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Alternatives to A-Levels and Uni



Message from Mrs Brown

'Leadership is the readiness to stand out in a crowd'
John C Maxwell

It can often be too tempting to choose something not because we want to do it but because everyone else is.

During 8billionaireideas last week, our year 8 and 10 students were learning about entrepreneurship. Leadership and entrepreneurship are akin in that they both require you to do something different and to stand out from the crowd.

This issue we explore alternatives to the more 'traditional routes' and I want to challenge you to really explore your options, talk to friends who may have embarked on one of the options, talk to your parents/guardians, connect with employers and education providers to ensure you make the right decision for YOU.



Happy Christmas from the Careers Team

- Not sure about studying for A Levels or even going to university?
- Worried about the financial implications of getting into debt if you go to university?
- Not sure what A Levels you would want to do?
- You don't feel as though you are passionate enough about specific subjects?
- Had enough of exams, classrooms and teachers?
- Want to start earning money?
- Fancy travelling?
- Not sure if you are ready to leave home?



Sometimes there are so many choices, it can be hard to make a decision.

Here are some alternatives:

- T Levels
- Apprenticeships
- Degree apprenticeships
- IB - Diploma
- IB - Careers Related Certificate
- Other ideas

Read on....



T levels

T Levels are new courses which follow GCSEs & are equivalent to 3 A Levels. Launched in September 2020 in collaboration with employers & businesses, T Levels offer students a mixture of classroom learning and "on the job" experience with an employer

Examples of courses include:

Design, surveying and planning for construction *
 Legal * Animal Care and Management *
 Catering * Digital production, design and development * Finance * Design and development for engineering & manufacturing

Where can T Levels lead?

T Levels provide several progression options to students. These include skilled employment, an apprenticeship and higher education. To help T Level students get into higher education, UCAS tariff points will be allocated

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is an academic programme seen as a good alternative to A levels and is appropriate if you are thinking about university. There are 2 levels:

The IB Diploma: This is an academically challenging programme with final examinations that will prepare you for university and/or working life. You choose one subject from each of five groups - including two languages, social sciences, experimental sciences, and maths. There is also a 6th subject choice- login to the following link for further details : <https://www.ibo.org/>

The IB career-related certificate: This allows you to study between two and four academic courses, to learn skills through a vocational qualification (a more practical, 'hands-on' course), and gives you the chance to do a project in an area of interest.

Apprenticeships/ Degree Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships combine on the job training, a real job, with classroom learning, often one day a week at a college or training centre. You can study from a GCSE equivalent to degree level and they can take between 1 and 6 years to complete. You will earn at least the National Minimum Wage while you train.

By the end of your apprenticeship, you'll hopefully have gained the skills and knowledge needed to either succeed in your chosen career or progress to the next apprenticeship level.

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Higher and degree apprenticeships are available at levels 4 to 7 and are equivalent to a foundation degree and above. Again they combine work with study and may include a work-based, academic or combined qualification or a professional qualification relevant to the industry. Levels 6 and 7 are equivalent to a full Bachelor's and Master's.

Apprenticeship opportunities:

Sign up for the UCAS Apprenticeship Fair

*Discover popular apprenticeships

*Take part in Q&A sessions

*Meet & chat with big name employers such as the NHS, Rolls Royce and PWC

<https://www.ucas.com/events/ucasdiscovery-apprenticeships-fair-404796>

This is a school day so only logon at lunchtime, free periods or after school please

AON apprenticeship opportunities 2022 now open

<https://www.aon.com/careers/uk/apprenticeships.html>

There are a wide array of other options for your future - here are a few ideas

Considering a career in the **creative/digital industry**? check out Creative Media Level 1 at Bexley College

Winchester School of Art offers a flexible and dynamic **art & design programme**.

Love fashion? The Fashion Retail Academy offers exclusive fashion courses, founded by retail giants. Would you like to "make a difference"? Why not consider training in the **Met Police**, a 3 year degree apprenticeship will pay £30k+ and covers a mix of academic and operational assessments.

Always wanted to drive a tank? Join the British Army who recruit people with no formal qualifications, they pay a salary, while training you. There are over 100 different roles from being an Army Nurse to a Cyber Engineer.

Passionate about performing arts? login into [outhttps://conservatoiresuk.ac.uk/](https://conservatoiresuk.ac.uk/) for options.



Marketing is a hugely diverse industry & includes employees with a wide range of skills. You can enter this exciting industry directly after GCSE exams if you just want to start work & earn money, or study for an apprenticeship or by gaining a degree at university.

SKILLS NEEDED

Be able to communicate by being a confident speaker & listener

Strong analytical skills

Digital skills are a must in today's society

Attention to detail

Commerical awareness

What's on in school?

Year 8 & 10 took part in the exciting and inspirational 8billionideas sessions

Sophia Holovatyuk from 8W said "I have enjoyed 8 billion ideas tremendously! I have learnt how to design websites, adverts, pitches and marketing. This will definitely help me and aid me in the future. I now know, how to start a business and invest in one. My life ahead is now much more planned! If another course with 8billion ideas opens up, I shall certainly take the advantage of it. I will absolutely recommend this course. Thank you 8billion ideas!"

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Students in the 6th form are receiving dates for Oxbridge/other unis, we are arranging mock interviews.

Good luck with the university interviews!

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Year 12 Career Ambassadors have organised a Career Cafe which will take place on the 14th Dec in the 6th form block, more details to follow

All the information that we produce can be found on the Newstead Wood Website, click on "Curriculum" and then "Career Learning and Development"

JOB TYPES IN THE MARKETING INDUSTRY

Brand/Product Manager - to create a lasting impression among consumers & to improve product sales.

Account Manager - in charge of managing relationships between agency and client.

Digital Marketer - to increase visibility & awareness of a brand.

Social Media Manager - an expert in communication with customers online.

Marketing copywriter - provide content for press releases or website content.

Events Manager - tasked with planning & delivering an event.

Graphic Designer - to create logos/brand ID.

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