

# WHAT'S NEXT



## Education & Career Guidance

TAKING MY NEXT STEP  
FORWARD AFTER

# GCE A-LEVEL

What's Next after the GCE A-Level examination?

Use this brochure to help you in your decision-making! Start your journey by:

### Discovering Purpose

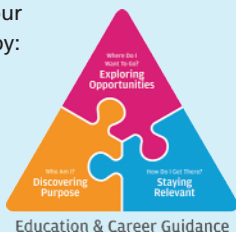
- Who am I?

### Exploring Opportunities

- Where do I want to go?

### Staying Relevant

- How do I get there?



As you consider these questions, you will have a deeper understanding of your values, interests, personality and skills (V.I.P.S.), strengths, and learning styles to make an informed decision regarding your choice of education pathways after GCE A-Level.

## DISCOVERING PURPOSE -

### WHO AM I?

Knowing more about myself helps me make better decisions about how I can meaningfully contribute to the community.

#### To find out more about myself, I can think about these questions:

- What are some of the things I enjoy doing?
- How would I describe my V.I.P.S. and strengths?
- What is important to me? What motivates me?
- How do I want to contribute to my school and community, and shape the society I want to be a part of?



Take the first step to plan for your future and know yourself by finding out more about your work values, career interests, skills confidence and learning styles on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfpreu-knowyourself>



## EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES - WHERE DO I WANT TO GO?

There are many education and career opportunities which I can confidently explore, while respecting the value of all occupations.

To explore my educational pathways, I can think about these questions:

- What type(s) of education institutions is/are suitable for me and will help me achieve my career aspirations, taking into account my goals and purpose in life?
- What are the courses, programmes, subjects and modules offered that I can confidently take up?
- How will the programmes by education institutions further develop my V.I.P.S. and strengths?
- What research have I done to fully understand the requirements and the programmes offered by education institutions?

Explore possible education pathways, institutions and courses that align to your V.I.P.S. and strengths as well as career aspirations.



Find out more about the various education pathways and institutions after GCE A-Level (e.g. autonomous universities, polytechnics, arts institutions, government-affiliated education institutions).

<https://go.gov.sg/overview-pseis>



Explore courses based on aggregate type, score, type of education institution and area of interest.

<https://go.gov.sg/coursefinder>

*For Arts Institutions and Autonomous Universities, please visit the respective institutions' websites for more information.*





Explore education institutions using *Education Guide* on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/exploreschools-preu>



Learn more about applying to a polytechnic course through the Direct Admissions Exercise.

<https://go.gov.sg/admissions-preu>



Find out more about how others have made informed decisions on their education and career journeys.

<https://go.gov.sg/next-step-forward>



To consider retaking my GCE A-Level examinations or enrolling in a private education institution, I can think about these questions:

- What will I do differently to achieve a better outcome?
- What can I do to manage the demands of the course?
- What do I have to consider if I want to enrol in a private education institution?
- Have I considered the 3Rs?

**Reasons** – What will furthering my studies in this course allow me to achieve?

**Readiness** – How ready am I to further my studies?

**Risks** – Do I know the possible drawbacks?



Find out more about the 3Rs before you consider private education.

<https://go.gov.sg/3rs>



## To consider entering the workforce, I can think about these questions:

- Am I ready to enter the workforce? What are the benefits and trade-offs?
- What are other factors that may influence my decision?
- What are some of the industries or occupations I can consider which are related to my skills, strengths and interests?
- What are some of the skills required for me to enter the workforce and do well in my job role?

### There are opportunities to upgrade your skills through:

- Industry-relevant modular courses for bite-sized upskilling at the autonomous universities, polytechnics and Institute of Technical Education, as well as private training providers.



<https://go.gov.sg/upskillingcourses>

- Part-time diplomas offered by the polytechnics
- Part-time degree programmes offered by the autonomous universities



Stay informed about upcoming Education and Career Guidance events, including open houses and career talks, by checking the **Calendar of Events** on MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/ecgcalendarpreu>

## STAYING RELEVANT – HOW DO I GET THERE?

By staying adaptable and resilient, I can continuously pursue opportunities for learning to develop myself.

## To achieve my goals and aspirations, I can think about these questions:

- What are the possible pathways that can lead to my goals and aspirations?
- How can I work towards my goals and aspirations and be resilient in pursuing them?
- What can I do and who can I turn to when I am facing challenges?
- How can I continue to further develop myself and pursue my goals and aspirations through lifelong learning?



Set goals and make plans for your education and career journey using **My Goals** on the MySkillsFuture Student Portal.

<https://go.gov.sg/mysfpreu>



Find out more about the resources available to support you in your journey after GCE A-Level.



Fees, Assistance, Awards and Scholarships  
<https://go.gov.sg/faas>



Financial Assistance  
<https://go.gov.sg/moefinassist>



Post-Secondary Education Account  
<https://go.gov.sg/pseaccount>



Make an appointment to speak with your ECG Counsellor in school if you need more guidance and assistance to make an informed decision.



The MOE ECG Centre also offers online or phone counselling support via  
<https://go.gov.sg/moe-ecg-centre>.



**As you think through your options, remember that there are people around you whom you can turn to for support. Speak to your parents/guardians, teachers and seniors to learn about their perspectives and experiences. Visit open houses by post-secondary education institutions and autonomous universities to find out more so you can make an informed decision.**

**Be hopeful, resilient and adaptable as you explore the possibilities after GCE A-Level!**



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