

Extras *A platter of pathways*

There are many different ways to set out on a career. Does your child know their options?

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Apprenticeships combine study with training in a paid job. 🌶️ or 🌶️🌶️

T-level is a two-year career-focused course taught through a mix of classroom and workplace learning. 🌶️🌶️

A-levels are two-year subject-focused courses (usually three studied at the same time) taught mostly in the classroom. 🌶️🌶️

Don't forget, picking now doesn't mean they can't follow another path later.

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Employment is the first step on a career ladder, with many employers offering training opportunities.

Higher Education is delivered in further education *colleges* and *universities*.

Can be studied *full-time* or *part-time*.

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Choose your level of spice:

Level 2 = 🌶️🌶️
Equivalent to GCSE

Level 3 = 🌶️🌶️🌶️
Equivalent to A-level or T-level

Level 4 and 5 = 🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️ / 🌶️
Equivalent to Higher Technical Qualifications, Higher National Diploma and Foundation Degrees.

Level 6 and 7 = 🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️🌶️ / 🌶️
Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree and Degree Apprenticeship

Sweet Course

There's always room for more support!

If your child is already working towards the future they want, here's some sweet questions to keep them on track.

1. What skills do you think you've gained through your experiences in and outside of school or college?
2. Do you know what training you will need for the job you want, and the costs involved?
3. Have you spoken to someone that works in the area or industry you're interested in?
4. Could you confidently write about your skills and experiences in an application?

TALKING FUTURES

For more juicy tips, tools, and guidance on talking with your child about their future, visit

talkingfutures.org.uk

Talking Takeaways

Your savoury guide to talking jobs, training, and education with your child.

TALKING FUTURES



**Fresh approaches to tricky talks
Open 365 days a year**

**Dine in or takeaway, conversations
can happen wherever you are**

All sweet. No sour.

Talking will help your child feel confident in following their delicious dream job

Cool tips & Hot nibbles

Some things to snack on before you get stuck into a conversation with your child

Pick your time

The sooner you start the conversation the better. But if they don't have the appetite for it, don't try to push.

Passion over practicality

Focusing on what they enjoy is the best ingredient for a good chat.

Listen positively

Be open to whatever ideas they put on the table, stay positive and try to listen more than talk.

Keep it flowing

Check in regularly to keep conversations about their future sizzling.

Common teenage allergic reactions:

Watch out for: Silence, one-word responses, crossed arms, eye-rolling, etc.

If you recognise any of these, acknowledge them, rather than try to fix or ignore them.

Conversation Starters

Some tasty questions to get things warmed up

1. Do you remember what you wanted to be when you were little?
2. What do you think you would like to do in the future?
3. What's your favourite subject?
4. What do you like doing outside of school?
5. What skills do you think would be useful in a job?

Discovery Platter

With so many tempting options, choosing isn't easy!

If your child is still trying to work out what job they want, this might help them discover what matters to them.

Try asking them to put the below in order of importance. (1-6)

- Working in a team.....
- Helping others.....
- Solving problems.....
- Making the world a better place.....
- Making a lot of money.....
- Something else?.....

Keep the conversation flowing and look at jobs that match their tastes.

Tasting Menu

Try some new flavours to see what whets their appetite

If your child isn't 100% sure about their future, give them a taste of different options.

1. What jobs might you be interested in?
2. What qualifications do each of them need?
3. What interests you about the jobs you're considering?
4. Is there one job that excites you more than the others?

Set Menu

Fired up and ready to go

If your child has their mind set on a job, these questions will help them map out a path to get there.

1. What qualifications do you need to do your dream job?
2. What made you choose that job or sector?
3. Do we know anyone who has a job relating to that career?
4. What careers events are taking place at your school or college?



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