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# Using online mentoring to support retention

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# About Brightside

- National mentoring charity with 10 years' experience of delivering successful projects with over 160 partners
- We want to make sure that it's talent, not background, that determines the education opportunities and careers that are available to young people

# About Brightside

We connect young people with role models and information, guiding them towards opportunities and careers in which they can make the most of their talents and skills.  We do this through:

•**Online mentoring** – working with organisations who want to reach out to and inspire young people using our online mentoring platform

•**Online resources** – researching and writing articles that give young people useful, relevant and impartial information on all aspects of education and careers

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## Welcome to Bright Links

Bright Links puts young people in touch with mentors who can help them with their education and career options.

As well as ementoring support, the website provides loads of fun and fascinating resources about university, careers, money and much more.

There are also activities and quizzes to help you build skills for your future.

**Login**

Username

Password

Log in

forgotten your username/password?

Online sign-up
Links to knowledge bank

### Get a Mentor

Making decisions about your future can be daunting.

A mentor has been in your shoes, so they can share their experiences and help you explore your options.

Having an online mentor means you'll be able to contact them at a time and place that suits you!

Find out more..

### Become a Mentor

Ementoring is a flexible way to volunteer.

By sharing your experience, you can support someone else to grow in confidence and make the right choices for their future.

All you need is an online connection.

Find out more..

**Who's behind the site?**

This website is run by Brightside, a national education charity.

### knowledge bank

The essential guide to education, careers and student life.

- Business enterprise
- My job explained: Chief financial officer
- 5 golden student money rules
- My job explained: Therapeutic radiographer
- Career profile: Disaster Management
- Career profile: Midwife
- PhDs and doctorates explained
- What course should I do at university?

### latest news & articles

**Studying a performing arts course**
Apr 04, 2012
Getting a job in the performing arts can be a

**Should A-levels be set by universities?**
Apr 04, 2012
Changes to the way A-

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Hi, Emily60
2 new | 16 total messages
Activity rating:
view/edit profile | log out

home | my messages | my activities | my resources | getting started

Info Welcome! You are now logged in.

## my resources

### Studying a university course abroad

Mar 23, 2012
Filed under: Education Pathways - Choosing A University

If you've got your sights set on studying at a university abroad, read our guide to make sure you're setting off in the right direction.

— read more

My job explained: Journalist

How to get a charity internship

Careers in TV

## my activities plan

**Current assigned course**
UCAS

## my feed

Latest | Messages | Activities

Danny98 wrote a new message: Happy Easter — today at 01:38 PM

Danny98 wrote a new message: Hi Emily — today at 01:37 PM

› new message › help

## my mentor

Danny98
contact | view profile

## my group

David35
contact | view profile

Josh
contact | view profile

Iptest12
contact | view profile

Sarah8
contact | view profile

contact all in group ›

## my coordinator

BethH
contact | view profile

## my project coordinator

aSEOCoord

Resources and activities filtered to home page

Group or one-to-one conversations

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- Why do students withdraw from their learning experience/ educational environment?
- Which of these areas can an institution make positive actions to change?

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- How could online mentoring be used to mitigate?
- What are the benefits and the barriers to online mentoring?

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# Enhancing the student experience to aid retention.....

- Student parents
- Minority groups
- Distance learners/ part-time
- Pre-registration
- Academic mentoring
- Student led
- Employability
- Mature learners
- Subject specific
- Peer support
- International students

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