

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School



Post 18 Decisions- Wednesday 12th March 6:30 p.m.

Speakers this evening

- Mr Finn-Kelcey - Introduction and School Information
- Orla - Current Yr13 student
- Phoebe - former Queen Elizabeth's student
- Maeve - former Queen Elizabeth's student
- Dan - University of Kent



Exploring possibilities after Sixth Form

Year 12 is the research year

MIT - Mentoring Programme - You can't be what you can't see

Unifrog Careers Tool - Apprenticeships, Traineeships included

Work Experience

Sheffield University - Competitive Courses Workshop



Unifrog - What it's useful for

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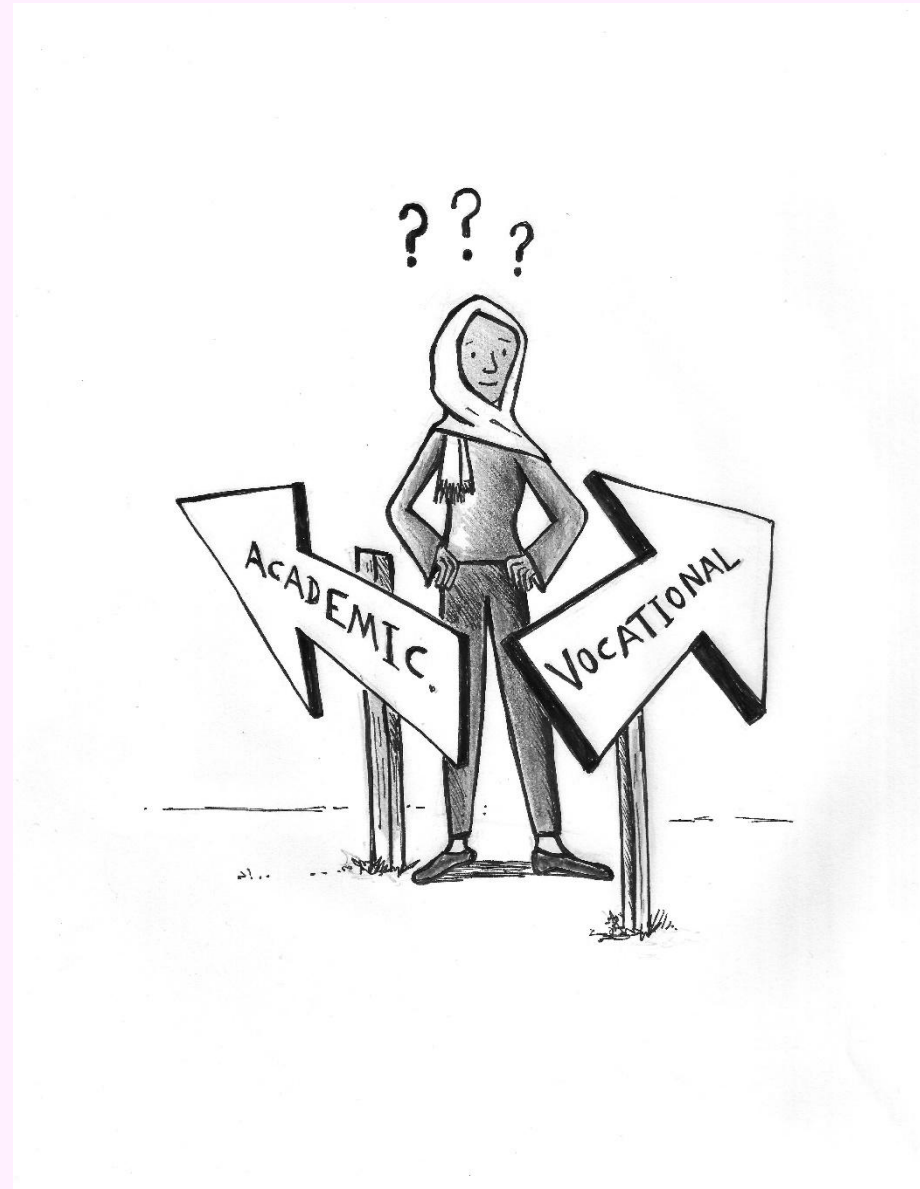
I know the career I want to do but I don't know the skills I need

I know what I'm good at but I don't know the career I want to go into

I don't know what I want to do or what I'm good at - help!



What are my options after 6th Form?



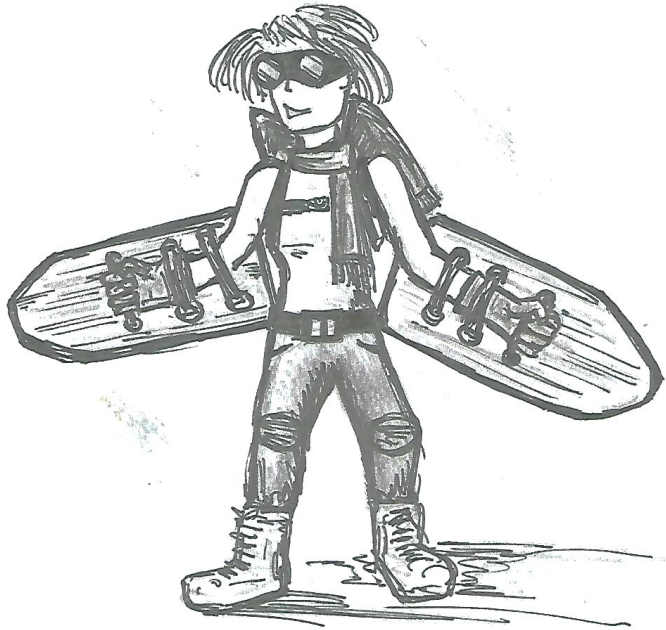
The Research Year... is about two things:

- 1) Discovery, growth and checking **your** ideas.
- 2) Making sure **you** are in the best position to seize the opportunities out there in a competitive world.

Make sure you know **WHAT** you need to do and **WHEN**.



TOP TIPS: (preparing to fly)



- **Explore** possibilities and don't make assumptions! **Get curious** about what is out there.
- Ask for help should you need it! There are lots of people available: Parents/Carers, Friends, Teachers, Careers Advisers.

Apprenticeships/WRT/Entrepreneurship:

- Book in early for insight events, work experience
- Make speculative applications
- Undertake interview preparation. Prepare for psychometric assessments.
- Be ready for applications from start of Year 13 for competitive apprenticeships.



My experience studying as a degree apprentice

Phoebe Layzell



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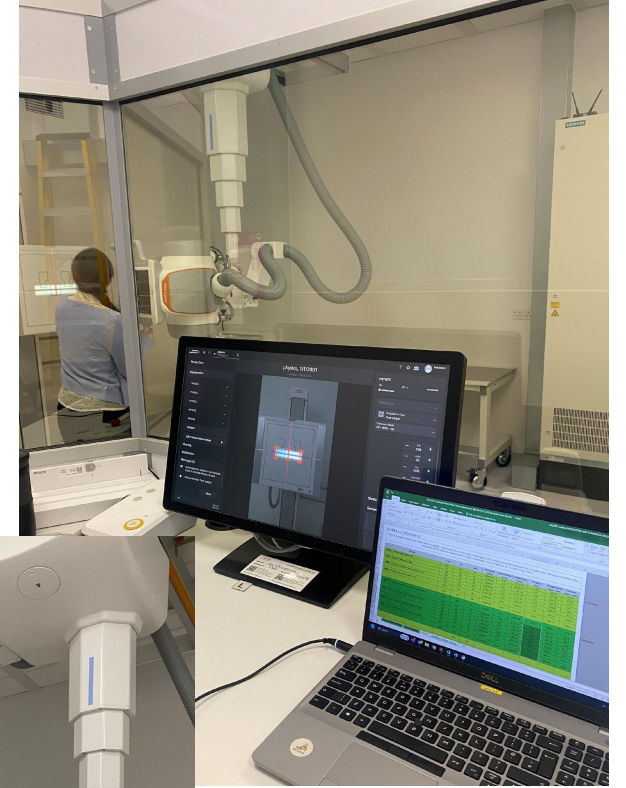
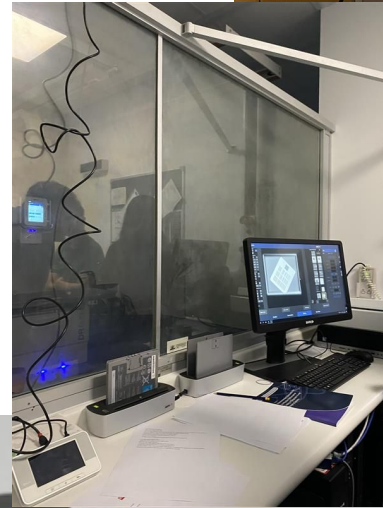
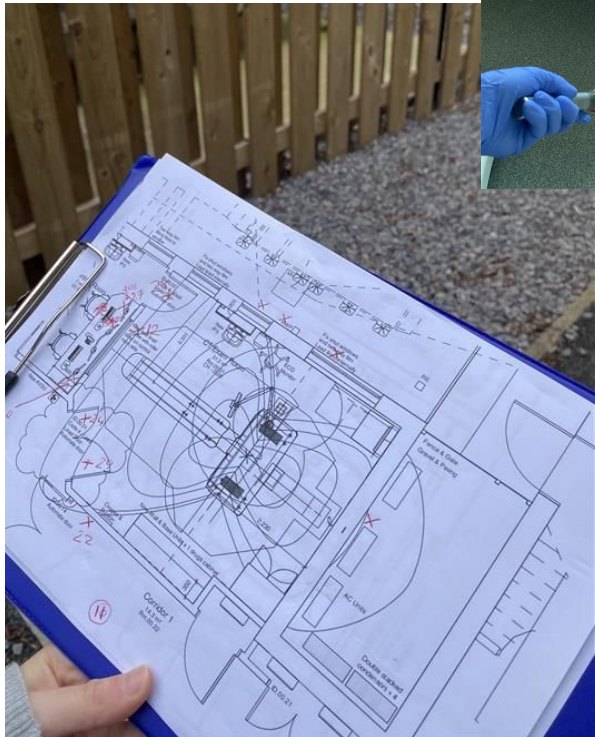
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My career

- I completed my GCSEs at The abbey school in 2022 and got 11 grades 8-5 .
- I applied in November 2023 with my interview in January 2024
- I completed my A levels here in 2024 In Maths Chemistry and Biology
- I started work in the department in July 2024
- In September I started studying a Level 6 Bsc in Medical Physics Technology with Radiation Physics at the University of the West of England .
- I now work Full time in the Radiation Physics department within Maidstone and Tunbridge wells NHS trust and some work within Nuclear Medicine too all whilst studying for my degree .



A few things I get up too



Why I chose a degree apprenticeship

- I was able to stay home which gives me the opportunity to save money for the future
- I am earning a full time wage
- I don't have debt from student loans or Uni fees ,they're all covered!!
- I have flexibility which means I can go on holiday whenever !
- Less pressure to get those top grades
- I will always have a job as I stay employed after Graduation
- Continued professional Development and Jobs later on



Advice

- Do some work experience , make sure it is what you want , do as much research as you can
- Degree apprenticeships are a great option if you like to learn by trying and doing
- Work hard now at the start because then everything is much easier down the line .
- Apply early and to lots because they are in popular demand and have limited availability .
- There is probably an apprenticeship out there for that degree you want to do ,so sign up to mailing lists , have notifications on for the GOV websites because windows for applications are shorter relative to UCAS
- Feel free to contact me via Mrs Slane or directly Phoebe.layzell@nhs.net

Orla- current Year 13 student

- A levels in Geography, Spanish, Design Tech and Maths in Context
- Work experience in quantity surveying
- Used as networking opportunity
- Work experience was used as soft interviewing
- Offered degree apprenticeship
- Applied to university as well to study quantity surveying and commercial management
- Decided to go to university but plan to apply for degree apprenticeships to start in second year.

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