

**Is University
right for
you?**

Hello!

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University is by far

the most popular next step for school and college leavers, and with so much attention focused on higher education, it can feel like it's the only route open to you.

But with more [apprenticeships](#) and [school leaver programmes](#) available than ever before, this simply isn't true. This makes "is university for me?" a vital question for any soon-to-be school leaver – and one that's worthy of serious thought.

“Is university for me?” It could be the most **important** question of your life so far.

Is this why you go to university?

- You do GCSEs, then A-levels, then go on to university
- “That’s what everybody does”
- “Because all my friends are going”
- “It looks like fun

**How do I
know if
University
is right for
me?**



Good reason #1: To get qualifications for your career

You need a degree to follow the career path you want to pursue. Jobs such as teachers, lawyers and doctors **may require you** to have a degree.

University can also lead to **higher-paid jobs**. On average, professionals with a degree started on £7,000 more, compared with non-professionals in the same area of work.

Good reason #2: To pursue your interests through further study

Some people go on to university because they're passionate about a certain subject and want to know everything there is to know about it.





Where
are you trying to get to?

What other options are there?

Over 75 highly skilled job roles

Higher or degree apprenticeships

Short courses with work experience

Traineeships

Casual and formal trial schemes

Work experience or internships

University **is** for me. **What next?**



Check the requirements for your degree course if you have a specific career pathway

If you are unsure what course to choose, use the **Informing Choices** website to help guide you

Grades are very important

Some interesting statistics

24% of students would prefer an alternative to university



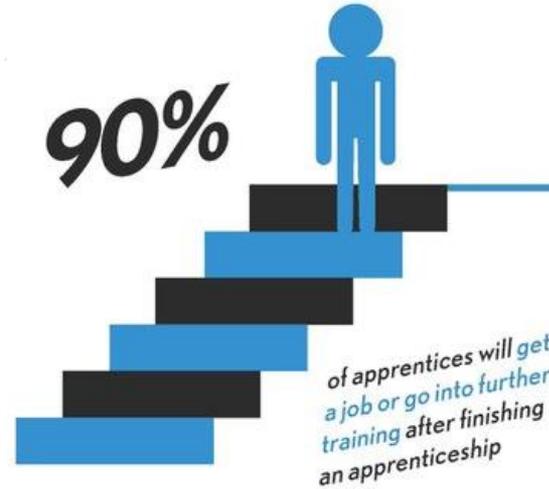
12% would like to go travelling
(twice the number of girls than boys)

6% would become an apprentice



5% would like to start work

1% would begin a school leaver programme



66%

of employers say work experience is a significant or crucial factor in their recruitment.

1 IN 5

jobs within the UK will be difficult to fill because of a lack of the right skills.

Don't take my word for it

Thanks!

Any questions?

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