



Just finished Sixth Form?

If you have not done as well as you expected or have changed your mind about going to university these are your options.

Check on **UCAS TRACK** as you may still have been offered a place. **DO NOT ASSUME YOU HAVE BEEN REJECTED**. If there are exceptional circumstances that affected your grades, then you or school can contact the university to ask if they will still accept you **BUT YOU MUST DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

If you do not have a place or have been refused a place you can go through clearing. All the information about what you need to do is at <https://www.ucas.com/>. If you do go through clearing you must still research the course as you may not find a course identical to your original choice. Some courses sound similar to your first choice, but the content can be very different.

Check out the eCLIPS leaflet accessible to Rossett students on <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/PasswordRossett>.

No offers?, Wrong grades - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/2.24>

Routes into Higher Education - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/2.20>

(If the hyperlinks do not work for you – do copy and paste into your browser of choice).

Your alternatives if you still want to go to university.

Local colleges may offer Access to HE, Foundation Degrees or Degree and it may be worth contacting the college direct. Look on local college websites.

Another option is to take a similar type of degree which requires lower entry qualifications and may allow the opportunity to transfer. Note this is adding extra year/s of study and cost.

Speak to a Careers Adviser before you take this option.

Take a gap year and reapply for next year. During this gap year you can do more qualifications either full or part time. You can consider studying at a sixth form, college or distance learning. You may have course fees to pay. See below for different types of degree including Degree & Higher-Level apprenticeships – you still get high level qualifications often from a university.

The situation in summer 2021 is evolving – we are monitoring the impact of the pandemic on recruitment – some employers are still recruiting, but some job families have put a halt on recruitment for the time being (i.e. the travel industry). Gap years involving travelling (see below) are problematic this year.

Careers Guidance – in addition to support from school there is other support available:-
National Careers Service – Call 0800 100 900 or [use webchat](#). 8am to 10pm 7 days a week.



If you decide not to remain in education at this time your options are:

Apprenticeships – you may be able to apply for a higher-level apprenticeship, including degree apprenticeships and this will lead to level 4 or higher qualifications. Some employers will support you to do a university course while on your apprenticeship.

Other apprenticeships are also available, and you can look at both levels 2 and 3. You will need to check the entry qualification requirements for each apprenticeship as some employer requirements can vary. www.apprenticeships.org.uk and for degree apprenticeships www.ucas.com www.notgoingtouni.co.uk <https://advice.milkround.com/>

Jobs – you can apply for jobs on the <https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job> website and the other jobs websites including those run by your local newspaper. You can also look at big name companies who have their own websites as they often advertise vacancies on line rather than in their stores. You can research your job ideas on the Job Profiles section on the National Careers Service website. The information in the job profiles can help you target your CV / application towards specific jobs.

As a Rossett student you can use the eCLIPS website – useful job seeking leaflets are :-
Employment at 18+ with Level 3 qualifications - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.06>
CV writing for younger people - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.08>
Do check out other useful as recommended in Employment at 18+ handout i.e. careers in civil service etc. Check these out and more at eCLIPS - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/>
Password Rossett.

The following list of websites includes information about different employment sectors and advice on where to find vacancies.

Local support – in addition to Job Centres...

Leeds - ring the Leeds Employment Hub helpline (part funded through the European Social Fund) to arrange an appointment with an adviser.

Tel: 0113 378 4576

<https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk/employmenthub>

Apprenticeships in York - <https://www.york.gov.uk/YorkApprenticeships> Apprenticeship Hub
West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

Telephone: 01904 553732

Email: york.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk

Facebook.com/yorkapprenticeships

Twitter.com/yorkapprentices

General Advice from the government

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/university-traineeship-first-job-what-s-your-post-exam-plan?>



Finance

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk/>

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/>

Employment

<https://www.wikijob.co.uk/content/features/useful-resources/10-best-uk-job-boards-2020> (this directly links to 2021 version albeit still labelled 2020!)

Don't forget to use Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/jobs/social-networking.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/jobsearch> (used to be the Job Centre Website)

Apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

Leeds Young People's Site:

<https://leeds.startprofile.com/page/home-page#students>

Recruitment agencies

<http://www.leedsjobs.net/>

<http://www.headwayrecruitment.co.uk/>

<http://www.jobsite.co.uk/jobs/bradford>

<http://www.indeed.co.uk/>

<http://www.totaljobs.com/>

<http://www.fish4.co.uk/>

<http://jobs.thirdsector.co.uk/>

Other Useful Sites

<http://icould.com> <http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

<http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

Further Education

Harrogate College

See the website for GCSE results day support and discuss course opportunities.

<https://harrogate-college.ac.uk/courses/>

Tel - 01423 879466.

There is a well-staffed webchat option on their website too.

York College

If interested in staying in FE. York College has Higher Education courses on offer too. For help and advice call the York College GCSE helpline on **01904 770100** or contact on-line.

Leeds College - <https://leedscitycollege.ac.uk/>

Again, they will have Foundation and degree course options too.



Gap Year: Whilst normally an option the current pandemic means travel is severely restricted – most options too difficult at present – the following are useful websites for when the travel situation has improved (likely next year for gap years) – to keep abreast of government travel guidance.

<https://ivs.gb.org/european-solidarity-corps> free gap year

<http://www.yearoutgroup.org/>

<http://www.raleighinternational.org/>

<http://www.campamerica.co.uk/>

<http://www.gapyear.com/> (this website is taking a breather and is off line but will reopen soon)

<https://volunteermatters.org.uk/>