

Section 2 - Researching Ideas

Making a well-informed post 16 decision is key and there is a variety of ways pupils can research their ideas:

Use <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk> and www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/find-career-ideas to look at Job Families, specific career ideas and to take a Buzz quiz which will match skills with job ideas.

www.leeds.gov.uk/leedspathways/Pages/default.aspx offers local information about learning opportunities, apprenticeships, jobs and careers and has a parents and carers section.

Information about the key job sectors in Leeds can be accessed on Leeds Pathways (EMBED LINK) <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedspathways/Pages/Key-Job-Sectors-in-Leeds.aspx> and on the Careers Yorkshire Humber website. (EMBED LINK - https://careersyandh.co.uk/Inspiringyandh/iyh_pages/west_yorkshire/16?header=cometo45&slide=199)

A levels and BTEC options at Level 3

24 leading research based Universities (The Russell Group) have produced a guide about making A level choices - <https://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/media/5272/informedchoices-print.pdf>

Which offers information about A Level combinations and where this could lead onto <https://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>

UCAS is the search and application tool for University. Pupils can view University courses and look at the A levels and BTEC options and the grades that specific Degrees will accept. <http://search.ucas.com/>

Degree Level Apprenticeships are now available <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>.

Vocational Courses

There are a wide range of vocational courses at different levels within Leeds. Vocational courses offer practical hands on learning which is usually mainly coursework based and links to an area of work. www.ucasprogress.com.

College and School Sixth Form Applications

All applications to colleges and school sixth forms in Leeds are completed on UCAS Progress. There is also a course search facility. Pupils complete their profile and then select the place/s they wish to apply to and their chosen course. School will issue usernames and passwords for this website at the beginning of Year 11. www.ucasprogress.com.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are advertised on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> and it is also possible to research opportunities on company websites and by contacting training providers.

Enhancement Opportunities

The National Citizenship Service (NCS) offers opportunities for Year 11 students in the summer - www.ncsyoes.co.uk.