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**CONSIDER  
YOUR OPTIONS**

# What Next?

YOUR OPTIONS AFTER COLLEGE.

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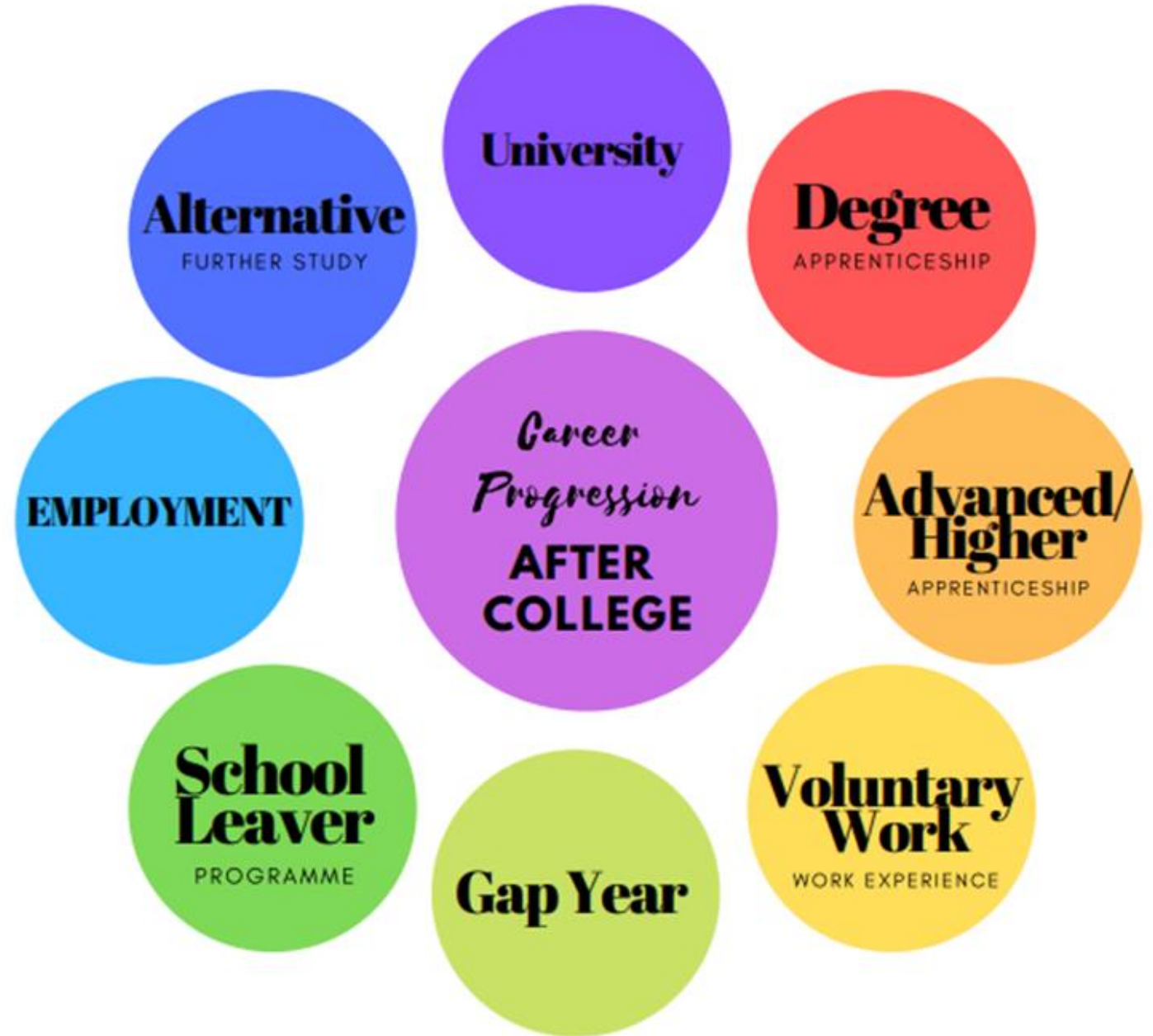
  
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Not everyone wants to go to university from college so here are some other options that you can think about and research...



# APPRENTICESHIP



- Work-based learning
- Usually paid, with a contract of employment (Minimum apprenticeship wage is £3.70 per hour)
- Substantial training and development of transferable employability skills
- Not just the easy option! – combination of hard work and commitment to studying up to degree level
- The opportunity for further training or employment opportunities.

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes (grade A*-C or 9-4)
Advanced	3	2 A-level passes/ Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

# DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP



- A combination of full time work (30+ hours a week) and university study
- You become an employee of the company AND a student of the university
- You can gain up to a Bachelors or Masters degree
- You are employed, so you earn a wage or salary
- You do not pay tuition fees as this is already funded by the company, university and the government
- Hands-on, practical learning from day one
- A great head start into a career (+ potential to stay at company)

 <p><b>STUDY TOWARDS A FULL BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITHOUT THE BURDEN OF STUDENT DEBT</b></p>	 <p><b>EARN WHILE YOU LEARN</b></p>	 <p><b>FULLY FUNDED BY YOUR EMPLOYER AND THE GOVERNMENT</b></p>	 <p><b>ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO TRADITIONAL UNIVERSITY</b></p>
 <p><b>90% OF APPRENTICES STAY IN EMPLOYMENT</b> <small>Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Apprentice survey, 2014</small></p>	 <p><b>A LONG-TERM CAREER PATH</b></p>	 <p><b>ON THE JOB TRAINING</b></p>	 <p><b>TAUGHT BY INDUSTRY EXPERTS</b></p>



# Apprenticeship Requirements and Application.



- Entry requirements are different for each Apprenticeship!
- Level 3 qualification (maybe with specific subjects and grades) A Levels or Vocational.
- You will have to meet certain GSCE grades and achieve UCAS points for Degree Apprenticeships
- Application and interview for the company to discuss personal qualities, and skills  
...which are almost as important as grades!
- Attending Assessment Centre's
- Passing online tests

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

- **Check regularly as vacancies appear at different times**
- **Check company websites for job listings**
- **The process is competitive so apply early**
- **Get help and support with applications/interviews from your personal tutor, ACE team or family.**

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# HIGHER/DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

# Employment



After your studies, you can go straight into employment. Some employers will recruit students straight from College.

- Start earning straight away as soon as you start work.
- Learn new professional skills and improve on those that you already have
- Career prospects – build reputation in a firm and possibly stay with them and progress.
  - Gain life skills/experience

## Library Information Assistant

Halton Borough Council ★★★★★ 24 reviews  
Halton

£9,500 - £10,032 a year

We deliver key reading, health, learning, information, digital and culture offers including IT support, clubs and activities, access to digital resources and a...

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## Recruitment and Onboarding Administrator (Temp)

Community Integrated Care ★★★★★ 157 reviews  
Widnes

£18,000 a year

Access to a free benefits app offering retail discounts, leisure savings and holiday and travel discounts....

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## Team Member

Cineworld ★★★★★ 164 reviews  
Runcorn WA7

You'll be out there as the face of Cineworld, meeting, greeting and providing a superior standard of service to our customers in the various offer areas....

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## Customer Assistant - new

Morrisons ★★★★★ 3,558 reviews  
Warrington +2 locations

Our stores are successful when we all work together to deliver a great experience for our customers, and our people make the difference....

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## Gap Year

- Called a 'gap' as you have a plan for the end of the year (e.g. a university place )
- Can be a time to gain employability and experience, through volunteering or work, or gain life experience through travel etc.
- Also could be used to support university journey i.e. lessons or experience preparing for auditions in performing arts or similar
- **MUST** be constructive and support your future!
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year>



# Other Opportunities

## Professional Training

- Opportunities to train with a professional organisation, rather than in a traditional education setting
- Gain skills, employability, training and a qualification
- Typically you would have to pay for this as no longer in free education (18+) but sometimes you can be sponsored by an organisation

Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

Level 3 Diplomas in media make-up, hair, beauty, sports, catering, other vocational subjects

Bronze, Silver, Gold Arts Awards

Training in performing arts or musical qualifications

Short term courses like PWC Digital Insight Week, Prince's Trust

## Volunteering

### Local

- Many short or long term opportunities, with charities and organisations
- Chance to make a difference in your community, while gaining valuable skills
- Examples include British Red Cross; The Prince's Trust; Alder Hey NHS; PDSA; National Trust Conservation

### International

- Many different opportunities in many countries
- Some are funded, some you pay for
- Example organisations – Lattitude Global Volunteering, International Citizen Service (ICS), Cam America, Raleigh International



- Do your research! List of websites on the following page which may be useful.
- Speak to your tutors/personal tutor in the first instance
- Advice and support from ACE in Programme Management
- Use the KUDOS tool to give you some ideas on career paths which may be suited to you.

#### KUDOS Tool

- Career Ideas based on your interests and skills
- Visit **[www.kudos.cascaid.co.uk](http://www.kudos.cascaid.co.uk)**
- Use licence code- **stephelp74**
- Complete both '**My Future**' and '**My Skills**' to get more accurate feedback on career paths that may be suited to you.
- Use the database to explore career ideas.

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# Useful Information

<https://www.fejobs.com/> - further education jobs

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships> Government website to search for apprenticeships at all levels.

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/> - information and many non-traditional university routes (create an account and check listings every day!)

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/> - take a career quiz or job match assessment, find information about many routes into careers, via apprenticeships, training, university etc.

<http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/> - comprehensive online and print guide to all apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships> - complete guide to higher and degree apprenticeships

<https://vinspired.com/> - <https://do-it.org/opportunities/search> - volunteering opportunities search (can search using your age)

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/volunteering> - loads of youth volunteering opportunities listed