

YR12 / L3 YR1 - SUPPORTING YOUR YOUNG PERSON TO RESEARCH THEIR NEXT STEPS

June – September Start researching

Your young person should be considering different courses and universities – research is key! They will need to register on the UCAS Hub and familiarise themselves with the application process.

Your young person's school will start giving them lots of information about their choices. It's important whilst they're beginning to consider their next steps at school that similar conversations are happening at home.



Exploring options

Once your young person has begun to explore their options, it could be useful to have a conversation with them about which options best suit their learning and interests. You can use these questions to get the conversation started:

- What are your current interests?
- What subjects are you most excited about? Which ones don't excite you?
- How do you learn best?
- What options best suit the way you learn?
- What are your first thoughts about your next steps?



April

Spring is a good time to attend Higher Education and Careers Fairs with your young person. It's a great opportunity to get a sense of ALL the options available to them. Prepare some questions before you go!

Some questions to get your started:

- What courses and qualifications do you offer?
- What are the benefits of this course / qualification?
- What do students who study here go on to do next?
- What support services are available?



May

UCAS Undergraduate application system will go live. This means your young person can start to search for university courses they're interested in.



July Get specific!

Encourage your young person to get specific! Support them to create a list of the options they're most interested in and the pros and cons of those options. This is a good time to explore what the application processes are for each option – for example the university application process VS apprenticeship process.



Are apprenticeships an option?

The world of apprenticeships is growing! Did you know you can now earn a degree through an apprenticeship? The learning environment can be very different from university. This may benefit young people who are looking for an opportunity to be paid to train and learn through a more hands on approach.

Want to know more?

Check out our Take Your Place resources and [guide to apprenticeships](#) as a starting point. Go to [Takeyourplace.ac.uk](https://takeyourplace.ac.uk).

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