

STEP 3: Explore and Develop your passions

You may be unsure about what you want to do next, or you may have a clear path in mind. Either way, there are plenty of ways to explore and develop your interests further.

In fact, you are probably doing this already, whether by listening to podcasts, reading articles, or taking part in programs at school and in your community.

Below are examples of programs, websites, books and apps that cover a range of different subjects. Explore them in more detail, or look for other ways you can learn more about subjects you enjoy.

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FUTURE FOCUS

Imagine yourself 10 years from now.

Consider the subjects you explored in STEP 2. What linked careers do you imagine you would enjoy doing?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Circle the three key skills that are shared across these careers.



What are you currently doing that develops these three skills?

What are you going to start doing to hone these skills even further?



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ASPIRATION DAY

STUDENT:

THINK BACK TO YOUR VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ...

How did the visit meet your expectations or surprise you?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

During the visit, we explored some useful next steps:

STEP 1- Consider your A-Level choices

STEP 2- Think and talk about university

STEP 3- Explore and develop your passions

STEP 1: Consider your A-Level choices

The subjects you pick for A level (or equivalent) can play an important role in shaping your options at university later on. This is because for some courses, universities may expect students to study specific subjects at school. Here are some examples at Oxford.

Subject	Required A Levels
Engineering	Maths and Physics
Medicine	Chemistry and one other Science/Maths subject
Modern Languages	A language
Law	No required subjects

Common required subjects are collectively called 'facilitating subjects'. To find out more about 'facilitating subjects', please visit www.informedchoices.ac.uk

If there is a particular degree you are interested in, look at a university website to see which subjects are required. If you, like many students are still exploring your options, consider taking one or more 'Facilitating subjects' to keep options open.

Which of these 'facilitating subjects' are you considering studying at A-Level?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Further Maths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physics | <input type="checkbox"/> Geography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maths | <input type="checkbox"/> English Literature |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language |

STEP 2: Think and talk about university

Go to the Which? University A level Explorer to see where different A-Levels could take you.

<https://university.which.co.uk/a-level-explorer>

Which of the suggested subjects are you interested in finding more about?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

EXPLORING UNIVERSITY BINGO

CROSS OFF AS MANY AS YOU CAN!

I TALKED TO SOMEONE I KNOW ABOUT THEIR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

I ATTENDED ANOTHER EVENT AT A UNIVERSITY

I LOOKED UP THE REQUIRED A-LEVELS FOR A COURSE I AM INTERESTED IN

I READ ABOUT A SUBJECT I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT

I ASKED A TEACHER HOW A SUBJECT MIGHT BE DIFFERENT AT UNIVERSITY

I COMPARED TWO UNIVERSITY COURSES

I TALKED TO SOMEONE WHO HAS APPLIED TO UNIVERSITY

I EXPLORED A NEW TOPIC ON OXPLORE.ORG

I LOOKED AT A UNIVERSITY PROSPECTUS