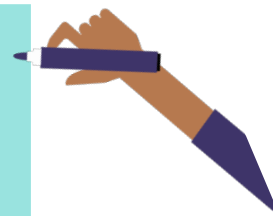


Parent and Carers Guide to Post 16 Pathways

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Choosing GCSE options will have been the first time your young person could start to shape the direction their educational journey took them. However their choices were most likely restricted to blocks of subjects offered by their school. When selecting post-16 options your young person will have complete freedom to choose a pathways that suits them and, if known, their career aspirations. This quick guide is designed to give you an overview of the pathways your young person might consider and signpost to some helpful websites and resources.



A Levels

- Academic study across two years at school or college with a final assessment at the end of year 13.
- Typically students will choose 3 different academic subjects with a mix of practical, coursework and exam assessments.

T Levels *(May not be offered by all post-16 providers)*

- Alternative to A Levels, providing a mix of classroom and on-the-job learning over 2 years, including a minimum of 315 hours (~45 days) work placement.
- Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction* grading
- From September 2020 3 courses will be available: Digital, Construction and Education & Childcare.

What could my young person do?

A Levels

T Levels

BTEC

Apprenticeships

A Level, T Level & BTEC applications are made directly to the provider, usually in the Autumn Term of year 11.

Apprenticeships *(Available across a range of sectors)*

- Your young person will be out in the world of work, working for an employer, earning a wage, and learning new skills.
- Training towards a recognised qualification, (linked to a specific career) makes up 20% of the apprenticeship.
- Application is submitted directly to the employer.

BTEC *(Business & Technology Education Council)*

- Theory and practical based study. Students complete assignments on real-life scenarios to develop practical knowledge and skills.
- Ideal pathway for students who have an interest in an industry but are uncertain which job they would like to do,

Useful Links for Further Information:

Amazing Apprenticeships amazingapprenticeships.com

Take Your Place parents.takeyourplace.ac.uk

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You have successfully navigated post-16 pathways with your young person but what are their options upon completion of their level 3 qualification? Your young person legally has to stay in education until the age of 18; They may choose to go straight into the world of work, take a gap year or continue their studies, depending on whether or not they have a specific career pathway in mind.

Higher Education

- Students work towards a degree at University, Further Education Colleges or through online distance learning.
- Applications are submitted online (Autumn term of Year 13 or Level 3 year 2) through UCAS. Students can apply for up to 5 courses from a choice of over 50,000 course listings.
- A full-time degree course typically lasts 3 years, but may be 4 years if your young person completes a year abroad or a year in industry.



Tuition Fee: *Each academic year your young person can be charged a fee of up to £9,250. This covers teaching, course facilities, support services, etc. Your young person will only repay this the year after they graduate and once they earn above a certain amount.*

Living Cost Loan: *Your young person can apply for support with day-to-day living costs. The amount received will depend on your household income, where they live as a student and where they study.*

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

- A combination of academic study (tuition fees paid by the employer) and direct hands-on experience in the workplace. This pathway may take longer than a traditional degree to complete.
- There are over 100 companies, partnered with over 20 universities, offering Degree Apprenticeships. Applications are made directly to the employer and can be advertised all year round.
- Your young person will be treated as an employee, earning at least the apprentice's minimum wage from the outset.



Useful Links for Further Information:

UCAS www.ucas.com

Uni Connect www.ofsuniconnect.org

Gap Year www.gapyear.com