



## Higher education/university parent and student section

Higher Education is high priority at Buile Hill Visual Arts College, we are raising our students awareness of higher education, but also relating this to choices and pathway decisions.

We are raising aspirations and encouraging our students to enter higher education. We are also enabling parents to support decision making.

This work has been a key feature of the curriculum this year and has included:

- working in collaboration with GM higher
- working with other local and national universities
- student visits to universities across the north west
- guest speakers from universities
- apprentice talks
- routes into higher education
- Russell group talks including Oxford university,
- visits to higher education fairs
- careers fairs in school where student ambassadors are available to help
- finance talks and benefit awareness

Staff also attended training days at universities as part of their awareness and enabling them to network with university key staff and develop new approaches to careers and higher education but also keep informed about new initiatives.

Some useful websites related to higher education:

Lists all the higher education courses available across the UK [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

### **Career Journey Map from NCS**

Find relevant information about what to do now and next

[www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/youngpeople/Pages/Youngpeople](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/youngpeople/Pages/Youngpeople)

### **Career Point**

Virtual environment for careers information, advice and guidance in Greater Manchester [www.careerpoint-gm.co.uk](http://www.careerpoint-gm.co.uk)

### **Careers Box**

Online library of careers related film, news and information [www.careersbox.co.uk](http://www.careersbox.co.uk)

### **Greater Manchester Higher IAG Leaflet**

Advice about higher education and common progression routes, including what you should be thinking about at each stage of your journey [Greater Manchester Higher IAG leaflet](#)

### **Gov.uk information on qualifications**

A breakdown of the most common types of qualifications offered in England, Wales and Northern Ireland [www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/compare-different-qualification-levels](http://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/compare-different-qualification-levels)

### **I could**

Explore career options and progression routes [www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)

### **Informed Choices**

Advice from the Russell Group about choosing GCSE and A level subjects [www.russellgroup.org/InformedChoices-latest.pdf](http://www.russellgroup.org/InformedChoices-latest.pdf)

### **National Careers Service**

Impartial advice about choosing qualifications and progression routes [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx)

### **Not going to uni**

Options for students who are considering options other than higher education [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

### **Oxford and Cambridge Outreach**

Information about applying to Oxford and Cambridge and the outreach activities they offer all in one place [www.oxfordandcambridgeoutreach.co.uk](http://www.oxfordandcambridgeoutreach.co.uk)

### **Plotr**

Interactive quizzes designed to help you find your dream career [www.plotr.co.uk](http://www.plotr.co.uk)

### **Prospects**

Information about a variety of career paths [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

### **Pure Potential**

Information about a range of options at post-18 including higher education, apprenticeships, school leaver programme and access to the professions and employment [www.purepotential.org](http://www.purepotential.org)

### **Push**

Independent guide to universities [www.push.co.uk](http://www.push.co.uk)

### **Success at School**

Career advice for schools and students aged 13-19. Search jobs, advice & find out about employers, work experience, courses, career choices, apprenticeships [www.successatschool.org](http://www.successatschool.org)

### **Unistats**

The official website for comparing UK higher education course data  
[www.unistats.ac.uk](http://www.unistats.ac.uk)

[www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcse](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcse)