



HARROGATE
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The Sixth Form
at Harrogate Grammar School
Excellence For All



Year 12 Higher Education & Apprenticeship Evening



Setting the right mindset



Vision



Impact



Habits



Growth



Service

Developing / refining a vision



What do I want to achieve today, next week, next year, in the future?

Vision

Set personal targets for success and take responsibility for achieving them

Maintain focus on your goals even when you have setbacks

Invest time in shaping your own future in school and beyond

2025 Post-18 progression

University

86% of Year 13 applied to university

90% of those took up a place in September

84% gained a place at their firm / first choice

50% took up places at Russell Group universities

32% of students were first generation applicants

>50% attended universities in the north of England

Other routes

5 students started a Degree Apprenticeship (HSBC, JLR, Nestle, Ernst and Young and West Yorkshire Police)

13 students started an Apprenticeship

32 took a gap year

33 started employment

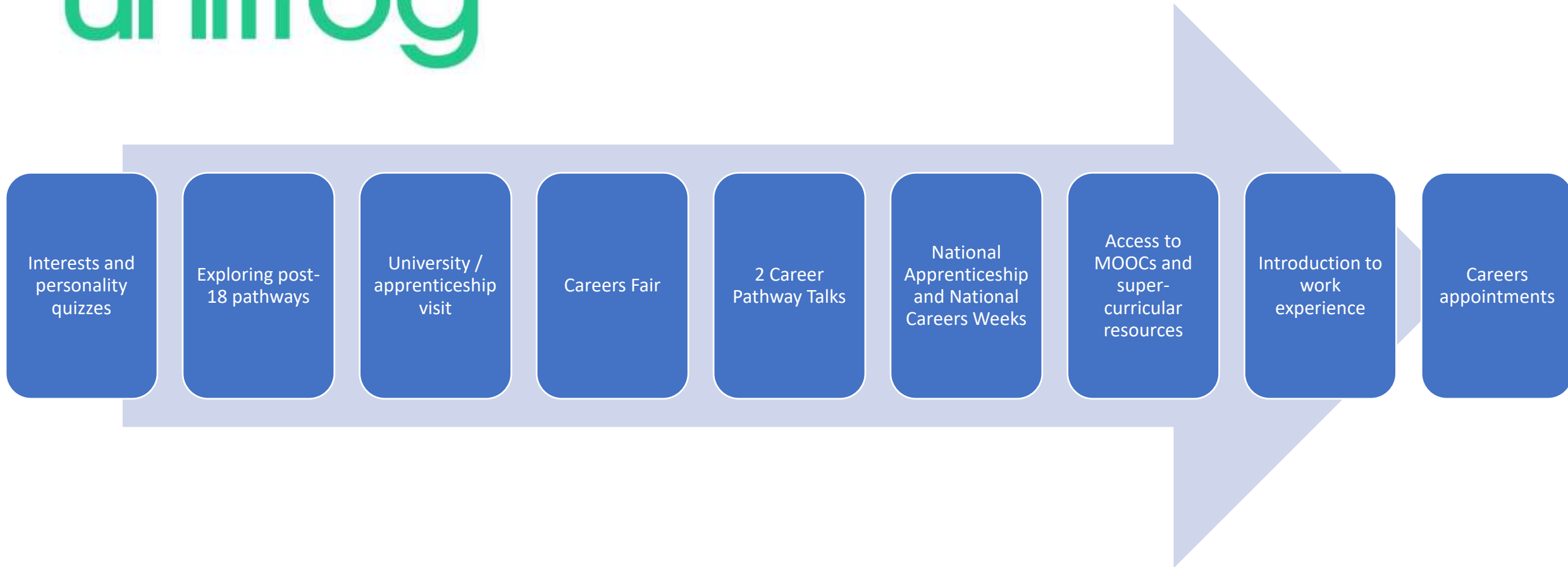
8 gained a place at Further Education College

1 took up sports scholarship in the USA

90% of all students progressed onto their first choice of destination

The journey so far...

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WHAT IS A DEGREE
APPRENTICESHIP?

What is a degree apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are not a new concept. These are paid, developmental roles which involve an element of study alongside practical work.

Degree apprenticeships however are relatively new, having started in 2015, and new pathways are still being launched, most recently Medicine and Teaching.

The core concepts remain the same across all types of apprenticeships, however the complexity of the content you cover differs at higher levels.



What apprenticeships can I do?

Level 2- Intermediate

Job roles include:

- Nuclear Operative
- Junior Estate Agent
- Rail Operative

"Degree" apprenticeships, are at level 6 and above.

If you want an equivalent to a degree, make sure to bare this in mind.

We will look at this more later.

Level 3- Advanced

Job roles include:

- Chef
- Fashion Assistant
- Veterinary Nurse
- IT Technician

A-level- College

Level 4+- Higher

Job roles include:

- Marketing Executive
- Journalist
- Clinical Dental Technician.

Foundation degree-
College/ Uni

Level 6-7- Degree

Job roles include:

- Aerospace Engineer
- Ecologist
- Teacher
- Doctor
- Accountant

Degree/
Masters- Uni

The apprentice journey...

Apprentice

Commitment

Your portfolio



Employer

The job

Training programme

milestones

**Support from: Workplace
Mentor**

80%

20%



University

The Academic Award

Credits

**Support from: Academic staff,
Apprenticeship Coach**

An example week...

Typical Week						
Degree Apprenticeship - Quantity Surveying						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00:00	Work - Project 1		Lecture	Work-Project 3	Work-Project 2	Work-Project 5- On Site
10:00:00			Lecture			
11:00:00			Seminar			
12:00:00			Seminar			
13:00:00	Lunch	Lunch- Out	Lunch	Lunch- Out	Lunch- Out	Lunch- Out
14:00:00	Work-Project 2		Seminar	Work - Project 1	Work-Project 5	Work - Project 4
15:00:00			Lecture			
16:00:00			Seminar			
17:00:00			Seminar			
18:00:00	Family meal		Lecture	Sport	Uni work	Meal out with friends
19:00:00			Netflix			
20:00:00						
21:00:00						

Teaching (20%) is either “block release”, or “day release”.

Block release you spend on average 5 x 1 week blocks per year at the university.

9 hours of contact time here in one day!

Undergrad vs degree apprenticeship –

Undergraduate



More academic,
less work experience



Wider range of subjects
you can study



Traditional uni experience
– ‘student bubble’



Contact hours vary, option
to do part-time work

Degree Apprenticeship



Practical way to learn – (80%
of time dedicated to work)



Any study completed is
specific to your role



Travel, commuting &
housing considerations



Work balanced alongside
study

Why should I do one?

- On-the-job training** These are practical ways to learn- everything you learn is relevant

- Earn while you learn** Earn a salary averaging £18,000. Some vacancies are in excess of £25,000!

- Upskill for free- no student loan** Your employer pays us to deliver your degree

- Kickstart your career** Access a professional career and salary- vacancies are driven by demand

- Flexible way to learn** Learn through a balance of practice and theory

What apprenticeships exist?

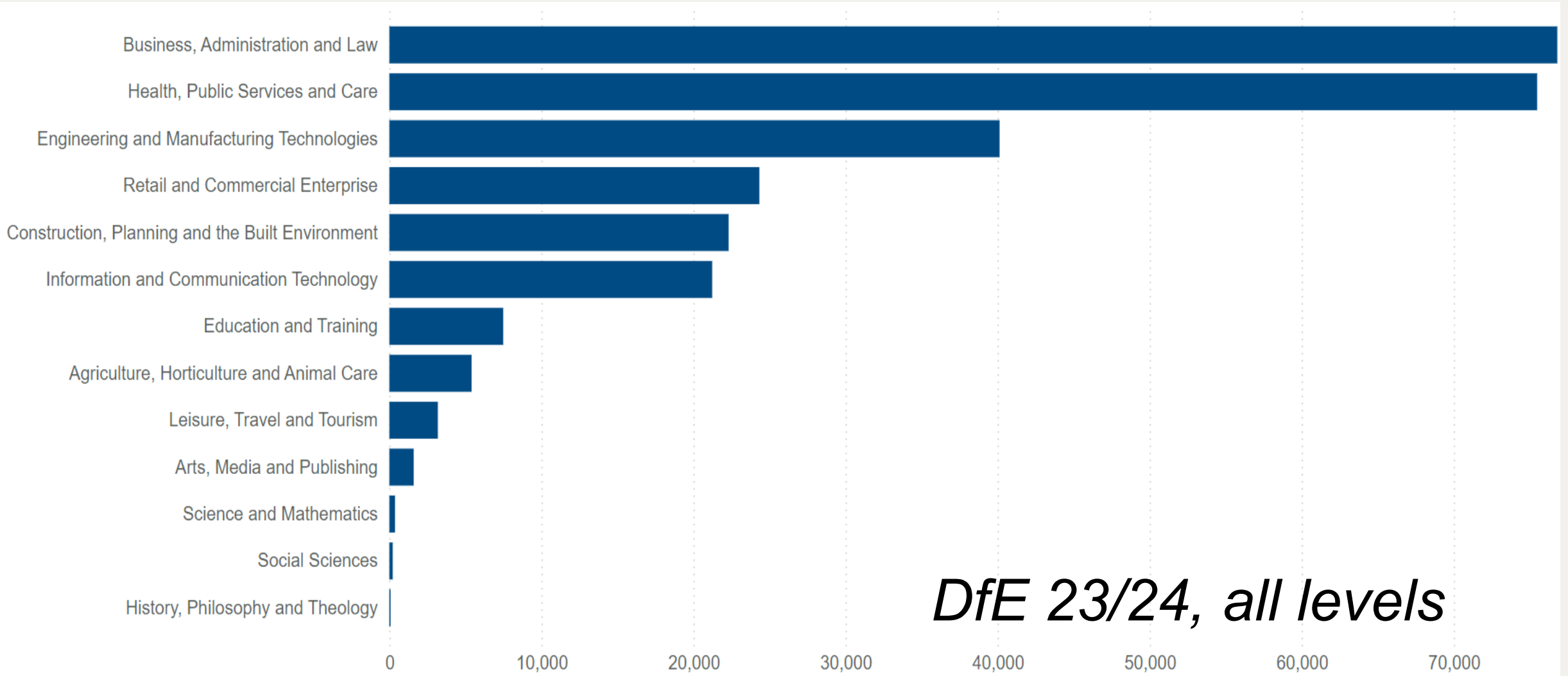
- Agriculture, environmental and animal care
- Business and administration
- Care services
- Catering and hospitality
- Construction and the built environment
- Creative and design
- Digital
- Education and childcare
- Engineering and manufacturing
- Hair and beauty
- Health and science
- Legal finance and accounting
- Protective services
- Sales marketing and procurement
- Transport and logistics

All technical qualifications are based on standards set by employers.

These “standards” are mapped against occupations which can be considered as study routes; Apprenticeships, T Levels or HTQs.

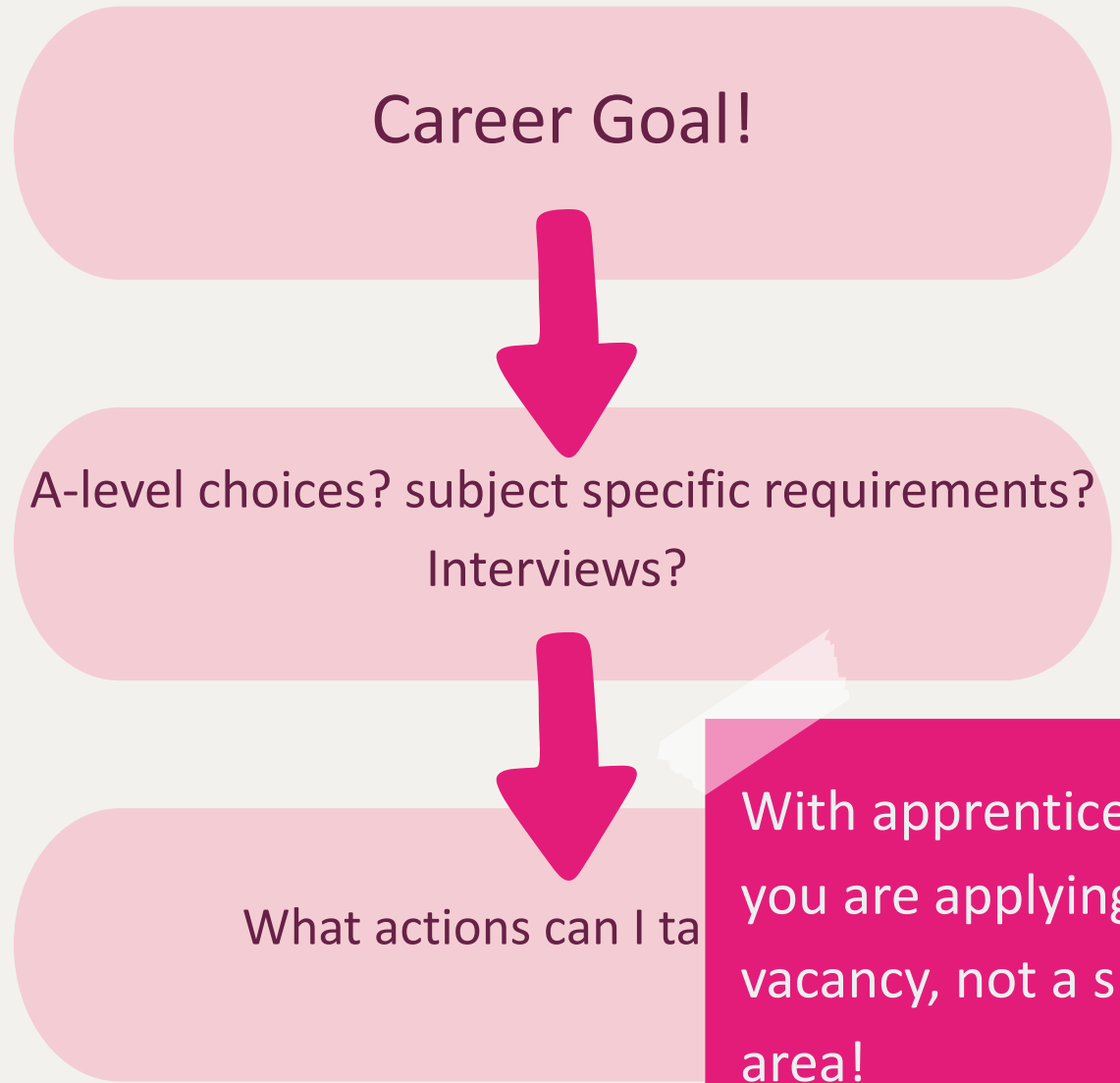
These occupational standards are grouped into sectors, which you can consider “subjects”, and are listed in detail on IfATE’s website.

What apprenticeships exist?



DfE 23/24, all levels

Deciding what to study at University – Two Approaches!



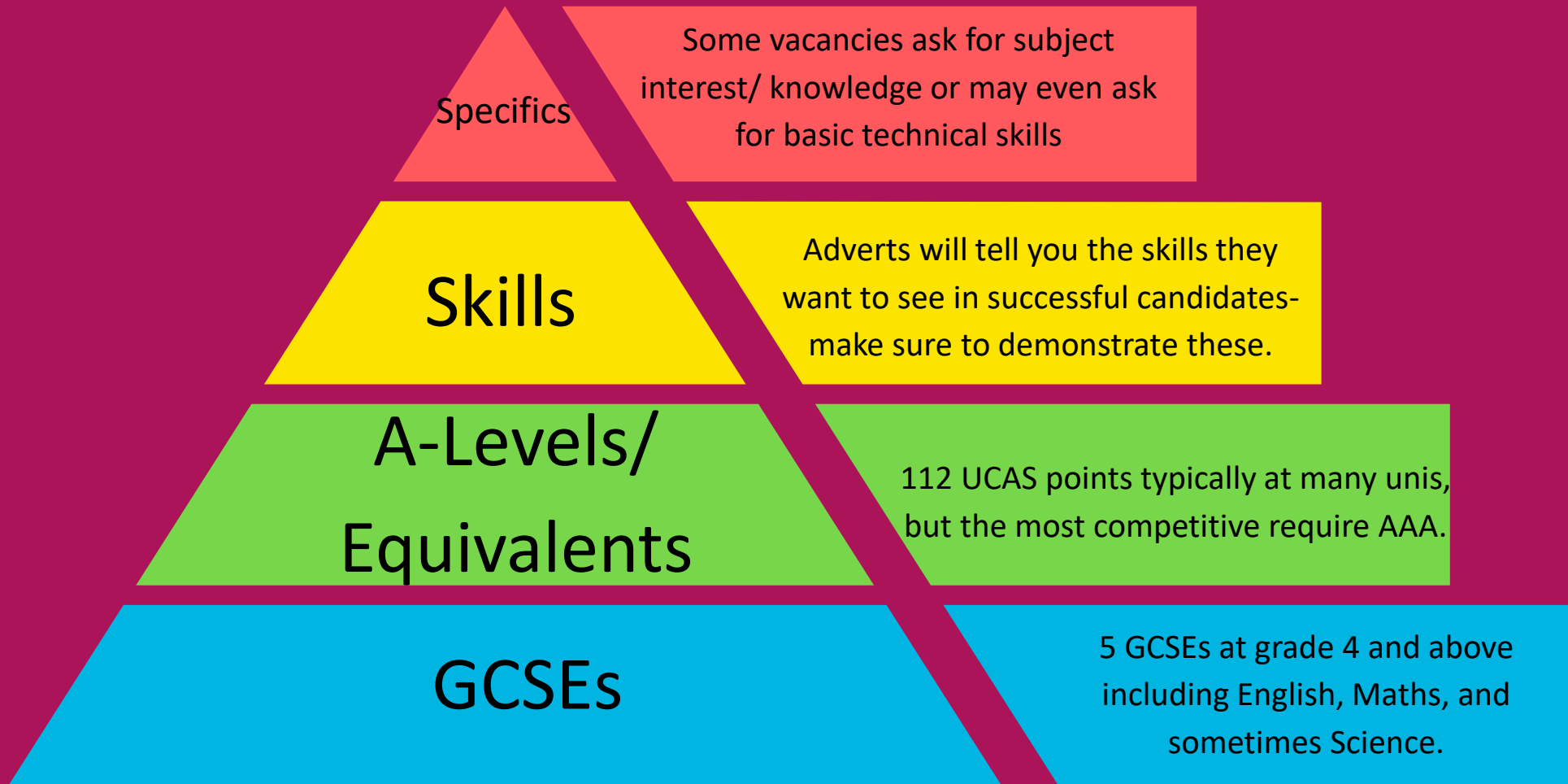
With apprenticeships you are applying to a vacancy, not a subject area!

Important considerations with degree apprenticeships

“ You need to convince the employer to choose you. It is important you come across motivated to work in the respective industry. ”

“ You will be applying for the same vacancies potentially as people much older or already working in the organisation. ”

Entry criteria



How do I apply?

1. Application form
2. C.V
3. Cover letter

You apply directly to the employer,
like a job.

Different employers have different
recruitment processes, typically:



Finding a degree apprenticeship vacancy: when to apply



When should I apply?

Research Y12, apply Y13



When do apprenticeships start?

Depends on the company – no fixed start date



How long do they take?

Typically 3 years - but they can be longer

Finding a vacancy: Find an Apprenticeship (Government)

What
Enter a job or company
Accounting

Where
Enter a city or postcode
Sheffield, South Yorkshire

Search [Browse by your interests instead](#)

Select the level you want to apply for

- Level 2
Equal to GCSE
- Level 3
Equal to A level
- Level 4
Equal to higher national certificate (HNC)
- Level 5
Equal to higher national diploma (HND)
- Level 6
Equal to degree
- Level 7
Equal to master's degree

Search for vacancies using an industry area and a location

Filter carefully – make sure that ‘level 6’ apprenticeships are selected

Finding a vacancy: Find an Apprenticeship (Government)

Annual wage

£23,400 a year

[Minimum wage rates \(opens in new tab\)](#)

The pay may be negotiated and may rise after a probation period has been successfully completed.

Training course

Construction quantity surveyor (degree) (level 6)

Hours

Monday to Friday 08:30 - 17:00 with one hour for meal break (unpaid)

37 hours a week

Possible start date

Monday 23 September

Duration

5 Years

Positions available

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Check vacancy listings carefully, particularly things like:

- Wage
- Working hours
- Possible start date.

Finding a vacancy: UCAS Apprenticeship Finder

Search apprenticeships

Apprenticeships and graduate jobs

Q construction

Search apprenticeships

Apprenticeships and graduate jobs

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Search for vacancies either using an industry area or a university name

The screenshot shows the filter menu on the UCAS Apprenticeship Finder. At the top, there are several filter buttons: 'All filters' (with a '1' badge), 'Level' (with a '1' badge), 'Industry', 'Vacancy type', 'Sector', and 'Region'. Below these, the 'Level' filter is expanded, showing 'Nation of qualification' (set to '- None -') and 'Level of education' (set to 'Degree Apprenticeship (1)'). A pink arrow points to the 'Level of education' dropdown menu.

Filter carefully - make sure that 'degree apprenticeship' (level 6) is selected

Identifying Skills and Scenarios

You can map out skills in any advert you look at.

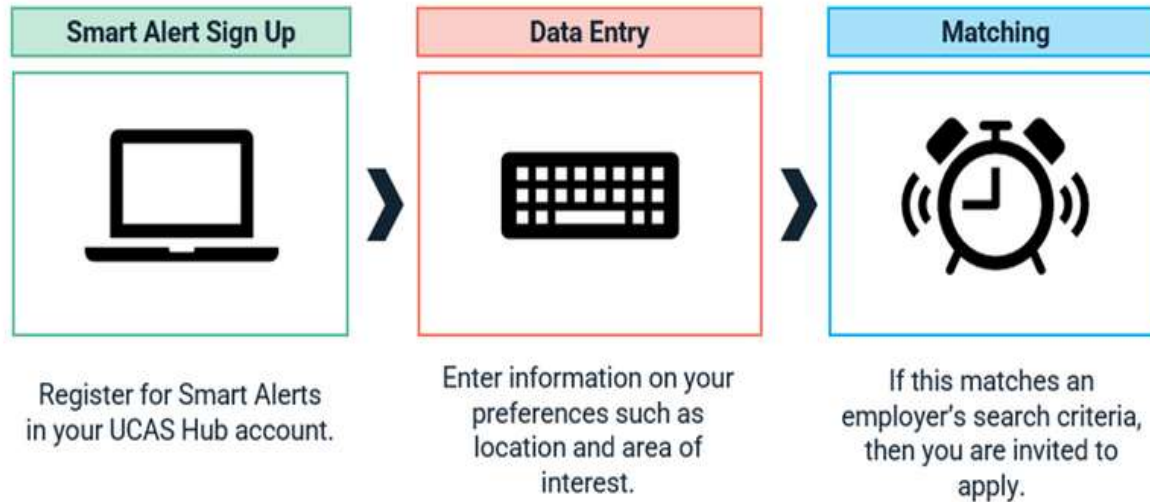
You can then cross reference them to the scenarios you have.

	Communication skills	IT Skills	Attention to detail	Organisation skills	Customer care skills	Problem solving skills	Admin skills	Number skills	Analytical skills	Logical	Team player	Creative	Initiative
A Level Maths			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			
A Level Physics			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			
BTEC Sport & Exercise Science	✓			✓		✓					✓		✓
Youth Referee	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓						✓
Y7 Mentor	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓
YouTube channel	✓	✓					✓					✓	

SET UP ALERTS FOR VACANCIES ON UCAS

Get linked to apprenticeship opportunities direct to your inbox

When you register on ucas.com for the first time or access your UCAS Hub account, you can sign up to be linked to relevant apprenticeship opportunities that match your profile.



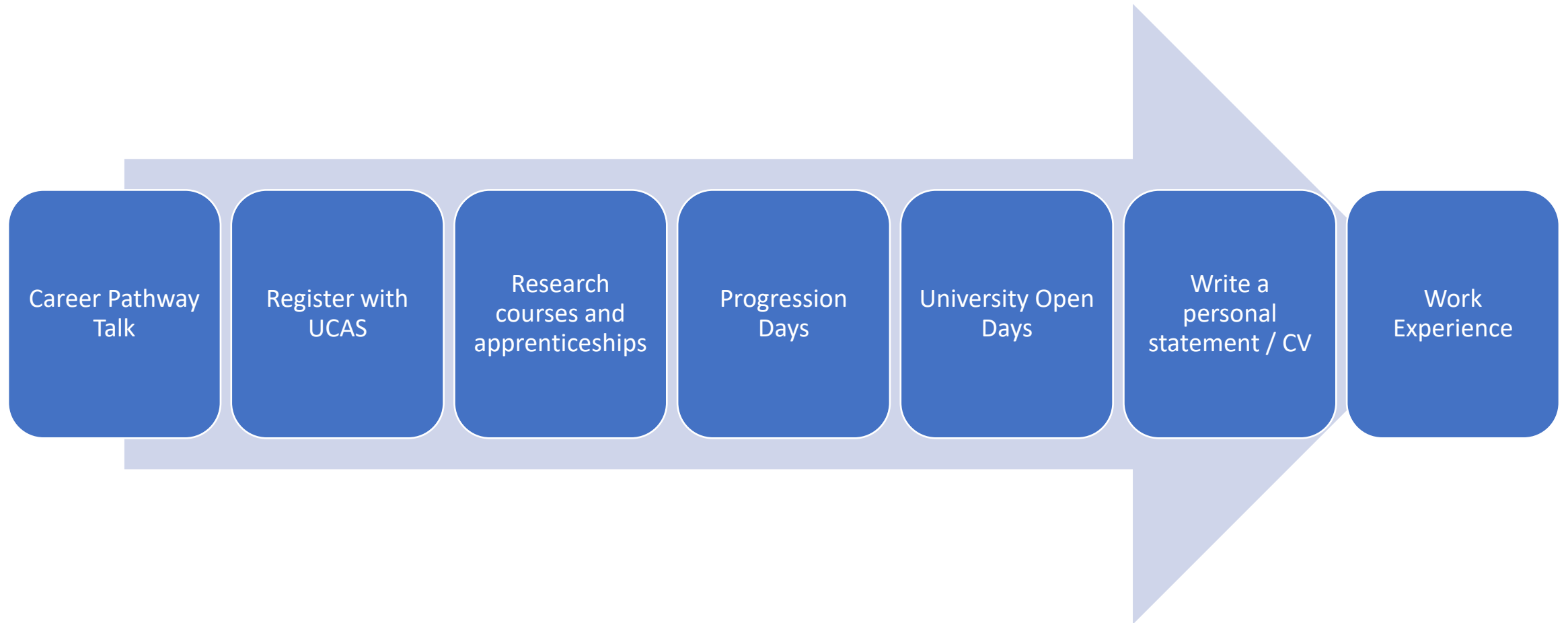
UCAS

Vacancy matching service

Indicate preferences e.g. location / role by building your UCAS profile

UCAS account required

The next steps...



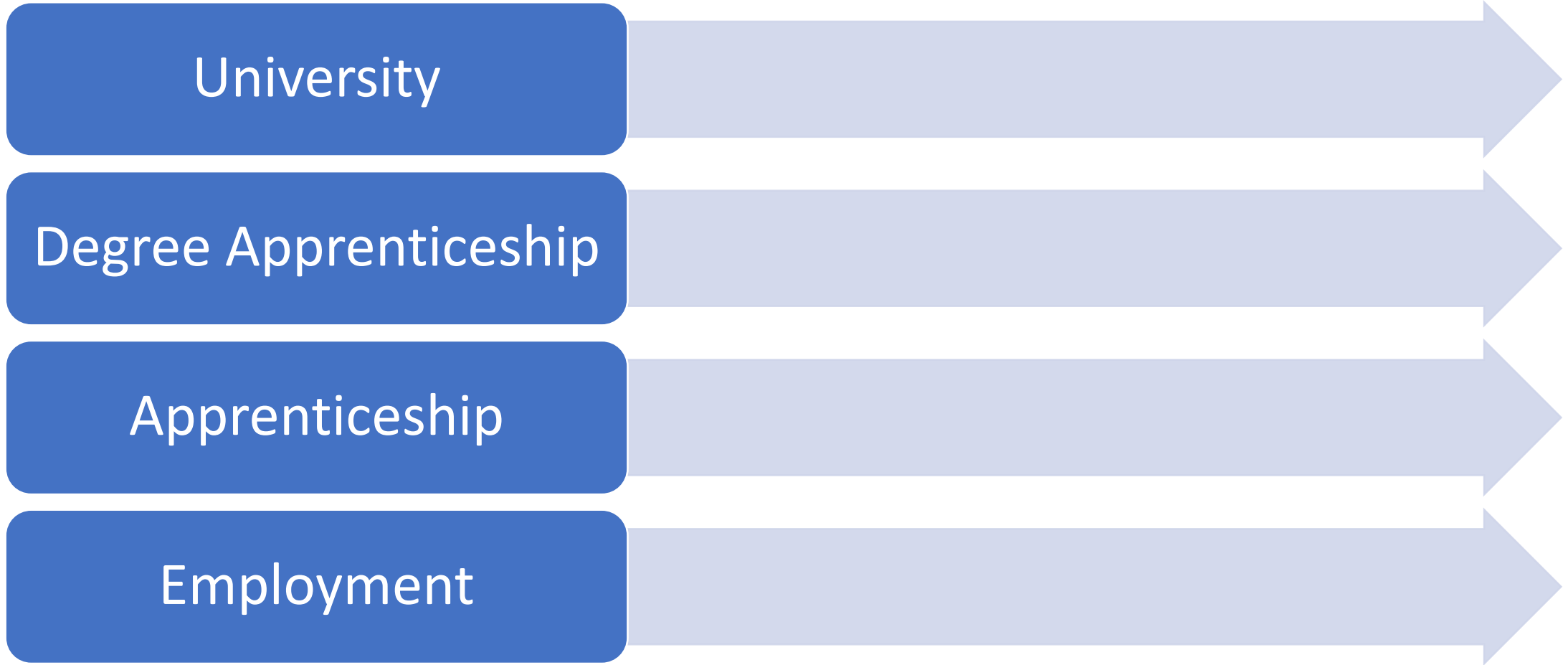
Keep your options open

University

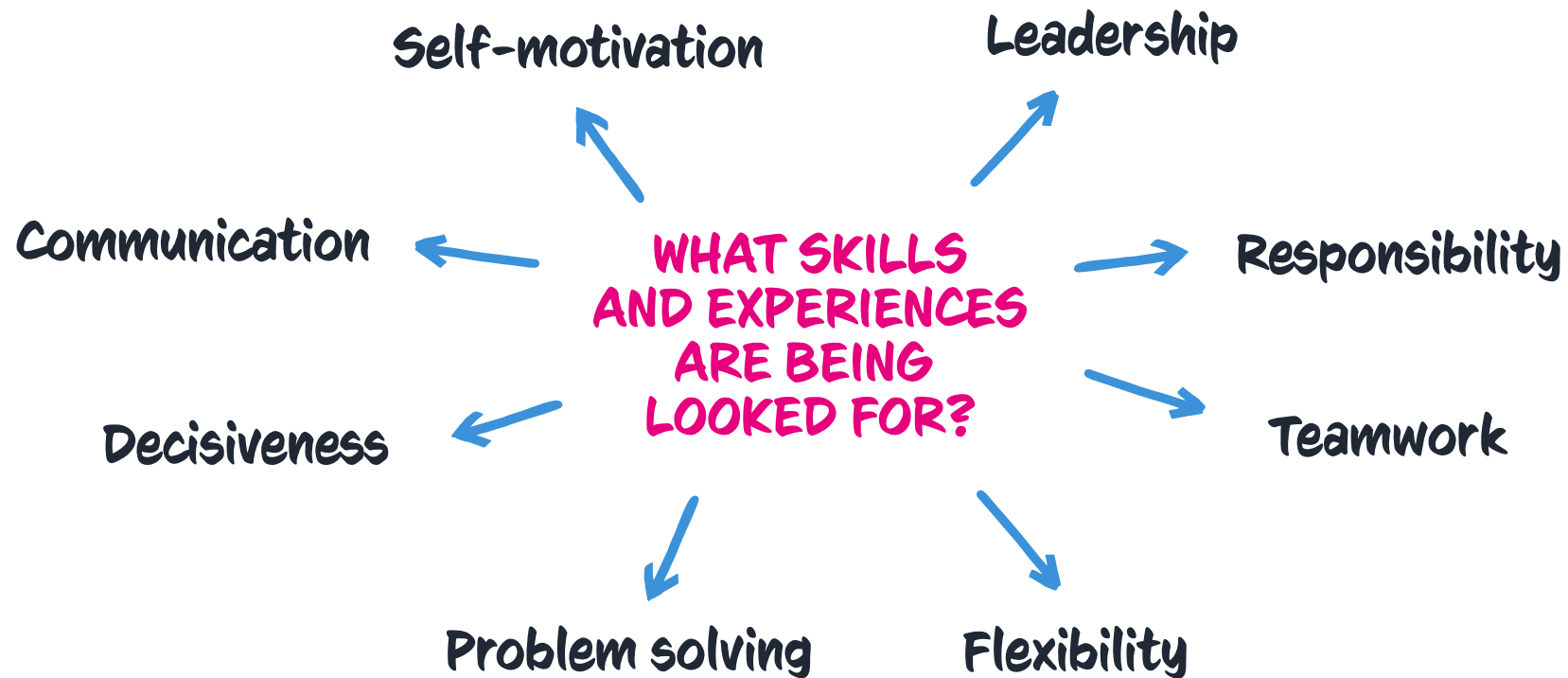
Degree Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship

Employment



Focus on the skills



Which of these have you done and what skills/knowledge did you get out of it?

In-person work
experience

Virtual work
experience

Books

MOOCs

Documentaries

Podcasts

Hobbies

Competitions

Paid
employment

Projects or
essays

Trips or visits

Volunteering /
Service

Support in school

Form Tutor

Subject Teachers

Student Support
Managers

Mrs Watson -
Senior Tutor

Mrs Mitchell &
Mrs Wainwright -
Careers Advisors

Miss Russell
Assistant Directors
of Sixth Form

Mr Twitchin
Director of Sixth
Form

Finding out more

UCAS & Unifrog websites: both cover university, apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, work, gap year etc

Open days:

www.opendays.com

Further research:

www.whatuni.com

www.theuniguide.com

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk

www.planmygapyear.co.uk

www.volunteerhq.org

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk