

Virtual Careers Library

Welcome to the virtual careers library, here you will find a range of useful website links that will help you find some of the answers to your career questions.

National Careers Service <http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

The government website provides careers advice and information on a wide range of jobs, training course resources and funding. Provides 800 different types of job profile each one explains the skills and qualifications needed to get that job as well as giving the average salary and career prospects.

Icould www.icould.com

Need some ideas for the future? Some inspiration on what kind of career might be right for you? Just want to find out what's out there? Icould can help you discover what you could do and how you could get there.

Careersbox www.careersbox.co.uk

Offers over 300 videos providing careers information on a variety of jobs.

Plotr www.plotr.co.uk

Whether you have a career in mind or you haven't got a clue Plotr can help you discover your future and guide you to careers you'll love. Government support and industry-led website that connects young people to the world of work.

Apprenticeships www.apprenticeships.org.uk

Find out about all the different types of apprenticeships available here and how to apply.

Moving On magazine www.movingonmagazine.co.uk Moving On magazine is a publication devoted to providing a wide range of information regarding choices following school.

UCAS www.ucas.ac.uk

The UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Service) website allows you to search universities and colleges and the courses they offer. You can also complete applications for courses and track progress.

Unistats www.unistats.com

Search, review and compare subjects at UK universities and colleges. Unistats is the official website to help you make an informed choice when deciding which university or college to apply to. Includes results from the latest National Student Survey.

Not Going to University www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

This website is full of information about other paths to take if university is not for you. Information on apprenticeships, distance learning, foundation degrees, voluntary work, jobs, training and gap years.

Gap Year www.gapyear.com

This site tells you everything you need to know about choosing and planning a gap year in the UK and abroad.

Volunteering www.volunteering.org.uk

Offers a wide range of volunteering opportunities that are available today.

Careers in the NHS www.nhscareers.nhs.uk

The National Health Service offers a huge range of exciting and challenging opportunities for people who are passionate about making a difference. More than 300 different careers on offer.

Prince's Trust www.princes-trust.org.uk

'Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information on it'. Samuel Johnson

There are lots of sources of online careers information but, remember check the information you find before you use it.

This is very important if you use the internet and social media to find information. Ask yourself these questions to make sure that the information you have is trustworthy, unbiased, accurate and up to date.

Source: Where does the information come from? Do I trust this source?

Purpose: Does the information give me the facts? Is it trying to sell me something? Is it trying to persuade me to agree with a particular point of view?

Date: When was it written, published or updated? Is it still up to date?

Relevance: Does it answer my questions?

Remember before you start looking for information make a list of the things you want to find out.