

Destinations



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Aim of this session

- To start thinking about options for your child after year 11
- To support in this process



What you need to know

The legal bit....

Until students are 18 they must:

- stay in full-time education, for example at a college
- start an [apprenticeship](#) or [traineeship](#)
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training



What you need to know

WHY?

To stop our students becoming 'NEET'
(Not in Education, Employment or Training)

Risks of becoming NEET include:

- Depression
- Poor Health
- Housing Issues
- Criminal activity

(all of which can continue into adulthood)



What you need to know

Regardless of what your child decides to do after leaving school, if your child has not secured at least a grade 4 in Maths and English they will be required by law to continue studying these subjects until they are 18.



Options after year 11...

Study full-time

Schools, colleges and training providers offer a range of subjects and courses that you can study full-time. You can study:

- **subjects:** [A levels](#). These are good if there are subjects you like and want to study further, or if you are planning to go to university. You normally need to have at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (or an equivalent qualification) and may need at least a grade 6 in any specific subjects you want to study. English and Maths will need at least a grade 4 or they will be required to re-take.
- **work and job-related courses:** [NVQs](#), [BTECs](#), [TechBacs](#) and [Cambridge Technicals](#) are good qualifications to take if you want to combine hands on, practical learning with studying subjects and technical skills. They are specialist courses which relate to particular jobs, sectors, or subject areas. Depending on what qualifications you take, you can go on to further education, training, or employment, or you can go to university.



Options after year 11...

Apprenticeships, traineeships and supported internships

You can also choose to train while you work by taking on an apprenticeship, traineeship or supported internship.

- **Apprenticeship**: You work for an employer and train to do a specific job at the same time. There are over 280 types of apprenticeship for over 1,500 job roles – anything from engineering to boat-building, or veterinary nursing to accountancy.
- **Traineeship**: Gets you ready for work or for doing an apprenticeship. They last from six weeks to six months and provide essential work preparation training, literacy and numeracy skills and work experience to get an apprenticeship or other job.
- **Supported internship**: Just for students with learning difficulties or learning disabilities who want to get a job and need extra support to do this. They last for at least six months and are unpaid. You get work experience and an employer trains you to do a job role. You also get to study for qualifications or other courses to help you get ready to take up a job.



Options after year 11...

Work or volunteer while studying part-time

You can combine training or studying for a qualification and work at the same time.

- It doesn't have to be a paid job, you can volunteer on a project or with a charity, or get a work-experience placement in a career or job area that interests you.
- Colleges and training providers offer a wide range of training courses that are part-time, including A levels and work-related qualifications like BTECs or NVQs.
- [Browse the different courses and qualifications on UCAS Progress Search](#) and speak to the school, college or training provider to find out more.



Not sure what to do?

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/a-level-choices/315491-what-a-level-subjects-should-i-take>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/0/what-next-after-gcses-a-guide-to-apprenticeships-btecs-and-nvqs/>

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/job-descriptions>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/getting-started/what-are-my-options>

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/students/apprenticeships-for-16-year-olds>



Work Backwards!

- Work backwards – think about what you want to do as a future career.
- Research what qualifications you may need (this may even stretch as far as thinking about what university course you need to do and therefore which A-Levels/BTECs you need to do to get into the university).
- Find out which colleges/companies provide these courses



Work Backwards!

- Go online and find out the dates of the open evenings and application deadlines.
- Go and visit the college! Encourage your child to discuss with you what they liked/didn't like
- Students shouldn't choose a college based on where their friends are going – they may have a completely different career path in mind . Plus, they will make new friends!
- Encourage your child to write a personal statement to go with your application form, this will help them stand out from the crowd.
- Sit down with your child when they do their application
- Apply to AT LEAST 2 colleges. Keep options open!
- Voluntary work experience
- Work Work Work!



Open Days 2019

Kingston College

– Saturday 28 September, 10am-2pm

Carshalton College and Merton College

– Saturday 5 October, 10am-2pm

South Thames College

– Saturday 12 October, 10am-2pm



Open Days 2019

Nescot College

25th September – 4.30-7.30pm

19th October – Open day

20th November – 4.30-7.30pm



Open Days 2019

Hollyfield Sixth Form

15th November 6.30-8.30pm



Open Days 2019

Greycourt Sixth Form

7th Nov 6.30-8.30pm



Any Questions?

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