

# Options After Year 11

## 1. FURTHER STUDY (COLLEGE OR 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM)

**Academic qualifications** i.e. **A Levels**, entry requirements are usually GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including maths and English). You may need higher GCSE grades to study certain subjects at A Level. A Levels are a common route to university.

### **Vocational qualifications:**

**BTECs** - These generally focus on a particular area of work e.g., business, engineering, hairdressing etc. and can be available at a range of levels from foundation to Level 3. BTEC courses could lead to apprenticeships or jobs and from Level 3 you could progress to university. Entry requirements are usually GCSE grade 4s including certain subjects.

**T - Levels** – A new technical qualification based on the same standards as apprenticeships. Equal to 3 A levels this qualification is structured to include an industry placement in a specific job sector - equivalent to a 45-day work placement over 2 years. Progression from T-Levels can be into skilled employment or further study (including higher education). Entry requirements are grades 4-5 at GCSE including certain subjects.

***School leavers who haven't yet achieved either English or maths at GCSE grade 4 or above will need to continue to study these post 16.***

Look on college websites or in the prospectus to see what grades and subjects the courses you are interested in are asking for.

## 2. WORK BASED LEARNING

**Traineeships/Study Programmes** – can combine hands-on work experience with studying; for example: English and maths and employability skills. They are not paid but can lead to a paid apprenticeship or job.

**Apprenticeships** – combines paid, on-the-job training with the achievement of standards; a list of the skills, knowledge and behaviours an apprentice will need to have learned by the end of their apprenticeship. Standards are occupation-focused they are not qualification-led. You may also do English and/or maths if you don't already have GCSE grade 4 or above in these subjects (or equivalent). For an apprenticeship you will need an EMPLOYER and a TRAINING PROVIDER. Finding an employed apprenticeship can be competitive, employers can ask for particular qualifications, especially English and maths GCSEs or equivalent functional skills qualifications.

To get an idea of what apprenticeships are available and what skills and qualifications employers are asking for look at: [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

## 3. EMPLOYMENT

It is hard to find a job as a school leaver as the majority of employers ask for experience. At age 16 – 18 it is possible to work or volunteer (for 20 hours or more a week) while in part-time education or training. If you think you would like to get a job after you leave school consider the apprenticeship or traineeship route first and make sure you have a back-up plan.

**APPLY FOR A RANGE OF OPTIONS TO GIVE YOURSELF CHOICE AND A BACK-UP PLAN. ATTEND OPEN DAYS AND TASTER SESSIONS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE THE BEST NEXT STEP FOR YOU.**

# Useful Websites

TO MAKE APPLICATIONS	<p><b><u><a href="http://logonmoveon.co.uk">logonmoveon.co.uk</a></u></b></p> <p>This website is used for applying to colleges and training providers. You will require a username and password, available from your Connexions Adviser or School Careers Coordinator.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Some providers may prefer applicants to apply direct to them using their own application.</p>
CAREERS & SKILLS ASSESSMENT	<p><b><u><a href="http://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk">nationalcareers.service.gov.uk</a></u></b></p> <p>Information, advice &amp; guidance to help with making decisions on learning, training and work. The Skills Assessment is a tool to discover jobs and careers you could be suited to:</p> <p><a href="https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment">https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment</a></p>
CAREERS & PERSONALITY QUIZ	<p><b><u><a href="http://icould.com">icould.com</a></u></b></p> <p>Need inspiration for your career? icould includes 1000 films of personal career stories, across all occupations. Take the Buzz quiz to find out your personality type.</p>
APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS	<p><b><u><a href="http://findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk">findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk</a></u></b></p> <p>This website lists apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies throughout the UK. You can register and apply for opportunities on this website.</p>
PUBLIC SERVICES & BENEFITS INFO	<p><b><u><a href="http://gov.uk">gov.uk</a></u></b></p> <p>You can find information about a wide range of public services inc. employment rights, benefits, disability rights, citizenship etc.</p>
HIGHER EDUCATION	<p><b><u><a href="http://ucas.com">ucas.com</a></u> * <u><a href="http://prospects.ac.uk">prospects.ac.uk</a></u> * <u><a href="http://theuniguide.co.uk">theuniguide.co.uk</a></u> * or <u><a href="http://thecompleteuniversityguide.com">thecompleteuniversityguide.com</a></u></b></p> <p><b>UCAS</b> - lists HE courses in the UK, entry requirements and course content. <b>Prospects</b> – for detailed job specifications, sector info and ‘what can I do with my degree?’ tool. <b>UniGuide</b> – search and compare UK degree courses &amp; unis, use ‘A Level Explorer’ to suggest degree ideas. <b>CUG</b> - UK university league tables and rankings, overall and by subject.</p>
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION	<p>The LMI for All portal provides high quality, reliable labour market information (LMI) to inform careers decisions. Use their widgets ‘<b>Skillsometer</b>’ to explore jobs and ‘<b>Careerometer</b>’ to explore LMI.</p>
VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES	<p><b><u><a href="http://www.gov.uk/volunteering">www.gov.uk/volunteering</a></u>, <u><a href="https://time2volunteer.org/">https://time2volunteer.org/</a></u> or <u><a href="https://doit.life/volunteer">https://doit.life/volunteer</a></u></b></p> <p>Details of organisations locally and nationally looking for volunteers.</p>
CAREERS AND JOB INFORMATION	<p><b><u><a href="http://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/">barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/</a></u></b></p> <p>To improve young peoples’ life skills, provide job hunting advice it includes the ‘wheels of strength’ to map interests, skills and personality traits.</p>

# APPLYING FOR COLLEGE OR TRAINING

## Doing your own research...

Make sure you research who offers the courses, training or apprenticeships you are interested in. You can use provider websites, attend open events and send emails to local colleges or training providers to ask any questions you have. You should use the careers information websites listed in this booklet to make sure you understand the entry requirements for the job / career sector you are considering.

## How to apply...

To apply for colleges or training providers you will need to complete an application form. Year 11's can apply using the common application found on website: [www.logonmoveon.co.uk](http://www.logonmoveon.co.uk). To apply you will need your username and password, available from your Connexions Adviser in school or the teacher in charge of careers education. Alternatively, you can complete application forms on college or training provider websites. Note: You can apply for as many colleges or training providers as you want and for more than one course / apprenticeship.

## What happens next...?

Once a college or training provider has received your application, they will invite you into the college or training centre for an initial interview. This could include a tour of the venue, a group or one to one interview. For many courses or training programmes applicants will need to sit a basic skills assessment this is to help the education provider support students who have learning needs.

In addition, some colleges offer taster days in June / July, so applicants can try the courses they have applied for.

After attending interviews and assessments you will receive a conditional offer of a place. You need to reply to accept or decline this offer.

## When do you enrol...?

Most colleges and training providers will ask students to enrol on study programmes at the end of August, after they have received their GCSE results.

## What if you change your mind...?

You can change what you have initially applied for. If the new course you want to study is at the same college / training provider, you just need to ring them to request they change the course. If the course is somewhere different you will need to complete a new application form.

## What if you don't hold an offer...?

If you don't hold an offer or you don't know what you want to do, you could speak to the careers adviser in your school about post 16 options. Alternatively, you may be entitled to a careers interview with a Connexions Adviser. Our contact details are:

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GCSE  
Comparator

UCAS Tariff Points for different Level 3 qualifications

New GCSE Grades	Old GCSE Grades	Btec Qualifications					T - Level	A level	UCAS Tariff points
		Extended Diploma	Diploma	90-credit Diploma	Subsidiary Diploma	Certificate			
		D*D*D*					D*		168
9b	A*+	D*D*D							160
9c	A*+	D*DD							152
8a	A*	DDD					D		144
8b	A*	DDM							128
8c	A						M		120
7a	A	DMM	D*D*						112
7b	A		D*D						104
7c	A	MMM	DD				P <sub>1</sub>		96
6a	B			D*D*					84
6b	B	MMP	DM						80
6c	B			D*D					78
5a	B			DD			P <sub>2</sub>		72
5b	B	MPP	MM						64
5c	C			DM					60
4a	C				D*			A*	56
4b	C	PPP	MP	MM	D			A	48
4c	C							B	40
3a	D			MP					36
3b	D		PP		M			C	32
3c	D					D*			28
2a	E			PP		D		D	24
2b	E						A		20
2c	E/F				P	M	B	E	16
1a	F						C		12
1b	F/G						D		10
1c	G					P			8
E3	E3						E		6
E2	E2								
E1	E1								

**P<sub>1</sub>** = Pass (C or above on the core)      **P<sub>2</sub>** = Pass (D or E on the core)