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THE NEXT STEP - Web Sources

University websites to help in your decision making are:

www.studentbook.org

www.studentuk.com

www.thestudentroom.co.uk - a broad ranging website with excellent links.

www.bestcourse4me.com - this site answers questions such as-What are the benefits of Higher Education? How do the benefits vary? What are the likely employment outcomes?

One of the best websites offering advice on all aspects of higher education is www.universityoptions.co.uk. This is an excellent resource provided by the University of Manchester Careers Service. On the front page you can enter as a student, Parent/Guardian or Advisor/Teacher. Try the section on graduate profiles, these are case studies of recent graduates and includes why they chose their degree and what you can do at university to enhance your job prospects.

The national newspapers have excellent guidelines in their education section. The best ones are The Times Good University Guide, The Guardian University Guide and The Independent University Guide

Another site which covers the majority of Degree subjects is www.prospects.ac.uk – try the section ‘options with your subject’. This site is generally more useful for longer term planning.

A useful website written by students for students is www.push.co.uk . This looks at the ‘why, where, what and how’ of studying.

To help with your UCAS application including the Personal Statement try visiting www.studential.co.uk - but only for ideas and guidance – don’t copy the examples.

MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION

When you have gathered together all the information you require **you should construct your own ‘Which University is best for me’ grid** listing your personal criteria and matching the courses and Universities and colleges to it. This should reduce your choices – remember you can apply for a **MAXIMUM** of 5 courses on your UCAS form.

You need to think carefully about your own personal preferences:

- ❖ What grades does the course require?
- ❖ How far away from home do I want to go?

- ❖ What reputation does the university have for my subject?
- ❖ What are the facilities like for my subject?
- ❖ What have previous graduates gone on to do?
- ❖ Will I get accommodation in my first year?
- ❖ Will I have to cook my own meals in my first year?
- ❖ Does the University have a good night life?
- ❖ Is it a campus University?
- ❖ Do I want to live in a large city?
- ❖ Is there a Premier League football ground?
- ❖ Will I get the opportunity to go abroad as part of the course?
- ❖ Is it a sandwich course?
- ❖ How will I be assessed – continuous assessment? End of course/module exams?
- ❖ How much the fees will cost me and what financial support (including bursaries) will be available?
- ❖ How much will my accommodation cost?

GAP YEAR

You can find a useful list of websites at www.universityoptions.co.uk/students/5/1.asp

The best site when considering a gap year is www.gapyear.com We also have copies of the brochure available in the common room.

You may want to apply for a course that requires relevant work experience e.g. Social Work; you may want to consider volunteering with Community Service Volunteers. Visit www.csv.org.uk

A career in engineering, science or general business may be helped by applying to do a year in industry before going on to higher education. Visit www.yini.org.uk for more information.

WIDER

For a comprehensive guide to colleges, university courses, vocational and apprenticeships and training, try www.hotcourses.com

Career Web Links

Accounting	www4.icaew.co.uk/careers/	
Acting	www.ncdt.co.uk	Brilliant site -lots of important stats
Architecture	www.careersinarchitecture.net	
Art and Design	www.yourcreativefuture.org	Brilliant site. Print off booklet. Includes advice about job prospects.
Biology	www.iob.org	Section on careers with Biology
Chemistry	www.rsc.org/	Advice on careers and courses
Dentistry	www.bda.org/ education	Section on careers
Economics	http://whystudyeconomics.ac.uk/jobs	
Engineering	www.enginuity.org.uk www.raes.org.uk Aeronautical www.icheme.org.uk Chemical www.ice.org.uk Civil www.theit.org/careers Elect/Electronic www.imeche.org.uk Mechanical	Enginuity site covers all Engineering careers
Environmental S	www.environmentalcareers.org.uk	
Forensic Science	www.forensic.gov.uk	Useful advice about entry routes
Geography	www.rqs.org/ Our	Section on using Geog in careers
Geology	www.geolsoc.org.uk	Section on careers
History	www.history.org.uk/ education	Article about careers with
Hospitality	www.springboard.org.uk/ careers	
ICT	www.bcs.org.uk/careers	
Law	www.lcan.org.uk Also www.lnat.ac.uk	Some figures out of date
Maths	www.mathscareers.org.uk	Excellent website
Media	www.skillset.org/careers	Full of brilliant information - needs hours of browsing
Medicine	www.nhscareers.nhs.uk Also www.ukcat.ac.uk Also www.mmc.nhs.uk	mmc website about changes in careers with Medicine
Mod Languages	www.lanquageswork.org.uk/careers	Excellent website
Music	www.ism.org/ careers	Leaflets on 13 different careers with music
Nursing	www.nhscareers.nhs.uk	
Optometry	www.college-optometrists.org/careers	Includes careers section
Radiography	www.sor.org/ public/careerin/careers	
Pharmacy	www.rpsgb.org.uk /acareerinpharmacy	
Physics	www.iop.org/activity/careers	Section on Careers with Physics
Physiotherapy	www.csp.uk/	
Psychology	www.bps.org.uk/careers	Download booklets
Social Work	www.socialworkandcare.co.uk	
Sport	www.skillsactive.com/careers	Website about careers in sport and leisure. Includes case-
Student Book	www.studentbook.org	Guides to UK universities
Surveying	www.rics.org/ careersandinformation	
Teaching	www.tda.gov.uk/ Recruit	

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Cyfrifeg	www4.icaew.co.uk/careers/	
Actio	www.ncdt.co.uk	Safle rhagorol – llawer o ystadegau pwysig
Pensaernïaeth	www.careersinarchitecture.net	
Celf a Dylunio	www.yourcreativefuture.org	Safle rhagorol. Llyfryn y gallwch ei argraffu. Gan gynnwys cyngor am y rhagolygon o gael swydd.
Bioleg	www.iob.org	Adran am yrfaedd gyda Bioleg.
Cemeg	www.rsc.org/	Cyngor am yrfaedd a chyrсияu.
Deintyddiaeth	www.bda.org/education	Adran ar yrfaedd.
Economeg	http://whystudyeconomics.ac.uk/jobs	
Peirianeg	www.enginuity.org.uk	Safle sy'n ymwneud â phob mathau o yrfaedd Peirianeg.
	www.raes.org.uk Aeronautical	
	www.icheme.org.uk Chemical	
	www.ice.org.uk Civil	
	www.theit.org/careers Elect/Electronic	
www.imeche.org.uk Mechanical		
Gwyddorau Amgylcheddol	www.environmentalcareers.org.uk	
Gwyddorau Fforensig	www.forensic.gov.uk	Cyngor defnyddiol am ddulliau mwnediad.
Daearyddiaeth	www.rqs.org/ Our Work/Schools/Students	Adran ar ddefnyddio Daearyddiaeth mewn gyrfaoedd.
Daeareg	www.qeolsoc.org.uk	Adran ar yrfaedd.
Hanes	www.history.org.uk/education	Erthygl am yrfaedd sy'n defnyddio Hanes
Lletygarwch	www.springboard.org.uk/careers	
TGCh	www.bcs.org.uk/careers	
Y Gyfraith	www.lcan.org.uk Also www.lnat.ac.uk	Rhai o'r ffigurau hyn yn hen.
Mathemateg	www.mathscareers.org.uk	Gwefan ragorol.
Cyfrwngau	www.skillset.org/careers	Llawn gwybodaeth ddefnyddiol - oriau o waith darllen.
Meddyginiaeth	www.nhscareers.nhs.uk Also	Gwefan mmc am newidiadau yn y byd meddygaeth.
	www.ukcat.ac.uk Also www.mmc.nhs.uk	
Ieithoedd Modern	www.lanquageswork.org.uk/careers	Gwefan ragorol
Cerddoriaeth	www.ism.org/careers	Taflenni am 13 o wahanol yrfaedd yn ymwneud â cherddoriaeth.
Nyrsio	www.nhscareers.nhs.uk	
Optometreg	www.college-optometrists.org/careers	Cynnwys adran ar yrfaedd.
Radiograffeg	www.sor.org/public/career/careers	
Fferylliaeth	www.rpsgb.org.uk /acareerinpharmacy	

Ffiseg	www.iop.org/activity/careers	Adran ar yrfaeodd sy'n defnyddio Ffiseg.
Ffisiotherapi	www.csp.uk/	
Seicoleg	www.bps.org.uk/careers	Gallwch lawr lwytho llyfrau
Gwaith Cymdeithasol	www.socialworkandcare.co.uk	
Chwaraeon	www.skillsactive.com/careers	Gwefan am yrfaeodd mewn chwaraeon a hamdden. Gan gynnwys astudiaethau achos.
Tirfesur	www.rics.org/careersandinformation	
Dysgu	www.tda.gov.uk/Recruit	