

Post-16 education and other options

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Options

- University
- College
- Apprenticeship, traineeship, internship
- Job (normally post-18)
- Gap year before making decision

University

- Majority option – most of our MKs and their parents anticipate it
- Challenges for European students – getting suitable entrance qualifications when overseas, very high fees now in UK, residency rules
- Risk of over-qualification in a low-demand area of employment
- Take time to decide on course

University costs

- Germany – free for all students (BW plans €3000)
- Switzerland - €1600/year but some courses more
- France €189/year but some courses slightly more
- Netherlands - €2000/year for EU/EEA
- Finland – free for EU/EEA (average for others €10000 - €16000/year as of 2017)
- Norway – semester fee only for EEA
- Sweden – free for EU/EEA
- UK – Per year for EU/EEA Scotland free, N Ireland £4030, Wales £9000, England £9250
- Ireland – free for EU/EEA

College, Berufsschule

- Some countries give it a higher status than others, notably Switzerland, Germany, Netherlands, Finland
- Wide range of options
- Vocational, combined with apprenticeship, technical, university entrance, functional skills, continuing education
- Best systems lead on to skilled jobs

Apprenticeships

- Well developed system in many countries: e.g. Swiss model being adopted elsewhere
- Good start, but minority option in UK
- Training in commercial, retail, healthcare, technology etc
- Young person is paid during training
- In best systems they lead on to jobs

Gap Year

Often recommend it now as it can be used positively in these ways

- Time to re-enter outside of academia
- Time to decide what is really wanted in study
- Possibilities to mature
- Opportunity to serve
- Possible earnings
- In UK it helps to apply from a home address if overseas up to 18

Helpful sites

- <http://www.mastersportal.eu/articles/>
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/international/europe>
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

So what for agencies?

- Give information about all options
- Encourage to think about non-university options
- Keep up to date with developments!
- Encourage the gap year, especially if 're-entering' at 18
