



# Gap Year

## What is it all about?

The year between school or college and university can be a good time to take time out. There are many things you can do with this year. Some ideas might be:

- Earn some money for your studies
- Work Experience
- Travel the world
- Voluntary work

### Advantages of a Gap Year:

- Better prepared for university, both academically and socially.
- Use some or all of the time to earn money for university, taking the pressure of your finances.
- Learn new skills
- Experience life away from home before starting university.
- Volunteering gives you the opportunity to help people.
- Valuable work experience

### Disadvantages of a Gap Year:

- If you want to travel it could prove to be expensive
- You may need to read and revise for your chosen future subjects, you can forget a lot in a year!
- If you've got a university offer and haven't already agreed to defer your place, you could be putting your place at risk!



Gap years can cost money! How will you fund what you need to do?

If you don't get organised, you may end up spending your gap doing nothing but watching TV. Not great for the CV!

## Top Tip...

**More info @** Useful websites for further research

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)  
[www.bestgapyear.co.uk](http://www.bestgapyear.co.uk)

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