

So what can I do after Year 13?



University

Going to university and getting a Degree is a huge advantage on your CV, not just for obtaining your first job but for promotions and company changes. You are working 45 years it is good to have a high level of education to aid your chances of getting the jobs you want.

Statistically graduates tend to earn far more over their career than non graduates.

Back up application - It is worth putting in an application to keep your options open, even if not sure this is your preferred route.

Choosing Subjects:

- Take a subject YOU enjoy/ are interested in. Attend a uni lecture/ virtual in this subject
- Research careers of interest.
- Look through the wide variety of Degrees on offer on the UCAS website, to see which ones look interesting; Event Management, Vinticulture (wine) also Brewing, Ethical Hacking, Animal Psychology, Circus- so many you'd not imagine!

Employment

Apprenticeships – lower hourly rate while training (£3.70 per hour minimum). Higher Apprenticeships often pay better than normal apprenticeships. Degree Apprenticeships allow you to get a Degree while working – however it is hard and takes dedication to do both things at the same time. Advantage of an apprenticeship is that you become qualified.

Employment – after the age of 18 you are legally allowed to have a job without training (an apprenticeship). Look for a job in an area you can travel to, which has prospects for you to be promoted and salary increase. Think about the skills you have and which career area you would like to be in. Ask Miss Friend for a 'What type of job do I want' booklet if unsure.

Ask Miss Friend for booklets on 'How to find an Apprenticeship' Strong CV, 'Interview Skills' & and 'How to Answer Interview Questions'.

Gap Year

If you take a Gap Year do something fun; travel, volunteer abroad, employment experience. Ask Miss Friend for information and advice sheets.

You can still apply now for university but you can apply for "deferred entry" so for the year after. It is great to do this as you research and move forward in your decision with your year group, are helped with complex application and you have a course lined up, so don't need to take time out of your gap year the following Autumn to do an application.

Don't say you want to take a gap year because you 'don't know what you want to do.' Do the research now to move that forward. These decisions often don't just come to you during your gap year, you need to put some time into investigating careers. Putting in a University application for deferred entry makes you do this. If of course during your gap year you change your mind it is easy to cancel

Foundation Degree

Vocationally focussed 2 year courses, can add the third year for a full Degree

Some subjects such as Art require students to do a Foundation Degree.

This is fantastic for creative students as it gives a diverse insight and course breadth into many artistic areas, allowing students to progress onto a full Degree and specialise.

Other Foundation Degrees are great for students who do not have high enough UCAS points to get onto a full Degree straight away, perhaps a subject did not go well resulting in only 2 A Levels.