

Check the calendar

Autumn term

- Use the careers information in school and online to research options
- Find out what your predicted grades are
- Have a careers interview with school careers advisor
- Visit sixth form and college open days/evenings
- Apply to college, sixth forms and apprenticeships (students can apply to as many they can. It's important to check deadlines)
- Larger firms start appearing / recruiting from September but most appear from January onwards

If your child is thinking about higher education what are the entry requirements for their chosen degree course?
www.ucas.com – full list of degree courses & entry requirements

Spring term

- Prioritise choices
- Attend sixth form and college interviews
- What is your back-up plan?
- You can still apply for courses and apprenticeships. Smaller businesses can start recruiting a month or two before the job starts

Summer term

- If you still have no plans speak to your careers advisor
- Keep applying for opportunities if you haven't got a confirmed offer
- Exam results – speak to your teachers or careers advisor if you're unsure about your next steps
- Results day- you can still apply to college and sixth form

Useful Contacts

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Useful Websites

www.careerpilot.org.uk

www.icould.com/information-for-parents/

www.parentalguidance.org.uk

www.youthemployment.org.uk/careers-advice-for-parents/

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch

www.ucas.com

www.talkingfutures.org.uk/parents/

Final tip

Encourage your child to think carefully about their skills, interests and ambitions and help them to translate these into potential employment possibilities for the future



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Making Wise Decisions

Supporting you through choosing
your
POST-16 options



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There are lots of different ways for your child to train or continue their education. It's important they decide on a direction that's right for them

Planning

- It's never too early to start planning. The first term of Year 11 is an ideal time to get research underway.
- Use the careers information available in school and online.
- Plan to go to open days and evenings — these usually start in October or November and are a great opportunity to visit the different schools, colleges and training providers in your area.
- You can usually start applying for courses in October and November in Year 11. The application window usually remains open until the end of the spring term (**check with institutions directly - some close early**)

What are the choices at 16?

The main post-16 options for young people are:

Fulltime education at sixth form or college e.g. A levels, BTEC, T-levels or other vocational courses

An apprenticeship or traineeship:

Apprenticeships-provide an opportunity to: earn a qualification, get paid and develop skills needed for particular job.

Traineeships: provide an opportunity to get qualifications, skills and unpaid work experience

Part time education or training: this must be in addition to employment, self-employment, volunteering for a minimum of 20 hours per week

All young people must be in some of education or recognised training until they are 18

What are the qualification routes after 16?

There are 3 main routes

A LEVELS

A Levels give young people a chance to find out about their GCSE subjects in greater depth or do one of the subjects that many schools and colleges only offer at A Level such as Law, Economics or Psychology. It is possible to combine vocational qualifications such as BTEC Level 3 qualifications or OCR qualifications with A Levels. These qualifications attract UCAS points (many universities indicate the number of UCAS points needed for entry to their courses) in the same way as A Levels

BTEC/VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

(BTEC are equivalent to A levels)

Vocational courses are designed to help young people learn in a practical way about a specific job area - helping them to get the skills needed to start a job, progress in a career or go on to higher levels of education

Vocational subjects: that are related to a broad employment area such as business, engineering, IT, health and social care

Vocational courses: that lead to specific jobs such as hairdressing, accounting, professional cookery, plumbing

Apprenticeships: that are 'work-related' where you will be trained for a job role and get paid as you learn.

T Levels: that lead to a specific job role and are equivalent to 3 A Level

T Level are new two-year Level 3 qualifications: equivalent to 3 x A level.

- They lead to a specific occupation and are available in a whole range of different areas, from Cyber Security to Wildlife Management.
- They have been designed by professional bodies, employers and universities so that they are relevant and up to date.
- They include at least 3 months' work experience and opportunity to build transferable skills and knowledge related to the job area.

Currently T levels are mainly offered at College

The education levels

Level 1 qualifications: no GCSEs are required

Any student achieving a GCSE grade 3 to 1 at the end of year 11 in Maths and/or English will continue to study Maths and English no matter which of the above post-16 options is chosen. Those achieving GCSE grade 3 must be enrolled on a GCSE qualification in Maths and/or English.

Level 2 qualifications require 4 GCSEs grade D and above

Level 3 qualifications including A levels require GCSE grades 9-4 including English and Maths.

Some subjects will require grade 6 or 7

University/ Higher education is level 6. Students must achieve a level 3 qualification before progressing to university / degree level apprenticeships.

