

Pathway choices and future careers

Methodology:

TSR Asks monthly omnibus survey of students currently in Years 12 and 13, aged 16+

Fieldwork:

3rd – 6th November 2023

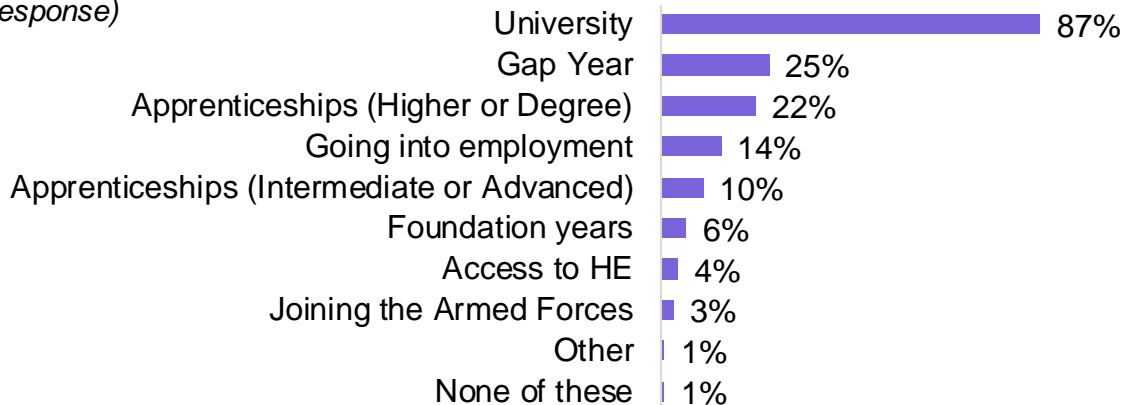
Base:

726 responses

Which pathways are students considering and how are schools / colleges supporting their decisions?

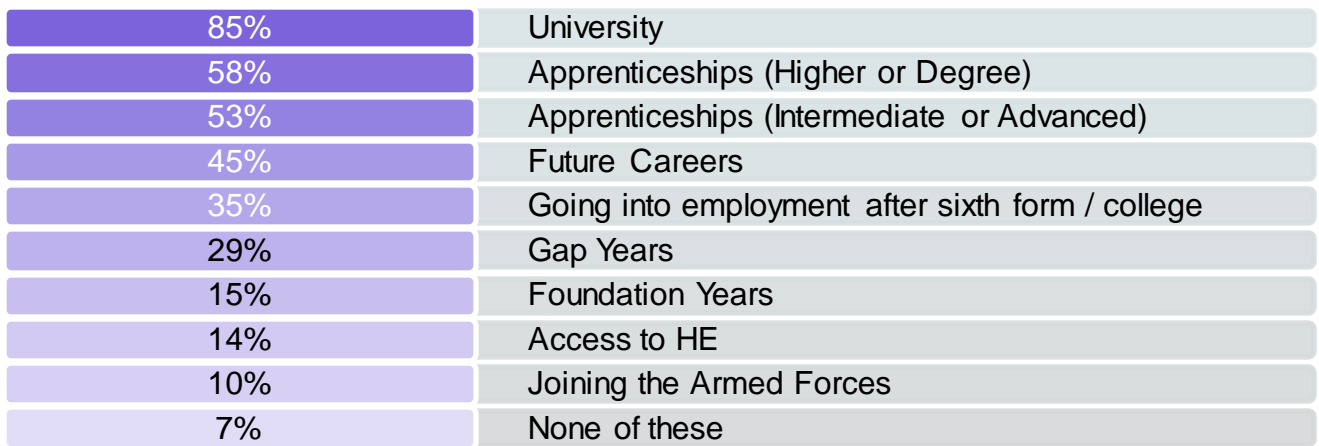
While university was the most commonly considered pathway choice among respondents, 53% were considering at least one of the alternatives to university listed. In total, a quarter (25%) were considering an apprenticeship (either intermediate/advanced or higher/degree).

Q: Which of the following are you considering for after you finish school / college? (Multiple response)



Almost all (93%) had received information to support their future choices from their school / college. Most commonly they had received information about University (85%), although in total 83% had received information about other pathways, including 68% who had received information about apprenticeships at either intermediate/advanced or higher/degree level.

Q: Thinking about your future pathway choices, has your school / college given you information about the following? (Multiple response)



What do students want from their future careers?

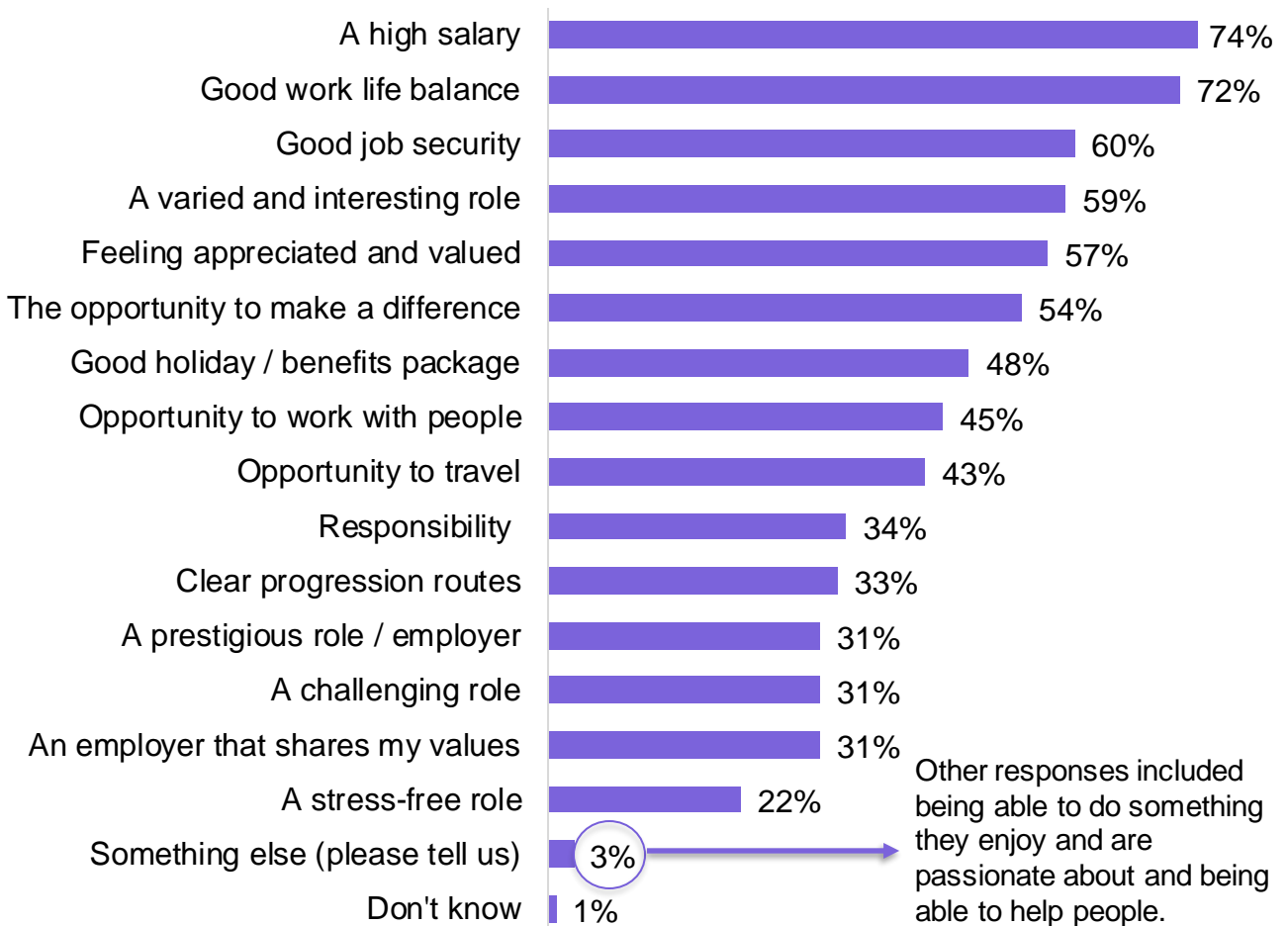
When thinking about their ideal future career, respondents hoped for a range of features, each selecting on average 7 different characteristics.

Almost three quarters (74%) of respondents said they were looking for a high salary in their future career. Job security was also important, selected by three-fifths (60%).

While financial security was important respondents were also keen to ensure a good work/life balance (72%) and a varied and interesting role (59%).

More than one in five (22%) were looking for a stress-free role, significantly higher than Year 12 and 13 respondents this time two years ago (7%, October 2021*).

Q: What are you looking for in your future career? (Multiple response)

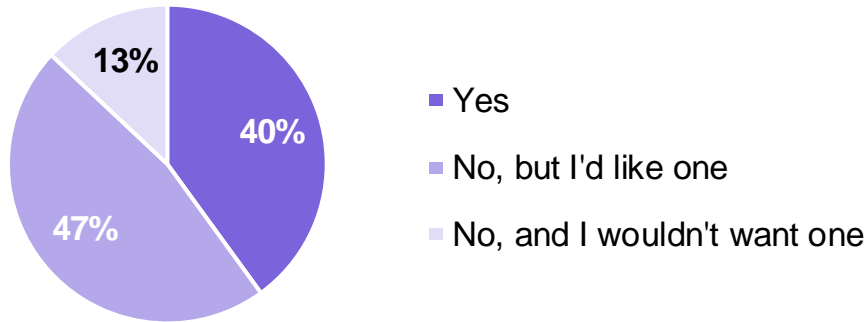


*TSR Insight NCO Survey, Wave 6, October 2021 (Base: 652 Year 12 and 13 respondents)

How do students feel about working during and after their studies?

Two-fifths of respondents were working in part-time jobs alongside their studies, and a further 47% would like to do so.

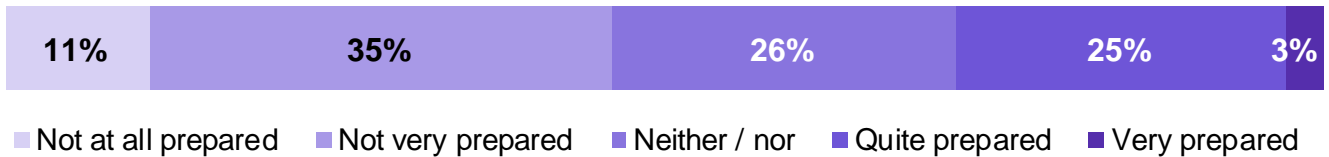
Q: Do you currently have a part-time job alongside your studies? (Single response)



Just over a quarter (28%) of respondents felt prepared for entering the workforce, including 3% who felt very prepared, whereas 46% felt not at all or not very prepared. Indeed, more than half (54%) were concerned about getting a job after finishing their studies, with just 5% saying they were not at all concerned.

However, those that already had a part-time job alongside their studies were almost twice as likely to feel prepared for entry into the workforce (40% quite/very prepared compared to 21% of those not currently working). This group were also less likely to be feeling concerned about getting a job after finishing their studies (46% compared to 59%).

Q: How prepared do you feel for entering the workforce? (Single response)



Q: How concerned are you about getting a job after you finish your studies? (Single response)

