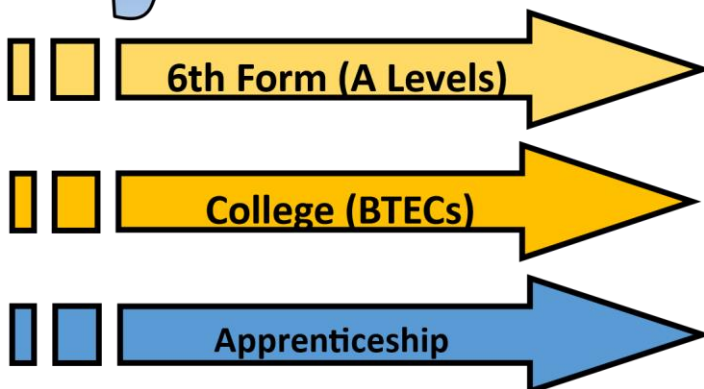


Options after year 11

Deciding what to do after your GCSE's can be stressful so here's our quick guide to let you know what the options are.



6th Form

This is full time education where you will study **A levels**. A Levels are often known as 'academic qualifications'. They can prepare you for university, work or apprenticeships.

You would normally pick **3 A level subjects** to study that:

- ◆ interests you
- ◆ relates to a specific career
- ◆ allows you to keep your options open and be flexible.

You will need at least 5 GCSEs grades A* - C or 9 to 5/4 the new GCSE grading system. Some subjects will require a higher grade for example a grade A or B at GCSE (6 or above in the new grading) for Maths or Science subjects.

Subjects include: *Maths, Science, English, History, Psychology, Art, Media, Law, Computer Science, Geography, French, Spanish*

College

BTEC qualifications are often known as 'Vocational Qualifications' and are taught at Further Education Colleges. They are practical work-related courses which give you the skills you need for a certain industry or even a particular job.

You would usually only **choose one course**. There are a range of levels 1, 2 or 3. Which one you start on will depend on their GCSE's results and previous experience.

Course areas include: *Engineering, Health & Social Care, Hair, Beauty, Hospitality & Catering, Public Services, Animal Care, Sport, Travel & Tourism, Media, Applied Science, Construction, Art & Design*

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer the chance to earn a wage whilst learning. You will mainly train in the work place, but will also attend college or a specialist training provider as part of your apprenticeship framework.

This is a very hands on form of learning and allows you to gain valuable work experience. You will also be able to develop employability skills that are highly regarded by employers. Apprenticeships provide nationally recognised qualifications and can lead to employment or university.

Types of apprenticeship areas include: *Engineering, Health & Social Care, Hair, Beauty, Hospitality & Catering, Animal Care, Sport, Digital Media, , Construction, Administration, Business, Computing.*

Different levels of Apprenticeships available

INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICESHIP	ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP	HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 2• 12 - 18 months• Equivalent to 5 GCSEs A* - C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 3• 18 - 48 months• Equivalent to 2 A-levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Levels 4, 5, 6, 7• 24 months+• Equivalent to foundation degree level+

Traineeships

If you are not ready for college, sixth form, an apprenticeship or employment then consider a Traineeship.

A Traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience that is focused on giving you the skills and experience that employers are looking for.

So what next?

Research, research, **research!!** It is crucial to research **ALL** the options available to you.

Think about the following:

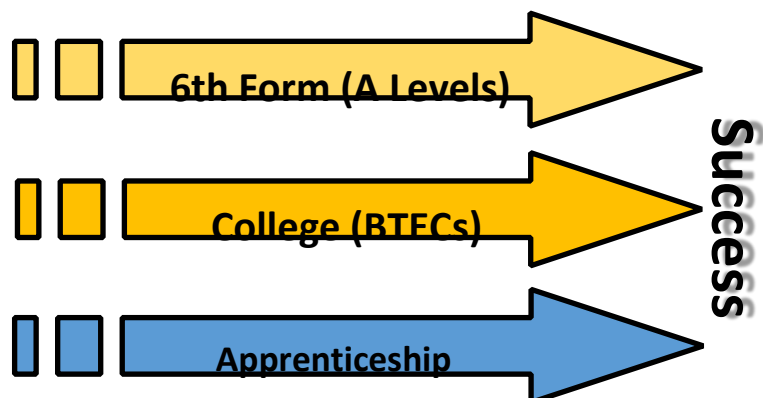
- What is your career ambition?
- What are your favourite subjects?
- What are your least favourite subjects?
- How do you like to learn?
- What are your predicted grades?
- Would you like to go to university?
- What qualifications are needed for your career ambition?



Remember there are plenty of people who can help you make your decision. Here are a few:

- Careers Adviser
- Tutor
- Subject Teachers
- Family
- Friends

BUT the most important person who can help is **YOU!!**



Useful websites:

www.prospects.ac.uk

www.icould.com

www.ucas.com

www.careerpilot.org.uk

www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk

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