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Top study tips to keep you focused over the Christmas holiday



Ready for a Christmas break and looking forward to a rest?

But perhaps your teachers have had other ideas and set you heaps of work in every subject and expect it all to be done for the first day back. Mocks, essays, coursework, revision for tests, it's all there.

So how do you manage to have a break, enjoy some downtime and get all that work done? Here are some suggestions.

Plan your time

Plan out the holiday so you have a proper break but also allocate enough time to get all that homework done.

Do any homework you have. It's so easy to leave, and so hard to do all of it the day before you go back... It's also a good opportunity to catch up on anything you've missed, that's always helpful in breaks.

Be realistic – maybe the time before Christmas is full up with festive preparations but there are a few empty days between Christmas and the New Year when all you would be doing is slumping in front of a screen. These may be perfect for catching up with school or college work.

Share the plan with your family so they can encourage you to get started

when the time for work comes.

Above all, avoid leaving all your work until the last day of the holiday – not usually a recipe for your best work.

[A study planner] really helps me to organise my time – fill it with free time when you want to relax first and then put in specific tasks you want to complete.

Treat yourself

Getting down to some work when there are a lot of distractions and temptations is tough so make sure you reward yourself when you've finished an essay, made some notes or learned something.

As it's Christmas there won't be any issue finding items around you which would make a great reward (like food, re-watching Elf or admiring your fancy new presents).

Ask for stationery for Christmas

What better motivation to start work can there be than some brand new gel pens, highlighters, files or notepads?

Use your beautiful new highlighters to mark out particularly important notes. Use your new fountain pen to write out quotes. Those new gel pens will brighten up your revision cards.



Don't overdo it

Above all else, don't burn out... It's Christmas after all! Make sure you've found time to do whatever it is that makes Christmas special for you.

Rest ... is so important. You don't want to be exhausted even before you go back to school – it's not good for your health and it's not good for your grades. Take things easy, feel like you're organised and do your best!

Most importantly: make sure you have a lovely and balanced Christmas break!

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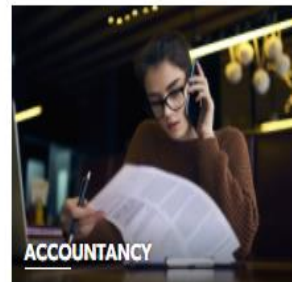
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Whether you're looking to kick off your career or just need a summer job to tide you over, you'll find plenty of advice on The Student Room.

The careers message boards are a brilliant place to start, with industry-specific sections for everything from the armed forces to journalism to accountancy.

Don't miss our recruiter profiles, where you can find out more about specific companies and read real-life experiences of graduates who are working there now. Our guides will come in handy too, covering key topics including writing the perfect CV or cover letter.

If it's a part-time or temp job you're looking for, head over to the part-time and temporary employment forum. You can ask a specific question or dip into one of the existing discussions about the big employers such as McDonald's, Primark and Sainsbury's.

<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/jobs/>

MOOC—Complete one this Christmas!!

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF DOING A MOOC?

MOOCs can...

- offer courses which complement A level subjects, deepening knowledge and insight
- offer courses which relate to subjects they wish to study at university (such as Law)
- enhance UCAS statements

Best websites for free online courses



There are thousands of MOOCs available online from all around the world. While the majority of courses have been US-based in the past, the launch of FutureLearn in 2012 has seen universities across the UK getting involved in online learning.

These are the best places to find MOOCs:

- **[FutureLearn](#)** – *Originally started by the Open University, and now working with over 80 universities, as well as various world-renowned institutions such as the British Library and UNESCO*
- **[Coursera](#)** – *One of the largest US-based MOOC providers, offering hundreds of free online courses from over 190 university partners around the world*
- **[EdX](#)** – *A not-for-profit provider created by MIT and Harvard University, with around 20 million users and over 1,000 courses.*
- **Unifrog!!** ----Please use to research careers plus check out the several webinars from different universities.
- **Start making university course choices if you are in year 12 to see the entry criteria plus you can then attend either in person or a virtual open day at your chosen universities.**

Apprenticeship opportunities and career advice useful websites

If you are interested in apprenticeships there are several websites here that you must look at. Not going to University and Milkround have several apprenticeships with opportunities for you to apply at the moment. There are several in Finance, Computing, Business, Hospitality and the RAF.

- **Government apprenticeship Guidance**
- <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- **Essex school leaver jobs**
- <https://www.facebook.com/essexapprentice>
- **Milkround website – a specific website for school leavers**
- <https://schoolleavers.milkround.com/>
- **Not going to University website of apprenticeships**
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/apprenticeships-223/filter/subcats/higher-apprenticeship-228>
- **UCAS website – jobs available in South East of England**
- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/south-east-england/#browsing>
- **UCAS website – school leaver jobs**
- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/#browsing>
- **UCAS website – careers advice**
- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/careers/>
- **Prospects website – school leaver jobs**
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships>
- **Parent/Carer's Guide to Apprenticeships for post-16 students**
- https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/415789/Apprenticeship_self-development.pdf
- **Civil Service**
- <https://civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk>
- **Hospitality**
- <http://hospitalityguild.co.uk>
- **NHS**
- <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/>
- **Countryside**
- <https://countryside-jobs.com>
- **Law**
- <http://lawcareers.net/MoreLaw/LegalApprenticeships>
- **IT Apprenticeships**
- <https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/it>
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