

# A parent guide to...Career Pilot

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Career Pilot - [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk) - has been developed by the Western Vocational Progression Consortium, based at the University of Bath. The aim of Career Pilot is to increase the progression of young people to higher level study through providing online, impartial information and support on the many routes to higher level study.

Career Pilot is designed for students from Year 9 to Year 13 and it offers advice on:

- A Levels
- Apprenticeships
- Further education at 16+
- Higher education at 18+
- Jobs and potential careers
- Vocational Qualifications
- Working and learning
- Work experience

## Career Tools

Career Pilot has a useful quiz that asks students pertinent questions in relation to their current qualifications, skills, experience and achievements. The quiz results then help students to identify their transferable skills and provides prompts to enable them to make a start on their personal statement. In term 5 and 6, all Year 12 students will be working with their Academic Mentor to best utilise the tools available on Career Pilot to ensure that they enter the summer holiday with a very good working draft of their personal statement, whether they intend to go to university or not.

## Parent Zone

Career Pilot has a dedicated Parent Zone which covers the subjects bulleted above from a parent perspective as well as including information on financial support. It has an FAQ section for each pathway which provides useful information and relevant links.

The Parent Zone even has it's own quiz to help you feel secure in your advice to your child.

## CHOICES AT 18

- ? What is a Further Education College and what courses do they offer?
- ? What funding support is available for a course at college?
- ? What would university offer and should my child go?
- ? What grades and qualifications are needed for higher education/university?
- ? What is Higher education in a further education college?
- ? Can my child do an apprenticeship after A levels or BTECs?
- ? How can I help my child on A Level results day?
- ? What are vocational qualifications and where do they lead?
- ? What is a Traineeship and how can my child find one?
- ? What is an apprenticeship?
- ? How can I help my child find an apprenticeship?
- ? What are the choices at 18?
- ? Should my child do an apprenticeship or a degree?

If you have a question for Career Pilot, please contact [careerpilot@bath.ac.uk](mailto:careerpilot@bath.ac.uk) or 01225 385191.