



# BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

### MOVING ON FROM YEAR 13

Check out your career ideas on: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk> - click on Explore Careers. Check with school about careers programmes they have which can give information or suggest career ideas. Not sure what to do.? The Buzz Quiz test [here](#) can also be a starting point.

**Higher Education:** Going to university is a big commitment and it is important not only to research the course you want to study, but also decide where to study. Courses can be linked to a career e.g. Business or have a subject focus e.g. Maths.

Entry requirements vary between courses and it is important to check individual course requirements. A level grades achieved will give UCAS tariff points. From 2017 the tariff changed to the following points: A\* = 56, A = 48, B = 40, C = 32, D = 24 and E = 16.

Courses can be studied at various levels such as Masters e.g. MEng, Bachelor e.g. BEng, Foundation Degree (Fdg) or Higher National Diploma (HND), depending on the subject.

Courses are offered within universities and colleges in a variety of places, near and far, depending on the subject and where you want to study.

Use [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) to explore courses and [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) to look at graduate opportunities for after university. UCAS applications are made through school in the 1st term of Y13. Check out finance at [www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students).

**Apprenticeships.** These are offered at various levels: Degree/ Higher (Level 4 upwards), Advanced (Level 3) and Intermediate (Level 2). Entry points vary depending on the work offered, employer needs and students' qualifications. Check out more information on [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk), [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship), [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk), [www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk) and [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) - Alternatives. Start to look into what career area(s) you want and possible early vacancies in the autumn term. Many vacancies will start to be advertised on gov.uk early in the New Year. This is a competitive option so have a back-up plan in case you don't manage to secure an apprenticeship.

**Employment.** If you want to start earning looking for a job is another option. Competition is strong and what is available varies but think what you want to do and start to look from the autumn term onwards. Use [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk), <https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job> and [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) - Alternatives to explore. Have a backup plan.

**Gap Years.** For students who want to take time off from their studies, a gap year can be advantageous, if used productively. You need to be sure what you want to achieve from the year as it needs to be planned so that opportunities are not wasted. There is a huge variety of activities that you could pursue. Use [www.yearoutgroup.org](http://www.yearoutgroup.org) to find out more.

**Further Education.** A small number of A level students will continue their studies within Further Education e.g. Art Foundation course at local colleges, before moving onto university. Check out funding arrangements with the college and talk to Higher Education courses about entry grades needed.

**Volunteering.** Find out about possible volunteering opportunities on [www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org) website or through the [County Council](#).

Remember you can apply for several options and then decide next summer. For more help talk to your form tutor/ Miss Metcalfe/ Anne Brown the school's Careers Adviser, your family and Friends. Good luck with your career planning.