



What are my options?

College & 6th Form

Visit as many places as possible.

Consider whether you want to do a vocational course or A Levels.

Find out what level of qualification you are working at.

Find out how vocational courses differ from academic courses.

Look at different subjects that may not have been available at school.

If you have career ideas, see how they fit with your course/subjects.

For further help see your tutor, progress leader or careers practitioner.

Apprenticeships

Use www.getingofar.gov.uk and www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship to research and see what vacancies are available. You can set your own account up to get vacancy alerts and to monitor your progress.

Make sure you know what career area you want an apprenticeship in i.e. hair & beauty, construction, hospitality & catering etc.

Have a back-up plan – apprenticeships are available but not all applicants get offered a place.

You may be required to find your own employer.

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Employment with Accredited Training.

Check your local newspaper weekly and use the list of job search websites that your careers adviser can give you.

Ask family and friends about vacancies/employers.

Make sure you have a CV. If you can't find the type of work you are looking for, consider agency work.

Check the websites:
www.access-southampton.co.uk/jobs
www3.hants.gov.uk/newjob.htm
www.schoolleaverjobs.co.uk

Traineeships

A traineeship is a scheme designed for people who may be looking for an apprenticeship vacancy or who feel that they do not yet have the skills and experience to start either an apprenticeship or employment with training.

Note that you will not earn a salary from this scheme; check with the training company if there will be support with travel costs. This way you are not committing to starting something somewhere you may not be able to afford to get to.

Think about the sector that you would like to have experience in - remember that this is your chance to try things and experience new career options.