

## Useful websites

For information on routes into higher education, see:

**UCAS** – all kinds of advice on routes, choosing courses and applying to HE, a course search facility and information on entry requirements, can be found at: <u>www.ucas.com</u>

To find out from other students what university is really like, view: www.ucas.com/chat-to-students

You can also get expert advice about applying, from UCAS advisers, through: <u>www.facebook.com/ucasonline</u>

**Discover Uni** – this website can help you decide if uni is right for you, choose what and where to study and use a search tool to find and compare courses. It allows you to compare courses on aspects such as student satisfaction, including teaching quality, assessment, academic support and resources, and student destinations:<u>www.discoveruni.gov.uk</u>

**Student Room** - For advice and support for students provided by students, and to ask questions through student forums, see: <u>https://thestudentroom.co.uk</u>

The websites below all give you tips on finding the right higher education course and institution for you; some include course search facilities. <u>www.theuniquide.co.uk</u> - includes matching A levels to degrees <u>www.applytouni.com</u> <u>www.push.co.uk</u> <u>www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk</u> <u>www.whatuni.com</u> <u>www.thestudentroom.co.uk</u> - forum for students and potential students <u>www.studenthut.com</u> - insights into university life from student reviews <u>https://targetcareers.co.uk/uni</u>

**Disability Rights UK** – Disabled Students Helpline: 0330 995 0414 (limited operating hours). Students with disabilities can also find education factsheets and guides at: <u>http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/how-we-can-help/benefits-information/factsheets/education-factsheets</u>

To help you consider options at 18, the SACU Careers Quiz matches you to careers, HE courses and Apprenticeships, at:<u>www.sacu-student.com</u>

**Not going to Uni** -The following website provides information about the options available if you don't want to go to university, and includes job/Apprenticeship vacancies: <u>www.notgoingtouni.co.uk</u> For career ideas, you can view case studies that link school subjects with jobs, at: https://icould.com

## Gap Year

**Year Out Group** – an association of leading year out programme providers. The Group promotes good practice. Their website has advice for those seeking structured, year out opportunities and gives links to members' websites. <u>www.yearoutgroup.org</u>

The Year in Industry – the website has information about the scheme for students, lists placement

vacancies and allows you to apply online: www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry

There are a number of websites providing useful information on planning your gap year and opportunities in the UK and overseas. A few examples are: www.gapwork.com, **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**http://gapforce.org

The Big Trip: Your Ultimate Guide to Gap Years – published by Lonely Planet.

The Government provides very useful advice at: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-adventure-travel-and-volunteering-overseas">www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-adventure-travel-and-volunteering-overseas</a>

**Employment -** The following sites provide information about the alternatives to full-time education and carry vacancies, including Apprenticeships, school-leaver schemes etc:

- Not Going To Uni: <u>www.notgoingtouni.co.uk</u>
- Milkround (for school- and college-leavers): www.milkround.com/school-leavers
- RateMyApprenticeship: <u>www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk</u>

## **SACU Log in Instructions**

Go to <u>www.sacu-student.com/quiz</u> Register as a new student

Use an email address you can access now (you need to verify your email address)

Enter your full name

Create a password

Leave the School voucher code section blank

Click REGISTER

Open you email account and wait for an email from SACU (check your Junk/Spam folder)

Open the email from SACU student and click 'Click here to share my information'

Now log in with your new details

Then complete the registration to access the Research Zone.

(keep pressing save and continue when the red button indicates).

When registered select Career Quiz – will take 20 mins approx.

Karen Morgan, based in Careers Room, 6<sup>th</sup> form 4 days a week.

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