

**20% of parents decide to help fund their child's gap year**

British parents spend as much as £995 million a year helping to fund gap years!!

**80% of gap year students work in Britain at some point during their gap year**

**40% of students do not apply to university before embarking on their gap year.**

So, if you aren't amongst the 7% of UCAS applicants who chose to defer entry in order to take a year out, then take the opportunity to get the very most out of your year out and ensure that you have loads of great experiences under your belt which you can talk about in a future application.

**66% of students took their academic work more seriously after having a gap year**

**80% of people thought that their gap year added to their employability**

Most "gappers" would agree that the experiences they face taking a year out not only look good on a CV, but they return home with a broadened outlook, new friends, and increased confidence.

**60% said a gap year helped them decide what subject to study at university.**

The average gap year will cost £3000-£4000 so most people need to consider a range of money saving and raising options to make sure you can take that trip of a lifetime.

**90% of gap year students who originally intended to go university on their return, do so.**

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## What will you actually do during your gap year?

Gap Year Student

**Why did you decide to help?**

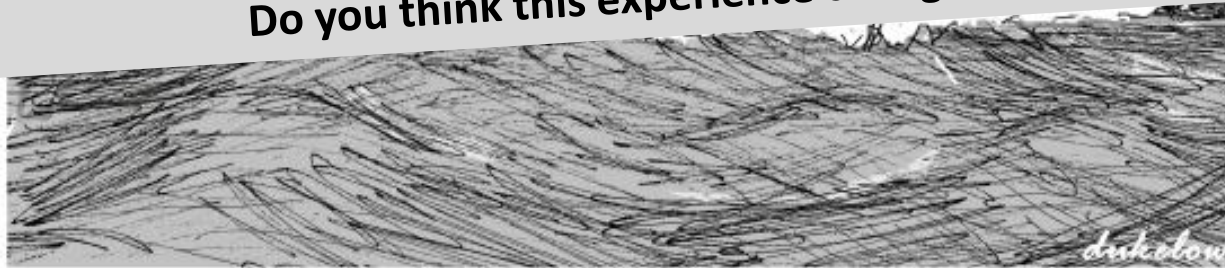
**Which was the most difficult challenge you faced?**

**How was the relief effort organised?**

**Do you think they responded well given the situation?**

**What did you learn from your experience?**

**Do you think this experience changed you?**



...Well on the plus side, this is going to look great on your C.V.



# Gap Year?

## PROS

- You **may** be able to do some work or live in another country which will prepare you for your course or give you an insight into its application.
- You **may** become more highly motivated towards your studies
- You **may** have an opportunity for wider experience of life and travel.
- You **should** be more mature, and therefore likely to get more out of your course.
- You **may** avoid the staleness that some experience from several years of academic study.

# ..... or Not?

## CONS

- You **may** lose the 'will to work' and there is a particular danger in some Science and Mathematics areas that you may lose the thread of the subject and deferring your entry may count against you.
- You **may** find the necessary discipline for study difficult, after a year away from an academic environment.
- You **may** have personal reasons for wanting to begin your career as soon as possible.





## SPONSORSHIP

### Advantages

- Additional finance to help with the costs of university.
- Guaranteed employment after degree.

### Disadvantages

- Committing to a job before you have decided what career opportunities are available to you.

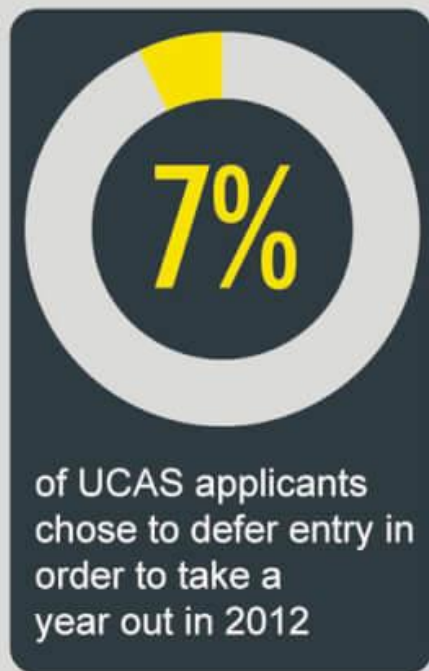


# GAP YEAR STATISTICS

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# BROADEN YOUR MIND!

- Since its birth forty years ago, the gap year has gone from a rare occurrence to an everyday choice for university students. The increasing number of students deciding to go
- on a gap year adventure before university may have something to do with the ever
- increasing tuition fees, or the fact that gap years are becoming more widely known and accepted.



## 2.5 MILLION

young people in the UK are planning a gap year

## PARENTAL HELP...



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## AVERAGE COST...

£3500

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£763

TO PARENTS

OVERALL

66%

of students took their academic work more seriously after having a gap year

60%

said a gap year helped them decide what subject to study at university

88%

of people thought that their gap year had added to their employability

40%

of students do not apply to university before embarking on their gap year

80%

of gap year students work in Britain at some point during their gap year

## FINANCIAL...

10%

of students fully funded their own gap year

22%

of students could not afford to take a year out

5%

Although they've been around for ages in the UK, the USA are only just catching on to gap years. 5% of universities and colleges have a deferral policy for prospective students.

30%

of students travelled alone



## You should be able to answer all of these questions if you plan to take a gap year

You may defer entry through UCAS but it is as well to check with the institution concerned to find out their attitude to students taking this form of action. **They are more likely to encourage you if you have plans for the constructive use of your time.**

- How will I pay for it?







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