



Whitworth Careers Information, Advice and Guidance 2017/18

Year 11 Pupils, Parents and Guardians

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Year 11: What you need to do

Life decisions are difficult, how do we know if our decision is right? The answer is making sure your decision is **'well informed'**. So this year it's your job to make sure you are well informed about yourself and your options. If you're clear about what you want and what your options are, you should be able to make the best choice for you. Applying and attending interviews commits you to nothing and provides you with the detailed information you need. You don't need to make your final decision until you pick up your GCSE results, so here are some tips on how to get well informed:

Attend as many college/sixthform/training provider events as you can.

Volunteer, get involved, experience work whenever and wherever you can. Capitalise on every opportunity! This will help you learn about yourself and what you like and dislike.

Check application deadlines for the options you are considering.

Apply from October to December 2017. Applying early gives a good first impression and proves that you're keen and organised. Applying commits you to nothing, at any point you can cancel your application.

Attend all your interviews. It's very easy to attend your first interview and think 'I'm sorted' and cancel remaining interviews, but you may be missing out on an opportunity that is perfect for you. The interview provides you with really detailed information, helping you to get well informed so attend all your interviews, even if you think you've made up your mind. Remember, attending interviews commits you to nothing.

Talk to your Careers Advisor Miss Grenaghan who works in school every Friday. Drop in anytime during lunch for a quick chat or request a careers interview through your tutor.

Your Options Explained

You have to be in some form of education or training until you're 18. Here are the options that help you achieve this:

- A Levels
- Apprenticeship/traineeships/on job training
- Vocational Courses such as BTECs
- Armed Forces

A Levels

A Levels are similar to GCSEs in that you study 3 to 4 different subjects at the same time; they are often in subject areas you have heard of before like Maths, English, Chemistry etc; you study the theory, often working alone so you will need to be self motivated; you will be assessed by taking big exams at the end of the year and they are a great way to keep your options open and are the traditional route to University.

Most people who progress to study A Levels cope well on the course if they've achieved a majority of grade 6s in their GCSEs.

Most A Level programmes take 2 years to complete and they are a Level 3 Qualification, which means that you can progress to University after completion. All colleges and sixth form will require different GCSE grades for entry on to each A Level so you must look on the college/sixthform website or prospectus for the specific details. But as a general rule most establishments will require at least 5 GCSE's grade 9-4 and probably grade 6s for the majority of subjects.

Apprenticeships/Traineeships

If you want to go straight into work, get onto the career ladder and start earning your first wage then this is the route for you. You have to be employed to do an apprenticeship, and this can be the most challenging element when applying for this route. You can apply to colleges or training providers who will help you find an employer. They will help you with your CV and arrange interviews with employers. You should also apply directly to employers yourself. Again, depending on your employer you may be given time off work each week to go to college/training provider to study or your trainer may come to you in work, or you may be in college for a few months before you start work with your employer.

Apprenticeships have no set length for completion, as the time taken depends on the ability of the apprentice and the employer's requirements. Your wage will vary depending on what your employer can offer, but the minimum pay is £3.50 per hour, but many earn more and many receive significant wage increases once they complete their qualification. Apprenticeships are offered at Level 2 and Level 3 which means you can still progress to University to study Foundation Degrees and Higher Apprenticeships.

Employers are usually looking for people with an excellent aptitude for work and grade 4/5 in Maths and English.

Traineeships can help you get onto an apprenticeship if you need to improve your skills and qualifications. Most traineeships are unpaid, but colleges and training providers can sometimes offer you training incentives until you secure an employer and progress to an apprenticeship. www.getingofar.gov.uk is a very useful site for vacancies and further information.

Vocational Qualifications

Vocational courses such as BTECs are offered in subjects related to the world of work e.g. childcare, construction, engineering, hairdressing, catering, business etc. and you study that one subject in great detail. They offer you a mixture of theory and practical application, often providing work experience or regular placements with local employers, equipping you with skills that relate directly to work. Emphasis is put on coursework rather than exams. You'll often be working in teams so you need to be able to work collaboratively.

Vocational courses are offered at all levels, including Level 3, which means you can progress to University after completion.

Vocational courses also make great back up choices because they are offered at all levels, but you should be aiming to get onto the Level 3 programmes and most colleges/sixthforms require 5 GCSE's grade 9-4 including Maths and English. All **colleges and sixth forms** have their own entry requirements for each course and these will be set out in the prospectus or on their website.

Armed Forces

There are opportunities within the armed forces for young people of all abilities, from A* pupils to those not taking GCSEs. The application process is complicated with many age restrictions so please **speak to Miss Grenaghan** if you want to pursue this path and /or visit the following websites.

http://www.army.mod.uk/training_education/6959.aspx

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/>

<http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/get-ready-to-join>

Qualification Levels Explained

LEVEL 8	Doctorate PhD				
LEVEL 7	Master's Degree MA, MSc, MPhil				
LEVEL 6	University Degree BA, BSc				
LEVEL 5				Foundation Degree FdA, FdSc	HND
LEVEL 4					HNC
LEVEL 3	A-Level A2 AS	L3 Extended Diploma (National Diploma)	Advanced Apprenticeship		
LEVEL 2	GCSE Grades 4-9	L2 Diploma (1st Diploma)	Apprenticeship		
LEVEL 1	GCSE Grades 1-3	L1 Diploma (Foundation)	Traineeship		
ENTRY LEVEL 3	Key Stage 3	E3 Diploma (Foundation)			

Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteering either at school or in your own time is a great way to learn more about yourself, your skills and abilities, your likes and dislikes. It also challenges you to develop your personal qualities and employability skills. It can also be a great way to learn more about the world of work. Volunteering essentially gives you the information you need to help you make informed decisions. Here are some ideas and opportunities that you could get involved in this year.



The National Citizenship Scheme Team will be coming in to school to talk to you about some great volunteering opportunities to get involved with once your exams have finished in July. This might help you make some final decisions about your next step.

do-it.org is the UK's biggest online data base of volunteering opportunities. Use the website to find volunteering opportunities near you at www.do-it.org.uk



FAQs

Q: How do I apply?

A: You usually find application forms in the prospectuses which are given out at careers fairs and open events. Alternatively, see Ms Grenaghan or go onto the college/sixthform/training provider website and you may be able to apply online. After you have sent off your application wait to get an acknowledgement that they have received it. If you don't receive an acknowledgement please call the college/sixth form/training provider and you may be able to complete one over the phone. Most people start to apply in October once they have attended open events and career fairs.

Q: Can I apply to more than one college/sixth form/training provider?

A: Yes – it's advisable to apply to 1-3 places with different entry requirements, so you have a back-up plan if you don't get the grades you need for your first choice

Q: What's the difference between a college, sixthform and training provider?

A: Sixthforms are usually attached to a school although not always; they usually specialise in A Levels and tend to be small when compared with colleges. Colleges tend to offer a wider range of courses including BTECs and apprenticeships; they tend to be bigger than sixthforms, offering great facilities. Training providers specialise in apprenticeships and traineeships; they all have links with different employers to when applying for apprenticeships it's a good idea to apply to as many as possible.

Q: Should I check up on times and dates of open evenings / days before going to any of them?

A: Yes – the dates in this booklet were compiled in July so organizations can sometimes change dates and times. Always ring up or check the website beforehand.

Q: Do I need a Record of Achievement/Progress File?

A: Yes, tutors like to see things like attendance certificates, effort grades in reports, estimated grades etc when you attend interview so create a folder where you can keep all these documents safe.

Q: Do you have to be Catholic to go to St. Mary's College?

A: No.

Q: When should I apply for college/sixth form?

A: October/November onwards- early applicants get the most choice.

Q: When should I apply for an apprenticeship?

A: Apply to colleges and training providers October to November 2016, however, you won't start to attend interviews with employers until after the Christmas break. Some employers might not start looking for apprentices until after the Easter break.

Q: What colleges/sixth forms/training providers can I apply to?

A: This booklet only gives the main ones that our pupils have chosen in the past but there are plenty more that you can apply to should you wish.

Q: How can I book a careers interview for unbiased information and guidance?

A: See Ms Grenaghan at lunchtime or ask your tutor to arrange a careers interview for you.

Open Events and Contact Information 17/18

Do check websites or call establishment a few days before the event as times and dates do occasionally change!

Accrington & Rossendale College of Further Education

Telephone: 01254 354354

- Tuesday 26th September 2017, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- Monday 16th October 2017, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- Thursday 16th November 2017, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- Apprenticeship Information Evenings Tuesday 10th October 2017 and 16th January 2018.

Students can apply on-line through the website or by using the application form in the prospectus

www.accross.ac.uk

Accrington Academy Sixth Form

Telephone: 01254 304300

www.accrington-academy.org:

- Monday 9th October 6th form, open evening
- Monday 4th December. 6th Form Open Evening

Apply online through website or using the link <https://accrington-academy.org/sixth-form/apply-now/>

Accrington Stanley FC

No open evenings as such - interested students are invited in for a chat with their parents. More info about the course can be found here: www.stanleytrust.co.uk/futsal-education-scholarships/

Alder Grange Sixth Form

- Thursday 16th November 2017 – Sixth Form Open Evening
- Friday 17th November 2017 – Sixth Form Taster Day
- Saturday 28th April 2018 – Sixth Form Drop-in Session

Please ring or visit webpage for events . <http://ag6form.co.uk/>

Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School

- BRGS Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 12th October 2017
- Deadline for Applications – Friday 19th January 2018

Application forms will be available online at www.brgs.org.uk

NB you **REALLY NEED** to go to the open evening

Blackburn College of Further Education & Sixth Form

- Thursday 3rd October – 4.30 – 7.30pm
- Saturday 21st October – 10am – 2pm
- Tuesday 21st November – 4.30 – 7.30pm
- Tuesday 27th February – 4.30 – 7.30pm
- Website - <http://www.blackburn.ac.uk/>

Applications can be online or paper – paper application forms can found in prospectus. Telephone: 01254 55144

British Aerospace Systems

The Academy for Skills & Knowledge, Samlesbury, from September 2017 onwards. Events also advertised via face book and twitter

“The World of BAE Systems” – careers events

- 14th October 2017
- 2nd December 2017

Apprentice Recruitment Events

- 26th October 2017
- 16th November 2017
- 13th December 2017

Get Into Engineering Events

January 2018 (2 events during January – dates tbc)

BAE Systems

http://www.baesystems.com/article/BAES_156624/our-apprenticeship-schemes?_afLoop=1056647322053000

Bolton

Thursday 12th October 2017, 4.30pm - 8pm

Wednesday 22nd November 2017, 4.30pm - 8pm

Wednesday 7th February 2018, 4.30pm - 8pm

BT apprenticeships: www.bt.com/apprentices

Burnley College of Further Education & Sixth Form

- Wed 27th September 2017 main open event 5.30-8.30pm
- Tues 10 October 2017 : main open event 5.30-8.30pm
- Thurs 9th November 2017 main open event 5.30-8.30pm
- Tuesday 30 January 2018 Themis apprenticeship open event 5.30-8.30
- Wed 2nd May 2018 year 8, 9 and 10 open event 5.30-8.30pm
- 31 March 2018 priority application deadline date

Telephone: 01282 711222

Apply on-line via www.burnley.ac.uk or via application form

Bury

Wednesday 4th October 2017 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Tuesday 10th October 2017 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Saturday 11th November 2017 - 11.00am to 1.00pm

Cardinal Newman College

- Sat 7th October 2017: 10am – 2pm open day
- Mon 23rd October 2017 open evening
- Thurs 23rd November 2017 open evening
- Thurs 1st February 2018 open evening

www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events/

College website: www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk Online application to Cardinal Newman College from the first week in October

<http://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/apply/> Lark Hill, Preston, PR1 4HD . Tel: (0)1772 460 181. Closing date is 10th February 2018.

Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Sixth Form

- **Wednesday 15th November 2017 from 5.30 – 8.00 p.m.**

Students are welcome to come themselves or with their parents/carers.

Deadline for applying to join the Sixth Form Friday 12th January 2018. Contact 01200 423118 for more information.

Individual visits to the Sixth Form can be arranged for students and parents/carers.

Craven College and The Aviation Academy at LBIA

Planned Open Events for 17/18: www.craven-college.ac.uk/events. Open Evenings all campuses:

- Mon 16th October 2017, 5:30pm-7:30pm, all campuses
- Tues 28th November 2017, 5:30pm-7:30pm, all campuses
- Mon 29th January 2018, 5:30pm-7:30pm, all campuses
- Tues 20 March 2018, 5:30pm-7:30pm, all campuses

Contact number: 01756 791 411

Website: www.craven-college.ac.uk

Official website: www.craven-college.ac.uk

Aviation Academy website: www.theaviationacademy.co.uk

Apply on-line via www.craven-college.ac.uk or by application form: the earlier the better.

Croft End Equestrian Centre

Knott Lanes,
Oldham,
Lancashire,
OL8 3JD
Telephone: 0161 624 2849
<http://www.croft-end.com/education>

Fleetwood Nautical College via <http://www.blackpool.ac.uk/nautical>

Check site for open events

Haslingden High School

Thursday 19th October 5:30pm - 7:30pm
<http://haslingdensixth.com/>

Holy Cross

Admissions
Tel: 0161 762 4510
Email: admissions@holycross.ac.uk

Hopwood

Saturday 7 October 2017 – 10am-2pm
Wednesday 15 November 2017 – 4pm-7pm
Saturday 3 February 2018 – 10am-2pm
Thursday 26 April 2018 – 4pm-7pm
Saturday 19 May 2018 – 11am-3pm (Middleton Campus Only)
Thursday 9 August 2018 – 10am-3pm

Just Childcare

If students wish to be added to a mailing list for vacancy alerts they can direct message on Facebook leaving their email address using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/JustChildcare>

Apprenticeships vacancies will be posted on the careers page on website

<http://www.justchildcare.co.uk/careers/#apprenticeships>

Lancaster Royal Grammar

Lancaster Royal Grammar School Sixth Form

Apply online at www.lrgs.org.uk

- Applications close 31 January 2018
- Open Evening in October 2017

Visit our website for details and to view our prospectus.

Mantra Learning

Motor Vehicle Specialist Training Provider in Apprenticeships

Telephone: 0333 220 6646

www.mantralearning.co.uk/

Manchester College

North Manchester – Tuesday 3 October 2017 5-8pm

South Manchester – Wednesday 4 October 2017 5-8pm

Central Manchester – Thursday 5 October 2017 5-8pm

Myerscough College

Advice Mornings/Open Events:

- Saturday 9th September 2017 Open Event
- Saturday 7th October 2017 Open Event
- Saturday 11th November 2017 Open Event
- Saturday 9th December 2017 Open Event
- Myerscough Country Fair Open Day 10th June 2018

Other advice mornings will be planned after the December date.

Website: www.myerscough.ac.uk

Contact details: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk or 0800 652 5592

Closing Dates: 31st March 2018. The college operates a 'waiting list policy' for courses that fill up prior to the publication of GCSE results. Departments allocate places on the waiting list either in a first-come first-served basis or according to the strength of the application and/or interview.

How to apply: Apply via Myerscough College's website <http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/further-education-school-leavers/> or a paper-based application: phone the course enquiry line (0800 652 5592)

National Apprenticeship Site

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/>

<https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

National Apprenticeship Week is 5-12th March 2018.

Nelson & Colne College of Further Education and Sixth Form

Telephone: 01282 440209 www.nelson.ac.uk

Check websites- dates not available

North Lancs Training Group (Apprenticeship Providers)

Visit the website or ring them up- they will show you round at any time. www.nltg.co.uk Please contact Ali Shah for a one-to-one interview and IAG on apprenticeships on 01254 395355.

Oldham Sixth Form

Saturday 7th October 10am – 2pm and Monday 16th October 5pm – 8pm

Oldham College

<http://www.oldham.ac.uk/schoolleavers/>

Tel: 0161 785 4000

E-mail: info@oldham.ac.uk

Preston College of Further Education and Sixth Form

Telephone: 01772 225522

Apply on-line via www.preston.ac.uk or by application form

This year's dates not available

<http://www.prodirectsocceracademy.com/courses-pdf/Pro-Direct-Soccer-Academy-NW-Scholarships.pdf>

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Sixth Form Academy

Telephone: 01254 686307

- Sixth Form Open Evening Tuesday 26th September 2017 5.00-9.00pm

Applications <http://qegsblackburn.com/admissions/how-to-apply/sixth-form-application> from 5th September 2017. Apply online on school website :-www.qegsblackburn.com

Remit

www.remit.co.uk

Motor Industry Training and Apprenticeships and other areas

Rochdale Sixth Form

Saturday 7 October 2017 – 10am-2pm

Thursday 16 November 2017 – 4pm-7pm

Rochdale Training

Apprenticeship provider, visit their website via www.rochdaletraining.co.uk/apprenticeships

Royal Army

Apply early in Year 11 as soon as you are 16:

<http://www.army.mod.uk/>

Royal Navy

Apply as soon as you are 16:

<http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/> all recruiting information can be found here. RN Office Manager, AFCO Preston, 52 – 54 Fishergate, Preston, PR1 8BH. Tel: 01772 555675 Mob: 07900 706039

RWP

Business Administration, Teaching Assistant, Childcare, Health & Social Care. Open evenings and taster sessions will be advertised on Facebook page and website. Apply via website using an online application form www.rwp.co.uk. Contact is Michelle Chambers 01706 260914.

St Christopher's High School Sixth Form

- Sixth Form Open Evening, 6:00 – 8:00pm – Wednesday 11th October 2017
- **Sixth Form Student Led Open Evening – TBC**

Website - <http://www.st-christophers.org/Sixth-Form>

contact **Miss Dicken, Sixth Form Admissions Secretary 01254 380527**

The deadline for applications Friday 12th January 2018

how to apply – We accept applications via online through our website and also completed written applications (see sixth form for the relevant form)

St Mary's College, Blackburn

Telephone: 01254 580464

It is expected that a parent/carer goes with you for this visit.

Apply on-line via www.stmarysblackburn.ac.uk or via application form

Information Evenings:

- *Thursday 05 October 2017*
- *Thursday 26 October 2017*

Admissions Evenings:

- *Wednesday 06 December 2017*

- *Wednesday 17 January 2018*
- *Wednesday 28 February 2018*

St Wilfrid's Church of England High School Sixth Form

Telephone: 01254 604162

Open dates to be confirmed www.saintwilfrids.co.uk/sixthform.htm

Stanley Trust:

www.stanleytrust.co.uk/futsal-education-scholarships/

Ring to arrange a visit with parent/carer

The Skills Company

Apprenticeship provider, visit their website via www.theskillsco.com/

Thomas Whitham Sixth Form

Telephone: 01282 682272

Open dates to be confirmed

Training 2000 (Apprenticeship Training Provider)

31 Oct	2.30 – 6pm	drop in centre to discuss apprenticeships
7 & 8 Feb	4 – 6 pm	Open Evening showcasing all our apprenticeships and programmes - employers to attend
18 April	2.30 – 6pm	drop in centre
3 July	2.30 – 6pm	drop in centre

Telephone: 01254 586534 Blackburn Site

Telephone: 01282 724200 Nelson Site

Online applications commence January 2017 for apprenticeships starting in September 2018

www.training2000.co.uk

Westholme School Sixth Form

Telephone: 01254 506070

www.westholmeschool.com

Sixth Form Open Evening – September (date and time TBC but will appear on website nearer the time)

- Saturday 7th October 2017 sixth form open day

Sixth Form Taster Day in November for those hoping to join in 2018. and exam on the same day for those who have also applied for a Scholarship. Scholarships are available in Drama, Music, Art & Design and General Academia and are typically worth up to 25% remission of tuition fees.

- October is the scholarship application deadline.

Website: www.westholmeschool.com. 01254 506070 Apply by

completing the 'Register your Interest' form on the website or by calling 01254 506070 and asking for Miss Galvin

Useful Websites

- General Careers Advice

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/youngpeople/Pages/Youngpeople.aspx>

<http://icould.com/>

<https://www.startprofile.com>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

- Apprenticeships and developing employability skills

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.barclayslifeskills.com/>

<https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/>

- University Advice

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>

<http://search.ucas.com/>

- Volunteering

<https://www.do-it.org>

<http://www.ncsthechallenge.org/>



Applying Advice

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- If you can't apply online, it is good practice for you to photocopy your application form and write out a rough copy first so that your final written application is neat. Make sure you read the instructions carefully. If you are asked to use a black pen make sure you use a black pen! A scruffy application form with errors and crossings out does not give a good impression. Check your spelling and grammar before you copy it out in clear handwriting on the original application form.
- If applying online, collect all information you need in advance, such as your estimated grades. If you have to write a personal statement you might find it easier to type into a word document first and then copy and paste your answers so that you can check spelling and grammar in word.

Interview Tips

First Impressions last

Greet your interviewer with a smile, firm handshake and eye contact.

Be prepared

Take a folder to all your interviews with your certificates and evidence of all your achievements.

Use this evidence in your interview to back up what you are saying about yourself and to help remind you of the things you can talk about when asked questions about your skills and qualities.

Research the establishment you are visiting so you are as informed as possible.

Think about why you are interested in this opportunity and what skills and qualities you might be asked about in the interview. For example, if you are being interviewed for a care course the tutor will want you to discuss and evidence your caring skills and qualities and why you are passionate about caring for people.

Be confident

Listen carefully to the questions and answer as fully as you can. Don't waffle – take your time to gather your thoughts. It's better to say you need a minute to think about your answer rather than speak instantly and regret it afterwards.

Why should you be on the course/in the job?

All interviewers look for the right person for the course/job. Be ready to talk about your knowledge, experience, abilities and skills.

Be positive

Your interviewer will be thinking about what it would be like to have you on their course/as an employee, so won't want to hear negative comments/ lack of enthusiasm. Interviewers like to see someone who enjoys a challenge and is enthusiastic.

Body Language

It's not what you say but how you say it. During the interview don't slouch, lean back, fold your arms or look down. Sit upright, make eye contact, use your hands and lean forward when making a point.

Develop rapport

Show energy, a sense of humour and smile. 😊

Clarify anything you are unsure of

If you are not certain what is meant by a particular question, say so. This shows confidence.

Remember your manners

Be polite at the interview, this will be noted and remembered. "Please" and "Thank you!"

Questions you may be asked at interview



What are your predicted grades?

Take your predicted grades, last school report, estimated grades, mock exam results or already achieved grades to your interview. The interviewer will wish to see if you meet the entry requirements.

Why do you want to do this course/job?

Interviewers use this question to see if you have done your homework and thought about your future. Do you really want to do it?

What are your strengths?

This is your chance to say what makes you stand out from the next person and why they should pick you over anybody else.

What work experience do you have?

You may have a part-time job, taken part in work experience either organised by yourself or through school, volunteered etc. Discuss areas of this experience that you enjoyed and how much you learned. This will demonstrate to the interviewer that you have a good work ethic.



Describe a problem you have faced and how you solved it.

This is a tough question that is common in interviews. Interviewers are looking for your critical thinking skills and to see if you can find solutions.

Tell me about yourself

The interviewer is trying to figure you out professionally. Pick a couple of points about yourself in relation to what you want to do in the future. The interviewer will **not** wish to know which games console you use and that you hang around with your mates!

Questions YOU may wish to ask at interview

"Which enhancement courses are available?"

(e.g. volunteering projects, first aid, Duke of Edinburgh)

This tells the interviewer that you are interested in extra courses within the college/sixth form and want to have the opportunity to explore different activities.

"What is the dress code?"

Different colleges and training providers will have different views on appropriate dress wear. Different courses may require overalls or uniforms: for example motor vehicle engineering, hair dressing, catering.

"Is there a full induction onto the course and the college?"

Inductions onto courses are always important, making sure health and safety issues are covered to ensure that your time spent at college is safe and enjoyable.

"What can this course lead to?"

It is important to know what options are available to you after the course so you may know your progression route to reach your career goals.

"How am I assessed?"

Will there be exams? When are the exams? Is the course work assessed during the year or assessed at the end?

“May I contact you if I have further questions?”

It’s always good to end an interview with this question. It keeps the door open for future communication.

Money Matters

There have been many recent changes in funding for people studying. The latest links we have are below: keep an eye on the national press for updates.

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/ExtraHelp/index.htm>

http://practitioners.studentfinanceengland.co.uk/portal/page?_pageid=133,4210365&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes>

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/index.htm>