

CGS Guide to Careers and Higher Education Resources



Useful websites and careers programs

(*some need a password to access – see Head of Careers or Head of Sixth Form in school)

Key resources:

[My Uni Choices](#)

Most Colyton students pay the fee for this service, which uses psychometric testing to help identify and explore the best course options for individuals.

[*Higher Ideas](#)

Higher ideas is your starting point for higher education research, generating lots of ideas for courses to consider based on your current studies, interests and career ambitions.

[UCAS](#)

The central organisation that processes applications for full-time undergraduate courses at UK universities and colleges.

The big one. Has everything but is vast. Great way of searching for entry requirements.

[Discover Uni](#)

This website allows you to look at national student survey satisfaction data for individual university courses, as well as information regarding graduate earning and employment.

[University League Tables](#)

Just one example, but good one to use against the Times guide (in library).

[Prospects](#)

University courses, career profiles, and advice. Explore jobs, work experience, postgraduate study, overseas study destinations, funding, and get help with your personal statement.

[Not Going To Uni](#)

Options other than university, including apprentices, degree apprenticeships, gap years, traineeships and jobs.

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

The ucas.com of apprenticeships

Other useful websites

[The Big Choice](#)

Website for those wishing to explore the graduate as well as student (a-level) job market. A comprehensive graduate careers guide, including CV advice, application form tips and where the recruitment fairs are. Holiday jobs, work placements etc.

[BMA – How to Become a Doctor](#)

Use this essential guide to help you decide if a career in medicine is right for you.

[Career Map](#)

Career Map is the leading website for 15-19 year olds looking for a pathway into apprenticeships and early career opportunities.

[Careers Box](#)

Online career films in a wide range of industries.

[*Careerscape](#)

Detailed career information on over 1,800 career titles.

[Careers South West](#)

Careers south west provides independent and impartial information, advice, guidance and practical help for those aged 13-19. The school has a careers south west advisor who can provide careers advice to our students. Should any student require an interview they should see Mr Banks to arrange it.

[Complete University Guide](#)

UK universities ranked by performance in nine quality factors, as well as a complete guide to applying to university.

[Directgov](#)

All about student finance for higher education

[Discover Downing](#)

Current undergraduate blogs offering an insight into living and studying at university, a searchable bank of suggested resources (videos podcasts etc.) To help you explore your favourite subjects outside of school and online application forms for our popular events, such as the south west open day. Make sure you click on 'resources' to get great tips on interesting independent learning opportunities in your preferred subject areas.

[Future Learn](#)

A social learning provider, a MOOC (massive open online course) platform. Delivers courses from over 80 universities and higher education institutions around the world, online, for free, on any device. Good for exploring subjects and course material, as well as providing advice for UCAS applications and study skills.

[Future Talent](#)

A resource for school and college leavers looking for their next step whether that is an apprenticeship, school leaver programme, entry level job, further study or a sponsored learning programme. The website lists apprenticeships by industry sector and is searchable by location. It also provides apprenticeship advice and job advice as well as advice for parents.

[The Good Schools Guide](#)

What is higher education (HE)? Useful guide to understanding HE.

*[Kudos](#)

A careers matching program.

*[Launchpad](#)

Skills profiling and development for career pathways.

[My Student Halls](#)

Mystudenthalls.com is the student accommodation search engine.

[National Careers Service](#)

The National Careers Service provides careers information, advice and guidance. The website provides job profiles, assessment services, details of courses and advisors, and help with getting a job.

[NHS Careers](#)

NHS clinical careers involving patient contact (e.g. radiographers, dietitians, midwives, physiotherapists as well as nurses and doctors) require training courses recognised by the relevant regulatory bodies. Check for details of these careers and approved courses – as well as the many non-clinical careers opportunities within the NHS (e.g. healthcare scientists, health informaticians, surveyors, accountants, as well as a variety of support staff).

North Devon NHS details of work experience placements on offer at hospitals throughout Devon

[QAA](#)

The quality assurance agency for higher education (QAA) checks how UK universities maintain their own academic standards and quality. It's a sort of Ofsted for universities. The reviews and reports can make for rather 'dry' reading. However, it could provide another tool in the decision-making process.

[The Student Room](#)

The student room has 1.8m members. It is a place where you can discuss universities, health, lifestyle, careers, relationships & more. It provides free university application help and revision tools. It also offers GCSE and A Level help.

[Success at School](#)

A careers website for students aged 13-19 years and is recommended by the national careers service. It aims to help young people make informed decisions about their future.

[U Explore](#)

The u-explore online web app allows young people between the ages of 11 and 19 to learn about the world of work, the various career options available and the training they will need to get on the right path.

[UK Course Finder](#)

A simple to use search listing university courses. Details including tariff, link to course details and UCAS, with the option to include international courses.

[Uni Taster Days](#)

Up-to-date source of UK university taster events, workshops and open days for school and colleges.

[*Veryan Webview Online](#)

Database of work experience employer placements sw.