

Web Resources

Careers

www.Connexions-Direct.com/jobs4u - Up to date, comprehensive and easy to use.

www.Career-Descriptions.co.uk - helpful, concise on a wide selection of careers.

www.LearnDirect-Advice.co.uk - Insightful advice aimed at adults, but valid for all.

www.Careers-Gateway.co.uk - Key information on careers, courses and applying for a job.

www.CareersA-Z.co.uk - Comprehensive portal linking to careers, course and job information.

Higher Education

www.ucas.com - Virtually everything you need to know about applying to University.

www.Unistats.com - Official statistics on entry requirements, destinations and satisfaction rates.

www.push.co.uk - Independent guide to choosing, applying and enjoying a University.

www.Aimhigher.ac.uk - The official guide to Higher Education and government help.

www.StudentUK.com - A social networking site by students for students.

www.WhatUni.com - Student reviews of courses and places.

www.WhichUniUK.com - Advice on applying to UK Universities for overseas students.

www.TheStudentRoom.co.uk - A wide-ranging forum for students.

www.UKCourseFinder.com - A questionnaire to help you find the courses most closely matched to your interests and preferences.

www.Prospectus.ac.uk - The official graduate careers website. Vacancies, post-graduate studies, and details of typical career destinations.

www.FoundationDegree.org.uk - Details of all Foundation degrees (work related 2 year courses)

www.Skill.org.uk - Promoting opportunities and supporting students with disabilities.

www.Unofficial-Guides.com - Links to the official and the student union prospectuses.

www.OpenDays.com - A searchable calendar of university and college open days.

www.Direct.Gov.uk/14-19prospectus - Find the 14-19 prospectus that details all the study and training options available in the local area.

Admission Tests

www.UKCat.ac.uk - Sample, book and manage a Clinical Aptitude Test, as required by most UK Medical and Dental schools

www.bmat.org.uk - for details, including samples, registration and requirements, of:

BMAT: Biomedical

ELAT: English Language

STEP: Mathematics

TSA: Thinking Skills

www.Lnat.ac.uk - A website for Law students to book, practice and manage a LNAT test

www.Oxbridge-Admissions.info - A site offering advice from students who have been through the Oxford or Cambridge admission process.

Finance

www.sl.c.co.uk Student Loans Company provides the loans and grants to students in the UK.

www.Direct.Gov.UK/StudentFinance - Student Finance England

www.StudentFinanceWales.co.uk - Wales

www.Student-Support-saas.gov.uk - Scotland

www.NIDirect.gov.uk - N. Ireland

www.Scholarship-Search.org.uk - Searchable database of thousands of awards.

Study Abroad

www.Braintrack.com - A searchable directory of over 10,000 universities in 200 countries

www.UKNec.org.uk - Europass, a system to help people study, work or train in Europe.

www.Fulbright.co.uk - A website for students in the UK hoping to study the USA, and vice versa

www.Studylink.com - Database of courses in Australia, Europe, India, Far East and USA.

www.BritishCouncil.org/Erasmus - The Erasmus programme, enabling students to study in other European countries.

Study

www.TheStudentRoom.co.uk - A wide ranging forum including revision resources for A-levels, IBs, Highers and University courses.

GAP Year

Information on planning a Gap Year including work, travel and volunteering.

www.GapYear.com

www.Gap-Year.com

www.YearOutGroup.org

www.GreatGapYears.co.uk

www.Bunac.org

www.Gapwork.com

www.FindAGap.com

www.GapYearDirectory.co.uk

www.Lattitude.org.uk (volunteering)

www.CSV.org.uk (volunteering)

www.Yini.org.uk (paid placements)

www.GapYearJobs.co.uk (employment)

www.E4s.co.uk (employment for students)

www.FCO.gov.uk - Government advice on travelling and working abroad.

www.GreenVolunteers.com - Detailing green projects around the world.

General Support

www.TheSite.org.uk - Resources and advice for young people on a wide range of topics.

Careers Library Resources

The following is a small selection of the wide range of books aimed at prospective students. Most of these titles are revised annually, so make sure you're using the most recent edition. They may be available in your library but can also be purchased from bookshops or on-line from such sites as:

www.amazon.co.uk; **www.ucas.com;**

www.whsmith.co.uk; **www.trotman.co.uk;**

www.waterstones.com

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Job File 2009-10 Contains information on nearly 900 jobs. (VT Lifeskills)

Careers 2010 Lists hundreds of jobs across a broad spectrum. (Trotman)

Penguin Careers Guide Contains comprehensive details of over 300 careers.

Higher Education

The Big Guide Details of all the degree and diploma courses in the UCAS scheme, plus application guides (UCAS)

The Scottish Guide Details of all Higher Education institutions in Scotland (UCAS)

Degree Course Offers by Brian Heap, useful, clear information on selection criteria and offers made for UK degree courses (Trotman)

Getting Into... Course Guides Ten titles giving information courses such as medicine, law, dental, physiotherapy (Trotman/MPW)

Progression to... Guides Ten titles giving information on popular subject areas (UCAS)

Open Days Complete open day, UCAS convention and taster course listings (UCAS)

The Virgin Guide to British Universities Written from the students' perspective (Virgin Books)

The Times Good University Guide Features the Times' university rankings. (Harper Collins)

Guide to UK Universities Information on fees, financial help, living costs and more. (Trotman)

Choosing Your Degree Course and University by Brian Heap, helps to choose between institutions, subjects and courses (Trotman)

How to Complete Your UCAS Application Solid advice (Trotman)

Into Higher Education Information for disabled students (www.skill.org.uk)

Adult Learning Yearbook Directory of those involved in adult education (NIACE)

Finance

The Daily Telegraph Guide to Student Money Practical advice on managing your finances whilst studying (Trotman)

Undergraduate Courses and Funding Guide Details of funding and awards available to undergraduates (Hotcourses)

University Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries Brian Heap, information on financial help available from a range of sources (Trotman)

Graduate Careers

What Do Graduates Do? Lists the first destinations of graduates (AGCAS)

Careers Uncovered ..series Information on a range of professional careers (Trotman)

In addition:

Try to gather as much first hand knowledge as you can. Take advantage of Work Experience opportunities and Career Fairs. Go to University and College open days. Speak to family and friends, school and college staff.

Your Career Adviser will be a great source of support, advice and guidance throughout this process.