

TAKE YOUR PLACE

Parent and Carers Guide to Post 18 Pathways



You have successfully navigated post-16 pathways with your young person but what are their options upon completion of their level 3 qualification? Your young person legally has to stay in education until the age of 18; They may choose to go straight into the world of work, take a gap year or continue their studies, depending on whether or not they have a specific career pathway in mind.

Higher Education

- Students work towards a degree at University, Further Education Colleges or through online distance learning.
- Applications are submitted online (Autumn term of Year 13 or Level 3 year 2) through UCAS. Students can apply for up to 5 courses from a choice of over 50,000 course listings.
- A full-time degree course typically lasts 3 years, but may be 4 years if your young person completes a year abroad or a year in industry.



Tuition Fee: *Each academic year your young person can be charged a fee of up to £9,250. This covers teaching, course facilities, support services, etc. Your young person will only repay this the year after they graduate and once they earn above a certain amount.*

Living Cost Loan: *Your young person can apply for support with day-to-day living costs. The amount received will depend on your household income, where they live as a student and where they study.*

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

- A combination of academic study (tuition fees paid by the employer) and direct hands-on experience in the workplace. This pathway may take longer than a traditional degree to complete.
- There are over 100 companies, partnered with over 20 universities, offering Degree Apprenticeships. Applications are made directly to the employer and can be advertised all year round.
- Your young person will be treated as an employee, earning at least the apprentice's minimum wage from the outset.



Useful Links for Further Information:

UCAS www.ucas.com

Uni Connect www.ofsuniconnect.org

Gap Year www.gapyear.com