

# **NON-UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS**

**FIND P17 OF YOUR BLUE  
BOOKLET AND ANSWER  
THE FIRST 3 QUESTIONS**



# ANSWERS

FALSE, FALSE,  
FIND OUT LATER THIS  
LESSON....

# NON-UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

Today will give you an overview of:

- What help is available at Brookfield
- Alternative ways to get a degree
- Apprenticeships
- Taking a gap year
- Work and Armed Forces

## **Brookfield Y13 destinations in 2016:**

- University 72%
- College, Apprenticeships, Employment 17.2%
- Gap year (intending to apply to UCAS 2017) 9%
- Y14 1.2% (less likely to be an option now)
- NEET 0.6%

# LIKE ALL OF YOUR OPTIONS,

- Doing your RESEARCH is the key!
- Thinking this is not for you? This presentation is for EVERYONE.
- You have probably heard much less about the alternatives to going straight to university.
- You might decide to go for a different option or you might change your plan if your circumstances change. So, keep an open mind and see what's available to you.
- In the end, it's your choice: you will soon be totally in charge of your own future.

# HELP AT BROOKFIELD

If you decide not to apply through UCAS 2018 you can still receive guidance and assistance, including:

- Appointments with careers advisor – ask your Form Tutor who can request one for you.
- An overview of college courses and apprenticeships on Guidance Day – Chesterfield College guest speaker.
- Choice of afternoon workshops with either Learning Unlimited/Chesterfield College or AMRC on Guidance Day (14<sup>th</sup> July). Let your form tutor know if you want to attend, if you have not already.

# HELP AT BROOKFIELD CONTINUED...

- Job adverts, apprenticeships and gap year opportunities - posted on the noticeboards in the study area.
- Opportunities may be emailed to you by your form tutor – make sure they know the email address you use.
- Support and guidance from teachers. Your form tutor will usually write you a reference if you need one – always ask them and give them reasonable notice of what you're applying for!

# DEGREE?

- You DON'T have to go away to university to get a degree.
- You can work towards a degree or degree level qualifications taking courses other than undergraduate degree courses.
- You can work towards degree level qualifications taking **more vocational courses** (this just means work based training.)
- These courses can equip you with different levels of qualification – so if you decide to stop at any point you will leave with a qualification.



**CONVENTIONAL ROUTE**

A Levels

Undergraduate  
study Y1

Undergraduate  
study Y2

Bachelor's Degree  
(typically 3 years at  
university)

# WHAT ABOUT AN APPRENTICESHIP?

- There are different levels of apprenticeship.
- Higher Apprenticeships require you to have Level 3 qualifications (like A Levels). They may lead on to degree level qualifications.
- Degree Level Apprenticeships are new and are offered in partnerships with a University.
- ‘Normal’ Apprenticeships do not require Level 3 qualifications but they may be suitable for you if you want to go into an area of work which is unrelated to your A Levels. In this case you might not be able to get straight on to a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship.

# FACTS

- Apprenticeships involve work-based training and are paid.
  - There are a huge range of apprenticeships available at various local course providers – YOU need to research the ones that appeal to you.
  - Apprenticeships are available through Chesterfield College's 'Learning Unlimited' division.
  - Search here: [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)
- [www.chesterfield.ac.uk](http://www.chesterfield.ac.uk)
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) – scroll down to the Apprenticeships section on the home page, there is lots of information for you.
- [www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk)
  - [www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/overview](http://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/overview)

# Apprenticeship advice service

UCAS have launched an [apprenticeships advice service](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process

With the predicted growth of Higher & Degree Apprenticeships you'll also find a dedicated [degree and professional apprenticeships section](#) on [ucas.com](#) which profiles current programmes in more detail – from chartered surveying to broadcast engineering.

# HNC OR HND ?

- A Higher National Diploma (HND) is a work-related course provided by **higher and further education colleges** in the UK.

- It is designed to equip you with both practical skills and theoretical knowledge in your chosen subject. They are vocationally focused and as such geared towards specific careers.

A full-time HND takes two years to complete while a part-time HND takes three to four years. Generally an HND is equivalent to the second year of university.

A Higher National Certificate (HNC) is the level below an HND and takes one year to complete.

- It's worth remembering that both HNC and HND qualifications can be 'topped up' (so if you completed an HND and wanted to upgrade your qualification to a degree, you might be able to go straight in to the final year of university.)

# HNDS USING UCAS SEARCH TOOL...

The screenshot shows the UCAS search tool interface. At the top, the UCAS logo is on the left, and navigation links (Home, How it all works, Apply, Members & providers, Data & analysis, News & events, About us) are on the right. Below the logo is a link to 'Back to search home page'. The search criteria section includes a dropdown for 'Where do you normally live?\*' set to 'England', and radio buttons for 'Search courses available in\*' with '2014' unselected and '2015' selected. The search filters are: Course: HND, Provider: Chesterfield College, and Location: Enter a country, county, city or town. A 'Search' button is on the right. Below the search bar, there is a 'Filters' sidebar on the left and a 'Back to results' link. The main content area shows 'Chesterfield College' with its logo and website address. It states '21 courses found' and lists 'Single subjects'. Three courses are displayed in a table format:

Course Name	Qualification	Duration	Study mode
<b>Art and Design (W100)</b> Main Site HE Level 2 (HND's DipHEs and Foundation Degrees)	HND	2 Years	Full-time
<b>Art and Design (Fine Art) (W101)</b> Main Site HE Level 2 (HND's DipHEs and Foundation Degrees)	HND	2 Years	Full-time
<b>Art and Design (Graphic Design) (012W)</b> Main Site HE Level 2 (HND's DipHEs and Foundation Degrees)	HND	2 Years	Full-time

If you are considering college courses, make sure you attend their  
**Open Days!**

# FOUNDATION DEGREES?

- Usually used as a link between A Levels and undergraduate degrees.
- They often require **lower entry requirements** and result in an extra year of study.
- They can sometimes be offered/used if you didn't take all the correct A Levels subjects for your future chosen University course as a top up.
- Students waiting to do Art and Design degrees often need an Art Foundation qualification first.
- You can search and apply through UCAS 2018.

# WORK?

- If you want to go straight into the world of work make sure the job offers further opportunity.
- Employers are increasingly offering 'IN-HOUSE' training, development and management courses for employees.
- Remember that college course and apprenticeships are available for people of any age BUT the government only fully fund apprenticeships for people starting them before the age of 19!



# FORCES?

[www.army.mod.uk](http://www.army.mod.uk)

[www.raf.mod.uk](http://www.raf.mod.uk)

[www.royalnavy.mod.uk](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk)

- These are big employers and offer training
- A huge range of career possibilities.
- You are not guaranteed a place in any one of the Armed Services – it can be very competitive – especially certain careers within the forces so make sure you research the entry requirements.

# BRAINSTORM GAP YEAR OPTIONS...

- Have a brief discussion with the person next to you...
- Can you think of 5 ways to spend a Gap Year?

# GAP YEAR?

- Use a gap year as an opportunity to learn new skills which increase your employability/development.
- Just 'getting a job' is not an ideal gap year. It is easy to get trapped in a low paid job even if the initial intention is just for a year.
- There are amazing opportunities out there. [www.gapadvice.org](http://www.gapadvice.org) is an independent website offering advice. There are loads of gap year websites at the back of the blue booklet.

# GAP YEAR

- A well-planned gap year can bring many benefits.
- Even planning it involves new skills and some fun.
- You can do more than one thing during the year.
- You're unlikely to be able to save substantially for uni unless you have a very valuable skill. But saving for some travel costs and a visa is feasible. You can make ends meet or blow your budget on 2 weeks, so do choose carefully according to your budget.
- Work abroad programmes like Camp America include pay and free time after your "working holiday", you have to apply and be selected.
- Other programmes will take anyone – and your money!
- Once you have some ideas you should talk to your family.

# THINK...

- Now complete pages 17 – 18 of the blue booklet.
- At home, check out all the useful **websites on p19 – 20.**
- Any questions?