

Careers Information Sheet

What are employers looking for?

- ◆ To attend every day
- ◆ Work with other people
- ◆ Communication skills
- ◆ Specialist skills relevant to the job
- ◆ Practical work experience
- ◆ Punctuality and reliability

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What are you going to do and what are your options?



- ◆ Employed
- ◆ Self Employed
- ◆ Sixth Form
- ◆ Further Education
- ◆ Higher Education—University
- ◆ Apprenticeship

Where could you work?

Administration and Office Work	Hospitality and Event Management	Public Services
Built Environment	Information Technology	Retail and Customer Services
Business and Financial Services	Legal and Political Services	Scientific
Art, Design and Craft	Leisure and Tourism	Social Work and Advice
Education and Training	Manufacturing and Production	Sport
Engineering	Marketing and Advertising	Transport and Logistics
Environmental	Media and Publishing	Uniformed Services
Health, Care and Lifestyles	Performing Arts	

HINTS and TIPS

Check out Careers in Student Resources to see:

- ◆ A good example of a letter of application.
- ◆ Information on CVs



DID YOU KNOW

- ◆ The National Average Salary for full time employees in the UK is £26,500. More than half of the working population earn less than this.
- ◆ 508 million people speak English world wide. 1 Billion people speak Mandarin

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How do I pay back my university fees?

This illustration can be used to illustrate your monthly repayments, they will be the same whether your fees cost £6,000 or £9,000. Don't let price stand in the way of taking the course you want to study. If you never earn over £21,000, you will never repay. 30 years after graduation, any remaining debt is wiped.

Earnings per year	Monthly take-home	Monthly loan repayment
£21,000	£1,380	£0
£22,000	£1,440	£7.50
£30,000	£1,890	£67.50
£40,000	£2,450	£142.50
£50,000	£2,960	£217.50

Where can I get information about different jobs and careers?

- ♦ [Careerpilot.org.uk](http://careerpilot.org.uk)— Investigate job sectors/types of job/salaries
- ♦ [Nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)— also a telephone line 0800 100 900

Lots of organisations advertise their vacancies/ apprenticeships on their website eg. NHS, KPMG, Banks, Law

What are apprenticeships? www.apprenticeships.org.uk

As employees, apprentices earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain job-specific skills. Off the job, usually on a day-release basis, apprentices receive training to work towards nationally recognised qualifications. Anyone living in England, over 16 and not in full-time education can apply.

Apprenticeships can take between one and four years to complete depending on the level of Apprenticeship, the apprentices' ability and the industry sector. The minimum salary is £2.60 per hour; however, many apprentices earn significantly more.

Key benefits:

- 😊 earn a salary
- 😊 get paid holidays
- 😊 receive training
- 😊 gain qualifications.
- 😊 learn job-specific skills.

What are students doing in Post 16?

Students staying in Post 16 normally study 4 A/S Level qualifications, then in Year 13 have the option of continuing with 3 or even 4 A2 level qualifications.

We have many 'star students' that use their time wisely to enrich their education by taking part in extra curricular activities. Examples of this are 'Teachers for Tomorrow'. Students have the opportunity to develop their skills by gaining half a day a week gaining an insight into the profession. This year many have signed up throughout the Federation. Other examples include Access to Bristol or Volunteering at Warmley Park. Students attend a tutorial programme throughout the year which has two pathways, catering for students applying to University and those applying to the World of Work.