



What's your next move? Post A-level options

Newstead Wood Careers

Options	Description	Length of time	Find out more
University	An academic course you learn through lectures, seminars, group projects and independent study. Options can include a placement year or study abroad. Around 50.2% of school leavers go on to University. Department for Education data shows graduates particularly from Oxbridge or Russell Group Universities on average earn £10,000 more per year than those who don't go to University.	Varies minimum 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UCAS• Informed choices• The Uni Guide• The Complete University Guide• Turing Scheme• Aspire Upreach
Degree Apprenticeship	This route will give you invaluable work experience and first-hand knowledge in your chosen field, whilst earning a salary and gaining a degree with zero debt. Example employers: John Lewis, Jaguar, Goldman Sachs & BT	Between 3-6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apprenticeships.gov.uk• Rate my apprenticeship• UCAS degree apprenticeship
Advanced (level 3) Apprenticeship	Apprenticeships give you the chance to earn while you learn and gain a qualification. They're a good way to gain the skills and experience you need for many careers. Example employers: CGI, Mercedes Benz, IBM & PWC	Between 1-5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not Going to Uni• Amazing Apprenticeships• Apprenticeships.gov.uk
School Leaver Programme	School leaver programmes offer a direct route into the world of work and may include obtaining a qualification as part of the programme. Example employers: Deloitte, National Audit Office & National Grid	12 months- 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All about school leavers• Rate my placement



Gap year	You can gain lots of lots of skills and amazing experiences on a gap year. They give you time to focus on what you want to do next & can enhance your CV or higher education application.	few weeks to a year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do it.org • BUNAC • Raleigh International • Oyster Worldwide • V Inspired
Traineeship	Traineeships are an ideal opportunity for young people who are motivated to get a job or an apprenticeship but lack the skills and experience employers are looking for.	6 weeks-6months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traineeship.gov.uk
Conservatoire	Conservatoires provide performance-based higher education, including music, drama, screen and production courses – both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels	Varies minimum 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservatoires UK • UCAS Conservatoires
Start a business	Becoming an entrepreneur can be exciting, but think carefully about your ideas and make a solid business plan.	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Princes Trust • UnLtd • O2 Go Think Big
Exam retakes/ Short courses	If you didn't get the results you wanted, you can re-sit some of your courses or sign up for some new qualifications	1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCQ Private Candidates • MOOCS
Foundation Year	If your undecided about going to University a foundation year gives you the chance to experience University without fully committing with the option to stay on to complete the full degree. Furthermore, Art and Design students may find the year helpful to develop a portfolio and make decisions about the area you might specialise in.	1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prospects Foundation Year • Complete University Guide Art and Design