

## **APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY**

There is a lot to think about prior to applying to university and the decisions that you ultimately make may well shape your career path.

Some of you will have already made progress in researching possible universities: what to study, where in the country you would like to study and whether to take a Gap Year or not. Nevertheless it is important to be clear in your mind that what you choose to do is right for you, so make sure you spend time thinking things through.

### **What can you do to help you choose a course?**

If you are uncertain about the university course that is best for you, there are several things you can do:

- Think about what you are really interested in. What do you enjoy learning about? Are you considering doing something completely new?
- What type of studying suits you? How is the course taught? Are there mainly lectures, practicals, seminars, tutorials?  
Is the course exam based or is there much coursework involved?
- If you are a member of ISCO look back at your Morrisby profile and see if there is anything in that report or that came out in the interview in Year 11 that is relevant now.
- The Course Finder website is a good source too: Check out this free online version on [www.ukcoursefinder.com](http://www.ukcoursefinder.com)
- You may think you need some more work experience and this should be done in the school holidays. Universities like students who have undertaken a lot of work experience placements but remember that for Health and Safety reasons the school should be informed of ANY placements that you organise.
- Check out the University Open Days (booklets in the 6<sup>th</sup> form careers area and online) but also remember that you can often pop into any university on a Saturday or in the holidays just to get a feel of the place (and, in the first instance, this isn't a bad idea).