



Year 13/14 - Preparing for your next steps!

Tips and advice for moving on
from school & college - May
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Hi Year 13/14ss!

I hope you are staying safe and well!

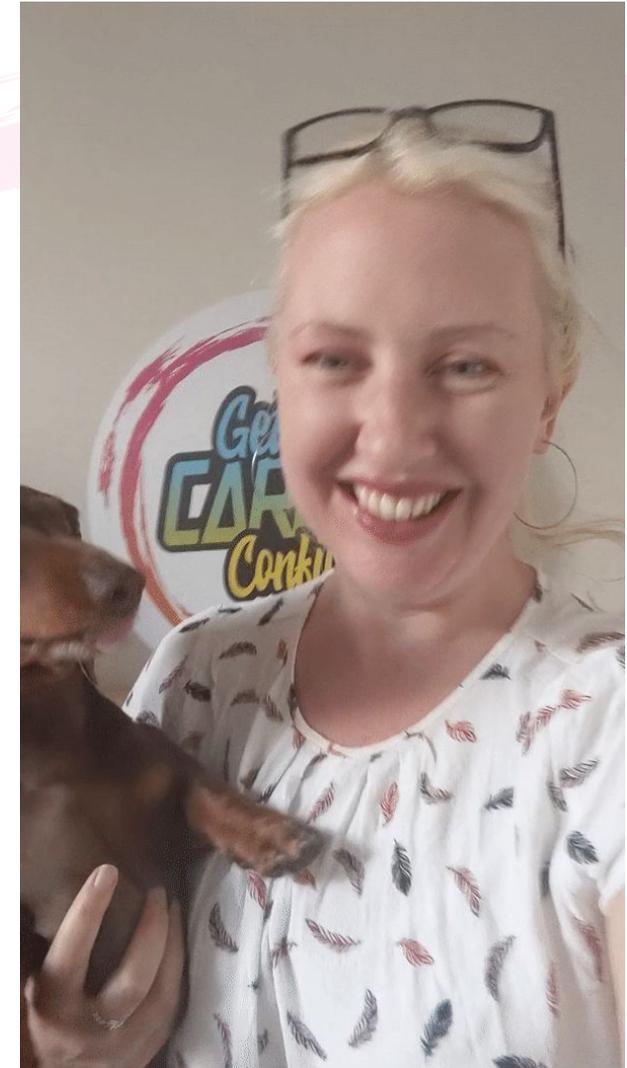
I know life might feel very uncertain at the moment so I wanted to give you some key information to make sure you are as prepared as possible for your next steps!

Work through the next few pages, watch the videos relevant to you and make sure you are feeling confident for whatever the future holds!

Take care,

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What we are going to cover

1. Top Tips for Everyone
2. Going to University Checklist
3. On Results Day
4. Want to do an Apprenticeship?
5. Want to work/take a gap year/
do further study/volunteer/work
experience?
6. Remember - this won't be forever!





1. Top Tips for Everyone

1. The most important thing right now is to stay safe and sane. Have a read of [Unicef's top tips](#).
2. Be kind to yourself. Even small achievements count! Listen to Lizzo's [advice](#)!
3. Keep working - learning online is different and it can be difficult to stay motivated but remember the work still counts and your brain and future you, will thank you! Bored? Then watch our [video](#) for suggestions for free online courses and read our Boredom Breakers [handout](#).
4. If you haven't made solid plans for September, now is the time to do it! Watch our [videos](#) (choose year 13 from drop down list) to remind you of your options and read through the rest of this presentation. If the pandemic has made you question your decision for September, have a watch of our [video](#) (available mid May).
5. Get help from Get Career Confident! Keep up to date on [Instagram](#), watch our [videos](#) and sign up for a careers [interview](#) for more help.

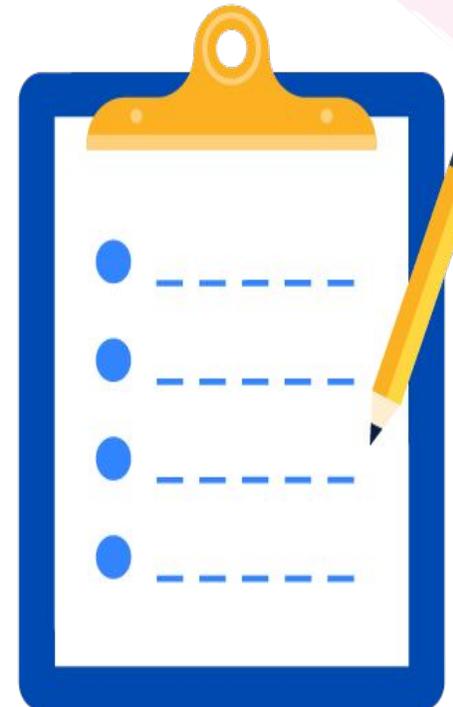




2. Going to University Checklist

Have you?

1. Accepted your chosen course and university offer on UCAS Track?
2. Applied for student finance? **The deadline is May 22nd.** Have a read of [this](#) explanation of the process. Student Finance have announced they are experiencing problems with their website. If you can't login try accessing on your mobile phone.
3. Made sure ALL your school work is complete - watch [this](#) for some online learning tips. Try and keep engaged with your chosen course, so you are up to speed for when the degree starts.
4. Kept up to date with university responses to the pandemic and started to prepare for university life? [Save the Student](#) has tons of information and [The Student Room](#) has an excellent forum and newsletter.
5. If you are confused, unsure or maybe want to make a late application to university or go through clearing you can get help by booking a virtual careers [interview](#).





3. On Results Day

If you get the results you were expecting:

Yay off you go to do whatever you have planned!

If you don't get the results you were expecting:

If you were planning on a university course, then call the university immediately. They may still be able to let you on to the course or they will give you an alternative option. If you were planning on an apprenticeship or job that required specific grades then also give the employer/training provider a call as again they may be able to offer an alternative.

There is also the possibility of appealing your grades or taking exams in the autumn. Read more about that [here](#).

Do not despair there are ALWAYS options!

For more information have a read of [this](#).



THE RESULTS ARE IN...



4. Want to do an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships

1. Watch our [video](#) giving an overview of apprenticeships.
2. Watch our [videos](#) showcasing some local apprenticeships (write 'apprenticeship' in the search box).
3. Download this [guide](#). It is very thorough and it will cover everything you need to know as well as help you to start searching for and applying to apprenticeships.
4. Watch our [video](#) on how to choose an apprenticeship and the video on [how to find one](#).
5. Don't forget to apply for a college place as a backup. Especially this year, there will be less apprenticeships available so make sure you have something set up for September (you can always start an apprenticeship instead if you find one!)
6. When you start your apprenticeship make sure you get your discount [card](#).

5. Want to work/take a gap year/do further study/work experience?



1. Have a look at <https://targetcareers.co.uk/> to explore different ideas.
2. **Work:** Many companies will be reducing their hiring during the pandemic. This doesn't mean working is impossible but that the opportunities may be different. As with any job hunt, make sure your CV is tailored to the jobs you are interested in, search online and by asking your community for contacts and keep an eye out for any opportunities. Watch our [video](#) (available later in May) for more help or [book a careers interview](#).
3. **Travel:** Most people are interested in travel during a gap year which may be difficult for some time. Consider what you can do more locally e.g. volunteering. Remember travel can be done after university too!
4. **Study:** Perhaps you want to learn more or change direction in your studies. Check our online learning suggestions [video](#) and [handout](#). If you want to go to university but don't have the right grades/courses have a look at an [Access Course](#).
5. **Work experience and volunteering:** At the moment this is tricky but there are some opportunities available. Check our [handout](#), <https://do-it.org/> and [Concordia Volunteers](#).

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