

***VISION:
8. FAKE IT***



DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS...

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***LOTS OF STUDENTS GET TORN
BETWEEN 2 OR MORE GOALS.***

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***SOMETIMES THEY CAN'T DECIDE
BETWEEN 2,3 OR 4 OPTIONS!***

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***IF THIS IS YOU, THEN THE "FAKE IT"
METHOD COULD HELP.***

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

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WEEK 1

Choose just 1 of your options (or get someone to pick for you...)

- × For example; applying to University to study Geology, getting a business apprenticeship, or taking a gap year
- × For 1 whole week you are going to pretend that you've made your decision, and...
- × The option you've chosen for the week is what you want to do with your life more than anything else.
- × The burden of having to make a decision is gone – it's made.
- × Don't allow yourself to think about the other options at all for the entire week.

In pretending you've already made your decision, do the following:

1. RESEARCH THE OPTION

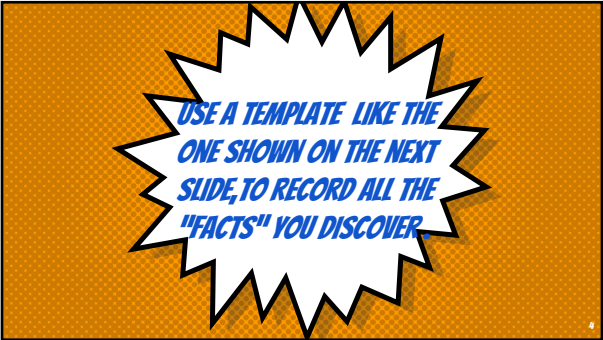
**FIND OUT ALL YOU CAN
ABOUT IT.**

**2. GET EXCITED ABOUT
THE POSITIVES!
CONSIDER THE
FOLLOWING:**

**WHAT'S THE
CONTENT OF
THE COURSE?**

**HOW MUCH WILL YOU
EARN ON OR AFTER
THE COURSE? IS THIS
IMPORTANT TO YOU?**

**WHAT ARE THE
LONG TERM CAREER
PROSPECTS?**



OPTION 1 – WEEK 1	OPTION 2 – WEEK 2
The facts...	The facts...



OPTION 1 – WEEK 1 – GEOLOGY DEGREE	OPTION 2 – WEEK 2 – APPRENTICESHIP
<p>The facts...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geology course at Leeds – 2 practical modules in first year, including a field trip to France Likely to get into £30,000 of debt Will have to move away from friends and girlfriend!! (Although tuition fees deducted from tax) 89% of students get straight into employment when they leave. Lots of links with Oil companies, Fracking industry is looking for geologists – futureproof?? 	<p>The facts...</p> <p>LEVEL 4 HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP</p> <p>Could get on with my alevels, even if I don't get my expected grades</p> <p>No debt from University</p> <p>Possibility to do modules at Uni which build to a degree later</p> <p>Potential to earn £50-70,000 within 5 years of completing apprenticeship as a director of a company.</p> <p>Could earn more from starting my own business!!</p> <p>I enjoy Business Studies Alevel more than Geology</p> <p>Get contacts and knowledge to start my own business</p> <p>Sets me up well for starting my own business</p>

STAGE 2 - GET EXCITED...
RECORD ALL THE POSITIVES YOU
THINK OF DURING THE WEEK

OPTION 1 – WEEK 1 – GEOLOGY DEGREE	OPTION 2 – WEEK 2 – APPRENTICESHIP
<p>The positives...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My mates Steve and Marcus are both applying Marcus went to the open day and said the Uni was great. Marcus went to the open day and said the Uni was great. 89% of students get straight into employment when they leave. Friends who are already at Leeds say it is a great city with great bars and clubs, great for students. Earning potential is very good, geology grads are highest paid, average salary £73,000, 6 months after leaving. Lots of Travel possibilities with Oil companies 	<p>The positives</p> <p>Possible to get onto:</p> <p>LEVEL 4 HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP</p> <p>I'll be earning £200 per week straight away</p> <p>Could live at home and save for a deposit for a flat</p> <p>Still see mates and girlfriend</p> <p>I have a great idea for an online business, this could help me realise this goal</p> <p>Manchester is a great City anyway, why do I need to go to Leeds??</p>

FINALLY ON FRIDAY,
CONSIDER THE
FOLLOWING...

HAS IT BEEN A
GOOD WEEK?

COULD YOU
VISUALISE YOURSELF
DOING THIS ?

**DISCUSS WITH YOUR
FRIENDS AND RECORD
YOUR THOUGHTS.**

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

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- × During week 2, remember to completely ditch the first option and visualise yourself taking your new choice.
- × At the end of the 2nd week compare your notes.
- × Use a table like the one in the example to write everything in so you can compare them side by side.
- × Ask yourself the following questions:
 - × Which was the better week?
 - × Which made you feel more excited?
 - × Which was more enjoyable?
 - × Which felt more like you?
- × Explain your response / choices with a friend or teacher.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

- × "Fake It" can be used with other decisions as well.
- × Think about how it could be used to choose between employers, gap year options, a choice of coursework tasks, University courses and accommodation options.
- × The key is immersing yourself in the decision so you get to "feel" what it would be like.
- × This way you combine both emotional and practical factors in your decision.

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