**Useful Careers Websites for Parents/ Carers**

The following websites are recommended for parents/carers to be able to know how to support your child when they are making careers decisions. Please note that there are many more sites available, these are provided as a starting point to help you to support your child.

**General Careers Advice**

**Fast Tomato**

<https://www.fasttomato.com/>

This site is used in PSHE lessons with students in Years 8-11. To be able to access the site either work with your child or alternatively please contact your child’s PSHE teacher who will provide you with the school’s access code.

**YC Hertfordshire**

<https://www.ychertfordshire.org/careers/parents-and-carers/>

YC Hertfordshire (previously known as Connexions) have a variety of tools for both young people and parents to support careers choices. At STAGS they have access to see a YC Hertfordshire Adviser, but they can also visit the One-Stop-Shop on Catherine St, St Albans.

**National Careers Service**

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

This is the government provided website to support careers education from the age of 13 – retirement!

**Information about Apprenticeships**

**Apprenticeships Get in Go Far**

<https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

This is the government provided site that provides information about the variety of apprenticeships available. It contains a variety of useful links and tips pages as well as videos for students to watch.

**Apprenticeships Applications**

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

This is the national website, provided by the government that lists every apprenticeship that is available at that moment in time. This is location of where you apply to participate in an apprenticeship.

**Not Going to Uni**

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

This site was set up in 2008 by someone that wanted independent advice for those who didn’t want to go to university. It contains lots of information about alternative to university life as well as advertising apprenticeships.

**Information about Going to University**

**UCAS**

<https://www.ucas.com/>

UCAS continues to be the platform that students will use to apply for university. It also allows students to start their search process and research different university courses. For parents it also contains information about university fees and student loans.

**Which? University**

<https://university.which.co.uk/>

Like the rest of their website Which? University is designed to provide impartial advice and comparisons of universities. Within the site there is a specific section for parents and carers: <https://university.which.co.uk/advice/advice-for-parents>

**Public Sector Career Websites**

**Step into the NHS**

<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/>

This site is managed by the NHS and provides a comprehensive guide to applying for any NHS role. It includes videos and guides to the 350 career paths available within the NHS.

**Get Into Teaching**

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

This site is managed by the DfE and provides comprehensive coverage about the various routes into teaching. STAGS is part of the Albans Teaching Federation which provides a variety of Teach Direct placements. Please see their site for details of current opportunities: <http://www.albanfederation.com/training-info/>

**Military Careers**

Army <https://www.army.mod.uk/careers/>

Navy <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>

Air Force <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/>

Students who wish to pursue a military career should research the website for that specific area. It is also recommended that they join their local cadet force as this will also provide them with information and advice about a military career.

**The Police**

<https://www.met.police.uk/car/met/careers/> <http://www.hertspolicecareers.co.uk/>

These sites provide information about the various routes into working in the police and the different civilian roles as well.

**Civil Service**

National Government <https://www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk/csr/index.cgi>

Local Government <https://jobs.hertfordshire.gov.uk/home.aspx>

These sites provide information about current vacancies and the application process for working in national and local government.