



In this activity you will learn about education and career pathways through an interactive activity and a research task.

Pathways Activity

- Read all 20 of the student profile cards included at the end of this activity sheet. They list the personal skills, qualities and qualifications of different individuals.
(You can print and cut them out or simply make notes)
- Once you have read through the profile cards, see if you can match the students to a suitable course or career from the list of possible outcomes in the table on the following page, adding the student profile number to the relevant box. Some student profiles may fit more than one possible outcome.
(You can print out the table to complete it or simply make notes)

Pathways Research Task

- Now, think carefully about what you might like to do – you don't have to have an exact course/career in mind.
- If you have a course/career in mind, find out what qualifications and qualities you need.
- Carry out some research, so that you can make the right choices for you.
- The links below may help you get started on your research but there are many more.

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate>





Possible Course/Career Outcome	Student Profile <i>Enter the profile number(s) that match the course/career in the column below. Some students may fit more than one outcome</i>
Forensic Psychologist	
Graphic Designer	
Business Entrepreneur	
Computer Programmer	
Zoologist	
Air Cabin Crew Apprenticeship	
Translator	
Children's Nurse	
Archaeologist	
TV Producer	
Actor	
Police	
Armed Forces	
Rail Engineering Apprenticeship	
Construction Apprenticeship	
PT Instructor	
Immunologist	
Journalist	
Electrical Engineer	
Teacher	
Hair and Beauty Apprenticeship	
Television Apprenticeship	





Student Profiles

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- Likes walking their dog
- Favourite subject is Science
- 8 GCSEs grades 9-5 (A*-C)
- Studying A Levels - Maths, Biology & Geography
- Kind, caring & considerate

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- Likes doodling in their spare time
- Favourite subjects Art & IT
- 7 GCSEs grades 9-5 (A*-C)
- Studying A Levels - Art & Design, Computer Science & Maths
- Organised, good attention to detail

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- Creative and Inventive
- No real favourite subjects
- Predicted 5 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- May go to college to do a BTEC/Apprenticeship
- Likes designing websites and doing TikTok videos





Student Profiles

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- Likes gaming and coding
- In top set for Maths
- Predicted 9 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Thinking about 6th Form
- Sister is at University

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- Likes socialising, hanging out with friends, facetimeing
- In top set for Maths
- Predicted 7 GCSEs 9-5 (A* - C)
- Thinking about 6th Form, maybe Psychology A Level
- Good problem solver

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- Good communicator and problem solver
- Likes Science but doesn't want to be a GP
- Predicted 8 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Wants to do Biology & Chemistry A Level
- Likes running & keeping fit





Student Profiles

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- A good communicator and public speaker
 - No favourite subjects
- Predicted 7 GCSEs 9-5 (A*- C)
- Wants to stay on at 6th form to do A Levels
- Enjoys school and helps out in the library at lunchtime

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- Enjoys playing Minecraft & SIM city
 - Likes Maths & Physics
- Predicted 9 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Thinking about A Levels or an Apprenticeship
 - Plays bass in a band

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- Likes travelling and going on holiday
 - Top of the class in French
- Predicted 7 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Would like to study a language at A Level or TEFL
 - Can do sign language





Student Profiles

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- Kind, caring and considerate
- Favourite subject was science
- Has 7 GCSEs 9-5 (A*C) inc. English & Maths
- Studying BTEC Health & Social Care
- Babysits for younger siblings

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- Good communicator
- Likes English & Media
- Has 7 GCSEs 9-5 (A-C)
- Studying A Levels - English, Media & History
- Enjoys Netflix

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- Part of a football team and member of gym
- Enjoys PE
- Predicted 5 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Thinking of College to do a sport BTEC
- Enjoys the outdoors and camping





Student Profiles

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- Likes reading
- Favourite subject is history
- Predicted 8 GCSEs 9-5 (A -C)
- Would like to stay at 6th Form to A Levels and go to University
- Good attention to detail

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- Part of a drama group outside of school
- Favourite subject is Performing Arts
- Predicted 6 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Thinking of College for a BTEC in Performing Arts
- Likes going to the cinema

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- Likes going to the cinema and watching Netflix
- Favourite subject is Media
- Predicted 6 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Thinking of college for a BTEC or A Levels
- Interested in photography





Student Profiles

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- Good communication skills & very organised
- No favourite subjects
- Predicted 6 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C) and Distinction in Level 2 BTEC Public Services
- Thinking of College for a BTEC
- Goes to the gym and plays 5 a side football in spare time

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- Likes drawing and learning how things work
- Favourite subject is Product Design
- Predicted 7 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Thinking of college for a BTEC or staying at 6th Form
- Good attention to detail

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- Enjoys watching TikToks and make up tutorials
- No favourite subjects
- Predicted 5 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Thinking of College for a BTEC
- Creative and Imaginative





Student Profiles

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- Likes watching Netflix
- Favourite subject is Media
- Predicted 5 GCSEs 9-5 (A*-C)
- Thinking of college for a BTEC
- Good attention to detail and creative

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- Likes travelling and going on holiday
- Favourite subject is Geography
- Predicted 7 GCSEs 9- 5 (A* - C)
- Thinking of college for a BTEC or staying at 6th Form
- Has lots of friends and is very sociable

