

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL SCHOOL

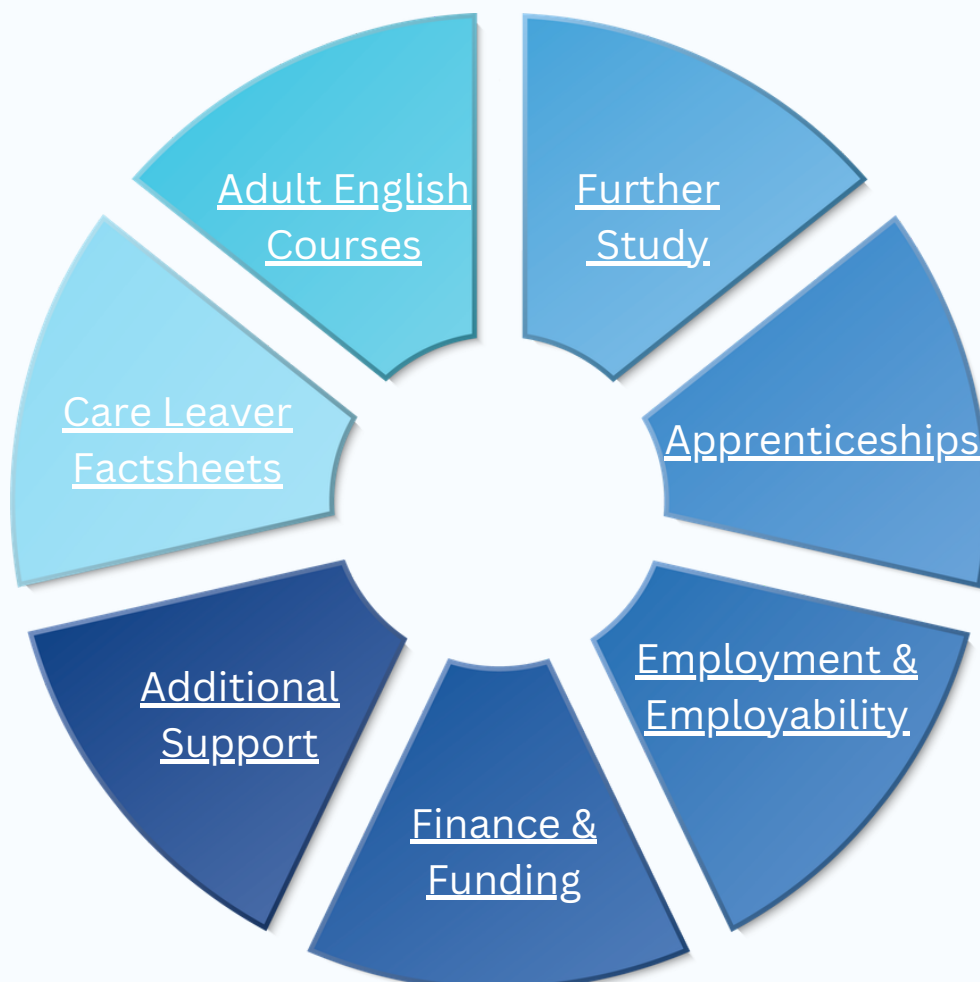
Moving Forward: Your Future, Your Choice Post-18 Pathways for Care Leavers in Gloucestershire

Welcome to Your Post-18 Options Toolkit

This guide is for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) who are turning 18 and preparing for adulthood in the UK. It explains your rights, your options and support. Whether you want to continue studying, improve your English, start training, find work, or understand your immigration status, this guide will help you take your next steps.

Need Help?

Talk to your teachers/tutors, support workers, carers, Leaving Care PAs, your Virtual School Education Adviser or specialist UASC support organisations for additional advice and guidance.



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL SCHOOL UASC CARE LEAVERS GUIDE TO **Adult English Courses**

Improving your English will help you make friends, succeed in college, and prepare for work.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COLLEGE



Part-time ESOL classes to improve communication skills, employability and supports progression to further education and work, with optional exams in reading, writing, and speaking.

Gloucestershire College ESOL

ADULT EDUCATION IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE



ESOL classes to help improve your language skills for everyday life, work,, further education and support progression into employment. You must be aged 19 or over by 31 August of the academic year to join.

Adult Education Gloucestershire ESOL

GARAS



GARAS offers ESOL classes and advice on education, training, and careers, alongside wider support for refugees and asylum seekers.

Learn more

OPEN UNIVERSITY- OPEN LEARN

Free online courses from The Open University and other providers, including English language learning & skills for work. You'll also find links to key support organisations.

Free online courses



SGS COLLEGE - ADULT ESOL

ESOL courses and Bootcamps to help adults improve English for everyday life, work, further study & employability.

ESOL for Adults
ESOL Skills Bootcamp - Care for the Community



CIRENCESTER COLLEGE

Improve your reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills to progress into work or further study.

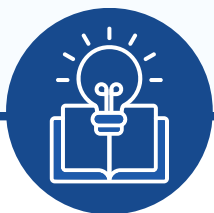
Classes are available at different levels (Beginners, Entry Level, Level 1 & 2) You can work towards Edexcel Skills for Life qualifications,

Learn more



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CONTINUING ESOL AT 18



If you're 18 by 31 August can still access full-time ESOL at:

Prospect Training
Gloucestershire College
Bridge Training

which will be discussed during your final PEP and included in your Pathway Plan.

REFUGEE EDUCATION UK FURTHER EDUCATION



Refugee Education UK provides answers to common questions about accessing further education for refugees and asylum seekers, including courses, eligibility, and support.

Learn more

VOCATIONAL COURSES



You may be able to apply for a vocational course at a college, depending on your English and Maths levels.

This will be discussed in your final PEP with your Leaving Care PA and a part of your Pathway Plan

HIGHER EDUCATION FAQ

This resource from STAR Network answers common questions about applying to university, including eligibility, tuition fees, and funding options for refugees and asylum seekers.

Learn more



REFUGEE EDUCATION UK HIGHER EDUCATION

Refugees and some asylum seekers can access university in the UK, but rules on eligibility and funding vary.

Check what **support is available** before applying.



EAL OPTIONS - BELL FOUNDATION

The Bell Foundation's Post-16 Guidance explains education options, covering English support, college routes, funding, and how asylum-seeker status may affect choices

Read More



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - VIRTUAL SCHOOL UASC CARE LEAVERS GUIDE TO **Apprenticeships**

You must have the right to work in the UK to start an apprenticeship. This usually includes; Refugee Status, Indefinite Leave to Remain, Limited Leave to Remain.



CARE LEAVER GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS

Step-by-step advice on finding, applying for, and succeeding in apprenticeships, plus details on financial support and your rights as a care leaver.

[Apprenticeship Guide](#)



CIVIL SERVICE CARE LEAVERS INTERNSHIP SCHEME

Paid internships for care-experienced young people, offering work experience, training, and career development within the Civil Service.

[Learn more](#)



UCAS APPRENTICESHIP CARE LEAVER SUPPORT

Find guidance on applying for apprenticeships, financial help, and extra support available for care-experienced people.

[Support for care experienced people taking apprenticeships](#)

APPRENTICESHIP CARE LEAVERS' BURSARY

A simple visual guide showing how to access the £3,000 Care Leaver Bursary for apprenticeships and what steps to take.

[Apprenticeship Bursary Flowchart](#)



CARE LEAVERS APPRENTICESHIP FACT SHEET

A practical 6-page guide with examples of how apprenticeship salary, Universal Credit, and housing benefit might be calculated. Great for understanding your finances.

[View the guide](#)



MOVING ON UP - APPRENTICESHIP BUDDY

An AI tool for care-experienced young people. Get clear answers on funding, eligibility, applications, interviews, and more.

[Your go-to resource for apprenticeship support.](#)



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Employment & Employability



PROPEL YOURSELF INTO WORK (BECOME)

Practical advice and resources to help care-experienced young people find jobs, build skills, write CVs and prepare for employment.

[Explore the guide](#)
[Applying for Jobs and Apprenticeships](#)



REFUGEE ACTION - PATHWAYS TO WORK

This programme supports refugees and people seeking asylum to find employment through tailored advice, skills training, and help with job applications and interviews.

[Learn more](#)



EXPERTS BY EXPERIENCE EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Application and interview support for people with lived experience of issues and challenges of UK asylum and migration system.

[Read more](#)

REFUGEE COUNCIL

Refugees Into Jobs offers tailored employment support, providing advice, 1:1 guidance, employability training, and routes into volunteering, work placements, and job opportunities to help asylum seekers move into work

[Read more](#)

ASYLUM PROCESS MAP

This journey map helps you understand each step of the asylum process: from arriving in the UK to interviews, decisions, appeals, and support from Children's Services and Leaving Care teams, so you can see what happens next and who is there to help you.

[View Map](#)

CHELTENHAM WELCOMES REFUGEES

Information on local drop-ins, training opportunities, careers advice, and specialist employment support to help refugees and asylum seekers build skills, find work, and access further education

[Employment and Education
Opportunities](#)



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - VIRTUAL SCHOOL UASC CARE LEAVERS GUIDE TO **Finance & Funding**

Care leavers can access bursaries, scholarships, and grants for education, training, and living costs. This section lists funding opportunities and how to apply.



STAR NETWORK - SCHOLARSHIPS FOR REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

STAR Network provides a list of UK universities offering scholarships and bursaries for refugees and asylum seekers, helping make higher education more accessible.

[View scholarships](#)



UCAS - FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

UCAS provides guidance on scholarships, grants, and funding options for refugees, asylum seekers, and those with limited leave to remain, helping you access higher education.

[Learn more](#)



STAR NETWORK - ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

STAR Network shares information on extra financial help for refugees and asylum seekers, including hardship funds and living cost support while studying.

[Learn more](#)

ESTRANGED AND CARE EXPERIENCED STUDENTS (EACES)

This page helps you find extra financial support by listing grants, scholarships, bursaries, and charities that you can apply to that can support your education and living costs.

[Learn more](#)

RUTH HAYMAN TRUST

Provides small grants to support the education and training of adults who speak English as an additional language and face financial hardship.

[Learn more](#)

DISPLACED STUDENT

This platform helps refugees and asylum seekers access higher education in the UK. It provides guidance on university applications, scholarships, and support services for displaced learners.

[Learn more](#)



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You can still access a wide range of support after you turn 18, including information, advice, and guidance about offer care-leaver support to help you move confidently into adulthood.

WILLOW TREE SUPPORT SERVICES

WTG offers specialist support for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people, including advice, practical help, and guidance to access education, training, and wellbeing services.

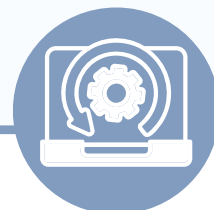
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CORAM VOICE

'Important Words and What They Mean' page helps you understand the key words used in the immigration, asylum, and care systems, explaining them clearly so you know what people mean and what your rights are.

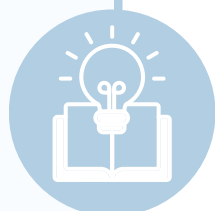
[Learn more](#)



HOPE FOR THE YOUNG

Hope for the Young offers financial grants and mentoring to help young refugees and asylum seekers access education and overcome barriers to learning.

[Learn more](#)



RIGHT TO REMAIN TOOLKIT

A step-by-step guidance, how to claim asylum in the UK, covering where and how to apply, what happens at each stage of the process, your rights, interviews, reporting, and practical actions you can take to navigate the asylum system.

[Learn more](#)



WE BELONG - SUPPORT FOR YOUNG MIGRANTS

We Belong is a youth-led organisation advocating for young migrants and providing guidance, resources, and community support to help them access education and opportunities.

[Learn more](#)



MIGRANT HELP UK

Migrant Help offers free, independent support to help asylum seekers understand and navigate the asylum process, including claiming asylum, accessing support, preparing for interviews, and finding further help.

[Learn more](#)



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - VIRTUAL SCHOOL UASC CARE LEAVERS GUIDE TO Factsheets

Get clear, practical advice on the things that matter most:

- **Finances** – Understand your money and what you're entitled to.
- **Who's Who** – Know the key people who can support you.
- **Pathway Plans** – Learn how to plan for your future and get the help you need.

ALL ABOUT THE MONEY

A Guide to Financial Support for Care Leavers Aged 18+

Find out what financial help you may be entitled to or can apply for as a care leaver aged 18 and over.



THE NAME GAME

A Guide to Key People in Children's Services

Learn about the roles you're likely to meet if you're in care or a care leaver and how they can support you.



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Find out what a **Pathway Plan** is, why it's important, and how it helps you set your goals, get the support you need, and make sure your council is there to back you as you move towards independence.

