



Advice about A-Level Choices at King's

Making choices about which A-Levels to study can be a little bit daunting, particularly if you have very little idea about a future career or post-18 choices.

In the first instance, conduct some **research**; guidance is available on the internet, so we have put together the links of the very best advice.

Secondly, **speak to the staff in school**: Mr R Dew (Careers and UCAS Advisor), your form tutor, your Learning for Life teacher, Miss Henson or Mrs Weston (Careers Leaders), your AHOY, Mr Armstrong (Assistant Headteacher, KS4) or Mrs Willis (Assistant Headteacher, Sixth Form).

If you are still unsure, ask Mr Dew to book you an **impartial careers interview**.

The links for the websites are here:

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices>

'Which? University'. 'Which?' is a not for profit charitable organisation who seek to provide unbiased advice to consumers, or in this case, potential students.

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/search-and-apply/qualifications-you-can-take/levels>

UCAS are the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service in the UK. You can use the search engine to find out what subjects/grades are currently required at A Level to undertake any specific course at university. Make sure that if you know what you want to study at university you choose the right subjects to study at A Level. Just remember that these grades on offer could change in future years.

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

This website gives information about Russell Group universities. These are universities which are identified as research rich.

<http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/making-choices/choosing-your-a-level-subjects>

A parental guidance website, written by the Careers Writers Association, who are group of highly experienced careers writers, with a particular focus on advising young people.

Advice about other Post-16 opportunities

You might want general information about these.

1. Xello website - [Xello Login](#)

Students can access this at home or school using their school email. You can complete the questions and get job and career suggestions. There are then links to career routes and labour market information.

2. The Career Pilot website, <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>, has lots of information for post-16 opportunities and choices.
3. The National Apprenticeship website, <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>, has links to live apprenticeship vacancies.
4. Look at local provider websites, schools and further education colleges to see the courses they have available. These include vocational courses which could be accepted for entry requirements for universities; please see the UCAS link above if you are considering a vocational route to university and want to check if some/all universities accept it as an entry criterion for their course.
5. There are additional links available in the Careers section of the school website [The King's School - Students \(kings.peterborough.sch.uk\)](http://kings.peterborough.sch.uk)