

Leavers' Destinations 2018

As in previous years, the leavers from our final two year groups are moving on to a diverse range of destinations, whether in Higher or Further Education, entering the world of work or seeking adventure during a year out.

This year sees a slight drop to 63% of our 6th and 7th leavers going straight on to university from school. A further 6% of our leavers secured and held a deferred entry university place for 2019, which does reflect the fewer deferred entry places being offered by universities. A further 12% are having a gap year and will be applying through UCAS this session; 6 of whom had either received offers or secured places and have decided to re-apply, having either changed their mind on the course they wish to pursue or attained exceptional exam results. In addition, we also saw 7 leavers from 2017 return after a gap year and all successfully secured a place at University. 82% of all applicants secured their first choice, with 45% of those either meeting or excelling the conditions of their offers. College applications, usually as a one year transition to university, remain steady with

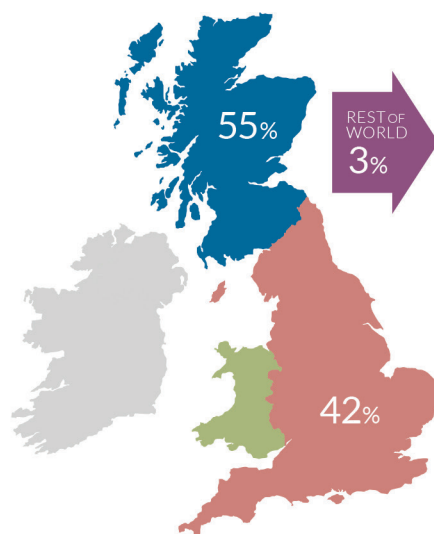
9% of our leavers accepting a college place for this academic year. Overall, we expect over 92% of our leavers will be embarking upon a university career, whether this year or next. Of those who have already secured university places 55% will be going to university in Scotland; Glasgow pipping Edinburgh as being the most popular. A further 42% of students are going to England, whilst 2 pupils have accepted places at University in Bahrain and USA.

Our senior curriculum, primarily focused on Advanced Highers and Highers, continues to offer our pupils significant flexibility in their choice of university across the UK and beyond. The range of subjects which our leavers go on to study beyond school is as wide as ever and yet again we have seen a large number enrol in undergraduate courses in both the Sciences and the Social Sciences, with IT and Business & Finance courses seeing an upsurge this year. Of the more competitive courses, such as Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, we had 100% applicant success rate for both of these courses this session.

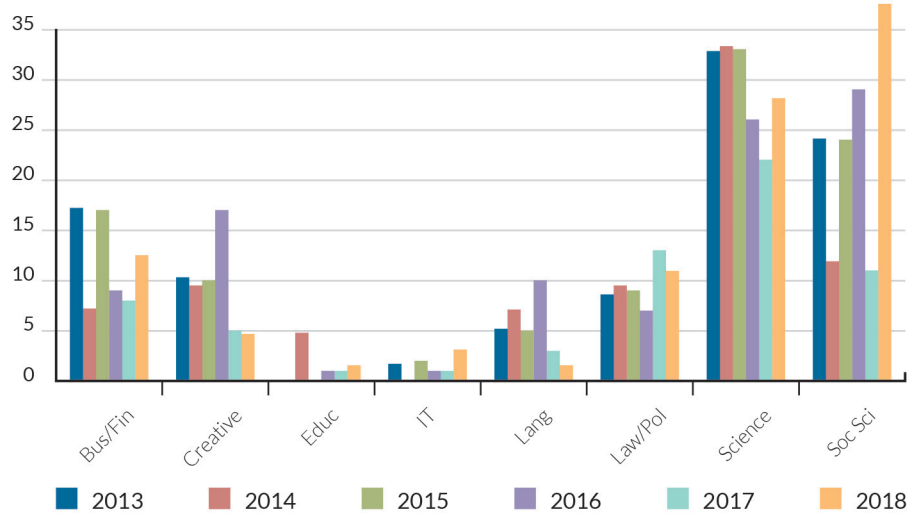
Year Out

Of those taking a year out, some are travelling and/or working overseas. Popular destinations include Australia, Europe, South Africa and Colombia. These experiences will provide an excellent foundation for both further education and the world of work. We have also seen pupils starting to secure alternative pathways, such as apprenticeships, or entering employment immediately from school.

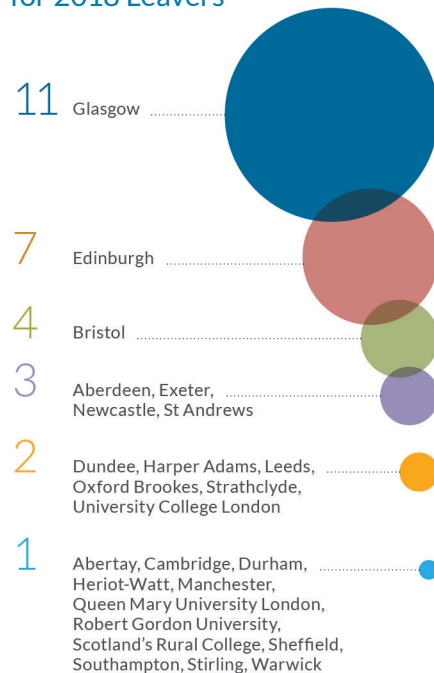
Destinations by country 2018



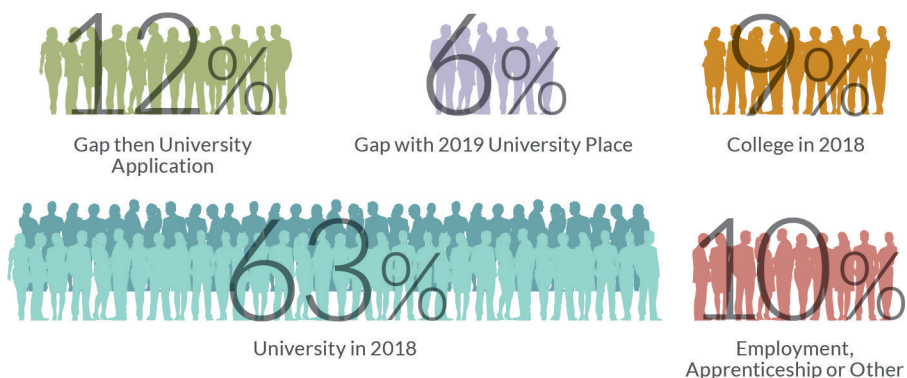
Leavers 2013-18 subject groupings at university (% per year)



Universities by popularity for 2018 Leavers



Leaver destinations 2018



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