

## How to choose your A levels

Careerpilot has some great advice for Year 11 students who are about to make their Post 16 decisions.

If you are thinking about taking A Levels you need to choose subjects:

- you will enjoy;
- you believe you will do well in;
- that will help you get to where you want to go in the future.

If you have a specific career in mind, check to see if you will need specific A Level subjects.

If you have a specific degree course in mind, you need to check the entry requirements. Some university courses are very specific about the A Level subjects required – other degree subjects are very flexible.

# A-LEVEL

If you have no idea about your choice of career or choice of degree subject at this stage (many students are in this position!), then make sure you choose a combination of subjects that will keep your preferred options open.

You may like to consider a combination of A Levels and BTEC qualifications as this might suit your learning and assessment style.

## Top Tips

- Do research each A Level thoroughly – talk to your teachers to find out what is involved in the course. Talk to students who are already taking that subject. Find out how the course will be assessed and whether this will suit you and your strengths. Ask for some honest feedback from your teachers as to how they think you would do at A Level.
- Don't assume you will like the subject at A Level just because you liked it at GCSE – it could be really different!
- Do be careful with your combination of choices – some universities might not like a combination of subjects that they feel are too similar, such as Business and Economics etc.
- Don't take all new subjects – it could be too much to cope with having 3 or even 2 new areas of study.
- Don't take English and Maths at A Level because you think this is what employers want or because they are good subjects to fall back on. Take them if you are good at them and really interested in studying them further – most employers are happy with them at GCSE level.
- Don't take subjects because you need them for your chosen career if you don't really like the subject or it is not one of your stronger subjects.
- Try out **The Uni Guide A Level Explorer**

Click [here](#) for further information



University of East Anglia

## University Subject Taster Lectures

### Nursing/Health: Well-being of Nurses in The NHS – Lived Experiences

November 23 @ 16:30 - 17:15

The session will be presented in the form of a discussion between two nursing lecturers from UEA both with experience from working in the NHS. The topics discussed will range from stress management, mental health awareness, self-awareness, resilience, and reflection.

The session will include lots of tips on how to recognise signs and symptoms of deteriorating mental health and how to manage your well-being and build resilience.

**Suitable for:** Year 12 & 13 students studying, or with a possible interest in studying, Health/Medicine and related disciplines.

### Economics: An Analysis of Current UK Economic Performance

November 27 @ 12:45 - 13:30

We are going to evaluate current UK economic performance based on four measures: aggregate prices, Pound-Dollar exchange rate, unemployment, and industrial production. For each of these series we are going to assess whether its current level can be explained mostly by short-term shocks, or whether it is in line with longer-term trends. Doing so will allow us to disentangle the potentially transitory effects of events like the Brexit vote, the beginning of Covid, or the start of the Ukraine war from slower-moving trends such as the fundamental effects of leaving the European Union, the changes to e.g., working culture in response to Covid, or geopolitical realignments. The session will develop skills and approaches to support students in their Economics studies and future aspirations.

Click [here](#) for the full list of taster lectures on offer



HERTFORDSHIRE OPPORTUNITIES PORTAL

## Virtual Employer Encounter

### Careers as a Nutritionist and Dietician – 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Nutritionists and Dietitians play a crucial role in helping people to manage their food intake. This can be for clinical, elite performance or general wellbeing purposes. There are some fundamental differences however between both careers with different pathways and requirements. In this webinar we will explore these similarities and differences. Hear from Hannah Hope - Hannah Hope is a BANT registered Nutritionist specialising in women's health and hormones.

Click [here](#) to register

## CAREERS IN BUSINESS EXPO 2023



### Careers in Business Virtual Expo on the 6th December

There will be multiple live sessions covering topics such as How to Apply to University, Careers in Law, Careers in Accounting, Supporting the Entertainment Industry, Degree Apprenticeships, Women in Leadership and much more! There will be opportunities to interact with employers' virtual stands and visit their Careers Advice Surgery!

Organisations joining them on the day include: UCAS, Santander, Sage, Warner Bros. Discovery and many more.

There will also be the opportunity for 7 students to win prizes, including Amazon vouchers up to £100 from ACCA and a school or college to win a set of Success at School Guides for their students by interacting with live sessions and engaging with employers to work their way to the top of the leader board.

Sign up [here](#)

## DISCOVER! creative careers

### Creative Industry Opportunities

**All creative industries:** WonderWhat has relaunched! A creative careers finder for 13/14+ year olds that flips traditional careers advice on its head.

**Careers in VFX:** Access VFX is an entire website focused on educating students about careers in the VFX industry.

**16 & over:** Pentabus are offering a FREE 6 month scriptwriting course for those ages 16 - 30.

**Under 18s:** BIG Shot is an opportunity for under 18's to get real life experience working with a creative PR, social media and influencer agency.

### "Launching Your Career at the BBC" Monday 20th November, 5:00-6:30pm.

If you are interested in starting an award-winning apprenticeship scheme with the BBC. Then sign up for this webinar to find out more about the dynamic range of jobs available in the media industry.



BBC Opportunities opening soon:

#### Advanced and Higher Level Apprenticeships

- Journalist Researcher (Level 5)
- Marketing Executive (Level 4)
- Human Resources Support (Level 3)
- Business Administrator (Level 3)
- Production (Level 3)
- Production Co-Ordinator (Level 4)
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#### Degree Level Apprenticeship

If you are looking for an alternative to university but still want to gain a degree in engineering, software, data, UX, business or management, then a degree apprenticeship is the option for you.

- Chartered Manager (Level 6)
- Data Scientist (Level 6)
- Broadcast And Media Systems Engineer (Level 6)
- Cyber Security Specialist (Level 6)
- Dtsp\* Data Analyst (Level 6)
- Project Manager (Level 6)
- Digital User Experience (UX) (Level 6)

Sign up for the webinar [here](#)

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

**Insight to Magic Circle Firm Clifford Chance  
The biggest law firm in the UK**

- Wednesday 22nd November, 5pm – 6pm
- Open to all students in Y11 -Y13
- Targeted to students looking to get into Law

If you have ever wondered what it's like to work at a magic circle law firm and more so the UK's biggest law firm, then Young Professionals have the perfect opportunity for you.

They are hosting an exclusive event that you will not want to miss with one of the largest law firms in the world, Clifford Chance. This kick-off virtual event will be held on Wednesday 22nd November from 5pm - 6pm, where you will hear first-hand from some of the biggest legal professionals in the industry whilst taking part in fun and practical workshops to really give you a sense of what it's like to be a corporate lawyer at a magic circle law firm like Clifford Chance. Here you will also gain insight into how recent students secured their positions and how you can follow in their footsteps.

There are limited spaces available so sign up now to secure your spot at this exclusive event. You will also have the opportunity to hear about in person work experience opportunities and insight events in their offices, this is something that you do not want to miss.

Application link → [Here](#)

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

**Young Professionals Females of the Future – Leicester Square**

- Thursday 30th November, 5pm – 8pm
- Open to all students in Y11 -Y13
- Targeted to students looking to get into the Business, Finance, Accounting, Law & STEM

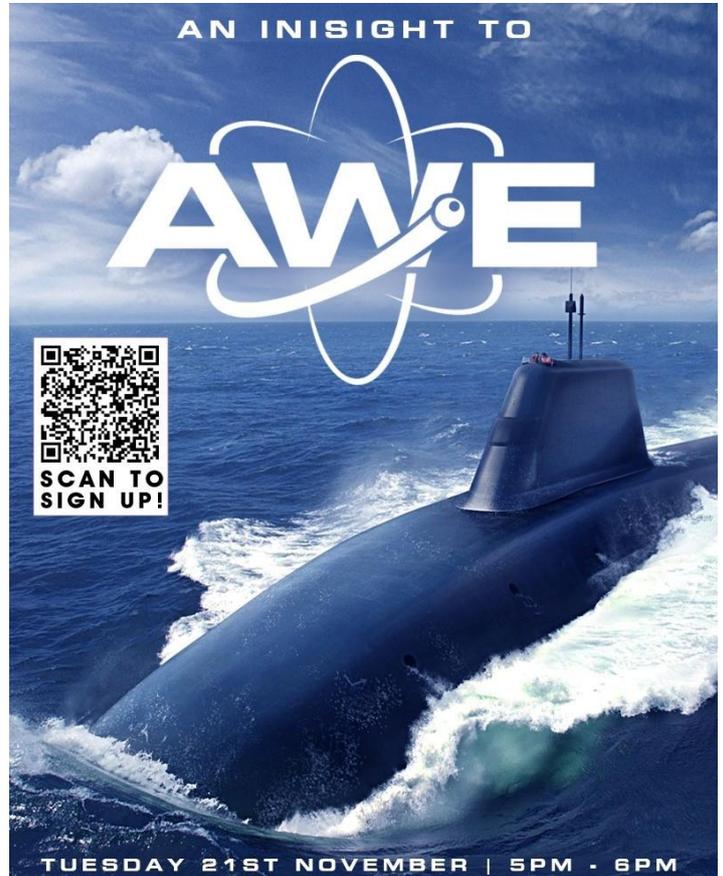
Employers Involved include Goldman Sachs, Bloomberg, KPMG, RAF, TfL, Fidelity International, Legal & General & many more!

You'll have the chance to network with senior female industry professionals and find out more about their roles and experiences. There will also be inspiring talks and workshops from leading women in the Business, Tech, and Legal industry. Plus, you can even win some fantastic prizes (like laptops, and vouchers) just by attending! Come along and take part in this amazing work experience event! You won't regret it - we promise.

Application link → [Here](#)

**Careers within the UK Government / Civil Service with AWE -  
The Atomic Weapons Establishment  
Tuesday 21st November, from 5pm - 6pm!**

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at some of the UK Governments most highly secured agencies?



AWE are working on some of the most top-secret missions, building nuclear warheads that sit on submarines and war ships all helping to keep the country safe using some of the best technology and systems in the world. And what's more incredible is that you as a school leaver can join them straight from school on one of their student programmes.

On Tuesday 21st November, between 5pm - 6pm, Young Professionals will be hosting an Insight Evening with AWE virtually. This will allow you to learn a lot more about the organisation as well as the defence industry, and you will have the opportunity to take part in a hands-on top-secret workshop. AWE will also be launching some brand new apprenticeships, so if you have an interest in working for the government and would like a future career in this sector then this will be ideal for you.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5FPQYM3>



## Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship (London) Pinsent Masons

Pinsent Masons is seeking to recruit Solicitor Apprentices to join their London office. This is a unique opportunity to gain practical experience working on real-life legal projects alongside experienced Solicitors, while also studying towards a fully sponsored LLB (Hons) in Legal Practice and Skills degree delivered by the University of Law.

**Annual wage**  
£25,400.00

Apprentices can expect to:

- Be involved in client meetings
- Assist Solicitors with legal matters
- Conduct legal research
- Draft correspondence and documents
- Prepare files and bundles

You will have the opportunity to spend time in a number of their Practice Groups during the 6-year apprenticeship. In the final two years of the Solicitor Apprenticeship, you will join their Trainee Solicitor seat rotation when you will have four 6-month placements in different departments.

The training you will be getting

- As a part of your apprenticeship, you will study towards a fully sponsored LLB (Hons) in Legal Practice and Skills degree delivered by the University of Law, the largest provider of legal education in the UK.
- You will spend one day per week studying legal foundation subjects and skills modules and preparing for a range of assessments, including the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE).

### Entry requirements

GCSE or equivalent - Minimum 5 GCSEs (including Maths and English) 4 or above) Essential  
A Level or equivalent - Minimum 3 A-Levels (Grade BBB or above) Essential

### Apprenticeship standard

Solicitor - Level 7 (Master's degree)

### Training provider

THE UNIVERSITY OF LAW LIMITED

### Apply now

Closing date: 01 Feb 2024



## Civil Engineering Degree Level Apprenticeship Mott Macdonald Limited

Can you imagine contributing to the design, construction and maintenance of everything around us, and on some of the world's most high-profile projects? Using programmes such as computer aided design and building information management, you'll learn engineering principles and technics to help design and deliver infrastructure and buildings.

**Annual wage**  
£21,200.00

What you will do in your working day. Key duties will include:

- Planning and undertaking on-site inspections and structural condition surveys during the stages of a project
- Desk study reviews of available data in support of any remedial, maintenance or asset monitoring works
- Support of the assessment, checks, design and analyses of a range of civil and structural assets
- Support of the team carrying out advanced and dynamic analysis for a variety of structures

### The training you will be getting

Civil engineer level 6 (degree)  
BSc(Hons) in Civil Engineering  
You will attend university one day a week

### What to expect at the end of your apprenticeship

- You will receive a BSc(Hons) in Civil Engineering and receive industry certificates in Site Safety Plus, Site Managers' Safety Training Scheme and Site Environmental Awareness Training Scheme
- This apprenticeship will include the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to achieve Incorporated Engineer status with the Institution of Civil Engineers and lead to the designatory letters IEng MICE. The professional review process for IEng MICE is included in the final assessment process

### Entry requirements

GCSE or equivalent Maths (Grade 4 / C or equivalent) Essential  
A Level or equivalent Maths (Grade A\*-C) Essential  
A Level or equivalent Science (Grade A\*-C) Essential

### Training provider

LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY

### Apply now

Closing date: 31 Dec 2023