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Researching Your Post-18 Options



To explain your post-18 options, including:

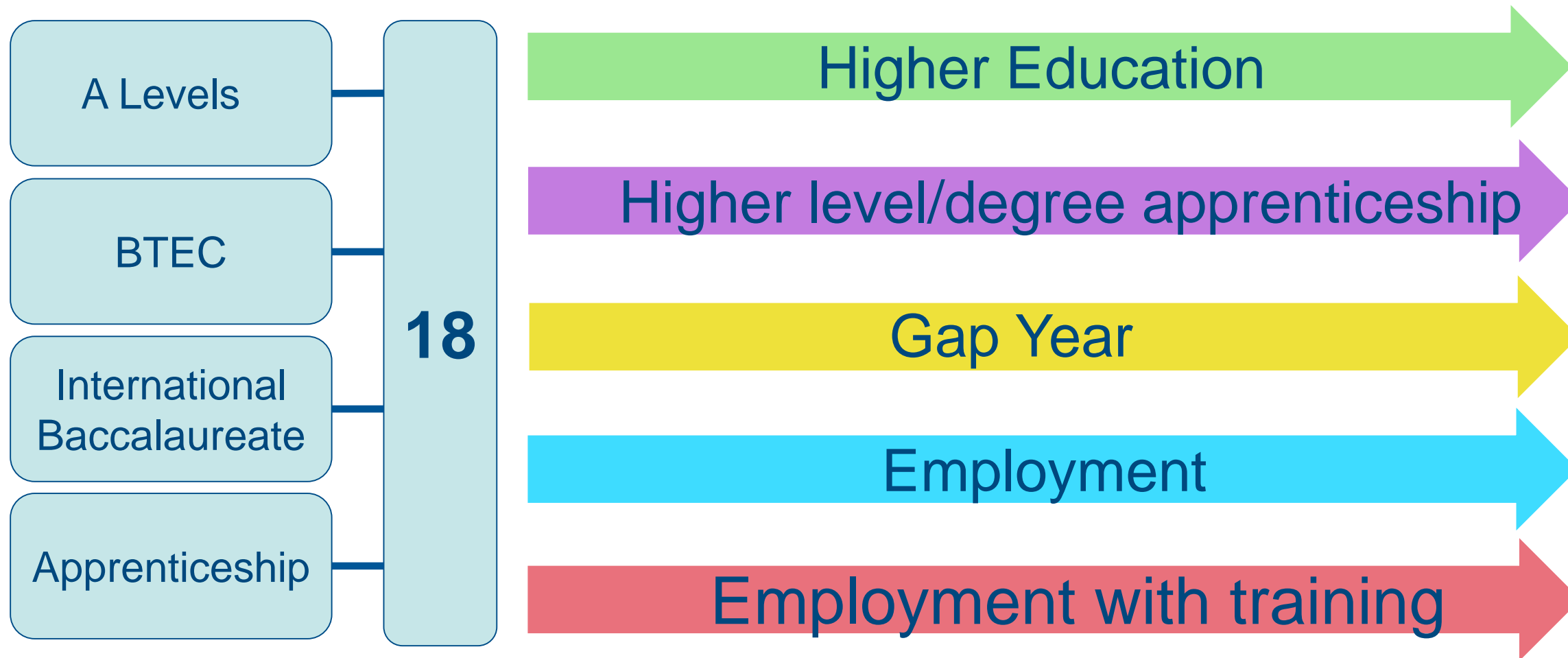
- Higher Education
- Apprenticeships
- Gap years
- Employment (with training)

- Where to start your research





Your post-18 options



A Levels

BTEC

International
Baccalaureate

Apprenticeship

18

Higher Education

Higher level/degree apprenticeship

Gap Year

Employment

Employment with training



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- Name format: First name, first initial of surname
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Comparing different options



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Study at
University

Degree
Apprenticeships

Gap Year

Employment

Focus on you

Beginning your
research



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Higher education University degrees

Why study for a degree at university?



- In depth study
- Some jobs require a degree
- HE qualification gives you an advantage
- Potential to earn more over your career
- Develop subject knowledge and transferable skills



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- Over 43,000 courses
- Over 300 institutions
- Minimum course length is 3 years
- Career path not always tied to the subject studied
- Loans available to cover finance

What can you study at university?

'Traditional' Academic Subjects

- Mathematics
- English
- History
- Biology
- Modern Languages
- Geography

Career-led subjects

- Medicine
- Midwifery
- Veterinary
Medicine
- Law
- Dentistry

Something new

- Linguistics
- Biosciences
- Criminology
- Archaeology
- Golf
Management
- Puppetry
- Marine Sports
Science

...Study what you love





How can you study at university?

Lots of options to suit you

- Single honours or joint honours
- BA, BSc or MSci, BEng or MEng, LLB
- Sandwich courses/year in industry
- International exchange



University is more than the academic study

- Meet new people
- Live independently
- Opportunities to travel and study abroad
- Join clubs and societies





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Higher and degree apprenticeships

Degree apprenticeships - Levels of apprenticeships

| Level | Type | Equivalent |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | Intermediate | 5 x GCSE passes |
| 3 | Advanced | A level passes |
| 4 | Higher | HE certificate |
| 5 | Higher | HE diploma |
| 6 | Higher or Degree | Bachelors |
| 7 | Higher or Degree | Masters |

Needs to be a
level 6 to be a
degree
apprenticeship





- Full time work alongside study
- Can take 1 – 6 years to complete (depending on level)
- Employer pays course fees. Apprentice paid at least national minimum wage - £3.50 p/h
- Usually subject/sector specific
- Many formats



Read the listing carefully:

Apprenticeship summary
for the working hours/ key responsibilities

Training provider for how you will study



The screenshot shows a GOV.UK page for finding an apprenticeship. The header includes the GOV.UK logo and the text 'Find an apprenticeship'. On the right, there are links for 'Sign in / Create account', 'Return to search results', and 'Print this page'. The main title is 'Supply Chain Leadership Degree Apprenticeship' by 'Wincanton Group Ltd'. The description states: 'Looking for your next career move? It has never been a better time to join our M&S Team! Develop your career by joining our Supply Chain Leadership Apprenticeship Programme. The 4-year programme provides you with a great platform to develop your career in logistics and earn whilst you learn.' To the right, it says: 'This apprenticeship requires you to apply through the employer's website.' Below this is an 'Apply now' link and 'Closing date: today'. A section titled 'Apprenticeship summary' lists: 'Annual wage: £18,000.00' and 'Working week: Monday to Friday between 8.30am to 5.30pm'. The summary text reads: 'This is a great opportunity to earn money while showing your potential to a great organisation. We really value our people and we think our apprenticeship programme is the best alternative to university. Supply chain leadership professionals are involved in procuring, producing, moving and delivering a product or service from a supplier to a customer or...

Why would a student choose one or the other?

| Degree apprenticeships | Traditional degrees |
|--|--|
| Must be committed to study and work | Often less contact hours, more free time |
| Employee benefits, including a salary and pension whilst studying a degree | More varied opportunities - travel abroad, societies, volunteering |
| Apply knowledge in chosen sector | In depth subject knowledge |
| Employment opportunities within the company | Students can keep career options open |
| Far less of them (but more specific), more competitive | Lots of choice available |





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Employment Explained



- Not all professions require you to go to university to gain qualifications
- Some employers offer NVQ's and similar qualifications while you work
- Opportunity to be earning a salary at 18
- Research 'School leavers programmes' (e.g. www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk)



Examples include:

- Accountancy Firm PWC's 'Head Start' programme
 - offers school or college leaver jobs with the opportunity to gain a professional qualification in business
- Apprentice/trainee opportunities at lower than level 6
 - Often less study commitment, more sectors / companies available





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Taking a Gap Year



Taking a gap year

- Often viewed positively by employers and universities
- Consider paid and voluntary work experience
- Lots of options to develop skills
- Research thoroughly (consider costs)
- Use deferral process if applying for university





Get some experience

- Chance to experience a profession – will you enjoy the profession / role?
- Opportunity to build transferable skills
- Gives you content for personal statement (sometimes essential for course) or job application
- Gain contacts with potential future employers





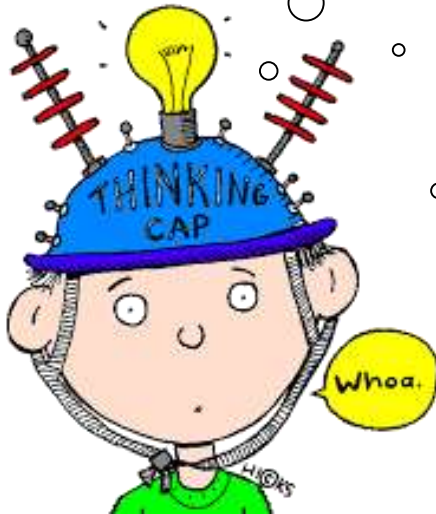
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- **Prospects.ac.uk**
- **Allaboutcareers.com**
- **National employers** – check out www.studentladder.co.uk for a list by sectors
- **Health Education England** – advice on how to get experience in a variety of healthcare settings
- **Gapmedics.com** – work experience placements abroad for pre university medicine, nursing and dentistry students
- **Local employers** – make contact!
- **Voluntary work abroad**



Activity 1 – Factors to consider



Thought bubbles containing factors to consider:

- Career choice-do you **need** a degree?
- Living at home
- Earning a salary
- Learning on the job
- Living away from home
- Breadth of courses
- Long term earning potential
- Travel opportunities
- The 'university' experience

Spend 5 minutes with the person next to you thinking about what is important to you!



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Beginning your research

Choose your future

Explore your options, apply to university, and more

Courses



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In which academic year would you like to start your studies?

2018 - 2019

2019 - 2020

What type of degree do you want to study? ?

Undergraduate

Postgraduate

Entry requirements ? (BETA)



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Provider

Courses

Map view

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4 undergraduate courses

Psychology

Bachelor of Science (with Honours) - BSc (Hons) - 1 Option

Psychology

Master of Science (with Honours) - Msci (Hon) - 1 Option

Psychology and Philosophy

Bachelor of Science (with Honours) - BSc (Hons) - 1 Option

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Fact file - 2019 entry

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Qualification | BSc Hons Psychology |
| UCAS code | C800 |
| Duration | 3 years full-time |
| A level offer | AAB |
| Required subjects | Including one science subject, plus GCSE in English and maths at 5 or above. Candidates without an A Level in a science subject may be asked to attain AAA |
| IB score | 36-34 (with at least 6,6,5 at Higher Level) |



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VIDEO GUIDE: USING UNISTATS



A correction to national salary data used for Unistats was made on 24 May 2019. This may affect course or subject data comparisons.
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Course assistant

Which course features are you interested in?



Subject

View courses by subject



Qualification

Qualification type



Study mode

Full-time, part-time, distance learning

Universities & colleges

A-Z

- A B C D E
- F G H I J
- K L M N O

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How to make an informed decision – Going to University



- Start your research early and be proactive!
- Which subjects do you enjoy and why?
- Use the advice and guidance available; websites, [Open Days](#), teachers and advisors
- Think about opportunities to support your application
- Start drafting your personal statement/covering letter



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Degree apprenticeships



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A relatively new - and growing - development for vocational higher education in England, degree apprenticeships combine full-time paid work with free part-time university study

Apprentices are employed on a full-time basis for between one and six years, working at least 30 hours every week and enjoying blocks of practical on-the-job training.



Thinking about yourself, choose one option from the list below to research:

- Two university courses at different universities
- Two job roles (one could be degree apprenticeship, one could be standard role)
- One job role, one university course
- If you have no idea, pick subjects or job roles at random - <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/> is a good starting point



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Being prepared



Are you thinking long term?





- Explore all options thoroughly
- Aim high, don't undersell yourself and your abilities
- Remember what you decide to do next will impact on your long term future





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