

Useful Links

Whether you are looking to go to university, college, full-time employment or study an apprenticeship, we have information on this page to help you take your next step.

Fast Tomato

ICT careers programmes and websites can provide an insight into your skills and qualities and where these may fit within the world of work. By using simple psychometric assessment, the careers programme Fast Tomato asks the student a range of questions and generates personally tailored career and course suggestions. All students have access to this site.

Please see instructions below for using Fast Tomato:

Go to www.fasttomato.com

Click on 'Signup' and type in 4 letter code to begin: BWCC

Set up your own login details and begin

Or if student already has an account, enter login details under 'Login'

CV and Cover Letter Templates

Here are two really useful webpages for understanding what makes a good CV and cover letter and having a go at creating your own CV online:

<https://www.barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-help-applying-for-jobs/school/cv-builder>



<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/get-a-job/covering-letter>



Researching University Choices

Considering where to go to university and what degree to study is not something to be done in a rush. Below are a variety of useful websites with a wealth of advice and information to guide you in making your choices in an informed way.

<http://search.ucas.com/>

<http://www.studentworldonline.com/>

<http://www.push.co.uk/>

<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/>

<http://university.which.co.uk/>

<https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/tariff-2017>

<http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/>

<http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/>

www.prospects.ac.uk

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree>

http://www.hecsu.ac.uk/current_projects_what_do_graduates_do.htm

www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

<http://www.opendays.com/>

Entering Work/Apprenticeships

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk This is targeted at sixth formers who may be looking at a different option other than going to university. They advertise jobs, apprenticeships, traineeships, scholarships etc.

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/> This site works with leading Skills Funding Agency registered Training Providers and Colleges to advertise and manage Apprenticeship opportunities and training programmes. Candidates are able to quickly register their details and apply for positions in their preferred location and subject.

www.apprenticeships.org.uk This website is aimed at students who are hoping to find an apprenticeship and allows students to search for live vacancies in their local area. Students should create an account and application form which can then be used to apply for vacancies.

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk This is for students and adults of all ages to consider their career choices; it covers all careers and divides them into 'job families' which is a useful tool to generate related career ideas if you already have a vague idea in mind.

<https://www.yell.com/> The Yellow Pages online can be used to search for employers in different occupational areas when trying to secure work experience placements or looking for employment

<http://www.e4s.co.uk/jobs/leicester.htm> A good site for looking for a variety of employment options if you are a student or leaving school

Researching Post-16 Options

<https://www.ucasprogress.com/search>

<http://www.moulton.ac.uk/>

<https://www.tresham.ac.uk/>

<http://www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk/>

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Careers)

<http://www.wherestemcantakeyou.co.uk/>

<http://www.futuremorph.org/16plus/>

<http://www.gradcracker.com/>

Joining the Armed Forces

<http://www.army.mod.uk/>

<http://www.raf.mod.uk/>

<http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/>

Careers in Health/Care

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

Volunteering/Gap Year

<http://www.gap-year.com/>