

LESSON 4:

WEIGHING UP YOUR OPTIONS

OBJECTIVE:

Help your students to build a shortlist of course and apprenticeship options for the next step of their career journey.

UCAS HUB: TOOLS AND RESOURCES

- Tariff Calculator
- Career Finder
- Location Guides
- Subject Guides

LESSON ACTIVITIES:

- All three activities can be completed independently in short 20-minute sessions or be combined for one 60-minute lesson.
- Students should have individual computer access.
- Your lesson pack contains question starters and guidance about UCAS Hub features, entry requirements, and UCAS tariff points.



20 mins



60 mins



Individual computers

ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

Activity	Time	Student outcome	Lesson activities
1	20 mins	Create a list of courses and apprenticeships they're interested in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Class discussion about what entry requirements are, how UCAS tariff points work, and how these can be used to guide choices.➔ Students use the UCAS Tariff Calculator to work out their points.➔ They use the entry requirements filter on the UCAS course search to shortlist interesting courses.➔ They use UCAS Career Finder to search apprenticeship vacancies in their preferred specialisms and list the entry requirements.
2	20 mins	Identify what is important when thinking about where to study or work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Students answer questions to create a list of what is important to them, such as whether they want to live close to home, or move far away.➔ They read the Location Guides on ucas.com to discover what current students think about different locations.➔ They favourite at least one location in their UCAS Hub.
3	20 mins	Shortlist interested courses to study to help with their career choices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Students favourite at least five courses they're interested in from their 'For you' recommendations on the UCAS Hub.➔ Using their Career Quiz results and relevant Subject Guides, they note down careers these courses could lead to.

GATSBY BENCHMARKS:

- A stable careers programme.
- Addressing the needs of each pupil.

CDI FRAMEWORK:

- Grow throughout life:** Planning their next steps in learning and work.
- Explore possibilities:** Have a clear understanding of the learning pathways and qualifications that they will need to pursue their career.

RESOURCES:

Use the QR code or web link to download the lesson pack you'll need. This includes:

- Full teacher guide.
- Lesson slide deck for the classroom.
- Student handbook for you to photocopy.

