

SO COLLEGE IS ABOUT TO FINISH AND YOU'RE MOVING ON. CONGRATULATIONS ON ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

WHETHER YOU'RE HEADING TO UNIVERSITY, LOOKING FOR TRAINING OR AN APPRENTICESHIP, OR GOING STRAIGHT INTO A JOB, HERE ARE SOME POINTERS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR WHAT COMES NEXT:

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Six tips if you're leaving school or college during a pandemic

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zg6f6g8>



Going straight to Uni or a Higher Education course at an FE College?

10 things to do pre-uni – like accommodation, finances, railcard, reading, health check, learn to cook, and more:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/applying-for-university/university-life/10-things-to-do-before-starting-university>

UCAS guide on preparing for student life:

<https://www.ucas.com/connect/blogs/five-ways-prepare-student-life>



Going straight into work?

Work is great but it's even better if you can find somewhere that offers on-the-job training that's officially recognised.

The National Apprenticeship Service website allows you to register and set up alerts. It also helps you get used to online applications and start browsing for jobs:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

Not going to university? Information and advice on apprenticeships:

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

UCAS Careersfinder – ideas for apprenticeships and internships i.e. short term work experience, sometimes paid and sometimes not:

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/>



Fancy some Time out?

Suggestions and advice on taking a gap year:

<https://www.ucas.com/alternatives/gap-year/gap-years-ideas-and-things-think-about>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/advice-on-a-gap-year/>



On the fence? Can't quite decide?

For careers research, visit the National Careers Service website:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>



Meantime, how about ...
Cooking while you think!

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/occasions/student_food