

In this activity we're exploring your post-16 options (e.g. A level & IB subjects), and which subjects will help when you apply to university. Each section has some advice and then an activity to work through. We'll be using several websites to find information: The Russell Group's 'Informed Choices' www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices/, Prospects and the National Careers Service www.prospects.ac.uk nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/, and Oxford University: www.ox.ac.uk/admissions

Top tip: Choose what you are interested in and enjoy

This is the most important advice you can possibly get! Enjoying your subjects and following your interests is what it's all about. Also if you enjoy studying something, chances are you'll achieve more in it too. If you're not sure where to start with your post-16 choices, fill in the boxes below to get some ideas going.

My ideas for the future

My favourite subjects:

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Careers ideas:

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Degree ideas:

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I enjoy reading and talking about:

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My interests and hobbies:

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Types of learning/assessment that work best for me:

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Examples of types of learning/assessment: exams, coursework, group work, debating, problem-solving, essay-writing, practical work, experiments, reading, presentations, researching, creativity, using technology, etc.

Top tip: Think about what you need for university

If you have an idea what you might like to study at university, it's a good plan to find out the course entrance requirements. You can look this up on university websites, and the Russell Group's [Informed Choices](#) booklet has lots of advice on this too. Have a look at Oxford's [general entrance requirements](#), [course-specific entrance requirements](#) and [alternative & international qualifications](#). However, don't choose a subject you don't actually like just because it's a requirement. If a university is asking for you to have a particular subject to apply for a course, then it's very likely that this subject forms a big part of the course itself, so if you don't like the subject, you probably won't enjoy the course very much either!

Check out your degree subject ideas in [Informed Choices](#). What post-16 subjects are essential or useful? Do you like or dislike them? Fill in the table on the next page to start thinking about what subjects you'll need, and whether you'd actually enjoy them (if you don't like the essential subjects, you probably won't like the degree either)

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