Post 18 Options

**Looking Ahead** 



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•An academic course that's usually studied at a higher education institution. Learn through lectures, seminars, group projects and independent study.

There's <u>funding</u> available to support you and you can study full or parttime.

 Location: At a university, college or online. You could go away to study, stay local or go abroad.
Duration: 3 to 4 years

•Entry requirements: Universities set their own entry requirements. You'll usually need A Levels or equivalent qualifications

•Qualifications: Ordinary or honours degree

 Leads to: Postgraduate taught or research degrees, professional qualifications, graduate employment

- https://www.ucas.com/
- The Complete University Guide



A gap year offers you the opportunity to gain skills and experiences, while giving you time to reflect and focus on what you want to do next.

•A productive gap year can be valuable on your CV – many employers value the experiences students have gained if they've actively managed their time, set themselves goals, and stretched themselves.

•A gap year can also enhance your higher education studies – if you decide to apply for uni, you could tailor your gap year to relate it to the subject area you plan to study.

•Admissions tutors know that some students may take a little time to adjust to studying again, but many former gap year students are generally more focused and responsible.

www.gap360.com www.responsibletravel.com www.latitude.org.uk Year in Industry: <u>Placements (age 17 &</u> over) | EDT (etrust.org.uk)

## Apprenticeship 🗙

•Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary. Start at a level to suit you, with support if you have special needs or a disability.

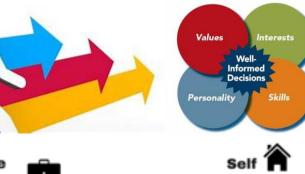
•Location: You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college, training centre or Institute of Technology (IoT) •Duration: A minimum of 1 year

•Entry requirements: Will be dependent on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level

•Qualifications: Apprenticeship certificate, diploma, degree and masters depending on level

•Leads to: Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

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





•Get straight into the working world to start earning. You'll need an up-to-date CV and cover letter. •Location: Workplace or from home

•Duration: Dependent on job offer •Entry

requirements: Requirements differ between employers. You may need qualifications or experience for some jobs.

Creating a CV & Cover Letter <u>CV</u> Format Guide: Examples and Tips | Indeed.com UK

https://barclayslifeskills.com/ CV & Interview techniques help



Are you considering setting up your own business? The Prince's Trust Enterprise programme, helps 18 to 30-year-olds transform their big ideas into a business reality, it is made up of key stages to help you explore if self-employment is right for you.

Kicking off with a free information session, where you'll meet their experienced team and other like-minded people, you'll walk away with a clearer idea of how The Prince's Trust training, mentoring and financial support can help you.

Click here for more information and weigh up advantages and disadvantages of selfemployment vs employment

## ♥ Sponsored Degree/ X Degree Apprenticeship

•A chance to learn and train with a large company while earning a wage. Offered in sectors like accountancy, engineering, finance, IT, law, leisure and retail. Similar to graduate employment schemes run over a longer period of time.

•Location: You'll often rotate between different locations with the same company to get experience and it can include distance learning or time in college or university

## •Duration: 3 to 7 years

•Entry requirements: Usually high-grade A levels or equivalent and a keen interest in the sector you want to work in •Qualifications: A university degree and/or professional qualification •Leads to: Professional employment NGTU – Not going to Uni