

# THINKING AHEAD—PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

*How can I find out about the careers that will be in demand when I leave school?*

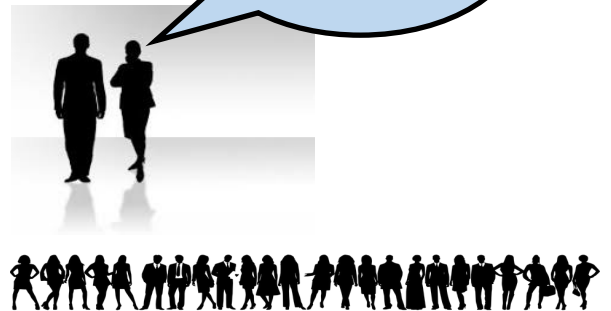
Thinking about your future career? What matters most to you? That the job interests or excites you? That it will pay well and give you the lifestyle you desire? That the job will use skills you enjoy/are good at? That the job offers you variety and progression? All these criteria are important to consider, but so too is their availability.

**Nothing in Common: The career aspirations of young Britons mapped against projected labour market demand (2010-2020)**, published by the Education and Employers Taskforce in March 2013, interviewed teenagers about their career choices and then compared them to the forecast demand for jobs.

They found that more than a fifth (21%) of teenagers aged 15-16 would be competing to secure the 2.4% of new and replacement jobs in the UK economy that were predicted to be found in Culture, Media and Sports occupations.

When you are considering your future career, it is important to check that your dream job will exist, where you want it to be, when you want it to be, and in sufficient numbers to afford you a good chance of succeeding.

*Look at all those applicants for our vacancy!*



*So where can I find out about future jobs likely to be demand?*

**KEEPING IT REAL**—When thinking about your Future Career...

**R**esearch the labour market

**E**valuate options

**A**chievable skills/qualifications

**L**ocal to where I expect to be living

## **Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP)**

LEPs are partnerships between local authorities and local business. They produce 3-5 year plans highlighting priority sectors for growth/investment. Research these sectors to get an idea of the types of jobs/skills most likely to be in demand for the future. Hand-outs similar to this are available highlighting each priority sector, to help you find out more.

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