



# OPTIONS AFTER 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM/COLLEGE

What's next after further education? After 6th form/College, there are lots of opportunities available. Have a look at what the next steps might look like.



## FIND A JOB WITH NO TRAINING

There are lots of jobs you can get now if you do not wish to continue any training or education. Recruitment websites, like 'Monster', 'Indeed' or 'Reed' are good places to see the sorts of salaries you might be looking at, and the type of sectors you could work in without further qualifications.

## SCHOOL LEAVER TRAINING PROGRAMMES

These are often highly competitive as there aren't many around, considering the demand. Often these will be in the financial sector, in tax, auditing or accountancy (Deloitte, PwC and EY often offer these opportunities), though some more practical opportunities do exist. Usually, there will be the expectation that the student will also work on a degree or diplomas and certificates relevant to the specific role. Apprenticeship degrees also exist, where you may find funding from an employer to undertake a specific degree programme.





## HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS

Post-16 apprenticeships are when an employer provides on-the-job training while you earn a (often basic) salary. You would work at least 30 hours per week, while you gain skills in the job. They last at least 12 months, and you would usually be working towards qualification, such as NVQs, certificates or diplomas to prove your competencies.

Apprenticeships are available with a wide range of employers, including with the Armed Forces, IT firms, Sales, HR, Engineering, and many more.

## GO TO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY A DEGREE

Studying for a degree means you have the opportunity to direct your own learning, and study a subject you have chosen, and (hopefully) enjoy! Transferable skills, as well as the academic learning, mean that you'll be more employable when you graduate. Many degree courses offer career opportunities, such as internships, real life work experience and careers modules. You could even choose to do a placement year as part of the course, and get paid for one year while you're learning.

You might choose to live away for the first time, which is an experience in itself, and get a part time job to fund your hobbies. There may also be opportunities to study abroad, participate in local projects, or volunteer in your spare time and during the holidays. If you're worried you don't have the qualifications to go to university, you can look at the Foundation Programmes that are offered by a lot of universities, which lead onto the undergraduate degree programmes.



## PART TIME DEGREES OR OPEN UNIVERSITY

The benefit of a part time degree or doing a remote learning option is that you have time to focus on a job, or volunteer work at the same time. It can be difficult to juggle both at the same time, and it may take you longer to complete a degree qualification through this route, but it means you can study in your own time, while prioritising other things.

## TAKE A YEAR OUT

Remember it's a year out (from education, usually), not a year 'off,' so always make sure you've got a plan for where you're heading after. You may be re-taking exams, learning new skills, or giving your time to something meaningful during this time. In this year, you could get a part time job, look at volunteering at home or abroad, or find projects abroad that you'd like to get involved with. Some people like to work for 6 months, and then get involved with a project, or do some travelling for the other 6 months.

