

YOUNG PERSON NEWSLETTER

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FURTHER EDUCATION

Your Future

By Stacey Lynn

Do you know what you are wanting to be? What career you want to do? Whose footsteps to follow? There are many options available to you as a young person for your future. It may be that you are currently in 6th form looking at your future, whether that be an apprenticeship, going to university or getting a job. The world is your oyster. But in case you aren't sure of the path you wish to follow here are some suggestions on getting on in the world after school.

College/University

If you are currently in 6th form at your secondary school/academy then you may be considering further education at college or university. To get into the education establishment of your choice may not seem easy but here are some tips on writing an excellent personal statement. This is what sells you! It makes you stand out from the crowd to get the course you desire.

Personal Statement

There are specific requirements that you need to follow when writing your personal statement. It needs to be no more than 4000 characters, or 47 lines of text (whichever is reached first). Make sure you have a definitive conclusion at the end of your statement so that the university can see you have finished well and have planned your writing.

Plan your time and write it in advance – these need to be ready by Christmas so it would be a good idea to start now if you haven't already! Choose the university / universities you wish to apply to and make sure you know what the admissions tutors are looking for. This will help you tailor write your personal statement for that university and for the course you are choosing.

Draw on your enthusiasm. This is your time to shine, to show why you want to do this course, why you should be chosen as a student for their school. It can be hard to sell yourself, so ask friends and family to describe you and to tell you some of your amazing qualities. Use your school reports, your teachers will tell you what they honestly believe and this is a fantastic way to start promoting yourself.

Don't ramble – you only have 4000 characters so make sure it is relevant, to the point. Include information that shows you in a good light, that promotes you. So if you include volunteering or extra curriculum activities make sure that they are relevant and not silly activities you get involved with! Don't copy! No explanation should be required for this.

There are many tips and guidance notes online to help. I have summarised some and this is by no means an exhaustive list, it is just a starting point to help you. Have a look online at examples and ask others to read your statement for you. It's ok to ask for help and support with something as important as this.

Apprenticeships

By Stacey Lynn

Do you know what an apprenticeship is?

Apprenticeships and traineeships are ways to become trained and qualified in a trade or particular type of job. They offer benefits, including: the ability to work and earn money while studying for your qualification and a nationally recognised qualification on completion of training.

You can look at a number of career options for apprenticeships whether you want to go into a trade such as plumbing or joinery or you can even consider a post graduate apprenticeship which would look to get you a university qualification, such as engineering, IT and much more, whilst working.

The benefits of an apprenticeship or traineeship is that you are learning on the job. You are working with people in the environment you will hope to work in whilst also getting paid and being allowed time to study to gain your qualification for the job you have chosen.

Again there are many types of apprenticeships and traineeships out there. Have a look online, research the entry requirements be able to apply (what grades you need to have to apply, when you can apply). You will be surprised what you can apply for and what amazing jobs you could be doing now!



Young Person Project

There is the new young person project to test our tenancy training package. It might be something that you can help us improve, to make more young person friendly and something interesting. If this is something that you would like to get involved with then please get in touch.

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Social media

Don't forget you can follow us on Social Media – we have Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Whatsapp so feel free to add me:

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Training



A year or so ago tenants of St Leger Homes of Doncaster wanted us to research what training is out there for tenants to be able to take part in. Research was carried out to find out what was and is available in Doncaster for communities to access. Here is the link below to our research and some of the offers of training that are out there in Doncaster. Although some may not be of interest to you, you may have a family member or friend that might find something useful. It might be just the thing that they need to get them out of the house, to be involved in the community or to learn a new skill.

<https://www.stlegerhomes.co.uk/my-opportunities/tenant-training-programmes/>