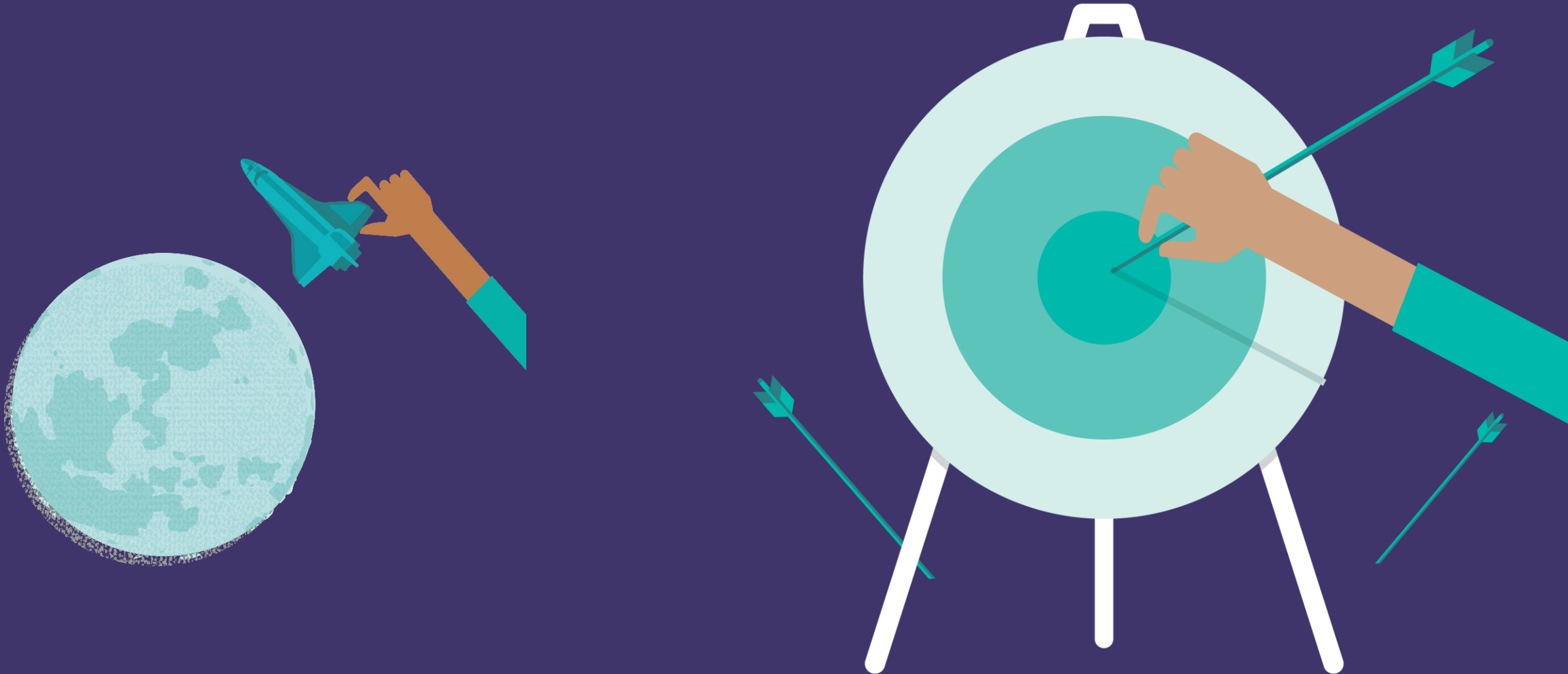


# Exploring Post-16 Options

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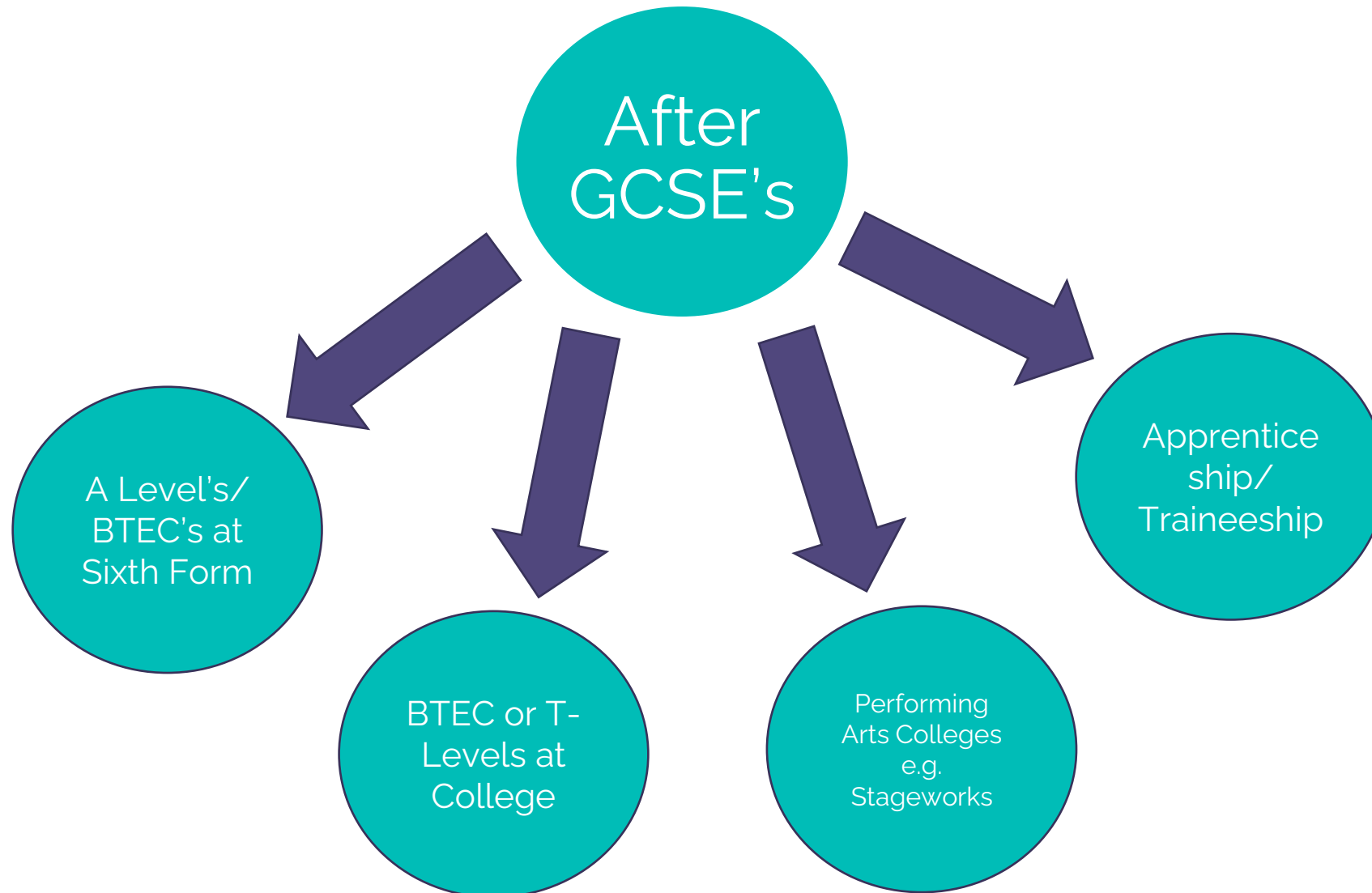
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1. We will look at what your post-16 options are
2. Help you to understand the differences between post-16 pathways and explain the benefits of each
3. Support you to begin to consider your post-16 options and the steps you need to take to get there



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# What could I study?

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Option areas	Examples	Key points
A-Levels/ T-Levels	English A-Level  T Level Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	Strong route to university or other Higher Education Institution. Keeps your options open – you can apply for many courses in Higher Education. T-Levels are equivalent to 3 A levels, and will be more available in local colleges by 2024
Vocational i.e. practical-based qualifications.	BTEC Plumbing BTEC Childcare BTEC Health and Social Care	Gets you started in a particular sector. Can be a stepping stone to more advanced level qualifications, depending what you choose. Can still gain entry to University.
Apprenticeship (post-16)	Logistics (Tesco) Customer Service (Boots)	Lets you work on a placement and learn at the same time. At post-16, most of options are at intermediate or advanced level. You will need to apply in a competitive process Being offered a place is not guaranteed.
Traineeship		Normally a sixth month course to help you prepare for an Apprenticeship
Performing Arts College	Musical Theatre BTEC Acting BTEC	These pathways are suited to students who are pretty confident on an early career in the field. Check qualifications still gain entry to higher education Auditions required

# Lets explore some examples

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Longsands Academy  
**Psychology A Level**  
**Politics A Level**  
**Economics A Level**

Cambridge Regional  
College  
**Level 3 National Extended  
Diploma in Sport Coaching  
and Development**

Stageworks  
**Musical Theatre or  
Acting Foundation  
Course (2 years)**

Bedford College  
**Design & Development  
for Engineering &  
Manufacturing T-Level**

Cambridge Regional  
College  
**Hairdressing  
Apprenticeship**

# What qualifications will I need to progress on to Higher Education?

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To apply for most degree level courses you will need Level 3 qualifications such as A Levels, BTEC's or T Levels



Post-18 options



Post-16 options



You are here now



		UNIVERSITY	
LEVEL 8	Doctorate PhD		
LEVEL 7	Master's Degree MA, MSc, MPhil		
LEVEL 6	University Degree BA, BSc		
LEVEL 5		Foundation Degree FdA, FdSc	HND
LEVEL 4			HNC
LEVEL 3	A-Level A2 AS	L3 Extended Diploma (National Diploma)	L3 Diploma (National Certificate)
LEVEL 2	GCSE Grades A-C	L2 Diploma (1st Diploma)	
LEVEL 1	GCSE Grades D-G	L1 Diploma (Foundation)	
ENTRY LEVEL 3	Key Stage 3	E3 Diploma (Foundation)	
SCHOOL / 6TH FORM		F.E. COLLEGE	

# What grades will I need?

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6 GCSE's Grade 9-4

3 A Levels A-C

T-Level (equivalent to 3 A levels)

Level 3 Extended BTEC

NVQ Level 2

Refer to your worksheet and match up the entry requirements to the correct study pathway

# Exploring progression routes

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Deciding upon post-16 options isn't easy – it's important to ask yourself why and what..

- **Why** do I want to apply to sixth form, college or an Apprenticeship?
- **Why** is this the best route for me?

Then ask...

- **What** subjects do I enjoy and which am I good at?
- **What** have I based my decision on? Have you explored all of the information sources available to you?
- **What** are my study/ career plans? Have I looked in to university courses or Apprenticeships to check you are picking the right subjects? Have I considered how my skills and interests link to certain jobs?

If in doubt, consider choosing facilitating subjects



# Why are GCSEs important?

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As you have seen, there are different routes available to you after GCSEs and after you are 18!

Your GCSE results affect the following:

- The sixth form you go to
- The qualification you take next
- Your eligibility for a university course
- The universities you can apply to
- Your career prospects



# Reflections

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Why is it important to try and get good grades at GCSE?

Which options do I want to explore further?

Do you have a clearer idea of options after GCSEs?

Who could I talk to about my options after GCSE?

# How can I choose my next steps?

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## Activity:

1. Read the case studies provided
2. Which post-16 options would work best for the featured students and why?

