Progression after Sixth Form – Making HE and Apprenticeship Choices

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What can you do after sixth form?

It’s your choice? What matters to you!

- Studying something you love in more depth?
- Getting an interesting well paid job?
- Getting away from home in a supported, fun environment?
- Taking some time out before I decide on my next step?

The Decision Making Spectrum

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got a clue!

Where are you at on the spectrum?

Everything depends on knowing what you want to study!

Focus - Choose course or Apprenticeship

Stage 1 WHAT?

A Levels/BTEC/Cache

Career Ideas

New Interests

Stage 2 WHERE?

Course Content

Predictions

Ratings

Location

Social Reasons

Full-time University: UK

1. Full time UK university degree in a fully vocational subject, e.g. Pharmacy at Nottingham University
2. Full time UK university degree in a semi-vocational / professional accreditation subject, e.g. Law at Bristol University
3. Full time UK university degree in an ‘academic’ subject, e.g. English Literature at Sussex University
4. Full time UK university degree in a joint/combined/multidisciplinary subject, e.g. Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University
5. Two-year degree, foundation degree or HND, e.g. LLB Degree at University of Law.

Universities – Private and Overseas

6. Private sector degree, e.g. Regents University

7. Private sector diploma course, e.g. L3 Aviation Academy (approximately £100,000).

8. Degree at a European university in English, e.g. European Studies at Maastricht University.

9. Degree at a university in US - 4,000 universities to consider,

10. Degree at university elsewhere, e.g. McGill University, Canada.

Other UK university Options

11. UK university with a year abroad, e.g. Aston University can offer work / study / teaching placements worldwide.

12. UK university with an overseas campus, e.g. University of Nottingham has campuses in China and Malaysia.

13. UK degree with sponsorship, e.g. Institution of Civil Engineers Quest Scholarship.

14. UK university with a year in industry. Some specialise in offering sandwich or a professional year across wide range of courses (like Aston, Bath, Brunel, Hertfordshire, Loughborough, Surrey (and hidden gems, e.g. Politics & Parliamentary Studies at Leeds).

Apprenticeships

15. Degree apprenticeship, e.g. Cap Gemini: job with p/t university degree, get paid and course fees covered.

16. Salaried school leaver programmes, e.g. Investment 2020 Trainees

17. Higher Apprenticeships for A Level and BTEC Level 3 students, such as BDO Accountancy.

18. Advanced Apprenticeships for students with GCSE passes, but popular ones such as Just IT and Whitehat get A Level/BTEC Level 3 students applying.

29. Specialised Apprenticeships, e.g. Savile Row Bespoke Tailoring Apprenticeship or Royal Academy of Culinary Arts Chef / Restaurant Management Apprenticeship.

From the UCAS mindset to the Apprenticeship mindset

UCAS Mindset

- Grades
- Personal statement
- Some other things for a minority of students (interviews/tests/portfolio)

Apprenticeship Mindset

- CV and cover letter
- Application forms
- Psychometric tests
- Video/Skype/telephone screening interviews
- Role play
- Group exercises
- Case studies
- Final interviews
- Grades

University or Apprenticeship?

Other common options

21. The hidden job market. Company websites, speculative applications, word of mouth, employment agencies, networking through family, friends or contacts or with firms with whom you've already gained experience.

22. Armed and emergency services e.g. UK and IDF

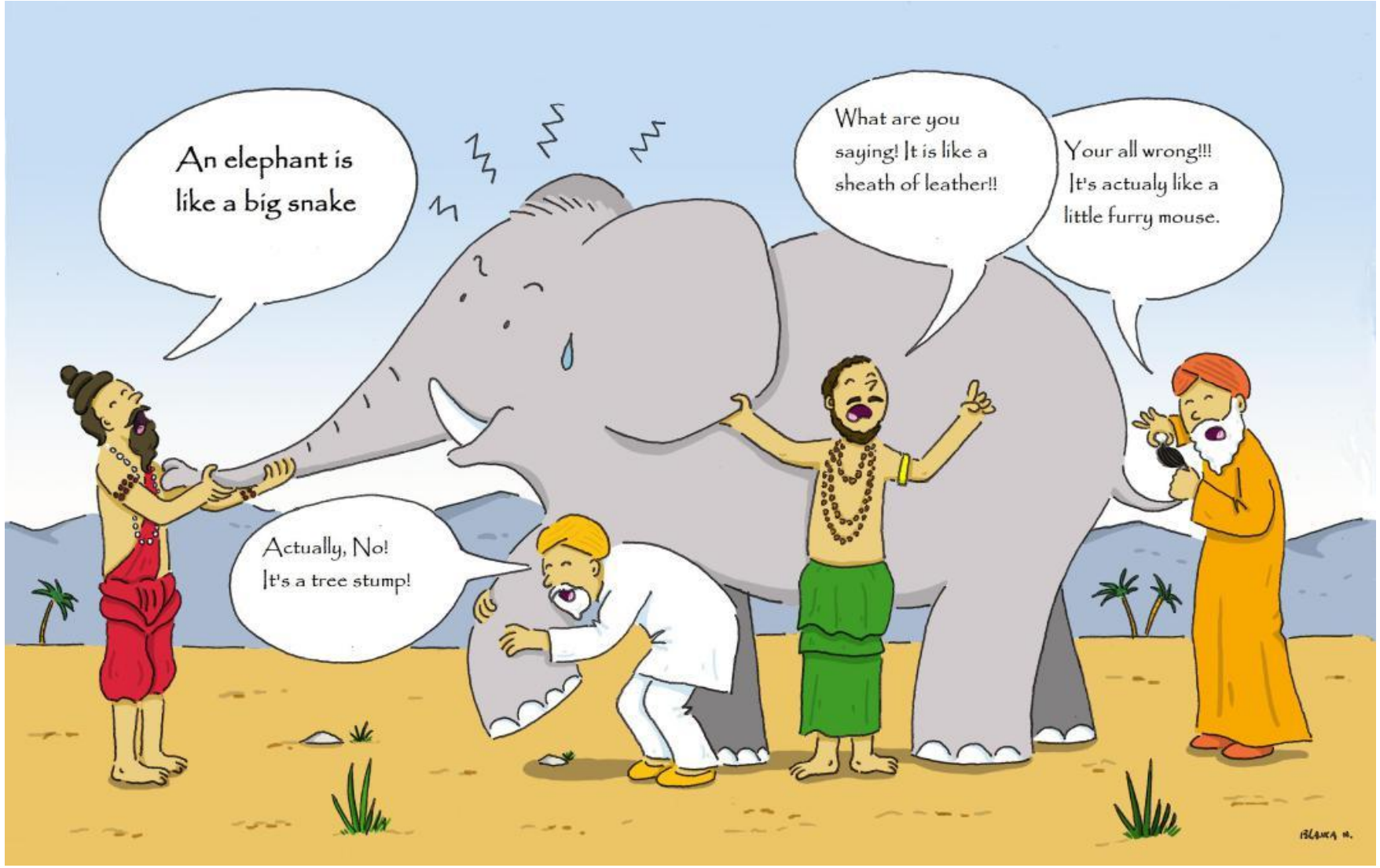
23. Self-employment, portfolio, temping or seasonal work.

24. Paid gap year schemes, e.g. Deloittes and Year in Industry Programme.

25. Gap years abroad (Yeshiva) / UK

26. Full-time Further Education courses, e.g. Art Foundation.

WHAT is university for?



What can you do and where can you go?

Spotlight on Birmingham

- University of Birmingham
- Aston University
- BPP University College, Birmingham
- Birmingham City University
- Newman University College
- University College Birmingham

University of Birmingham (Russell Group)

History Physics Medicine Sociology

Aston University (paid placement years for every course)

Business Mgt Law Pharmacy

BPP University College Birmingham

(private but can get state Student Loans)

Law Business Professional
Accounting

Birmingham City University – (ex-polytechic)

Real Estate Public Relations Int Design
Primary Ed

Newman University College – ex-teacher training college

Psychology Sports Studies Primary ED

University College Birmingham- specialist college

Hospitality and Food Mgt

Events Mgt

Spa Mgt

WEBSITEs (SHIFTING SANDS)

- UCAS Course search
- WHICH? University now called The Uni Guide
- Ratings websites – Complete University Guide, Guardian League Tables
- Discover Uni (replaced Unistats)
- Individual University Prospectuses
- SACU
- What Uni
- UNIFROG
- Find an Apprenticeship
- Milkround School Leavers, All About School Leavers, Get My First Job, Not Going to Uni, Young Professionals
- Employer Websites e.g. TFL
- Training Provider Websites e.g. Whitehat

UCAS – Two Important things!

- Portsmouth - 112
- Leeds - AAB
- Manchester- AAB
- Leeds Beckett 120
- Leicester - ABB

All Business Studies or Management Studies

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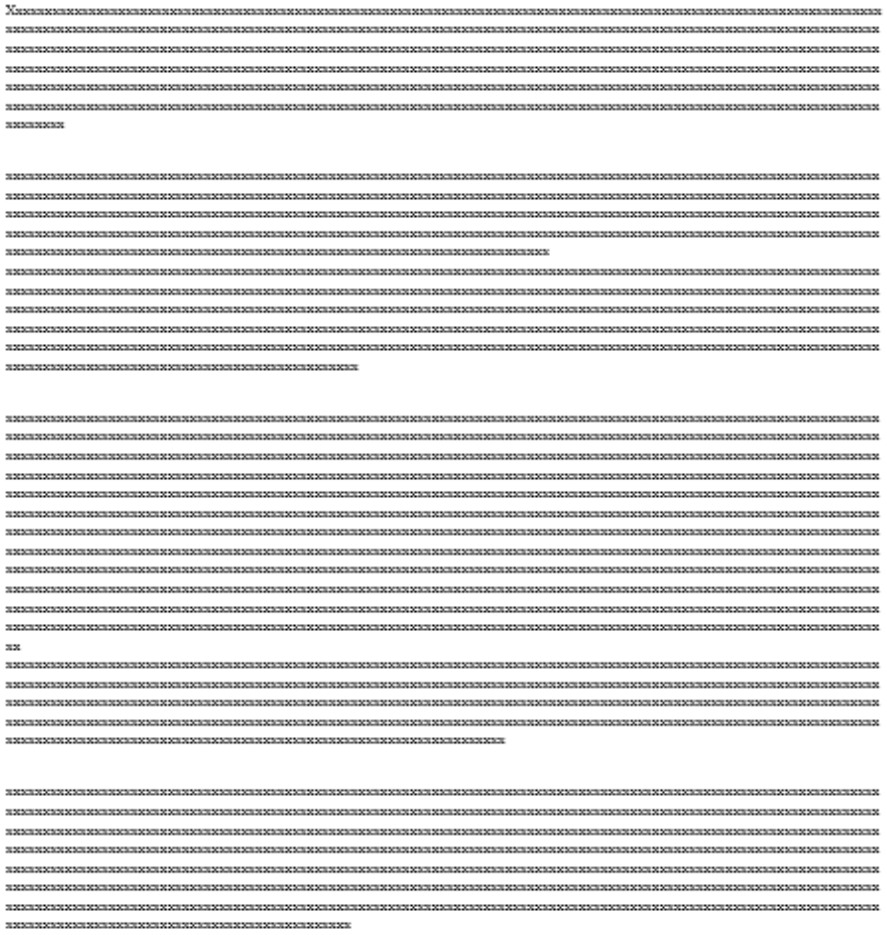

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