



**Volunteering**  
www.vinspired.com *more*  
www.do-it.org  
www.volunteeringherts.org.uk

**Gap year**  
www.gapyear.com *more*  
www.yearoutgroup.org  
www.gap-year.com  
www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry

**College** *more*  
www.ychertfordshire.org > jobs & careers > search for college, 6<sup>th</sup> form or training

**Own business** *more*  
www.princes-trust.org.uk > help for young people  
www.wenta.co.uk  
www.shell-livewire.org  
www.gov.uk > business/self-employed

**Work** *more*  
www.ychertfordshire.org > jobs & careers > info on jobs & apprenticeships  
www.ychertfordshire.org > jobs & careers > search for jobs & apprenticeships  
www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

**Choosing your course** *more*  
www.ucas.com > search for courses  
www.unistats.ac.uk  
www.hecsu.ac.uk > what do graduates do?  
www.prospects.ac.uk > careers advice > what can I do with my degree?  
www.whatuni.com > what can I do?

**Support for those with disabilities** *more*  
www.gov.uk > disabled people  
www.disabilityrightsuk.org > factsheets & guides

**Support for care leavers**  
www.propel.org.uk (Who cares trust)

**Studying abroad** *more*  
www.thestudentworld.com  
www.astarfuture.co.uk  
ec.europa.eu/ploteus  
www.fulbright.org.uk

**Choosing your uni** *more*  
www.opendays.com  
www.applytouni.com  
www.bigdealblogs.com > knowledge bank > education pathways  
www.whichuniversity.co.uk

**Full-time university**

**Applying & personal statements** *more*  
www.ucas.com > search Information and Advice for 'Personal statement'  
www.warwick.ac.uk > undergraduate for 2018 entry > how to apply > tips  
www.ucas.tv

**Admissions Tests** *more*  
www.lnat.ac.uk  
www.ukcat.ac.uk  
www.admissionstesting-service.org (includes BMAT)

**Student life** *more*  
www.push.co.uk > student life  
www.nus.org.uk

**Finance** *more*  
www.gov.uk/studentfinance  
www.thescholarship-hub.org.uk

**Clearing** *more*  
www.ucas.com > undergraduate > clearing



**Alternative ways to get a degree**

**Studying part-time**  
www.ucas.com > search Information & Advice for 'part time'  
www.bbk.ac.uk (Birkbeck College)

**Apprenticeships** *more*  
www.ychertfordshire.org > jobs & careers > search for jobs & apprenticeships  
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship  
www.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk  
www.university.which.co.uk > teachers > higher & degree apprenticeships guide

**Distance learning**  
www.open.ac.uk  
www.ucas.com > search Information & Advice for 'distance learning'  
www.hotcourses.com > browse courses > online

For more useful information and websites visit [www.ychertfordshire.org](http://www.ychertfordshire.org)

# I'm 18 – what are my options ... more websites

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## Full-time university

### Choosing your course

- [www.russellgroup.ac.uk](http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk) > students
- [www.bestcourse4me.com](http://www.bestcourse4me.com) – course search
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) – search Information & Advice for 'Foundation degrees'
- [www.medschools.ac.uk](http://www.medschools.ac.uk) > students > UK Medical Schools – Studying medicine in the UK
- [www.propel.org.uk](http://www.propel.org.uk) – HE advice and information for care leavers from the Who Cares Trust

*Check for accredited/designated courses (including private institutions)*

- [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) > Education & learning > Universities and higher education > Check if a university of college is officially recognised

### Choosing your university

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) - search Information & Advice for 'Open Days'
- [www.guardian.co.uk/education/universityguide](http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/universityguide)
- [www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk](http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)
- [www.allaboutcareers.com](http://www.allaboutcareers.com) > Careers advice > choosing a university
- [www.unitasterdays.com](http://www.unitasterdays.com)
- [www.applytouni.com](http://www.applytouni.com) > Universities
- [www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com) > advice > choosing a uni

### Applying and personal statements, including Oxbridge

- [www.whichuniversity.co.uk](http://www.whichuniversity.co.uk) > Get advice > personal statements
- [www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk) > applying – advice on the University of Cambridge application process
- [www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk](http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk) > applying > interviews – advice on the University of Cambridge application process
- [www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk) > admissions > undergraduate > applying to Oxford - University of Oxford's application process

## Admissions tests

- [www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers](http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers) – includes
  - University of Cambridge pre-interview assessments
  - BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)
  - Cambridge Personal Thinking Styles Questionnaire (CPSQ)
  - International Medical Admissions Test (IMAT)
  - Test of Mathematics for University Admissions
  - Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT)
  - Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA)
  - English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)
  - Sixth Term Examination Paper (STEP) Mathematics
  - University of Oxford admission tests, which include
    - Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT)
    - Classics Admissions Test (CAT)
    - English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)
    - History Aptitude Test (HAT)
    - Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT)
    - Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT)
    - Oriental Languages Aptitude Test (OLAT)
    - Physics Aptitude Test (PAT)
    - Philosophy Test (for the joint course of Philosophy and Theology)
    - Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA)
- [www.lnat.ac.uk](http://www.lnat.ac.uk) – LNAT aptitude test for law
- [www.ukcat.ac.uk](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk) – UKCAT aptitude test for medical and dental degrees

## Support for special groups

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) > getting started > students with individual needs
- [www.whichuniversity.co.uk](http://www.whichuniversity.co.uk) > get advice – search for ‘disabled’
- [www.dsa-qag.org.uk](http://www.dsa-qag.org.uk) – advice including information on finding a university disability officer
- [www.snowdontrust.org](http://www.snowdontrust.org) – helps students with physical and sensory disabilities

## Finance

- [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) > education and learning > student finance
- [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) > benefits > carers and disability benefits > disabled students' allowances
- [www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com) > advice > money
- [www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk](http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk) – find scholarships for UK students
- [www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk) > What we do > Grants – Educational grants search
- [www.propel.org.uk](http://www.propel.org.uk) – advice and information on sources of funding for care leavers from the Who Cares Trust
- [www.european-funding-guide.eu](http://www.european-funding-guide.eu) – search for scholarships, grants and awards (in the UK or in Europe)
- [www.whichuniversity.co.uk](http://www.whichuniversity.co.uk) – search for student budget calculator

## Student life

- [www.thestudentroom.co.uk](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk) > university > university life
- [www.whichuniversity.co.uk](http://www.whichuniversity.co.uk) > get advice > student life
- [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com) – Search 'preparing for uni' for free online learning courses on preparing for and success at university

## Clearing

- [www.whichuniversity.co.uk](http://www.whichuniversity.co.uk) > **Get advice > clearing and results day**

## Studying abroad

- [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org) > study and work abroad
- <http://studylink.com> – studying abroad course search
- [www.eunicas.co.uk](http://www.eunicas.co.uk) - European university application support service
- [www.thestudentworld.com](http://www.thestudentworld.com)
- [www.studyportals.eu](http://www.studyportals.eu) – international course search
- [www.studyinholland.nl](http://www.studyinholland.nl) – study in Holland
- [www.study-in.de](http://www.study-in.de) – study in Germany
- [www.studying-in-france.org](http://www.studying-in-france.org) – study in France
- [www.fulbright.org.uk](http://www.fulbright.org.uk) – study in the USA
- [www.studyincanada.ca](http://www.studyincanada.ca) – universities, community colleges, technical institutes, career colleges, summer camps and language schools in Canada
- [www.studyoptions.com](http://www.studyoptions.com) – Study in Australia & New Zealand
- [www.campuschina.org](http://www.campuschina.org) – Study in China
- [www.european-funding-guide.eu](http://www.european-funding-guide.eu) – search for scholarships, grants and awards (Europe)

### Student experiences

- [www.iagora.com](http://www.iagora.com) > find a university or business school – for experiences and opinions about studying abroad
- [www.stexx.eu](http://www.stexx.eu) – student reviews of studies in Europe

### International league tables

- [www.timeshighereducation.co.uk](http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk) > Rankings
- [www.topuniversities.com](http://www.topuniversities.com)
- [www.shanghai ranking.com](http://www.shanghai ranking.com) – academic ranking of world universities

## Alternative routes to a degree

- [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) – search for degree apprenticeships
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) > alternatives
- [www.whichuniversity.co.uk](http://www.whichuniversity.co.uk) – search ‘apprenticeships’
- [www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com) > vacancy snapshot
- [www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk](http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk) > degree apprenticeships

## Gap year

- [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) > passports, travel and living abroad > living abroad > detailed guidance > advice for all countries > gap year foreign travel advice
- [www.theleap.co.uk](http://www.theleap.co.uk)
- [www.oysterworldwide.com](http://www.oysterworldwide.com)

## College

- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> > find a course
- [www.hotcourses.com](http://www.hotcourses.com)

## Work and apprenticeships

- [www.ychertfordshire.org](http://www.ychertfordshire.org) > jobs & careers > local information > employment in Hertfordshire
- [www.ychertfordshire.org](http://www.ychertfordshire.org) > jobs & careers > employers with opportunities for school leavers
- [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) > working jobs and pensions > finding a job
- <http://schoolleavers.milkround.com>
- [www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)
- [www.allaboutcareers.com](http://www.allaboutcareers.com)
- [www.targetcareers.co.uk](http://www.targetcareers.co.uk)

- [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

## Volunteering

- [www.volunteeringmatters.org.uk](http://www.volunteeringmatters.org.uk)
- [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk) > Support our work
- [www.volunteerics.org](http://www.volunteerics.org) – International citizen service sponsored by UK government
- [http://europa.eu/youth/EU\\_en](http://europa.eu/youth/EU_en) > Volunteering

## Own Business

- [www.virginstartup.org](http://www.virginstartup.org)

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