

Your post-16 options explored



There are a variety of routes you can take that will lead you to higher level studies and help you progress in your career.



T LEVELS

- These focus on technical and vocational skills and are an alternative to A Levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses. They are equivalent in size to 3 A Levels.
- You can gain vital work experience alongside your studies, with a built-in 45-day industry placement.
- Developed alongside employers and recognised by universities, you have the option to progress to skilled work, higher level study or an apprenticeship.
- Choose from a range of subjects including Education and Early Years, Health and Science, and Digital.
- Spend 80% of the course in your learning environment, and the other 20% in a meaningful industry placement gaining vital work skills.



LEVEL 3 VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- These work-based qualifications are equivalent to 2 A Levels, an advanced technical certificate or a diploma.
- They're delivered through colleges and training providers and assess a mixture of competence, knowledge and skills.
- Many of these qualifications carry UCAS points so can lead to university, as well as to the workplace.



STRAIGHT INTO EMPLOYMENT

- Learn and progress on the job and gain industry experience.
- Start earning straight away.



A LEVELS

- Widely recognised subject based qualifications that lead to university, further study, training or work.
- Usually academic in nature, you can study 3 or more A Levels over 2 years in a school, college or sixth form environment.
- They're generally assessed by a series of exams.
- Studying a selection of subjects can help you explore your career options.



APPRENTICESHIPS

- Gain on-the-job experience (alongside a nationally recognised qualification) and make workplace connections sooner.
- Earn as you learn - with the average salary for an apprentice under 19 being £6.40 an hour.



All these valid routes can lead to career progression, further study, opportunities and happiness – the future is yours!