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Year 13/14 - Preparing for Next Steps

Tips and advice for parents/carers of
year 13/14s moving on from school
& college

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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. Mental Health is paramount - have a read of [Unicef's top tips](#).
2. Be kind to yourself and your child. Home schooling is tough and everyone's doing the best they can.
3. Work out what will help focus and [motivate](#) your child. Even small [achievements](#) count!
4. Bored teen at home? Encourage them to watch our [video](#) for suggestions of free online courses and to read our Boredom Breakers [handout](#).
5. If your child hasn't made solid plans for September, now is the time to do it! Watch our [videos](#) (choose year 13 from drop down list) to be reminded of the options and get them to read through the students version of this [presentation](#). If the pandemic has made them question their decision for September, book an appointment with us.
6. Get help from Get Career Confident! Encourage your child to read the presentation, keep up to date on [Facebook](#), and book an [interview](#).

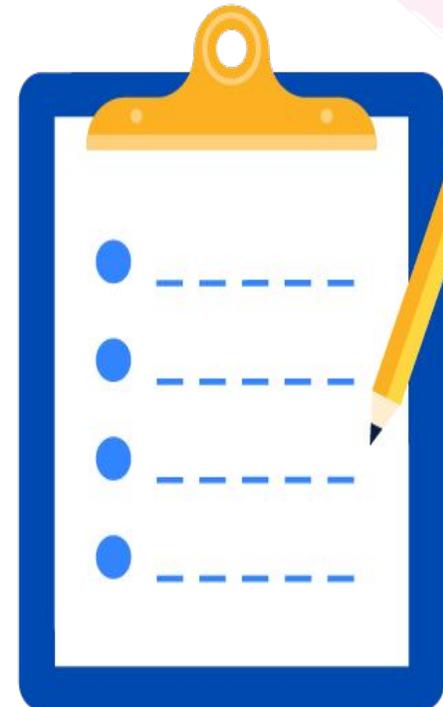




2. Going to University Checklist

Have they?

1. Accepted their chosen course and university offer on UCAS Track? Deadlines are 18th June and 20th July depending on when they got all their offers.
2. Applied for student finance? **The deadline was May 22nd.** You can still apply but may not receive the funds before uni start dates. Have a read of [this](#) explanation of the process. If you're income is much lower this year you can use [this year's finances](#).
3. Made sure ALL school work is complete - watch [this](#) for some online learning tips. Try and keep students 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. Remember if you decide not to go and can't defer you will have to compete with current year 12s next year.
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

Colleges are currently saying they will be open on Aug 13th.

If you get the results you were expecting:

Yay off you go to do whatever you have planned!



THE RESULTS ARE IN...

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](#).

6. Want to do an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships



1. Watch our videos on:
an [overview of apprenticeships](#)
on [how to choose an apprenticeship](#)
on [how to find one](#)
[showcasing some local apprenticeships](#) (write 'apprenticeship' in the search box).
2. Download this [guide](#). It is very thorough and it will cover everything you need to know as well as show you how to start searching for and applying to apprenticeships.
3. Students may have to start an apprenticeship lower than the qualification they already have (if it is in a completely new area) or they may be able to access a degree apprenticeship if their experience and grades allow. Have a look at [Not Going To Uni](#) and [UCAS](#).
4. Apprenticeships aren't guaranteed so make sure you look out for other opportunities as well.
5. Apprentices are recruited throughout the year but degree apprenticeships often correspond with university deadlines so applications may close in January for a September start.
6. When they start your apprenticeship make sure they get their discount [card](#).



Working/taking a gap year/further study/work experience?

1. Have a look at <https://targetcareers.co.uk/> to explore different ideas.
2. **Work:** Many companies are reducing their hiring during the pandemic. This doesn't mean working is impossible but that the opportunities may be less or 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. Need help? Then [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! [Concordia Volunteers](#) have lots of good opportunities.
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/>, [Concordia Volunteers](#) and [Community Works](#). Our [presentation](#) for year 12s has some useful online work experience opportunities as well.

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