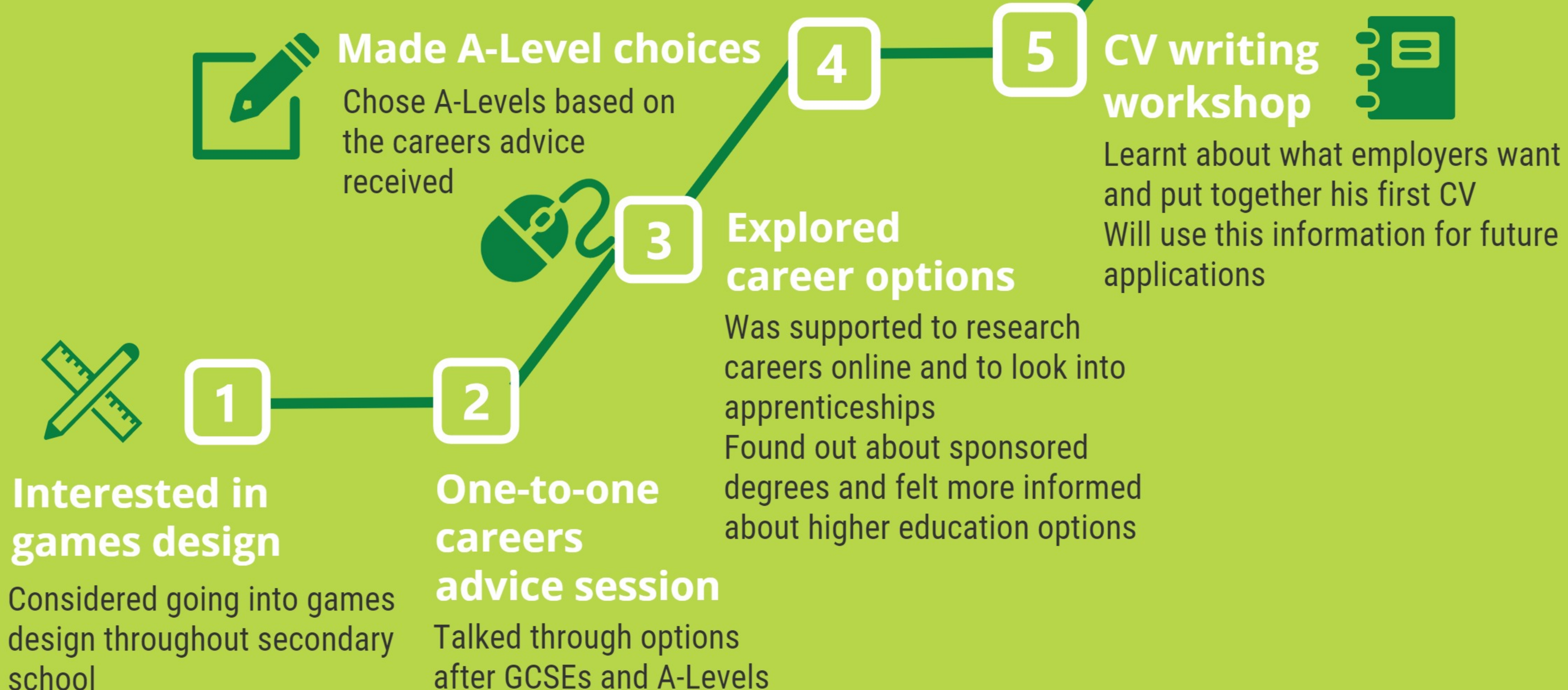**Chris goes to Lawrence Sheriff School and is now pursuing a career in software engineering**

The Skills for Employment programme enabled Chris to have a one-to-one careers session, CV writing workshop and skills day at his school. This led to work experience at a local software company. He is now pursuing a career in software engineering which he attributes to the support he received at school.

*"I think the interview skills talk helped quite a lot. Through life you're likely to have lots of interviews and without that information I wouldn't really know how to approach them."*

**Pursuing a career in software engineering**
after completing his A-Levels

**Work experience at Black Pepper Software**

**9**
Learnt about the different departments
Worked on a mini-project
Gained project management skills which he's used in his coursework

**8 Work experience interview**
This was organised at school
He felt more confident due to previous support and less nervous than if he hadn't had support

**7 Careers day at school**
Met employees from Black Pepper Software
Had a talk on how to present yourself in an interview and how to answer interview questions

**6 Skills Show at the NEC**
Learnt about software engineering
Found it useful being able to speak face-to-face to a software engineer

**Made A-Level choices**
Chose A-Levels based on the careers advice received

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**5 CV writing workshop**
Learnt about what employers want and put together his first CV
Will use this information for future applications

**3 Explored career options**
Was supported to research careers online and to look into apprenticeships
Found out about sponsored degrees and felt more informed about higher education options

*"I don't think I would've been as confident that I'd get the work experience placement. And I don't think I'd be as clear on my future and all the routes that are available to me."*

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**2**

**Interested in games design**
Considered going into games design throughout secondary school

**One-to-one careers advice session**
Talked through options after GCSEs and A-Levels