser.co.uk/</p> <p>Choosing a course http://www.whatuni.com/ http://university.which.co.uk/ http://www.prospects.ac.uk/index.htm https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/</p> <p>Unistats compares data on courses such as how the course is taught/ assessed, average salaries after the course, cost of accommodation etc. https://unistats.direct.gov.uk/</p> <p>League Tables https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/</p> <p>University Taster Courses University Taster courses can be a good way to experience the academic and social life at university before completing an application https://www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/learn-about-uni-taster-course http://www.london.ac.uk/5197.html https://www.unitasterdays.com/ http://mystudentevents.com/</p> <p>Pure Potential http://purepotential.org/parents-teachers/offering-support/</p> <p>What can I do with my degree? https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree and https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/degree-subjects-your-options and https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-planning/273087-i-have-a-degree-now-what Many graduate employers will not specify what degree subject has been taken but will be interested in the skills/experience acquired during the degree.</p> <p>HE Finance https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview http://university.which.co.uk/advice/advice-for-parents/parents-what-you-need-to-know-about-student-finance https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/content.php?r=5659-Student-Finance</p> <p>The Scholarship Hub provides information on finance, funding and http://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/blog/sponsored-degrees-uk</p>
<p>Volunteering</p>	<p>https://do-it.org/ http://www.communitybase.org/volunteers http://www.bhcommunityworks.org.uk/volunteering/looking-volunteer/</p>
<p>Work Experience</p>	<p>http://www.studentladder.co.uk/</p> <p>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> <p>Local business directories can be a good starting point for gaining contacts in relevant sectors http://www.freeindex.co.uk/south_east/brighton_and_hove/brighton/ https://www.businessinbrighton.org.uk/our-members/members-directory</p>

The **Careers and Next Steps** page of the VLE also contains more subject specific information and access to licensed careers software which can also help students in their research and decision making.