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# WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS AFTER APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINING?

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# STARTING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINING

Much more is expected of you in the workplace and you must balance this with other important aspects of your life.

## Ask yourself:

- Do you have a good understanding of your job role and qualification?
- Is this a role you enjoy?
- Do you have any concerns or find anything challenging?

**Make sure you take time for daily independent study**

**Record and reflect on the opportunities you have taken in your role**

**Speak to your teachers, parents/ carers about any concerns**

# DEVELOPING SKILLS AND CONSIDERING YOUR OPTIONS

Towards the end of your first year, you should start to consider your role. It may be that you have taken an apprenticeship within an industry or related career, but see yourself moving into something different.

## Ask yourself:

- Which skills have you developed in your current role?
- Do your career interests require higher qualifications?
- If so, what are their entry requirements?
- What is available at your current workplace?

**Participate in activities and take responsibilities that enhance the skills you will need for work and further study**

**Try something new with additional training or work shadowing**

**Be proactive - research application deadlines and opportunities**

- If staying at your workplace - confirm a permanent position
- If looking for alternatives - research courses and vacancies
- If applying to university (via UCAS) deadlines are in January (or earlier in October for certain courses e.g. Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry, also courses at The University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge)

## WORK

- Working in a job with or without training but not working towards any further or higher qualifications
- You may be expected to work 35 to 40 hours for a full-time role and will earn the national minimum wage or above
- Some roles may require experience or specific skills in order to progress

## HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS & SCHOOL LEAVER PROGRAMMES

- Working in a specific role, whilst studying towards a higher education level qualification
- Salaries may vary and tuition fees for the qualification are funded by employers/the government
- Available in around 50 subjects from advertising to security intelligence
- Entry requirements vary e.g. 5 GCSEs at a pass rate or above and some require specific A Levels or equivalent

## FURTHER SPECIALISED TRAINING

- Studying a specialist vocational course at a further education college or professional training provider
- Depending on your age, you may need to pay tuition fees - check with individual providers and the Education Funding Agency
- Gain the professional qualifications to enter a specific job role including a chef, tree surgeon, hairdresser and more

## GAP YEAR

- A period of time taken after completing your qualifications at 18 before beginning your next qualification.
- It is important to develop transferable skills during this year to aid future employment or qualifications
- Some people volunteer and learn a new craft such as teaching English as a foreign language or complete various paid or unpaid work experience placements

## DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS & SPONSORED DEGREES

- Combining employment and studying for a full honours degree
- Tuition fees may be funded by employers/the government
- You may be contracted to work for the company for a fixed period of time after completion of your degree
- Available in a range of sectors including Chartered Surveying, Aerospace Engineering and Public Relations
- Entry requirements vary e.g. 5 GCSEs at a pass rate or above and some require specific A Levels or equivalent

## UNIVERSITY

- Study for an undergraduate degree (3 or 4 years) in one of 37,000 subjects at UK universities and colleges
- Tuition fees vary depending on your course and provider, most students take out a student loan to cover tuition fees and costs of living
- Courses can include work placements and overseas study opportunities
- Entry requirements vary e.g. 5 GCSEs at a pass rate or above and some require specific A Levels or equivalent
- Universities and colleges also provide Foundation Degrees to prepare students for undergraduate study

## FOR INSPIRATION

**I Could** - [www.icould.com/buzz](http://www.icould.com/buzz)

Students take the quiz to identify their skills. There are plenty of links to careers Information and videos to watch

**Learn from current students** - [www.heon.org.uk/students](http://www.heon.org.uk/students)

Discover a selection of profiles of current students at the HEON partner universities and colleges.

## RESEARCH CAREERS

**Careerplot** - [www.careerplot.org.uk](http://www.careerplot.org.uk)

Packed with information about higher education and all other pathways. Also a look at different industries and job roles

**Student Ladder** - [www.studentladder.co.uk/Careers](http://www.studentladder.co.uk/Careers)

Articles on a range of careers can be found here with plenty of other information available about progression pathways

**UCAS Careers** - [bit.ly/UCAScareers](http://bit.ly/UCAScareers)

Students can research some job families and find out about work experience and other opportunities

RESEARCH LOCAL  
APPRENTICESHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES

## POST 18 OPTIONS

**HEON Transition Resources** - [www.heon.org.uk/transition](http://www.heon.org.uk/transition)

A selection of different topics to help prepare for your transition into higher education

**Bright Knowledge** - [www.brightknowledge.org](http://www.brightknowledge.org)

Essential information on progression pathways can be found here

**Which? University guide A Level Explorer** - [www.university.which.co.uk/a-level-explorer](http://www.university.which.co.uk/a-level-explorer)

Input current subjects and discover some degree course options, be sure to check the unexpected results

**Moving from BTECs to university study** - [bit.ly/BTECOptions](http://bit.ly/BTECOptions)

Students can explore their options with their BTEC studies

**UCAS** - [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

Students can search through all university courses here

**All About School Leavers** - [www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk)

Apprenticeships, school leaver programmes and sponsored degrees

**What uni?** - [www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com)

A website which compares university and degree courses with rankings, course details and profiles

**Apprenticeships** - [bit.ly/GOVapprentice](http://bit.ly/GOVapprentice)

A gov.uk page full of information about apprenticeships and how to find one

**Not going to uni** - [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

A website packed with information on alternatives to university including apprenticeships, employment and gap years

**The Scholarship Hub** - [www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk](http://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk)

Overview of scholarships, grants and bursaries/ scholarship finder/ degree apprenticeships and industries

**Informed Choices** - [www.informedchoices.ac.uk](http://www.informedchoices.ac.uk)

Informed Choices brings together guidance from admissions teams at Russell Group universities to give pupils clear information about the subjects they should consider if they are hoping to progress to a competitive university

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UNIVERSITY COURSES  
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PROVIDERS

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1ST YEAR OF WORK

AUTUMN 1ST YEAR OF WORK

SPRING 1ST YEAR OF WORK

SUMMER 1ST YEAR OF WORK

AUTUMN 2ND YEAR OF WORK

SPRING & SUMMER 2ND YEAR OF WORK



## AFTER YOUR APPRENTICESHIP

Progress on to your chosen path

## GET YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

Complete your portfolio and all units of work

## MAKING APPLICATIONS

Research courses and vacancies  
Check entry requirements or required experience  
Find out about college and university (UCAS) deadlines

## MAKING YOUR NEXT CHOICES

<p><b>Work</b> A job with or without training</p>	<p><b>Higher Apprenticeships &amp; School Leaver Programmes</b> Equivalent to higher education level study in the workplace, with release to a local higher education training provider</p>	<p><b>Further Specialised Training</b> Studying a specialist vocational course at a specialist or further education college</p>	<p><b>GAP Year</b> Time out to develop life and work experience</p>	<p><b>Degree Apprenticeships &amp; Sponsored Degrees</b> Sponsored by a company to study towards a degree or foundation degree at university</p>	<p><b>University</b> Studying for a degree or foundation degree at a university or higher education provider</p>
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## BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR CHOICES

Research careers and job roles  
Where does your current apprenticeship lead?  
What qualifications does your ideal career require?

## DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

What skills have you developed so far?  
Does your current role suit you?

Leave to pursue alternate apprenticeships or courses

Continue with your chosen training course

## HOW IS YOUR APPRENTICESHIP GOING?

Are you on target and enjoying your training course?  
Discuss any concerns with tutor, supervisor and your parents/carers

## STARTING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINING

Create good habits – get the most out of your role  
What do you enjoy most about your role?