

# Post 16

Many students choose to go to a local 6th form or college but there are other choices too, like studying at a college or a training provider or getting a job with training. What is important is to choose the course or training to suit your skills and aspirations.

**The pathway you choose will be based on the following:**

- The GCSE grades you have achieved or expect to achieve
- How you like to learn
- Where and what you would like to study later
- What you want to do in the future

Choosing the right courses can be critical for some career paths and it's important to not unintentionally close off paths that you may wish to pursue later on in your career.

**After Year 11 you must choose one of the following pathways**

Academic	Vocational	Work-based
A Levels	BTECS and the new T Levels	Apprenticeships
Mostly offered in Sixth Forms and some colleges. (such as Woking College)	Mostly offered in colleges and can be studied alongside A Levels	Working for an employer with some time at a college or similar. You will get paid.
Need to have enjoyed your GCSE subjects and like independent study. Students typically study 3 A Levels	Need to be interested in a career sector	Need to know this is the job area you want to work in.
Exam assessment at the end of the two-year course	You will complete a mixture of course work, some final assessment and a work placement	Learning through doing the job, sometime at a college or similar and some written assessment.

### **What you can do to make the right choice:**

- Find out about different careers that interest you
- Get advice from the people who know you like your parents and teachers and from The Careers Team at School
- Look at the qualifications on offer to you at 6th forms and other local colleges and also consider whether an apprenticeship might be a good route for you.

### **Choosing the right courses for university**

It may seem early but If you have a particular degree or subject in mind, now is the time to check out the entry requirements on the UCAS site, so that your post 16 choices are the right ones to ensure you get where you want to go post 18!

If you really don't know what you want to do at 18, but you think higher education might be of interest then choose a broad range of subjects at 16 so you have maximum choice of university subjects later.

There are some A Level subjects regarded by virtually all universities as being acceptable. These are sometimes known as 'facilitating' subjects such as Maths, English, Physics, Biology or Chemistry, History or Geography or a language.

Whether you have a clear idea of what you would like to study at University or not, the Russell Group of 24 Leading Universities has developed a website designed to help students and their families choose the right subjects to study at sixth form. Students can use the website to learn which subjects are usually required for particular degree programmes, and to receive suggestions for potential degrees if they are uncertain about what they want to study. The website can be accessed here - <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

Students are encouraged to discuss their A level/BTEC choices with their Tutor, subject teachers and to take advice from The Careers Team.

### **More Information about Apprenticeships**

An Apprenticeship is a great way to learn on the job, building up knowledge and skills, gaining qualifications and earning money at the same time.

You will spend most of your time in the workplace gaining job-specific skills, but you will also be supported by a specialist learning provider to build up your knowledge and qualifications. Apprenticeship training can take between one and four years to complete and the length of your Apprenticeship will depend on its level, the industry you're training in and the skills you already have.

You must be 16 or over to start an Apprenticeship and there are three levels you can study at:

- Intermediate Apprenticeship (Level 2)
- Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3)
- Higher Apprenticeship (Level 4 and above)

Further information on apprenticeships can be accessed via the National Apprenticeship Service website <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk>

Studential: <https://www.studential.com> is another website that helps individuals to consider the full range of options in the future, whether it is further education, apprenticeships, higher education, gap years or setting up your own business.

### **Local Colleges and 6th Forms**

Brooklands College: <https://www.brooklands.ac.uk/> Tel: 01932 797797 Email: [info@brooklands.ac.uk](mailto:info@brooklands.ac.uk)

Esher 6th Form College: <https://www.esher.ac.uk/> Tel 0208 8398 0291 Email: [info@esher.ac.uk](mailto:info@esher.ac.uk)

The 6th Form Farnborough College: [www.farnborough.ac.uk](http://www.farnborough.ac.uk) Tel: 01252 688 200 or email [admin@farnborough.ac.uk](mailto:admin@farnborough.ac.uk)

Farnborough College of Technology: <https://www.farn-ct.ac.uk/> Tel 01252 40 55 55 or email [admin@farnborough.ac.uk](mailto:admin@farnborough.ac.uk)

Farnham College: <https://www.farnham.ac.uk> Tel: Tel: 01252 716988 or email Email: [info@farnham.ac.uk](mailto:info@farnham.ac.uk)

Fullbrook 6th form : <http://www.fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk/> Tel: 01932 349 301 or email: [info@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk)

Godalming College: [www.godalming.ac.uk](http://www.godalming.ac.uk) Tel: 01483 425 526 or email [college@godalming.ac.uk](mailto:college@godalming.ac.uk) Guildford College: [www.guildford.ac.uk](http://www.guildford.ac.uk) Tel: 01483 448 585 or email [info@guildford.ac.uk](mailto:info@guildford.ac.uk)

Merrist Wood College :[www.merristwoodcollege.ac.uk](http://www.merristwoodcollege.ac.uk) Tel 01483 884 040 or email [mwinfo@merristwood.ac.uk](mailto:mwinfo@merristwood.ac.uk)

SJB Sixth Form:[www.sjb.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.sjb.surrey.sch.uk) Tel: 01483 729 343 or email [n.risman@sjb.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:n.risman@sjb.surrey.sch.uk)

Woking College: [www.woking.ac.uk](http://www.woking.ac.uk) Tel: 01483 761 036 or email [admissions@woking.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@woking.ac.uk)