

Navigating your next steps

Launch of next steps

- Do you know all the different qualifications available at post-16 and post-18?

Not sure? Go to www.uea.ac.uk/get-set/roadmap for the latest info.

- Who can support you in choosing your next steps?
- What tools can support you in your decision making?

Your school will explain what you need to do next, usually in assemblies or information evenings.



Open events

- Which sixth forms/colleges are you considering?
- Do these places offer the qualifications/subjects that interest you?

When are their open days/evenings?

What questions could you ask at these open events? E.g. 'What topics will I study as part of this course?' 'How many hours a week will I study?'



Get thinking

- Do you want to continue your current subjects or try something new?
- What type of learner are you?

Think: do you prefer more classroom-based learning, or would you rather be in a workplace? Do you like theory, or more hands-on experience?

- Are there minimum GCSE requirements for the course(s) you are looking at?
- How would you travel to sixth form/college each day? Think about the distance, time, and costs of getting there and back.
- What support is available for students at these places?
- What skills would you gain which might help you in the future?

Jot down your initial thoughts in response to the questions above:



Explore resources on the UEA website: [UCAS](#), [I can be a](#), [Prospects](#).

Looking ahead

- If you're considering university, have you looked into entry requirements?
Some degree courses have subject requirements as well as grade requirements.
 - If you have a particular job in mind, what qualifications might you need?
- If you're not sure on these just yet – don't worry! You've got lots of time to think about it. But if you do have some ideas, it can be really useful to do some research now.



Get talking

What questions do you still have before you make your decision?

- Who could you discuss these questions with? Where could you look for any missing information? E.g. family, friends, careers advisers, teachers

Decision-making time

- Do you know how to apply for your chosen course(s)?
- Will you be required to do an interview, audition, or portfolio?

It's worth applying for more than one course to keep your options open.

When are the application deadlines?

Institution: _____ Date: _____
Course(s): _____
Interview Audition Portfolio

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Look out for any additional guidance on making a successful application.



Beyond the classroom

- What extra-curricular activities do you currently take part in?
E.g. sport, music, art, cadets
- Are there other extra-curricular activities that you would like to get involved in?
- Are there any work experience opportunities that you could explore?
- What skills might you gain from these experiences?

When applying for a course or a job, you need to be able to talk about more than just your qualifications!



Explore this resource on the UEA website: [Springpod virtual work experience](#).

Did you know - Apprenticeships



Apprenticeships are paid jobs that include dedicated training time. They're available in lots of different industries and range from Level 2 to Level 6. You will normally need to apply to an individual company for an apprenticeship, and competition is high for these spaces. Want to find out more?



Explore resources on the UEA website: [UCAS](#), [Amazing Apprenticeships](#), [Take Your Place](#).

Post-16 and Post-18 Qualifications

At post-16 and post-18, you'll have a whole range of different qualifications to choose from - and the options are ever-changing. For example, the government has announced plans to phase out BTECs and replace them with new V Level qualifications over the next few years. To learn more about these changes and find out what qualifications are currently on offer, click the button below.

A little note...

The road to post-16 study isn't always a straight line. Lots of people try a few different options before they figure out which direction they want to go. If you realise that the course of study you've been pursuing isn't for you, there's nothing wrong with changing your mind - just make sure you keep reflecting on what you've learned along the way!

Did you know?

Some courses and universities require specific qualifications and deadlines. This includes medicine, dentistry, and veterinary degrees, and all courses at Oxford and Cambridge. If you're considering one of these, make sure you know the requirements.

Other useful resources:

[National Careers Service](#),
[Apprenticeships Norfolk](#),
[Unifrog](#), [Help You Choose](#).

A Levels

V Levels

Apprenticeships

T Levels

University