

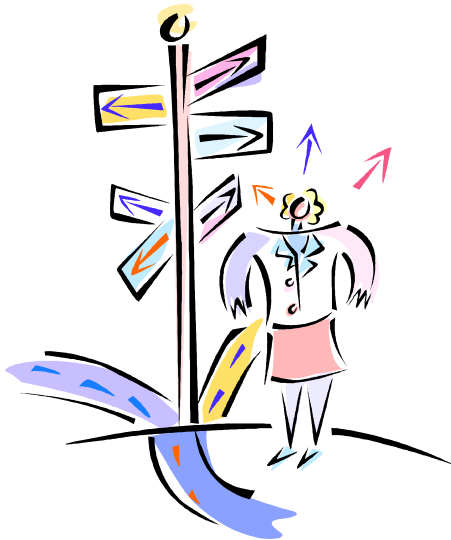


What Next after year 11?

Looking Forward



What are the options?



Continue in education

Sixth form at school/ sixth form college or FE college

Or

Continue in training

Apprenticeships in the workplace

Qualifications explained...

Five or more grade **4's** (A* to C grades) at GCSE



3-4 A levels

(will require grade 6/7s in subjects you wish to study at A level)

or

Level 3 BTEC

or

Advanced apprenticeship

Help my target grades are lower than Cs!

- If you are borderline 4's or 5's (C/D) then get motivated to get 5's and above (C's)
- If you are predicted 4's and below (Ds and E's) you still have options...



Grade 3's (Ds at GCSE)



Level 2 BTEC

Or

Intermediate
apprenticeship

Less than grade **2's** (Es) at GCSE



Level 1 BTEC Diploma



A levels



- These qualifications are academic which means you are mainly studying the theory side of a subject
- They develop your study skills as they are intellectually challenging, and they develop abstract and critical thought
- Similar structure to your GCSEs - you are learning about a subject through lessons, reading and research
- Your final grade is mainly taken from exams at the end of your two years so you need to be confident about doing well under exam conditions
- For you: if you have enjoyed learning and studying at school and want to take academic subjects

BTEC Diplomas



- Vocational which means they are work –related: the BTECs link with a particular industry
- Applied learning – theory links in with practical knowledge and activity
- Coursework and practical assignment based – fewer exams - there will be a lot of theory and written work to complete so there still is an academic element
- Need to be well-organised and prepared to work on tasks and written work again and again to improve your learning and grades
- Complete modules based upon real workplace situations in a mocked-up environment
- Level 3 BTECs can lead to university although top universities will expect A levels as these are more academically demanding
- The myth is that Level 3 BTECs are easier than A levels. This is not necessarily true. They demand different things from learners and will be just as much effort – often on day to day work rather than revision

What is an apprenticeship?



- As an apprentice you work for an employer
- Get paid to work and undergo a period of training where you will learn a particular workplace skill or set of skills
- Work towards a qualification which you can use to access future job opportunities
- Apprenticeships last between 1 and 5 years
- Apprentices can go onto a further level of training or secure a job in a relevant industry
- Guaranteed at least £4.55 per hour-it's not uncommon to be earning in the region of £150 to £260 per week for an advanced apprenticeship
- Salaries for higher apprenticeships usually progresses year on year starting between £7-20K and completing on £18 to 26K+

Figuring out what's best for you...

How do you learn best?


- Do you prefer working on an assignment to improve and make it better?
- Do you prefer doing an exam rather than hours and hours of coursework?
- Could you cope with a mix?
- Do you like studying and learning in a classroom environment?
- Do you prefer and practical environment?
- Academic: A levels and/or BTECs
- Vocational: BTECs or Apprenticeships



Figuring out what's best for you...

- What are your predicted grades? What qualifications can you access?
- What are your interests in terms of subjects? Are these academic subjects or vocational?
- Do you have any future career plans? If so, is there a recommended type of qualification/ subjects





Research: Subjects/ Courses/ Qualifications

- If you know what you want to do as a career –

www.careerpilot.org.uk

- If you want to go to university & check out relevant A levels

www.ucas.com

- Subject interests

have a look at the on-line course guides on college websites

- If you think you would suit an apprenticeship

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Next steps...

To begin working out what you will do after year 11:

- Consider which of the two options may suit you best - education or training
- Find out what is available at sixth form, local colleges and training providers...
- What are the qualifications on offer and what appeals to you?
- Visit their websites or visit their open evenings (if possible)

