

QEHS Hexham Sixth Form

Progression Research Pack

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I know what course I want to study at university but I need to choose the universities	
UCAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ucas.com • To fill in your UCAS application form on line - please see Y13 or Y14 instruction booklet on how to complete your UCAS form • You can also use UCAS to search for which universities run your course • If you're looking at a joint course, type both subjects into the search tool
Discover Uni (formerly known as Unistats)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.discoveruni.gov.uk • Discover Uni website for information on student satisfaction and employment rates by course by university • Can also use Discover Uni to search for courses as it has a better filtering system than UCAS
Open Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.opendays.com • Directory of university and college open days. Offers calendars, open day descriptions, contact information and useful advice.
Prospects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.prospects.ac.uk • Prospects for graduate jobs, postgraduate study, advice about work experience, internship opportunities and graduate careers.
University Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To check out course details, flexibility of the course, unit details, double check entry requirements and accreditation (if applicable).
The Scholarship Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk • For scholarships for university
Not Going To Uni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.notgoingtouni.co.uk • For sponsored degrees and degree apprenticeships

I know I want to go to university but I don't know what course I want to do	
Sacu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.sacu-student.com • Go into 'student' and then select either the careers quiz or A level match tool to do a visual quiz match you to HE courses and careers
Prospects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.prospects.ac.uk • If you are unsure about where your degree may take you, Prospects shows you what jobs are available for each degree

Researching and applying for a career

Target Careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.targetcareers.co.uk • A one stop shop for looking at various careers by sector with clear advice on the entry routes into the careers • Specific information on companies which take on school leavers and the training they provide
Barclay's Lifeskills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.barclayslifeskills.com • Lots of very good resources on applying for jobs e.g. practice interviews, CV writing, work experience etc
Apprenticeship Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.amazingapprenticeships.com • The official government website for apprenticeships including searches and lots of resources • Use 'snapshot' to search for vacancies, advice on applying to a particular organisation and an indication of when historically some key vacancies arise
NCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx • The National Careers Service website helps give you career ideas and lots of guidance to help you make decisions • Over 800 job profiles with details on the job, career prospects, the routes into it and salary details
Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.startprofile.com • Explore thousands of apprenticeship and job opportunities, look at in depth career profiles, the demand for jobs, videos & articles • You can also register your details and then use the 'Opening your eyes' module to enter your interests, preferences, skills and qualities to create suggestions of careers which match your profile
NHS Careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.healthcareers.nhs.uk • The NHS is one of the biggest employers in the UK with jobs in many areas in addition to healthcare roles • Explore NHS careers to find out what routes and career paths are available via university or straight from school
Professional Body Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for the website for the professional body of your chosen career to find out more about the available career paths available Examples include: Chartered Institute of Surveyors & Institute of Civil Engineering
Notgoingtouni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.notgoingtouni.co.uk • An overview of alternative options to university - including jobs, management training schemes, apprenticeships, sponsored degrees, gap years & distance learning.
All about school leavers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk • Includes a career test, information on apprenticeships, school leaver

	programmes and sponsored degrees
Career Builder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.careerbuilder.co.uk • Job vacancy search and advice on CVs and applying for jobs.
Job Search Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.indeed.co.uk • www.totaljobs.com • www.cv-library.co.uk • One stop job search site
Princes Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.princes-trust.org.uk • Support for young people wanting to start their own business • Support for young people wanting to develop skills in preparation for employment
Prospects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.prospects.ac.uk • Prospects for graduate jobs, postgraduate study, advice about work experience, internship opportunities and graduate careers.

I don't have any idea what I want to do	
icould	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.icould.com • Use the Buzz Quiz to determine your personality type and see which jobs may suit you best • Then go to some of the websites below and above (Start, Sacu & NCS) to explore these careers further
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