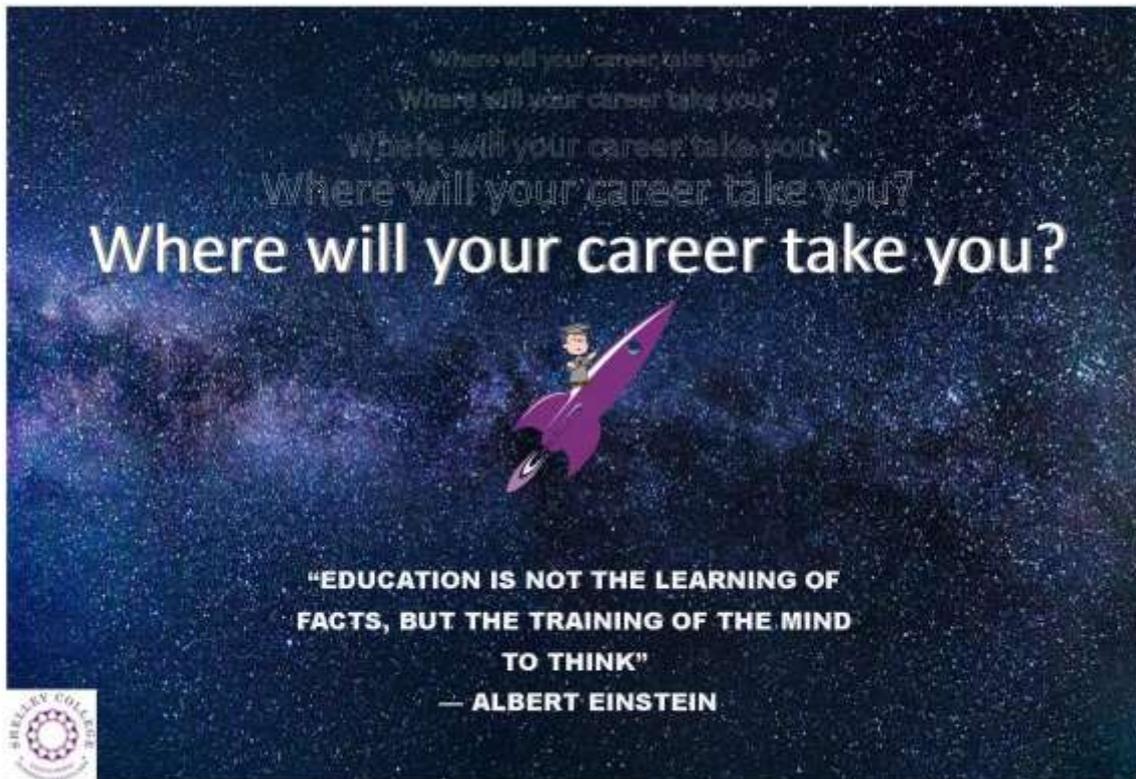


Careers update – Shelley College



Start Profiles

All students at Shelley College have access to Start Profiles Online Careers Information and Planning.

There are year appropriate tasks to work through using the site. Students should register with their school email address. The platform can be used on Mac/ PC, tablet, or smartphone.

To set up your account:

How to Register: Student Guide

Welcome to Start!

These instructions will allow you to register to Start at your establishment.

To create your own username and password, please follow the simple steps below.



Go to www.startprofile.com and click **Register**





Enter your first name, surname, email address, postcode and select your gender

Tip: If you forget your username or password we will use this email address to send you a reminder



Choose a memorable username and a secure password and click **Get Started**

Tip: Your username needs to be memorable. You may want to use your school network login or you can also use your email address



Click **Login** and enter your username and password. Click **Login**

The first time you log in you will be required to complete the following:



Select “**I am Studying in Education and would like to explore my career options**”



Start typing the name of your school or college to find your establishment.



Choose your Year Group and enter your registration code: **37553**



Click **Submit**

Year 9

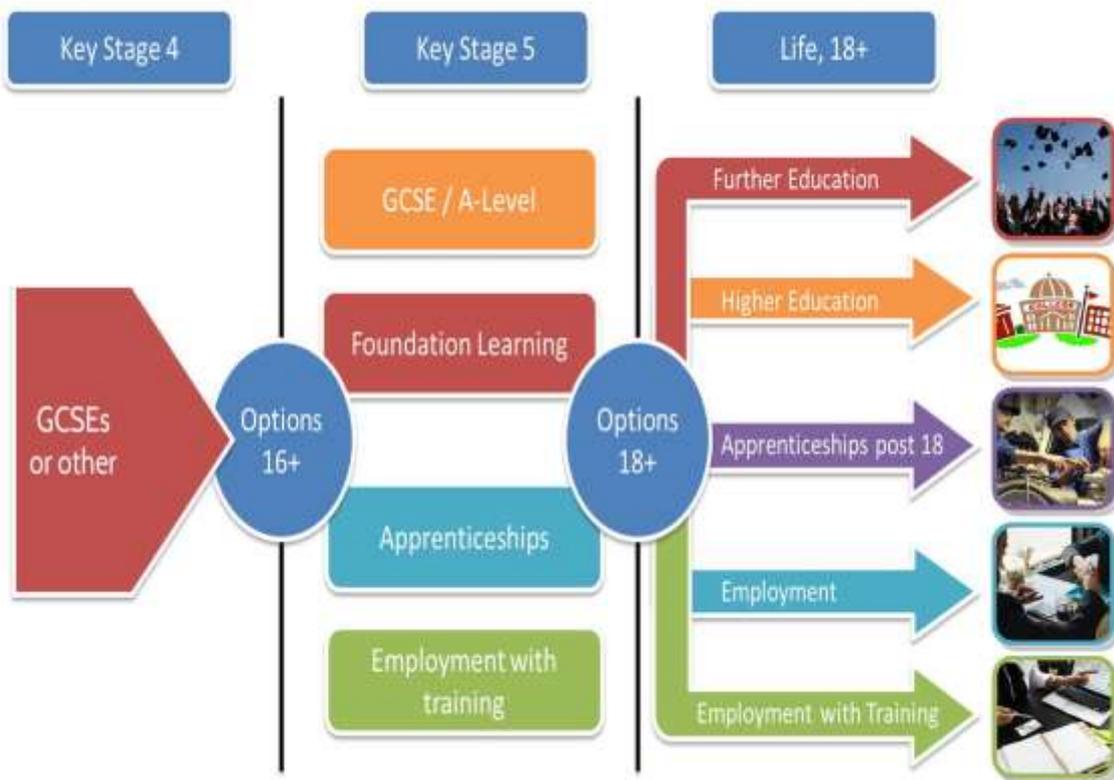
At this time of year, Year 9 students should begin exploring different careers, and building an understanding of employability and work place skills. Using start profiles and other careers websites, start to explore opportunities that may be available to you that link to your core and option subjects.

If you head to www.icould.com you can watch “Real stories to inspire your career” videos where professionals from a plethora of industries tell you about their job, how they got into it, what they like and what the challenges are. You can also take the “Buzz Quiz” which animal (personality type) are you? Which celebrities do you share this personality type with? And which professions are well suited to you? – get inspired and find out what makes you tick!

Year 10

Year 10 students usually begin planning for their next steps after GCSE during our summer term. This year we do not want it to be any different, despite the situation we find ourselves in.

Start profiles are a great way to begin to explore your career goals and ideas, and work out the best route of study for you. Complete the activities, explore careers by sector or subject, begin building your CV, use the action planning section to set yourself goals to actively research and build your understanding of the opportunities available to you post 16.



In June we also usually hold mock interviews. This year we are exploring ways to still give you this experience. This could take the form of a video interview or a telephone interview. You will be updated when we know more.

Careers meetings will most likely begin as telephone meetings for certain students. As these are mostly completed in September – November we will see closer to the time whether they can continue as normal.

Remember if you have any pressing questions or concerns you can email:

daniel.watson@sharemat.co.uk

Year 11

At this stage all year 11 students should have a firm idea of what they will be studying next year, and should hopefully have a couple of options of where they can go on to study.

Please take extra care to continue checking your emails, post and text messages you may receive from colleges and training providers. Ensure you have followed their instructions properly to accept your places.

Students planning on completing apprenticeships should have a training provider and an employer lined up. Check with both the provider and employer that it will still be going ahead. If you are in any doubt, or still do not have an employer confirmed for your apprenticeship, you should ensure you have applied to and accepted an appropriate alternative at a college or 6th form.

If you do not have any firm, confirmed and accepted plans in place please contact daniel.watson@sharemat.co.uk urgently so we can put things in place.

In terms of preparing for your further study:

You might be living in your bedroom for the foreseeable future, but that doesn't mean you can't continue learning. Colleges and universities across the country have moved teaching online for that exact reason.

Distance learning simply means the entire course is done online. You'll have to submit coursework via email, and you'll receive online support from teachers and lecturers.

FREE distance learning is offered by the likes of [Future Learn](#), [OpenLearn](#) and [Alison](#), so start by exploring these.

Year 12

Year 12 will need to start planning their next steps after 6th form, if they have not already done so.

It is unlikely that Universities will run open day events in their usual format any time soon. Likewise the UCAS fair we usually attend has been cancelled until further notice, and again is unlikely to return in its typical format.

To combat this, ALL universities are currently holding interactive, virtual tours. Online Q and As are also taking place, as well as a range of online presentations about life at uni, making choices, and how to prepare for university in the current climate.

You should begin be exploring career sectors, and related degrees. Then look at possible degree apprenticeship routes into these sectors. Once you have an idea of a few degrees that might suit you, start to look at the universities that interest you. Perhaps there is somewhere you'd like to live, or a university that offers a unique take on your chosen subject, or one that offers a rewarding year in industry as part of the course.

Some websites which will help you in addition to the year 12 activities on Start Profiles:

www.whatuni.co.uk

www.theuniguide.co.uk

www.targetcareers.co.uk

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/>

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

Year 13

Year 13 students should have contacted daniel.watson@sharemat.co.uk with their plans for next year. Whether you plan to go on to further study, take a gap year, enter employment, complete an apprenticeship, or work in the family business, we need to know!

Please see the following information from UCAS on accepting offers this year:

If you have an unconditional offer, you can select it now to confirm your place. If your offers are conditional on exam results or other requirements, you can pick two so you have an extra one as a back-up.

How to make your replies

When your last decision comes in, we'll send an email as usual to say there's an update (or a letter advising you about replying).

- Then you go to Track to make your replies.
- You'll have a deadline shown in Track to do this by – how much time you have depends on the time of year.

Types of reply

These are the types of reply you can make.

Firm acceptance – this is your first choice.

- If it's an unconditional offer, the place is yours! So that course provider will expect you as their student.
- Or if it's conditional, the place is yours if you meet the offer conditions. So just in case you don't, you can pick a second offer as a backup – your insurance acceptance.

Insurance acceptance – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.

- If you're choosing an insurance, go for something with lower offer conditions – make sure it's somewhere you'd still be happy to go to though.
- That way, if your results are lower than expected, you might still meet the conditions at your insurance choice; then you'd have your place confirmed there.
- Remember, you'll only attend your insurance choice course if you don't meet the conditions of your firm choice, but you do meet the conditions of your insurance. You can't choose between your firm and insurance when you get your results, so make sure you're happy with which is your firm and which is your insurance before you reply.

Decline – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

However, if you decide you don't want to accept any of the offers, you can decline them all and add more courses in our [Extra](#) service. Alternatively, you can see what courses still have vacancies later on in our [Clearing](#) service.

Please note: You can only accept one firm choice and one insurance choice (if you choose to have one). You must decline all other offers.

Offer and reply combinations

- **Unconditional firm (UF)** – You're in!
- **Conditional firm (CF)** – You're in if you meet the conditions.
- **Conditional firm (CF) and conditional insurance (CI)** – You've made a first and second choice – you'll be in at the first if you meet the conditions. If not, you might have met the conditions of the second – if so you'll be on that course instead.
- **Conditional firm (CF) and unconditional insurance (UI)** – You've made a first and second choice – if you meet the conditions of the first you'll be on that course. If not, you'll definitely be on the second.

Reply dates

These are based on when we get the last decision in from your unis or colleges. Check Track to see your personal deadline.

Coronavirus update

Due to the ongoing outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Government has asked universities to stop making unconditional offers or amending existing offers for two weeks. This is because they're worried you'll feel pressured to accept these offers over others you might be better suited to.

Our advice to students who have received an unconditional offer is always to consider whether this is the right provider and course for you, before you make any decision.

To give the universities and you more time to make decisions, the 6 May deadline which was for unis to give you a decision if you sent your application by 15 January has now been extended for two weeks. If you're affected by this extension, we'll email you your new decision deadline once it's set. [View the latest coronavirus updates](#).

The Government has confirmed that results for A levels in the UK will be released on Thursday 13 August. Scottish results day will be no later than 4 August.

To support you, we will be giving all students more time to make decisions on their offers:

- If you receive your last decision on or before **4 June 2020**, your reply date is **18 June 2020** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before **13 July 2020**, your reply date is **20 July 2020** (including Extra choices)

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Help your child to explore their future



As part of our commitment to prepare students for a rapidly changing world, we are delighted to announce that we are using an innovative online resource called **Start**.

Start will help your child to connect with their future career potential, develop their employability and help them to explore future career and study options at school or at home.

How should my child use it?

We have asked students to create their own account for **Start**, it is accessible anytime on computers and compatible mobile and tablet devices.

Your child will personalise their profile on **Start** with details about their skills, qualities, interests and work preferences. This provides a starting point for them to explore information matched to their personal preferences and interests. As they update their profile, **Start** will personalise this information, helping them to navigate the thousands of jobs, courses, providers and opportunities available. **Start** will help students to understand where they are on their journey and what's important as they make their choices at GCSE, post-16 and post-18.

We encourage you to use **Start** with your child at home. Encourage them to rate jobs, qualifications, colleges or universities so that we can see their preferences in order to support them better.

What if I want to use Start myself?

Parents can also use **Start** to find out more about jobs, training and study opportunities for yourself. Please do not log in using your child's user details and instead register yourself using the steps outlined below, creating your own username and password.

For more information on **Start** or the support available for your son or daughter, please contact daniel.watson@sharemat.co.uk

How to Register: Parent Guide

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Choose a memorable username and a secure password and click **Get Started**



Click **Login** and enter your username and password. Click **Login**

The first time you log in you will be required to complete the following:



Select **“I am a Parent and would like to use Start with my children.”**

Parents and carers can also access these resources to support careers learning and planning at home:

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/parents>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/>

Careers support and contact:

Please contact daniel.watson@sharemat.co.uk

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