

# Choosing the right course

With over 30,000 courses to choose from, the right course is out there - it just might be tricky to find it! There is plenty of information about university courses available, and whilst it's up to your child to do the research, as parents you can help guide them by checking that the courses they shortlist fit their personality - because that way they will have the best chance of doing well. Here are some suggestions for things to consider:

## Suggested starting points

Is your child  
academic or  
practical?

Do they enjoy being in the classroom?

Do they enjoy learning in a studio or outside?

Do they enjoy writing essays and researching topics or prefer to make and produce things?

Which school  
subjects do they  
enjoy?

Is there a particular part of a school subject they have enjoyed?

Do they have a natural flair for a subject?

If they enjoy more than one subject, are there any common themes?

What are your  
child's hobbies?

Is your child particularly passionate about any music, sport or art related activities?

Think about your child's personality traits

Try to think outside the box - do they have a particular interest in current affairs? Gaming? Helping others?

Has your child  
expressed interest  
in a particular  
career?

Try to think of subjects that will help them pursue this career without narrowing their options if they choose to change their mind