

# Student Careers Information

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# Post 16 options for Year 11 Students

Your local authority has a duty to make sure you are offered a suitable place by the end of September.

Contact your local authority for information on who can help find you a suitable offer.

You may be eligible for the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund, which can help with things like books, travel or equipment if you will struggle with education or training costs.

If you have an Education Health and Care (EHC) plan, you can get support to choose your next steps and extra help when you are in education, training or work.

YOU CAN LEAVE SCHOOL ON THE LAST FRIDAY IN JUNE IF YOU'LL BE 16 BY THE END OF THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS **BUT** YOU MUST THEN CHOOSE WHETHER TO:

1. *stay in full-time education - for example at school, sixth form college, further education college or University Technical College (UTC)*
2. *start an apprenticeship or traineeship*
3. *spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering while also doing part-time education or training*



# Need to Know

Young people can only start full-time work once they've reached the minimum school leaving age - they can then work up to a maximum of 40 hours a week.

A young person must be in part-time education or training until they're 18.

[Click below for help choosing a career.](#)



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[Click above for help choosing an apprenticeship.](#)

**Traineeships** are a real job. They allow you to learn new in-demand skills while you're getting paid

[Click below for help choosing an traineeship.](#)





# A Levels



You could carry on studying subjects you took for GCSE to a higher level.

- A Levels take 2 years
- You will be assessed usually by exams at the end of the course
- Level of study: 3
- Entry requirements: Typically 5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 (usually including English and Math)
- Leads to: University or college courses, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
- Find out more: [UCAS Information about A levels](#)



# T Levels

## T Levels



These courses are designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace.

You will combine classroom learning with real work placements for 2 years.

**1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.**

You will be assessed by Exams, projects and practical assignments

Level of study: 3

Entry requirements: Depends on the course. Usually 5 GCSEs

Work experience:

Along side your classroom studies you must complete at least 45 days on industry placement

This course leads to: Work, higher and degree apprenticeships, college and university courses

Find out more:

[Gov.uk information about T Levels](https://www.gov.uk/t-levels)



# Level 2 Qualifications

## Exam retakes

- If you didn't get the results you wanted, you can resit some of your courses or sign up for some new qualifications at a further education college
- This takes 1 year
- Qualifications: Level 2 and 3 qualifications like GCSE, A level and BTEC which leads to:
  - Higher level or degree apprenticeship,
  - further education (College),
  - higher education (University)
  - work
- Speak to your school careers leader

## Vocational & Technical qualifications

- These courses teach you the practical skills and knowledge for a particular area of employment which will prepare you for employment in sectors like engineering or travel and tourism, or for a specific job like a chef or a hairdresser.
- This could last 1 or more years
- Assessment: Can include coursework, skills tests & exams
- Level of study: 1 - 2
- Entry requirements: Course dependent
- You will learn in real situations in college, e.g. in a college restaurant or a salon that is open to the public. You may also have the chance to undertake a work placement with an employer.
- Leads to: Apprenticeship, work, college or university



# Combine Work & Study: Apprenticeships

- There are different levels of apprenticeships: Intermediate, Advanced & Degree apprenticeships. Start at a level to suit you, with support if you have special needs or disabilities
- Apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary.
- You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college or training centre.
- Apprenticeships last a minimum of 1 year
- Entry requirements: Will be dependent on the industry and apprenticeship level
- Qualifications you will achieve depends on the level apprenticeship.
- Apprenticeships can leads to:
  - Work, next level of apprenticeship
  - further education
  - higher education
- Find out more: [Gov.uk information about Apprenticeships](#)



# Combine Work & Study: Employer Schemes

## School Leaver Schemes

- Some companies in sectors like accountancy, engineering, finance, IT, law, leisure and retail offer a chance to learn and train while earning a wage.
- You will move between different locations with the same company to get experience and it can include distance learning or time in college.
- School leaver schemes can last 3 to 7 years
- Entry requirements: Usually high grade A levels or equivalent and a keen interest in the sector you want to work in
- Qualifications: A university degree and/or professional qualification
- Leads to: Professional employment



# Combine Work & Study: Supported Internships

- Supported internships are for young people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, who need extra support to get a job.
- You will spend most of your time on placements with an employer, learning skills for work. You'll also get help from a tutor and a job coach.
- This lasts at least 6 months
- Entry requirements: Aged 16-24 with an Education Health and Care Plan
- Qualifications: GCSE English and math
- These internships lead to: Work, traineeship, apprenticeship
- Find out more:
  - speak to your social worker or a transition worker
  - speak to your Jobcentre Plus adviser





# Speak to an Advisor

You can speak to a career advisor:

call 0800 100 900 or use webchat

Between:

**8am to 8pm** Monday to Friday

**10am to 5pm** Saturday and bank holidays

## Other opportunities

- You could look at what work and study options will be available to you at 18.
- You could also consider volunteering to strengthen your job and study opportunities.