

## Careers and Guidance at Coopers – Useful Websites Handout






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- Careers information, advice and guidance.
- GCSE and Sixth Form/Further Education course search and choice.
- Higher Education (University) advice and guidance.
- Apprenticeships and Internships.
- Work Experience.
- Completing application forms.
- Writing CVs and Covering Letters.
- Preparing for Interviews and Assessment Centres.

There are many careers and guidance websites and the following are some examples.

### Careers

	<p>The National Careers Service (NCS)  <a href="https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx">https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx</a></p>
	<p>CASCAiD (Launchpad, Kudos and Careerscape – you will need a username and password to access these products, see Mr Sikora if you don't have them).  <a href="https://www.cascaid.co.uk/">https://www.cascaid.co.uk/</a></p>
	<p>AllAboutCareers  <a href="http://www.allaboutcareers.com/">http://www.allaboutcareers.com/</a>             Does what it says on the logo.</p>
	<p>AllAboutLaw  <a href="http://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/">http://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/</a>             Does what it says on the logo.</p>
	<p>AllAboutFinanceCareers  <a href="http://www.allaboutfinancecareers.com/">http://www.allaboutfinancecareers.com/</a>             Careers in the financial sector (Banking, Investment, Risk, Insurance, Broking/Dealing etc.).</p>




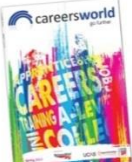
	<p>AllAboutSchoolLeaversCareers  <a href="http://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk/">http://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk/</a></p> <p>As it says, designed especially for school leavers.</p>
	<p>Career Pilot (a site for those in the West Country, but still has some useful information).  <a href="http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/">http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/</a></p>
	<p>How2Become  <a href="https://www.how2become.com/">https://www.how2become.com/</a></p> <p>You can purchase material about different careers and how to increase your chances of a successful application.</p>
	<p>Growing Ambitions (from the Times Education Supplement)  <a href="http://growingambitions.tes.co.uk/">http://growingambitions.tes.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Lots of general careers advice.</p>
	<p>iCould  <a href="http://icould.com/">http://icould.com/</a></p> <p>Exploring your options.</p>
	<p>Notgoingtouni  <a href="http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/">http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/</a></p> <p>As the name suggests, a useful site for those not planning on going to university after the Sixth Form.</p>
	<p>Pure Potential  <a href="http://www.purepotential.org/">http://www.purepotential.org/</a></p> <p>A well-established site with lots of good advice.</p>
	<p>Which Way Now  <a href="http://www.whichwaynow.org/">http://www.whichwaynow.org/</a></p> <p>Lots of useful links.</p>
	<p>Parental Guidance (for parents, everything that they need to know).  <a href="http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/">http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/</a></p> <p>This site is for parents (but there is also a lot of useful information for students).</p>

	<p>NHS Careers  <a href="https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/">https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/</a></p> <p>There are many more careers in the NHS besides Doctor, Nurse and Dentist.</p>
	<p>Medical Projects  <a href="http://www.medicalprojects.co.uk/">http://www.medicalprojects.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Help with placements, applications and interview (a commercial organization but worth looking at).</p>
	<p>The Royal Society of Medicine  <a href="https://www.rsm.ac.uk/">https://www.rsm.ac.uk/</a></p> <p>A useful site for those thinking about careers in medicine</p>
	<p>The Medic Portal  <a href="https://www.themedicportal.com/">https://www.themedicportal.com/</a></p> <p>Another useful site for those thinking about careers in medicine</p>
	<p>The Lawyer Portal  <a href="https://www.thelawyerportal.com/">https://www.thelawyerportal.com/</a></p> <p>This is a relatively new site and has lots of information for anyone considering careers in the legal profession.</p>
	<p>Success-at-School  <a href="https://successatschool.org/">https://successatschool.org/</a></p> <p>A useful careers information site for secondary school and sixth form students.</p>
	<p>Central London Careers Hub  <a href="http://www.centrallondoncareershubs.co.uk/">http://www.centrallondoncareershubs.co.uk/</a></p> <p>A site with a focus on careers in London.</p>


 <p>accessprofessions.com</p>	<p>Access Professions  <a href="http://www.accessprofessions.com/">http://www.accessprofessions.com/</a></p> <p>Sign up for useful alerts.</p>
	<p>Prospects  <a href="http://www.prospects.ac.uk/">http://www.prospects.ac.uk/</a></p> <p>The focus here is on graduate careers.</p>
	<p>The Armed Services  <a href="http://www.army.mod.uk/home.aspx">http://www.army.mod.uk/home.aspx</a>  <a href="http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers">http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers</a>  <a href="https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/">https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/</a></p>
 <p>THE COMPLETE ACCOUNTANCY SOLUTION</p>	<p>Accountancy Careers  <a href="http://careers.accaglobal.com/careers-advice.html">http://careers.accaglobal.com/careers-advice.html</a>  <a href="http://www.icaew.com/">http://www.icaew.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.aat.org.uk/">https://www.aat.org.uk/</a></p>
 <p>Developing world class talent</p>	<p>Creative Careers  <a href="http://www.skillset.org">www.skillset.org</a>  <a href="http://www.creative-choices.co.uk">www.creative-choices.co.uk</a></p> <p>Two sites for those interested in creative careers.</p>
	<p>Banking  <a href="http://www.financialskillpartnership.org.uk/careers">www.financialskillpartnership.org.uk/careers</a></p> <p>A possible starting point for those interested in the banking and the financial sector.</p>
	<p>IT  <a href="http://itskillsman.co.uk/">http://itskillsman.co.uk/</a></p> <p>ITSkillsman – a starting point for those interested in careers in IT.</p>
	<p>Law  <a href="http://www.lawcareers.net">www.lawcareers.net</a>  <a href="http://www.cilex.org.uk/">http://www.cilex.org.uk/</a></p>
	<p>Moving on careers magazine  <a href="http://movingonmagazine.co.uk/">http://movingonmagazine.co.uk/</a></p>










<h1>ULAS</h1>	<p>ULAS – Universal Leavers Application Service  <a href="https://www.ulas.co.uk/">https://www.ulas.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Information for school leavers (higher education, apprenticeships...etc.).</p>
	<p>Careers Advice for Parents  <a href="http://www.careersadviceforparents.org/">http://www.careersadviceforparents.org/</a></p> <p>Advice for parents to help them when talking to their sons and daughters with career planning and preparation.</p>
	<p>Student Ladder  <a href="http://www.studentladder.co.uk/">http://www.studentladder.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Recommended by students.</p>
	<p>Start  <a href="http://www.startprofile.com/Login.aspx">http://www.startprofile.com/Login.aspx</a></p> <p>You will need to register before you can use this site.</p>

## Employment and Apprenticeships

 <p>www.careersbox.co.uk  CAREERS FILMS ON THE WEB</p>	<p>Careersbox  <a href="http://www.careersbox.co.uk/">http://www.careersbox.co.uk/</a></p> <p>This has a lot of video clips.</p>
	<p>National Apprenticeship Service (NAS)  <a href="http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/">http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/</a></p> <p>The main site for students interested in apprenticeships.</p>
	<p>The Apprenticeship Guide  <a href="http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk">www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk</a></p> <p>This site is for those who want to find out more about apprenticeships.</p>
	<p>CareersWorld  <a href="http://www.careersworld.co.uk/">http://www.careersworld.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Information about apprenticeships and more.</p>




	<p>CareerMap  <a href="http://careemap.co.uk/">http://careemap.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Good for local vacancies.</p>
	<p>Get My First Job  <a href="https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/">https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/</a></p>
	<p>There are many sites for those seeking employment, don't forget that most large organisations have areas on their own website where they advertise vacancies. Examples of online job search sites include;  Total Jobs - <a href="http://www.totaljobs.com/">http://www.totaljobs.com/</a>  Monster - <a href="http://www.monster.co.uk/">http://www.monster.co.uk/</a>  Jobsite - <a href="http://www.jobsite.co.uk/">http://www.jobsite.co.uk/</a></p>
	<p>TheBIGChoice.com  <a href="http://www.thebigchoice.com/">http://www.thebigchoice.com/</a></p> <p>Worth a look at.</p>
	<p>Plotr  <a href="https://www.plotr.co.uk/">https://www.plotr.co.uk/</a></p> <p>A popular site for students.</p>
	<p>Milkround (School Leavers)  <a href="http://schoolleavers.milkround.com/">http://schoolleavers.milkround.com/</a></p> <p>Students recommend this site.</p>
	<p>AIM Apprenticeships (fulfil your potential)  <a href="http://www.aimapprenticeships.co.uk/">http://www.aimapprenticeships.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Local and further afield apprenticeships in a range of different sectors and roles.</p>
	<p>Amazing Apprenticeships  <a href="http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/">http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/</a></p> <p>Useful information about apprenticeships</p>
	<p>Milkround (Jobs, Apprenticeships, Internships etc.)  <a href="http://www.milkround.com/">http://www.milkround.com/</a></p> <p>Again, students recommend this site.</p>


	<p>Middleton Murray  <a href="http://www.middletonmurray.com/">http://www.middletonmurray.com/</a></p> <p>A local agency and trainer.</p>
	<p>JTL  <a href="http://www.jtltraining.com/">http://www.jtltraining.com/</a></p> <p>Apprenticeships and training (trades mainly).</p>
	<p>REMIT  <a href="http://www.remit.co.uk/">http://www.remit.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Apprenticeships and training (a range of sectors).</p>
	<p>The Brokerage (City Link)  <a href="http://www.thebrokerage.org.uk/">http://www.thebrokerage.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Business, finance and professional services.</p>
	<p>Quest Professional  <a href="http://www.questprofessional.co.uk/">http://www.questprofessional.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Training and recruitment specialists.</p>
	<p>Hawk Training  <a href="http://hawktraining.com/">http://hawktraining.com/</a></p> <p>Specialists in vocational training.</p>
	<p>QA  <a href="http://apprenticeships.qa.com/">http://apprenticeships.qa.com/</a></p> <p>This is very useful for those interested in careers in IT and the world of business.</p>
	<p>JUST IT  <a href="https://www.justit.co.uk">https://www.justit.co.uk</a></p> <p>Useful for IT apprenticeships in London</p>
	<p>Kaplan  <a href="http://www.kaplan.co.uk/">http://www.kaplan.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Courses and training for a range of sectors including accountancy and other financial services.</p>

 <p>All Dimension</p>	<p>Dimension (Sidcup)  <a href="http://www.alldimension.co.uk/">http://www.alldimension.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Work-based and job-seeker training for young people.</p>
 <p>graduate jobs and careers advice</p>	<p>Target Jobs –  <a href="http://www.targetjobs.co.uk/">www.targetjobs.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Graduate jobs and careers advice.</p>
	<p>Step Forward offer short term (12 month) training programmes of school leavers aged 17-18.  <a href="https://www.stepforward.uk.com/">https://www.stepforward.uk.com/</a></p>
	<p>Zoom Recruitment Services Ltd  <a href="http://www.zoomrecruitment.co.uk">www.zoomrecruitment.co.uk</a></p> <p>General Recruitment based locally in Bromley (website currently under construction).</p>
	<p>Twin Employment and Training  <a href="http://www.twinemployment.com/">http://www.twinemployment.com/</a></p> <p>For you first steps</p>









### Further Education









	<p>UCAS Progress (<b>NOT</b> university but local learning and training opportunities for 14 – 19 year olds).  <a href="https://www.ucasprogress.com/">https://www.ucasprogress.com/</a></p>
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### Higher Education (University)

	<p>UCAS  <a href="http://www.ucas.com/">http://www.ucas.com/</a></p> <p>All higher education (university) course applications are made through UCAS – see Mr Sikora if you need any help.</p>
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	<p>Which? University  <a href="http://university.which.co.uk/">http://university.which.co.uk/</a></p> <p>This is a good site. Mr Sikora can help if you are not sure whether university is for you or, if it is, he can help with choosing a course.</p>
	<p>Whatuni  <a href="http://www.whatuni.com/">http://www.whatuni.com/</a></p> <p>Worth looking at.</p>
	<p>bestcourse4me  <a href="http://www.bestcourse4me.com/">http://www.bestcourse4me.com/</a></p> <p>Help with choosing a course.</p>
	<p>Unistats  <a href="http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/">http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/</a></p> <p>Lots of statistical information.</p>
	<p>Pure Potential  <a href="http://www.purepotential.org/">http://www.purepotential.org/</a></p> <p>A good site with useful information.</p>
	<p>University Advice  <a href="http://www.universityadvice.co.uk/">http://www.universityadvice.co.uk/</a></p>
	<p>Apply to Uni  <a href="http://www.applytouni.com/">http://www.applytouni.com/</a></p> <p>Another useful site.</p>
	<p>Student Finance England  <a href="http://www.sfengland.slc.co.uk/">http://www.sfengland.slc.co.uk/</a></p> <p>See this site for the latest information on student finance.</p>

	<p>Taster Days  <a href="http://www.universitytasterdays.com/">http://www.universitytasterdays.com/</a></p> <p>It's always worth going on a couple of taster days.</p>
	<p>Open Days  <a href="http://www.opendays.com/">http://www.opendays.com/</a></p> <p>Use this site to find out when universities have their Open Days.</p>
	<p>The Scholarship Hub  <a href="http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk/">http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Information about Scholarships, Grants, Bursaries and Financial Awards.</p>
	<p>Fulbright Commission  <a href="http://www.fulbright.org.uk/">http://www.fulbright.org.uk/</a></p> <p>The starting point for information about study in the USA</p>
	<p>QS Top Universities  <a href="http://www.topuniversities.com/">http://www.topuniversities.com/</a></p> <p>Information about overseas study worldwide</p>
	<p>The Complete University Guide for Overseas Study  <a href="http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/international/studying-overseas/">http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/international/studying-overseas/</a></p> <p>This site has a dedicated area for students interested in study overseas</p>
	<p>Study Overseas. Com  <a href="http://www.studyoverseas.com/">http://www.studyoverseas.com/</a></p> <p>The name describes what it is all about</p>
	<p>Kaplan (for SAT and ACT preparation)  <a href="http://www.kaplan.co.uk/courses/test-preparation">http://www.kaplan.co.uk/courses/test-preparation</a></p> <p>As I said above, you can get help with preparation for SATs and ACTs.</p>

## **Impartial Advice & Guidance**

The school has a statutory obligation to deliver impartial Careers Education and Information, Advice & Guidance. We ensure that this is achieved by;

- providing **unbiased** advice and guidance,
- delivering a **full and comprehensive** range of **relevant** information,
- giving information, advice and guidance that is **in the student's best interests**.