Next Steps Ready

A free careers website for young people

Explore ideas, plan next steps and get ready for work experience and your future career

Next Steps Ready (NSR), helps young people find out what might suit them, explore jobs and pathways, and prepare for work experience and future careers.
It is aimed mainly at pre-16 students, but it is free and open to anyone: students, parents and carers, teachers and advisers.

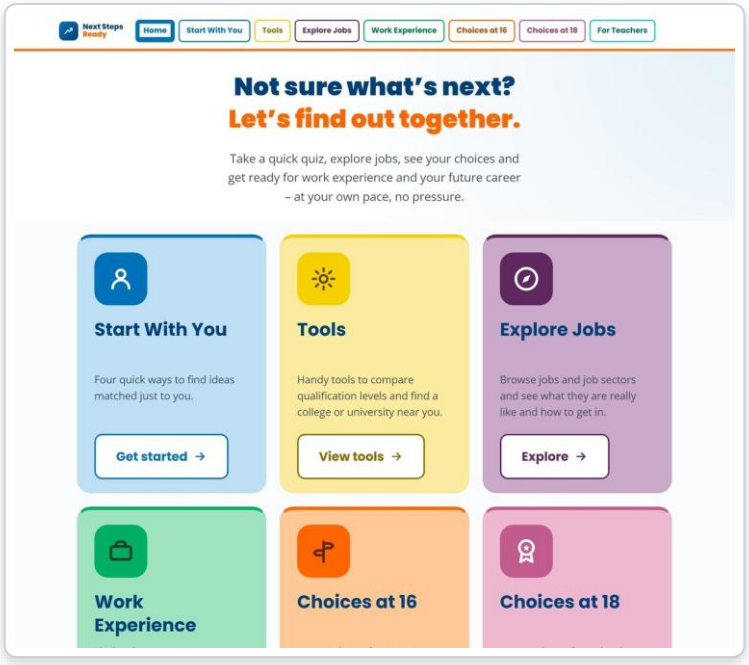
Free for everyone
Open to every school, student, parent & carer

No login needed
No accounts, passwords or personal data

Aimed at pre-16
Written for pre-16, useful for all ages

Trusted content
Built from Careerpilot's careers information

What's on the site?



Start With You
A job quiz, start with a subject or a value, and a skills profile

Tools
A qualification ladder and a college or university finder

Explore Jobs
Job sectors, what jobs are really like and how to get in – all linked to the National Careers Service

Work Experience
Find a placement, contact an employer, build a CV – plus a workbook to help students

Choices at 16
A Levels, vocational courses, T Levels and apprenticeships

Choices at 18
University, apprenticeships, gap years and work with training

Teacher Zone: free resources for schools

Go to **For Teachers** on nextstepsready.org.uk. Free to download, no login needed.

Careerpilot career resources
Hot Jobs posters sets with Labour Market Information, green jobs and careers in the curriculum

Next Steps Ready career lessons
A 50–60 minute lesson for each of Years 7 to 11, offline and online, mapped to Gatsby

A legacy of Careerpilot

Careerpilot closes in December 2026. Next Steps Ready was developed by the Careerpilot Team at the University of Bath, so that its trusted careers content stays free for schools and young people.

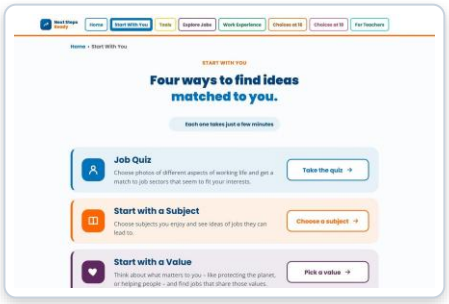
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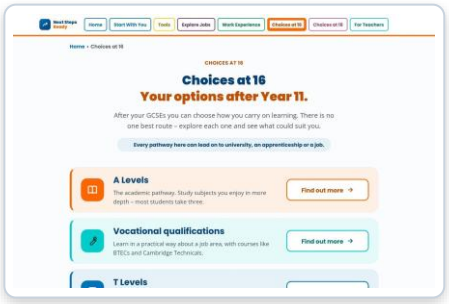
Works on computers, tablets and phones. More detail overleaf →

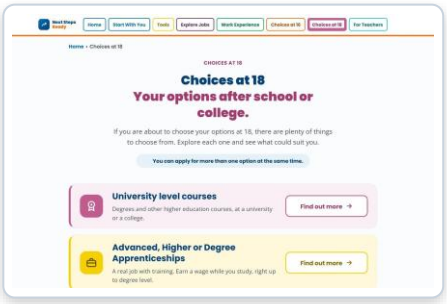
Take a closer look

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Some of what students can explore on Next Steps Ready







Start With You

Four quick ways to find ideas: a photo job quiz, start with a subject, start with a value, and a skills profile.

Choices at 16

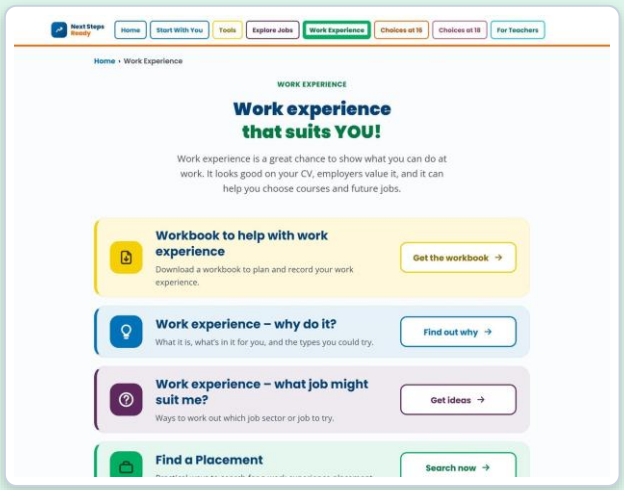
Each pathway after Year 11 explained, with tips on how to choose – keeping every option open.

Choices at 18

University, apprenticeships, gap years and work with training, with help to weigh them up.

Work experience – exploring and planning

A whole section coaching students through the process of getting ready for a work experience placement:



- Why do it? – what's in it for them
- What job might suit me? – ideas to try
- Find a placement – practical ways to search
- Contact an employer – an easy template
- Build a CV – a simple step-by-step template

My Work Experience Workbook

A free Word download students save in their school area and fill in. Each activity links to the right page. Three parts: **Introduce and Inspire**, **Investigate and Explore**, and **Apply and Demonstrate** – mapped to the Equalex framework and outcomes. Use it in lessons or independently.

For school IT teams: please whitelist the site

Please ask your IT team at school or Trust level to allow **nextstepsready.org.uk** by its web address (not an IP address) and keep JavaScript switched on.

Full details: nextstepsready.org.uk/security.html

- No sign-in, accounts or passwords
- No personal information collected
- No cookies, tracking or adverts
- Secure HTTPS, hosted on Cloudflare
- Word downloads contain no macros

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