



Sort Out Your Future - Step by Step

STEP 1: Your options after Year 11...

You need to think about what is **right for you** and be sure that the options you choose now will get you into the career you want. During Year 11, you can talk to your tutor and Tracy Bailey, Careers Adviser from EBP South, who will help you with your decisions.



STEP 2: Education or Employment?

A full-time course?

Stay at our outstanding Yateley Sixth Form, go to another sixth form or go to a college. You need to think about what you want to study and find out where you can study it.

An apprenticeship?

Working and studying at the same time! What apprenticeship do you want and is there one locally? If you want to do an apprenticeship, but need work experience, you could consider doing a traineeship.

A full-time job?

You can't just "start work" as you'll need to do part-time education or training. You must study for a minimum of 280 planned learning hours a year, in your own time or whilst at work, if your employer allows this.

STEP 3: What to think about and research now:

You should apply for more than one option. This is in case you don't get the grades you need for the course you want to do or can't find an employer with vacancies for an apprenticeship.



STEP 4: Understand the courses available to you...

There are four main types of course you can choose from after Year 11. You will only choose one, though it is always sensible to think about your 'back-up' option too.

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Vocational/Technical
- Apprenticeship

STEP 5: Provider websites and resources

Look at individual school and college websites for course information. It is also useful to attend school and college open evenings and other careers events - these maybe online or face-to-face. Follow Yateley Schools Careers Twitter @Careers_YS for daily updates, information and useful links



And finally: If it feels a bit overwhelming...

Finishing GCSEs can be intimidating. Up until this point, it is likely all your decisions were made on your behalf by your parents and teachers. After all, you may have been told what school to go to, what to wear each day and how to act both at home and in the classroom.

Starting to enter the adult world can be more than a little overwhelming, as you might be unsure about the next best step after GCSEs. If you need some guidance, read this carefully and take some time to imagine what you'd like to be doing after leaving school behind. And then reach out... we are here to help!



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SITE 1: UCAS | www.ucas.com

Not only are all applications for university made through this website, it also contains a vast resource of information to help students choose the right course and university for them. In addition to this, there is also a range of information on apprenticeships and facilities to search for taster courses and webinars. UCAS also produce a range of guides to support students and parents with University and Career choices.



SITE 2: UNIFROG | <https://www.unifrog.org/>

Unifrog is an online platform the school subscribes to, which allows students to search for university courses, apprenticeships, MOOCs etc. It contains lots of helpful careers resources as Yateley Sixth Form - Resources Guide 3 well as a fantastic Oxbridge tool and personal statement builder. All students should have login details. Login details can be obtained from your tutor, by clicking "forgot details" on the website or by emailing mike.tidd@yateley.hants.sch.uk.



SITE 3: National Careers Service (NCS) | nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

The National Careers Service provides free information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work opportunities. The service offers confidential, helpful and impartial advice, supported by qualified careers advisers. From developing your CV to improving your interview skills, its website has lots of useful tools to help you make the right choices about your future.



SITE 4: STUDENTIAL | www.studential.com

This website aims to help all students aged 16 and older with their academic journey, by offering information and advice on all stages of education. It contains very useful sections on Apprenticeships, Gap years and University applications.



SITES 5+6: RATE MY APPRENTICESHIP | www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/ | **GOVERNMENT SUPPORT** | gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

This fantastic website allows students to search for the latest apprenticeship and school leavers schemes as well offering support and guidance.

For apprenticeship opportunities throughout England. Simply search by postcode and see the 1000's opportunities right around you!

And finally: **Attend the Careers Fayre**

When you speak to adults many of them will tell you they had no idea what they wanted to do for a job when they were your age. Some adults still don't know now! No matter what you are thinking about your future, there's no excuse for not keeping your options open and finding out more. Every year Yateley School hosts a Careers Fair - usually around November - and you should always try and go!



And finally: **Contact our Sixth Form**

If you're still unsure on your future then get along to www.yateleysixthform.com, get in touch, and we will always help... even if you're at a different college!