






Careers and Guidance at Coopers – Useful Websites Handout (C&G@Coopers)

Mrs Bramley (jbramley@coopersschool.com) is employed at Coopers as Head of Careers and Guidance to provide students with impartial information, advice and guidance. The Careers Room is on the ground floor of the Mansion House and is accessible via the main entrance between M1 and M2. You can get help with any of the following:

- 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) https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx</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). https://www.cascaid.co.uk/</p>
	<p>AllAboutCareers http://www.allaboutcareers.com/ Does what it says on the logo.</p>
	<p>AllAboutLaw http://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/ Does what it says on the logo.</p>
	<p>AllAboutFinanceCareers http://www.allaboutfinancecareers.com/ Careers in the financial sector (Banking, Investment, Risk, Insurance, Broking/Dealing etc.).</p>




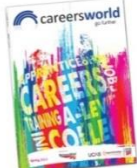
	<p>AllAboutSchoolLeaversCareers http://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk/</p> <p>As it says, designed especially for school leavers.</p>
	<p>Career Pilot (a site for those in the West Country, but still has some useful information). http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/</p>
	<p>How2Become https://www.how2become.com/</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) http://growingambitions.tes.co.uk/</p> <p>Lots of general careers advice.</p>
	<p>iCould http://icould.com/</p> <p>Exploring your options.</p>
	<p>Notgoingtouni http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/</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 http://www.purepotential.org/</p> <p>A well-established site with lots of good advice.</p>
	<p>Which Way Now http://www.whichwaynow.org/</p> <p>Lots of useful links.</p>
	<p>Parental Guidance (for parents, everything that they need to know). http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/</p> <p>This site is for parents (but there is also a lot of useful information for students).</p>


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










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

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

Employment and Apprenticeships


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

	<p>CareerMap http://careemap.co.uk/</p> <p>Good for local vacancies.</p>
	<p>Get My First Job https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/</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 - http://www.totaljobs.com/ Monster - http://www.monster.co.uk/ Jobsite - http://www.jobsite.co.uk/</p>
	<p>TheBIGChoice.com http://www.thebigchoice.com/</p> <p>Worth a look at.</p>
	<p>Plotr https://www.plotr.co.uk/</p> <p>A popular site for students.</p>
	<p>Milkround (School Leavers) http://schoolleavers.milkround.com/</p> <p>Students recommend this site.</p>
	<p>AIM Apprenticeships (fulfil your potential) http://www.aimapprenticeships.co.uk/</p> <p>Local and further afield apprenticeships in a range of different sectors and roles.</p>
	<p>Amazing Apprenticeships http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/</p> <p>Useful information about apprenticeships</p>
	<p>Milkround (Jobs, Apprenticeships, Internships etc.) http://www.milkround.com/</p> <p>Again, students recommend this site.</p>

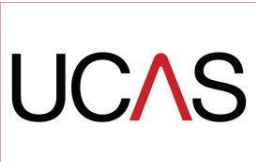
	<p>Middleton Murray http://www.middletonmurray.com/</p> <p>A local agency and trainer.</p>
	<p>JTL http://www.jtltraining.com/</p> <p>Apprenticeships and training (trades mainly).</p>
	<p>REMIT http://www.remit.co.uk/</p> <p>Apprenticeships and training (a range of sectors).</p>
	<p>The Brokerage (City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









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







Further Education

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

	<p>UCAS http://www.ucas.com/</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 http://university.which.co.uk/</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 http://www.whatuni.com/</p> <p>Worth looking at.</p>
	<p>bestcourse4me http://www.bestcourse4me.com/</p> <p>Help with choosing a course.</p>
	<p>Unistats http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/</p> <p>Lots of statistical information.</p>
	<p>Pure Potential http://www.purepotential.org/</p> <p>A good site with useful information.</p>
	<p>University Advice http://www.universityadvice.co.uk/</p>
	<p>Apply to Uni http://www.applytouni.com/</p> <p>Another useful site.</p>
	<p>Student Finance England http://www.sfengland.slc.co.uk/</p> <p>See this site for the latest information on student finance.</p>

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