

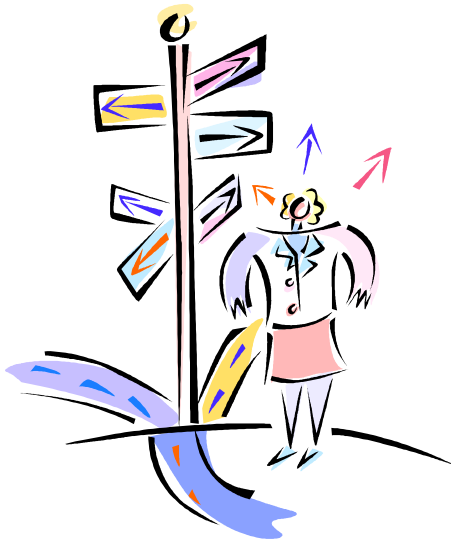


What Next after year 11?

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** 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

T-Levels

or

Advanced apprenticeship

Help my target grades are lower than 4s!

- If you are borderline 4's or 5's then get motivated to get 4's and above
- If you are predicted 3's and below you still have options...

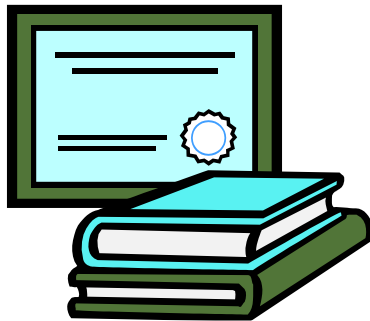
Grade 3's



Level 2 BTEC

Or

Intermediate
apprenticeship



Less than grade **2's** 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



T Levels

- ▶ These are vocational and like the BTECs link with an industry
- ▶ Like BTECs coursework and applied learning – theory links with practical
- ▶ However, unlike BTECs which offer a two-week placement, you do a nine-week placement with an employer to develop the knowledge and skills companies look for.
- ▶ T Levels have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need
- ▶ Only available at level 3 and not available in all industries just yet.

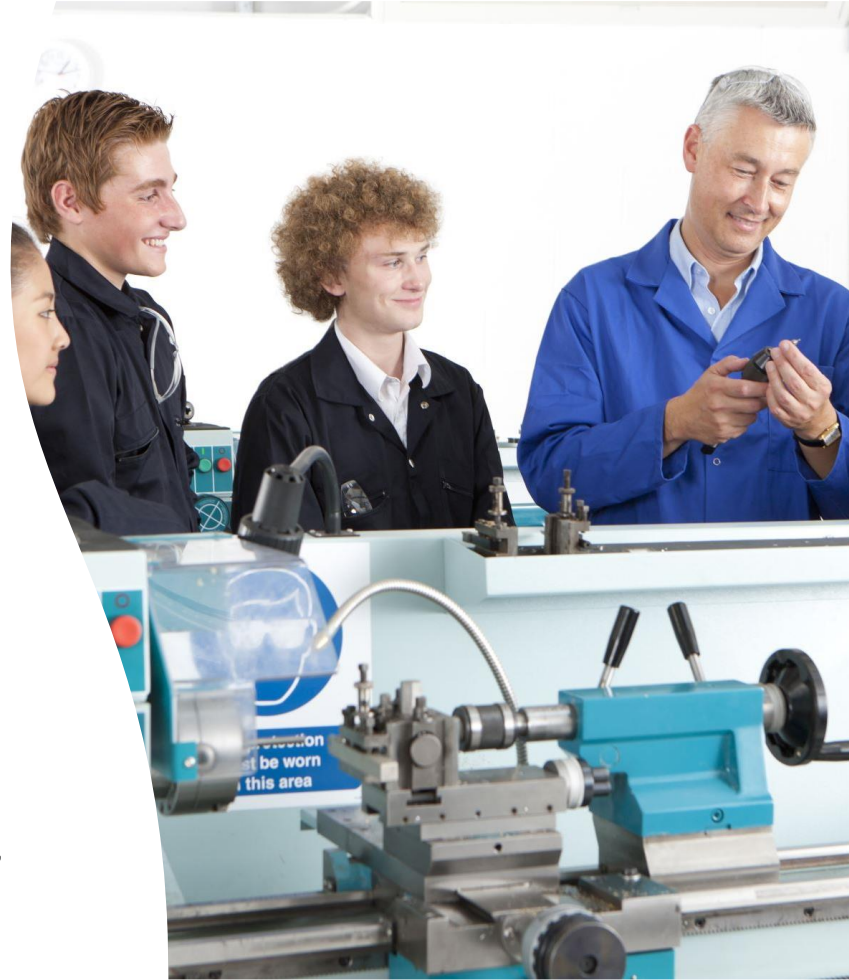
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- Get paid to work and undergo a period of training where you will learn a particular workplace skill or set of skills
- Work towards a qualification which you can use to access future job opportunities
- Apprenticeships last between 1 and 5 years
- Apprentices can go onto a further level of training or secure a job in a relevant industry
- Guaranteed at least £5.28 per hour-it's not uncommon to be earning more for an advanced apprenticeship
- Salaries for higher apprenticeships usually progresses year on year starting between £7-20K and completing on £18 to 26K+

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- There may be more technical aspects of the job that you need to learn in a classroom or away from the job, so this may take place on-site but could also take place at a local college, university or training provider
- Apprentices can go onto a further level of training or secure a job in a relevant industry
- Guaranteed at least £6.40 per hour – some apprenticeships pay more



Making informed decisions

Consider:

Grades likely to achieve at GCSE. What will these allow you to access?


Subjects you are interested in taking further. Are these academic or vocational?

Learning Style. How do you learn best? And achieve the most?

Education or Work. Do you see yourself in a sixth form/ college setting or at work?

Next step. What is the long term plan after the next step? Work or University?

Any career interests? Are these vocational (skilled professional) or academic (knowledge professional)



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

