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MET Post 16 Decisions *Information Evening for Parents and Guardians*

With
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Trust Careers Adviser

Post-16 choices

1) In England - all young people are legally required to be in some form of education or training until they are... **18 years old**

2) The 3 main options after Year 11 are... **F.E. college, sixth form, or apprenticeship**

3) Ways to research about post Year 11 options:

A few suggestions:

- UNIFROG
- school/college/company/apprenticeship websites
- Attendance at sixth form & college open events
- Attendance at Trust F.E./H.E. Fair
- Attendance at Trust / local school Careers Fair...

The benefits of preparation...



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- ✓ **Time** to do **important research** & **explore options**
- ✓ Increased **confidence** (for students, parents and guardians!)
- ✓ Ability to make an ***informed decision***
- ✓ Fewer surprises + avoids disappointment (e.g. missed deadlines)
- ✓ **Ready** for exciting unplanned opportunities! (e.g. apprenticeship opportunities, etc.)
- ✓ **Less** panic!



When do Year 11 students need to start **applying** for Sixth forms, colleges & apprenticeships to start after Year 11?



**Autumn Term
of
Year 11!
(October 2024!)**



Things to consider – post 16 options:



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- Individual needs (including learning preferences, Special Educational Needs (SEN), EHCP, etc.)
- Future plans – some post 18 routes may require certain subjects / courses
- GCSE grades (predicted and actual)
- Type of provision / entry requirements



Education Levels



Level 3	A-Levels	BTEC Extended Diploma (= X3 A-Levels) T-Level (= x3 A-Levels)	BTEC Diploma (= 1.5 - 2 A=Levels)	BTEC Extended Certificate (= 1 A-Level)	Advanced Apprenticeship
Level 2	GCSE Grades 4-9	BTEC <u>Level 2</u>, NVQ (National <u>Vocational Qualification</u>)			Intermediate Apprenticeship or Traineeship
Level 1	GCSE Grades 1-3	Level 1 Award, Certificate, Diploma + Level 1 in ESOL, Essential Skills, Functional Skills, NVQ, and Music (grades 1-3)			Traineeship
Entry Level	Tier 3 – <small>Including GCSE English / Maths</small> Tier 2 Tier 1	Entry Level Award, Certificate (ELC), Diploma + Entry Level in ESOL, (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Essential Skills Functional Skills, and Skills for Life			Traineeship

GCSE grades explained

How the new grades compare with old ones



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Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 Strong Pass
	4 Standard Pass
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-48993830>



BTEC grades explained



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BTEC Level 1/2 Firsts	BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Awards	BTEC Level 2 Technicals	BTEC Level 3 Nationals BTEC (QCF) qualifications
Level 2 Distinction (D)	Level 2 Distinction (L2D)	Distinction (D)	Distinction (D)
Level 2 Merit (M)	Level 2 Merit (L2M)	Merit (M)	Merit (M)
Level 2 Pass (P)	Level 2 Pass (L2P)	Pass (P)	Pass (P)
Level 1 Pass (L1)	Level 1 Distinction (L1D)		Near Pass (N)
	Level 1 Merit (L1M)		
	Level 1 Pass (L1)		

<https://careermap.co.uk/career-advice/school-leavers/btec-results-day>





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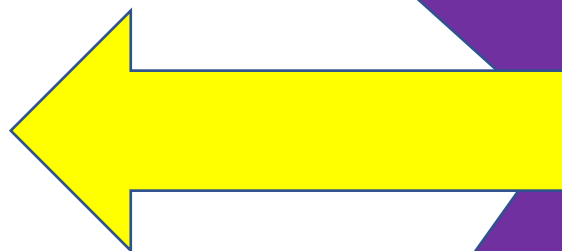
What qualification levels mean

Contents

- [Overview](#)
- [England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#)
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England, Wales and Northern Ireland

There are 9 qualification levels.



Related content

- [Further education courses and funding](#)
- [Higher education courses: find and apply](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>



Post 16 qualifications – consider GCSE grades, career ideas/plans, next steps post 18

LEVEL 3	<u>A and AS Levels</u> +	<u>T Levels</u> +	<u>Advanced Apprenticeship</u> +
	<u>International Baccalaureate</u> +	<u>Vocational Level 3 - e.g. BTEC, OCR, City and Guilds, Diploma</u> +	<u>NVQ Level 3</u> +
	<u>Open University Access Modules</u> +		
LEVEL 2	<u>GCSE Grades 4- 9</u> +	<u>Transition Year (to get ready for T Levels and other voc quals)</u> +	<u>Intermediate Apprenticeship</u> +
	<u>Maths/English/IT Functional Skills courses</u> +	<u>Vocational qualifications - eg Level 2 - BTEC Certificate/ Diploma, OCR/ City and Guilds</u> +	<u>NVQ Level 2</u> +
LEVEL 1	<u>GCSE Grades 1-3</u> +	<u>Vocational qualifications - eg Level 1 - BTEC Certificate/ Diploma, OCR/ City and Guilds</u> +	<u>NVQ Level 1</u> +
	<u>Maths/English/IT Functional Skills courses</u> +		
ENTRY LEVEL	<u>Entry Level</u>		+



- ✓ A-Levels are **Advanced Level, Level 3** qualifications
- ✓ Students usually take x3 A-Levels **OR** sometimes 4
- ✓ Students can also **mix** A-Levels with taking an Applied Level/s or BTECs / CTECs (Extended Certificates OR diplomas) - usually choose x3 subjects.
- ✓ **Grading** – A-E
Each Grade equivalent to points (known as UCAS points):
A*=56, A= 48, B=40, C=32, D=24, E=16.

**Some
facts!**



Understanding A-Levels: A-Z of subjects on offer



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- Accounting, Africaans, Ancient History, **Art and Design**, Arabic, Archaeology.
- Bengali, Biblical Hebrew, **Biology**, **Business**.
- **Chemistry**, Chinese, Classical Civilisation, Classical Greek, **Computer Science**, Criminology.
- Dance, **Design & Technology**, Design & Textiles, Digital Media & Design, Digital Technology, Divinty, Drama, **Drama & Theatre**.
- **Economics**, Electronics, **English Language**, English Language & Literature, **English Literature**, Environmental Science, Environmental Technology.
- **Fashion & textiles**, **Film Studies**, **French**, **Further Mathematics**.
- **Geography**, **German**, Greek, Gujarati.
- Health & Social Care, Hindi, Hinduism, **History**, History of Art.
- Irish, Islamic Studies, Italian.
- Japanese, Journalism.
- Latin, **Law**, Life and Health Sciences.
- Marine Science, **Mathematics**, Media Studies, Modern Hebrew, Moving Image Arts, **Music**, Music Technology.
- Nutrition and Food Science.
- Punjabi, Persian, Philosophy, **Photography**, **Physical Education**, **Physics**, Polish, Politics, Portuguese, **Product Design**, **Psychology**.
- Religious Studies, Russian.
- **Sociology**, Software Systems Development, **Spanish**, Sport Science, Statistics.
- Tamil, Telugu, Technology & Design, **Theatre Studies**, Thinking Skills, Turkish, Travel & Tourism.
- Urdu.
- Welsh.

• **Subjects offered at Maiden Erlegh sixth form**

Tools you can use to help you choose A-Level subjects:

1. Search the **Careers library** and **Subjects library** using your three favourite subjects at school, and work back from there.
2. Use your **Interests profile** and **Personality profile** to search the Careers library or Subjects library, and work back from there.

Careers library

✓ Careers favourited

Go to tool >

Subjects library

✓ Subjects favourited

Go to tool >

Interests profile

✓ Quiz completed: C and A and S

Start >

Personality profile

✓ Quiz completed: ESFJ and ESFP

Start >

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BTECS – Busting myths

What are BTECs?

- A BTEC is practical-based, vocational qualification. They are a great alternative to other qualifications, like A-Levels, if you want less classroom-based learning.
- There are over 2000 BTECs available across 16 sectors, so BTECs can open up doors to careers in STEM, construction, business and many more.
- You can take BTECs and other qualifications, like GCSEs, A-Levels and Highers, alongside each other.
- BTECs are fantastic courses – some may be replaced by T-Levels.

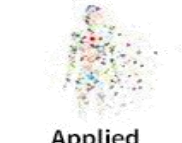
You can study more subjects at BTEC level than you think!



Agriculture



Animal Management



Applied Human Biology



Applied Science



Children's Play, Learning and Development



Computing



Construction



Countryside Management



Applied Psychology



Applied Law



Art and Design



Business



Creative Digital Media Production



Engineering



Enterprise and Entrepreneurship



Equine Management



Information Technology



Music



Music Technology



Performing Arts



Forestry and Arboriculture



Forensic and Criminal Investigation



Health and Social Care



Horticulture



Uniformed Protective Service



Sport



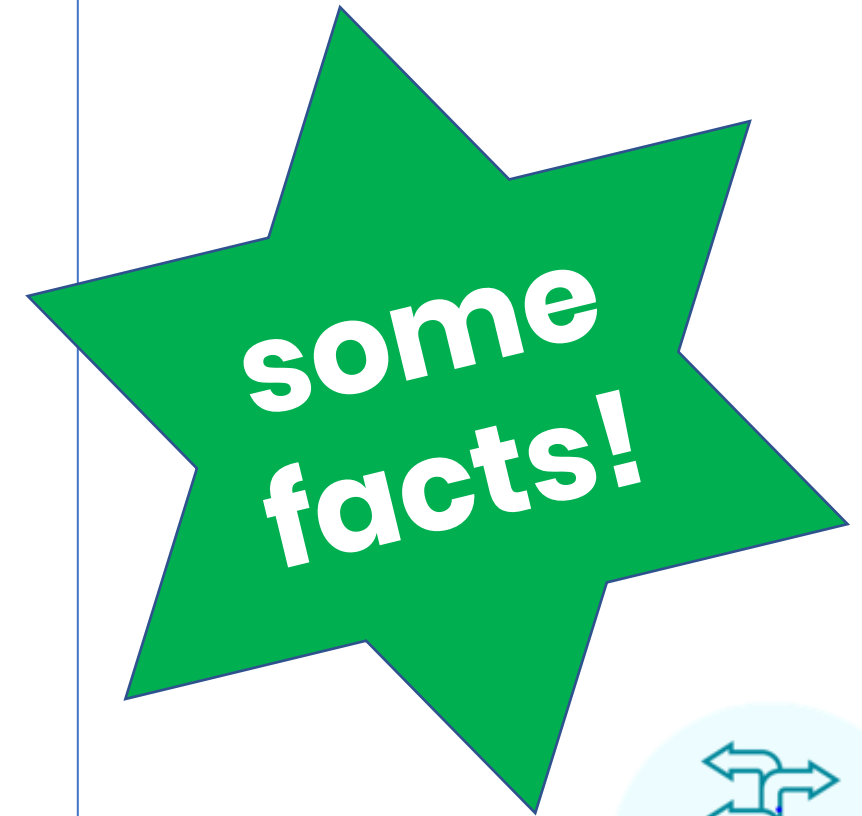
Sport and Exercise Science



Travel and Tourism



- ✓ Broadly **equivalent to** x3 A-Levels.
- ✓ **Level 3** qualification.
- ✓ Lasts **2 years**.
- ✓ **Technical** qualification with **industry placement** with employer (minimum 45 days)
- ✓ **Transition programme at level 2** available – lasting x1 year (if you do not achieve required GCSE grades).
- ✓ **Grading** – Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction* for UCAS grades see: www.ucas.com / www.gov.uk





- Design, surveying and planning for construction
- Digital production, design and development
- Education and early years
- Building services engineering for construction
- Digital business services
- Health
- Healthcare science
- Onsite construction
- Science
- Accounting
- Design and development for engineering and manufacturing
- Engineering, manufacturing, processing and control
- Finance
- Maintenance, installation and repair or engineering and manufacturing
- Management and administration
- Agriculture, land management and production
- Legal services
- Animal care and management
- Craft and Design
- Hair, beauty and aesthetics
- Media, broadcast and production

**Gradually being
rolled out.
Offered by some,
not all F.E. colleges.**





- ✓ **Applied Levels** are growing in popularity/variety of subjects on offer.
- ✓ Also known as '**Extended Certificates**'.
- ✓ **Combine** coursework & exams (approximately 50:50)
- ✓ Students can **combine** A-Levels with taking Applied Level/s (Extended Certificates) OR BTEC - usually choose x3 subjects in total.
- ✓ Not offered by all sixth forms / F.E. colleges.
- ✓ **Some universities** may require at least x1 A-Level alongside Applied Levels.
- ✓ For UCAS grades see www.ucas.com

**Some
facts!**



Applied Levels (Extended Certificates)



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A levels: 3 courses over 2 years (Level 3)	Applied 'A levels': Typically combined with A levels	Extended Diploma: Fulltime specialist course over 2 years (Level 3)
Assessment: Mainly exam-based	Assessment: 50/50 assignment & exam <small>End of Year 1 = Certificate End of Year 2 = Extended Certificate</small>	Assessment: Mainly assignment-based
3 A grades = 144 UCAS points	3 A or Distinction grades = 144 UCAS points	Triple Distinction = 144 UCAS points
Progression: Higher Education / Employment	Progression: Higher Education / Employment	Progression: Higher Education / Employment

- Applied Criminology
- Applied Engineering
- Applied Games Production
- Applied Human Biology
- Applied I.T.
- Applied Law
- Applied Marketing
- Applied Production Arts
- Applied Psychology
- Applied Public Services
- Applied Sport & Fitness
- Applied Sport & Exercise Science
- Applied Travel & Tourism
- + more





Exploring the 3 Main post 16 options:

- Further Education College
- Sixth Form
- Apprenticeship



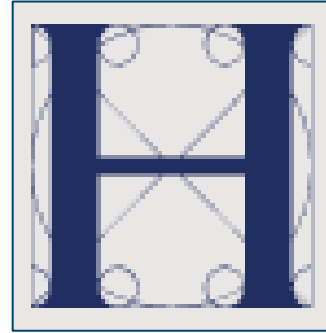


Definition:

Further education – often abbreviated to F.E. – includes any study after Year 11 (secondary school level) that is not part of higher education (e.g. degree level). Includes education from age 16–18/19 (+ any courses at Levels 3 or lower taken by adults).



Local F.E. colleges



*New Meaning is a specialist, alternative provision for students with an ECHP – offer Sport and Construction courses



A brief overview of courses / opportunities at local F.E. colleges

Activate Learning: Reading College

A-levels, T-levels, Applied Levels +
BTEC

* Specialist courses – e.g. in
Construction (bricklaying, plumbing,
etc.) Hair & Beauty, Vehicle
Maintenance, Professional Culinary
Arts (Chef training)

Activate Learning: Bracknell & Wokingham College (Bracknell)

A-Levels, T-levels, Applied Levels +
BTEC

*Specialist courses – e.g. in
Construction (basic construction
skills, Electrical Installation, etc.)
Hair & Beauty, Vehicle
Maintenance

BCA (Maidenhead):

BTEC / Technical qualifications only

*Specialist courses – Agriculture (Farming), Animal Management,
Equine Studies, Outdoor Education, Vehicle Maintenance

- Has Academy of Sport in Football, Netball and Rugby (all require Try-outs)



Further
Education
(F.E.)
College

Henley College:

Wide range of A-levels, BTEC, Applied Levels, T-
Levels

* Has Elite Sports Programmes in Basketball,
Football, Rowing, Rugby Union - (all require try-
outs)

Most colleges offer courses in Applied Science, Art & Design, Business, Childcare, Creative Media Production, Health and Social Care, Engineering, IT, Performing Arts, Public Services, Travel & Tourism, and Sport related studies.

You can also explore colleges further afield – e.g. Newbury, Slough, Oxford, etc. – consider distance. Football Academies also at John Madejski Academy & Procision - Reading + Football Coaching at Piggott School

A list of local F.E. colleges



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F.E. college	Website
BCA, Maidenhead	Vocational, Technical, & Higher Education BCA
BCoT (Basingstoke College of Technology)	Basingstoke College of Technology (bcot.ac.uk)
Bracknell & Wokingham (Activate Learning)	Bracknell and Wokingham College (activatelearning.ac.uk)
City of Oxford (Activate Learning)	City of Oxford College (activatelearning.ac.uk)
Farnborough College of Technology	Farnborough College of Technology Ofsted Outstanding - Farnborough College of Technology (farn-ct.ac.uk)
Farnborough Sixth Form College	The Sixth Form College Farnborough
Henley College	Home The Henley College Oxfordshire
Langley College (near Slough)	Vocational, Technical, & Higher Education Langley College



Click on the college website links at home to find out more

A list of local F.E. colleges



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F.E. college	Website
Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke	Build your future at Queen Mary's Sixth Form College. - Queen Mary's College (qmc.ac.uk)
Reading College (Activate Learning)	Reading College (activatelearning.ac.uk)
Sparsholt College (near Winchester)	Welcome to Sparsholt College and University Centre - Sparsholt College Hampshire
Strodes College	Sixth Form College & Courses Strode's College and Windsor College (strodes-windsor.ac.uk)
Uxbridge College (towards London)	Uxbridge College Further Education, Higher Education & Apprenticeships - Uxbridge College Top London College
UTC, Reading	UTC Reading
Windsor College	Homepage - Windsor Forest College (windsor-forest.ac.uk)



These lists do not include private schools. Scholarships for privately funded sixth forms can be available



A wide variety of courses + specialisms at levels 1-3:




























- Animal Care & Management
- Agriculture
- Arboriculture
- Horticulture
- Motor Vehicle

<https://www.bca.ac.uk/subjects/>



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Your Study Options - Subjects

 Agriculture Full Time Apprenticeship	 Adult Learning for Independence and Employment (ALIFE) Full Time or Apprenticeship	 Animal Management Full Time	 Applied Science Full Time
 Arboriculture Apprenticeship or (AC) Landbased Training	 Art & Design Full Time	 Beekeeping AC Landbased Training, Part Time	 Business Studies Full Time
 Children's Development & Learning Higher, Vocational & Degree	 Early Years Full Time	 Equine Studies Full Time	 Floristry Apprenticeship
 Foundation Studies Full Time	 Greenkeeping & Sports Turf Management Apprenticeship	 Health & Social Care Full Time	 Horticulture Full Time, Apprenticeship, Part Time
 Land-based Engineering Full Time or Apprenticeship	 Land Management & Excavation Apprenticeship	 Media Production Full Time	 Motor Vehicle Full Time
 Outdoor Education Full Time	 Performing Arts Full Time	 Pet First Aid AC Landbased Training	 Production Arts Full Time
 Protective Services Full Time	 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Full Time	 Sports Studies Full Time	



[Career pathways - Bracknell and Wokingham College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](https://activatelearning.ac.uk)

Career pathways

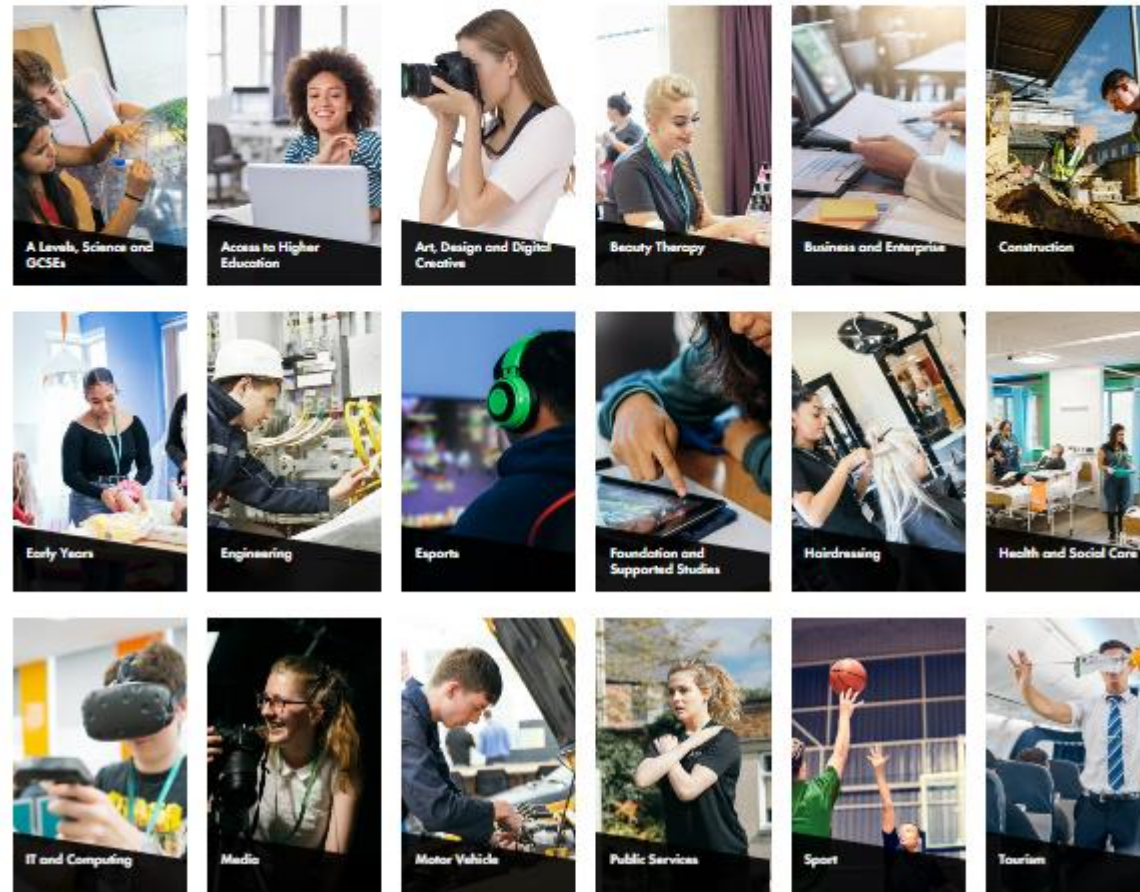
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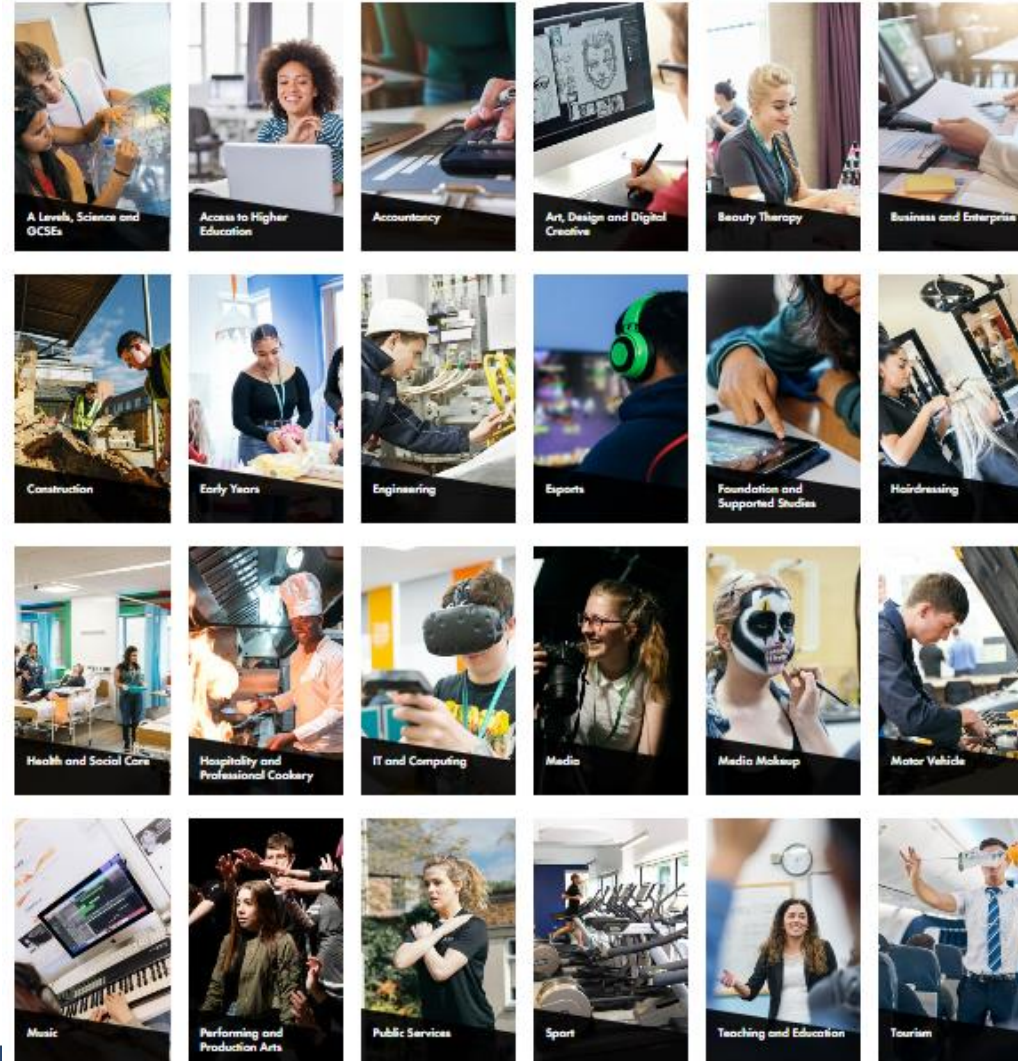
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<https://reading.activatelearning.ac.uk/courses/career-pathways/>



- Foundation level courses
- SEND /
Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities
- Courses for specifically for students with an EHCP

[SEND - Reading College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](https://activatelearning.ac.uk)

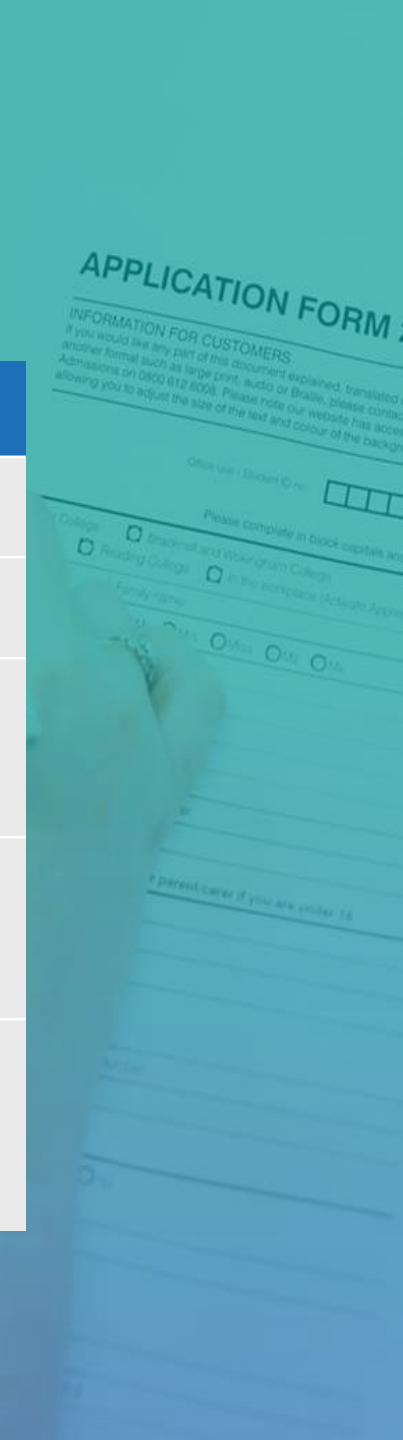




Entry requirements:

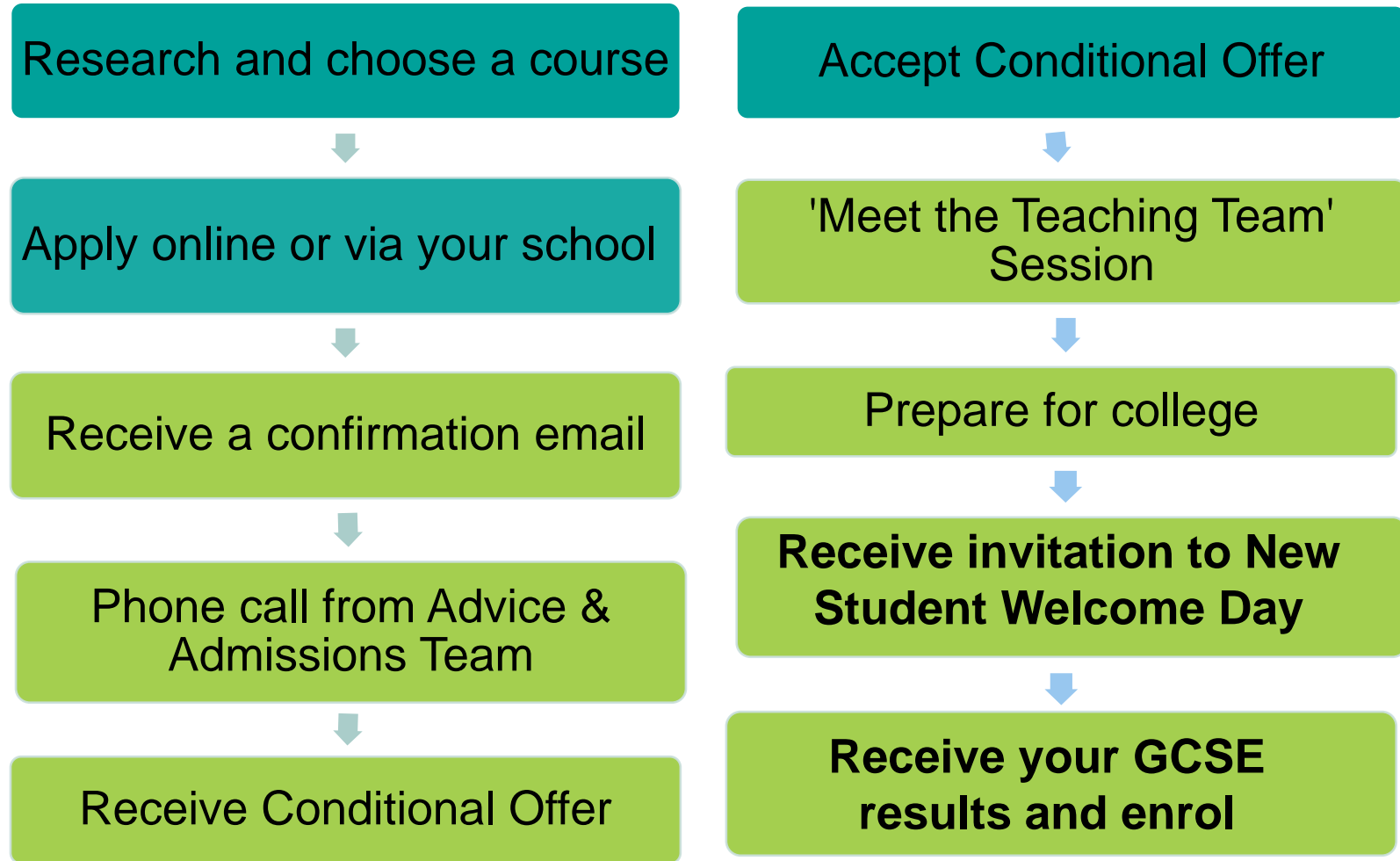
Qualification	Entry Requirements
Entry Level	No formal entry requirements
Level 1	Range of GCSEs at grades 3-1
Level 2	Two to four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent.
Level 3 A Levels	Four or five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent.
T Level 3	Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent (only at Oxford).

***Please note:** this is a guide only as *some courses may require specific entry criteria.*





Applying to college



*Early application will reserve a place on your chosen course. Your offer is conditional, so you must meet the grade criteria. If you don't achieve this, there will be the opportunity to consider a lower level or an alternative course.



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SEARCH FOR YOUR NEXT COURSE

We offer over 60 high-achieving A Levels and Vocational Diploma courses, including many subjects not commonly offered at school sixth forms or by many other colleges.

WHICH COURSE SHOULD I CHOOSE?

Click **here** to explore the different types of courses we offer, find the most suitable one for you.

FILTER TYPE: All

- A LEVEL**
 - All
 - A Level
- Accounting**
 - Foundation Learning
- Ancient His**
 - T Level
- Applied Crii**
 - Vocational Courses (Level 2 and Other)
 - Vocational Courses (Level 3)
- Applied Digital Games Production**



APPLY NOW



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**Open Events for all courses
Foundation → Level 3 – periodically
throughout year 11.**

SEND courses (students with an EHCP –
may have specific open day/transition meetings/days)

Plan early, attend early, apply early



Example of Year 10 PD Task:

What are the pros and cons of F.E. college?



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Write down any pros or cons you have not already include, in your books (see below for inspiration!)

F.E. college	
Pros	Cons
A fresh start / new environment / new facilities + opportunities	You may prefer to stay somewhere more familiar
You prefer a more vocational route / practical course	Class size may be larger (depending on the course) with less teacher contact
Offer courses not offered by sixth forms	It may be further to travel than school
New teachers can equal a fresh start	You will need to get to know the teachers afresh
You will have the opportunity to meet/mix with new people on your course and other courses	You may prefer to stay with people you already know
Entry requirements (GCSE grades needed) may be lower	You may prefer more teacher contact/access + scheduled self-study lessons
More independence + no requirement to be in college when you do not have lessons	You may prefer a more structured day





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Student Careers Pack

Get ready for your future!

A guide to help you prepare for your next steps after Year 11 and beyond...



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Section 4: Further Education

A useful link to help you consider whether College or Sixth Form is right for you: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDlD_se44g4

IMPORTANT: You can apply for as many Sixth Forms and / or Colleges as you wish – we recommend you apply for at least 3. A variety of places with a variety of entry requirements is a good idea, so you have back-up options, just in case. Having good back-up options helps to keep your options open if something were not quite to go to plan on exam day. Check websites for courses and subjects on offer, as well entry requirements. N.B.: If you are keen to find an apprenticeship also apply for College/s and or Sixth Forms as back-up. Start applying as soon as you can during Year 11. ***Check application deadlines*** to avoid disappointment.

i) Sixth Forms –

IMPORTANT: If you are interested in attending Sixth Form, you will need to start looking on School Sixth Form websites and booking Open Events during the Autumn Term of Year 11. It is usual to need to register / book a place online and, depending on the school. You may need to attend the event face to face or virtually. Look and book **as soon as possible** (many take place during the first term of Year 11 so start to check dates and book early).

Your Trust Sixth Form: Maiden Erlegh School, Earley site:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/>

(Click on Sixth Form tab. Please note, Maiden Erlegh School, and other Sixth Forms, may operate on a catchment area basis – meaning you will need to live within a certain distance of the school).

Other Sixth Forms – please check 'Open Event' dates via school websites regularly, and book online:

Reading and Woodley area:

- Bulmershe <https://www.thebulmersheschool.com/>
- Denefield <http://www.denefield.org.uk/>
- Highdown <https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/>
- Blessed Hugh Farringdon <https://www.hughfarringdon.org/>
- John Madelisk <https://www.johnmadeliskacademy.co.uk/>
- Kendrick <https://www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/> (for Girls)
- King's Academy Prospect <https://www.prospect.reading.sch.uk/>
- Reading Boys <https://www.reading-school.co.uk/> (for Boys)
- Waingels <https://www.waingels.wokingham.sch.uk/>
- The Piggott <https://www.pigoittschool.org/>
- The Wren <https://www.wrenschool.org/>

College	Contact details	Dates of Open Events – 2023-2022
BCoI (Basingstoke College of Technology) Woking Road Basingstoke RG21 1BN	Tel: 01256 254141 Website: www.bcoi.ac.uk Email: enquiries@bcoi.ac.uk	For further information and to register for future Open Events – please see college website
Brookmill & Wokingham College (Activate Learning) Church Road Brookes RG12 1DJ (RG12 1EN for sat nav) (part of Activate Learning Group of Colleges)	Tel: 0800 212 2008 – see telephone number for Activate Learning College Website: brookmillandwokingham.ac.uk Website for all Activate Learning colleges: ActivateLearning-ActivateLearning.ac.uk	For further information and to register for future Open Events – please see college website
City of Oxford College Oxford City Centre campus Osney Rd Oxford OX1 1SA	Tel: 0800 812 2008 – see telephone number for Activate Learning College www.activatelearning.ac.uk Oxford City Centre courses in A-levels and business. Hair and beauty, hospitality and catering, furniture, sports and media Technology campus C in IT and computing, construction, engineering, motor vehicle, plumbing, electrical	For further information and to register for future Open Events – please see college website
Farnborough College of Technology Southley Road Farnborough Hants GU14 5SB	School Leavers - Farnborough College of Technology, at school. A wide range of courses including A-levels and vocational courses Tel: 01252 455555	For further information and to register for future Open Events – please see college website
Aldershot Campus Aldershot Construction College Unit 2, Hester Road Aldershot Hants GU12 4PG	Bricklaying, Carpentry, Electrical Installation or Plumbing. Tel: 01252 407607	For further information and to register for future Open Events – please see college website
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Go to pages 16 and 20 for a list of F.E. Colleges/ with website links!

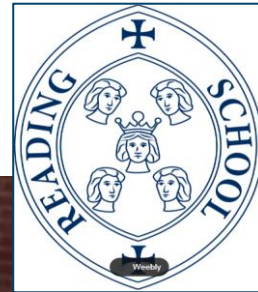
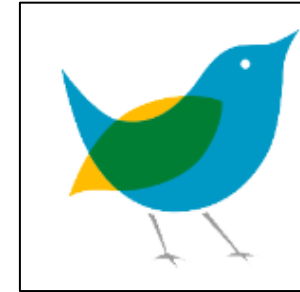
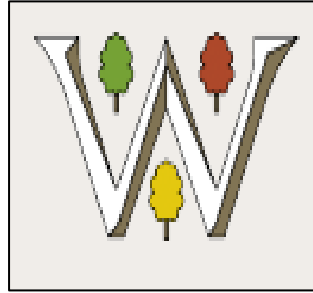
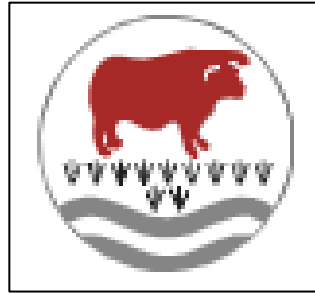
Make a note in your book: 'Student Careers Pack' – pages 17-20 (ready for homework!)



Option 2: Sixth Form



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A list of local sixth forms



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Maiden Erlegh – Earley site: [Maiden Erlegh School - Home](#)

Schools: Earley, Reading, Tilehurst, Woodley area	Website
Blessed Hugh Farringdon	www.hughfaringdon.org/
Bulmershe	www.thebulmersheschool.com/
Denefield	www.denefield.org.uk/
Highdown	www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/
John Madejski Academy	www.johnmadejskiacademy.co.uk/
Kendrick (Girls)	www.kendrick.reading.sch.uk/
Kings Academy Prospect Little Heath	www.kgaprospect.uk/ https://www.littleheath.org.uk/
Reading Boys	www.reading-school.co.uk/
The Piggott School	www.piggottschool.org/
The Wren	www.wrenschool.org/
Waingels	www.waingels.wokingham.sch.uk/



Click on the 'Sixth form' tab/section of school websites to find out more

A list of local sixth forms



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Schools: Wokingham, Bracknell & Ascot area	Website
Brackenhale	www.brakenhale.co.uk
Charters	www.chartersschool.org.uk
Easthampstead Park	www.epschool.org
Edgebarrow	www.edgbarrowschool.co.uk
Emmbrook	www.emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
Garth Hill College	www.garthhillcollege.com/
Forest	www.forest.wokingham.sch.uk/
Ranelagh	www.ranelagh.bracknell-forest.sch.uk
Sandhurst	www.sandhurstschool.org.uk/
St Crispin's	www.crispins.co.uk
The Holt	www.holtschool.co.uk/



These lists do not include private schools. Scholarships for privately funded sixth forms can be available

Research: Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form



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SIXTH FORM

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PROSPECTIVE SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

Maiden Erlegh School Sixth Form is an integral part of our whole school and many students carry out leadership roles within the Sixth Form team and beyond. Our students are regarded as role models for the rest of the school and, as a result, are offered many exciting opportunities, both in school and outside of school.

Maiden Erlegh's values of: **aim high, be inclusive** and **work together** means that and no matter your background, you are most welcome here. We understand that education, at any level, depends on understanding the strengths, aspirations and needs of the whole student body. Our holistic study programmes are key to ensuring that we deliver this rounded education in our sixth form. Students joining us have a range of diverse interests and aspirations, which enrich our Sixth Form and make it even stronger and even more vibrant.

One of the benefits of being a large Sixth Form is the chance to offer a broad curriculum. This allows students to specialise in subjects which may not be available elsewhere. Lessons are delivered by subject specialists who know what students need to do to achieve the top grades. All Sixth

IN THIS SECTION

KEY DATES

SUBJECT INFORMATION

ADVICE ON SUBJECT OPTIONS

SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



Sixth Form Open Event – due Early October 2024, application deadline – early-mid November

Research: Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form – subjects offered



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Courses

Art, Craft and Design,
Fine Art
Photography
Biology
Applied Human Biology BTEC
Business BTEC
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
English Language

English Literature
Fashion & Textiles
Film Studies
French
Geography
German
History
Law
Further Mathematics
Mathematics
Music

Philosophy and Ethics
Physical Education
Physics
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Sport & Physical Activity (Cambridge Technical)
Theatre Studies

**Some courses may be withdrawn if there is insufficient uptake.

Please bookmark website link below - it will contain all updates regarding open evenings, and prospectus updates:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Prospective+Sixth+Form+Students&pid>



Finding subjects/courses



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Distance
10 miles

Start date

Anytime

Course type

- Essential skills
 - T-levels
 - HTQs
 - Free courses for Jobs
 - Multiply
 - Skills bootcamp
- [What course types mean](#)

Learning method

- Online
- Classroom based
- Work based
- Blended learning

Course hours

- Full time
- Part time
- Flexible

Course study time

- Daytime
- Evening
- Weekend
- Day or block release

Course qualification level

- Entry level
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Level 5
- Level 6
- Level 7

[What qualifications levels mean](#)



National Careers Service

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BETA Complete an independent survey to [give us feedback](#) about our website.

Find a course

Search for online and classroom courses near you, to help you get a job or develop your skills.

Town, city or postcode

Reading (Reading, South East)

Course or keyword

Biology

Did you mean:

- [Reading Street \(Ashford, Kent\)](#)
- [Reading Street \(Thanet, Kent\)](#)

Distance

10 miles

Start date

Anytime

Course type

- Essential skills

Showing 1 to 17 of 17 courses

Sort by Distance

[GCE A Level in Biology B](#)

0.44 miles | READING KENDRICK SCHOOL

This course is for students who want to continue studying biology after GCSE. You'll already be familiar with some of the topics but the A level will give you the chance to study these and some ne...

Start date: 1st September 2024

Cost: £0.00

Learning method: Classroom based

Duration: 2 Years, full-time (daytime)

[Biology](#)

0.91 miles | Reading READING SCHOOL

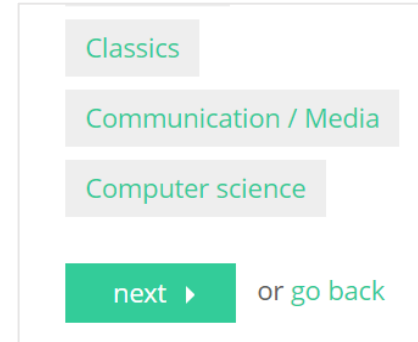
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course>





Using the College/Sixth Form tool

Choose up to ten subjects that interest you.



The longlist will show you all the courses in your area that fit those interests.

Entry – level 2 (1749) Up to and including GCSEs	Level 3 (1086) A-levels and equivalent	Levels 4 - 6 (70) Above A-levels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 Certificate in Employability NEW CITY COLLEGE Distance: 0 miles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery NEW CITY COLLEGE Distance: 0 miles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICT Systems and Principles for IT Professionals 5 E LTD. Distance: 5 miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry Level English Non Reg NEW CITY COLLEGE Distance: 0 miles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery NEW CITY COLLEGE Distance: 0 miles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 5 Pearson (HND) in Hospitality Management NEW CITY COLLEGE Distance: 9 miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 Functional Skills in English 		

Narrow these down to a shortlist of your top options by clicking the ones that you like the most. Click 'Save' to keep a record of the shortlist in your Favourites.



Locating sixth forms, colleges and companies



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Ask family
/ friends

Undertake
research
online / use
a map

Use
google
maps

https://www.google.co.uk/maps/search/sixth+forms+in+reading/@51.436035,-0.9990051,12.5z

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Search this area

Highdown Secondary School and Sixth Form Centre
3.1 ★★★★★ (13) Website Directions
Sixth form college · Surley Row
Open · Closes 4 pm · 0118 901 5800

The Wren School
3.5 ★★★★★ (13) Website Directions
Sixth form college · 61, 63 Bath Rd
Open · Closes 6 pm · 0118 214 3888


UTC Reading
2.8 ★★★★★ (33) Website Directions
School · Crescent Rd
Open · Closes 4 pm · 0118 938 1020
Their website mentions sixth form

Little Heath School
3.4 ★★★★★ (22) Website Directions
Sixth form college · Little Heath Rd
Open · Closes 4 pm · 0118 942 7337

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School
3.0 ★★★★★ (51) Website Directions
Sixth form college · Fawley Rd



<https://www.google.co.uk/maps> - e.g. Type 'sixth forms in Reading (or Woodley, Sonning, etc.) into the search bar...



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Register to vote Register by 18 June to vote in the General Election on 4 July.

[Home](#) > [Education and learning](#) > [School admissions and transport to school](#)

Compare the performance of schools and colleges in England

Search for primary, secondary and special needs schools and colleges near you, and compare their performance.

You can view and download:

- exam and test results
- Ofsted reports

Related content

- [Apply for a secondary school place](#)
- [Types of school](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>

You can also check F.E. college / school OFSTED + exam results their individual websites





- **Undertake research** about subjects/courses. Consider – what subjects you enjoy and are best at, what subjects/courses can lead, and your current career ideas in relation to what is on offer.
- **F.E. colleges** – some offer specialist courses in animal management, agriculture, construction, hair and beauty, hospitality and catering, etc.
- Some offer sport academies too.
- **Entry requirements vary** between all colleges and sixth forms, and for different levels – e.g. Foundation, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.
- **Interviews** may be offered by phone/in-person – be prepared to answer why you wish to study the subjects you have applied for + why you have applied for the college/course/s. Be prepared to talk about career ideas / plans for your future.
- **Attend Open Events** during Autumn Term of Year 11 – helps gain a feel for a college / sixth form, enables you to meet teachers, discover the subjects/courses on offer, understand entry requirements, explore the facilities + learn about application process (Check school websites for open event dates from September onward + book a place if necessary – often done online).
- **Do background reading** via college/sixth form websites
- **Apply** for as many places/apprenticeships as you wish. – apply as early as you can (usually from October onwards) – as popular courses can fill up quickly. **APPLY as EARLY as possible!**
- If one sixth form/college is your first choice, apply to other places + x1 or more college/s (various course levels) – as back-up.
- **Keep on top of applications** during Year 11 – e.g. check and action – phone calls / emails / letters, etc. ***This is very important to ensure you secure places.***
- **Find out about enrolment procedures.** Confirm places on GCSE Results Day + be prepared to take further action, as required.



Apprenticeships...

- ✓ A real job
- ✓ Last minimum of 12 months and up to 6 years
- ✓ (Traineeships can last up to 12 months, but usually up to 6 months)
- ✓ Range from level 2 to level 7
- ✓ Are at Intermediate (2/GCSE), Advanced (3/A-level), Higher (4-5) and Degree (6&7) Level

Apprentices...

- ✓ Do not pay for their training
- ✓ Receive 20% off-the-job learning (college, university, in-house, external training provider)
- ✓ Spend 80% of their time on-the-job
- ✓ Earn a salary – current minimum pay = £4.81 per hour
- ✓ Gain invaluable experience and skills



Accounting and finance



Creative



Nursing



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Hairdressing



Journalism



Horticulture



**....and
many
more!**

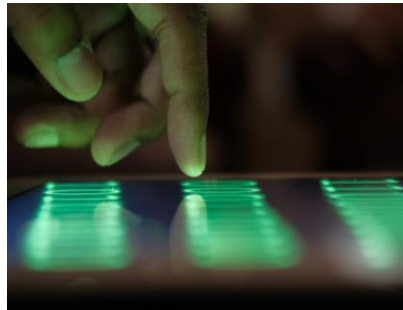
There are currently over 500 apprenticeship standards covering a wide range of industry sectors...

Fact: The Armed Forces are currently the provider offering the highest number of apprenticeship options and opportunities!

Construction



IT / Cyber Security



Legal services



Architecture



Dental Nursing



Business / HR



Apprenticeship Levels



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Traineeship



Level 1

- *Help with getting work – e.g. writing a CV and finding a job
- *Work placement of 70 hours or more
- *Help with the skills required for an apprenticeship or job in area you want to work in
- * Job interview or feedback from an employer
- *Help with English, maths and basic digital skills (if required) *Age 16-24
- *6 weeks – 1 year (usually up to 6 months)

Intermediate
Level 2



GCSE

Advanced
Level 3



A-Level

Higher
Level 4 and 5



Level 4 – HNC
Level 5 – HND, Foundation Degree

Degree
Level 6 and 7



Level 6 – Bachelors Degree
Level 7 – Masters Degree

Potential opportunity to progress onto next level of apprenticeship, possibly including university
dependent on apprenticeship standard, qualifications, subject area/job type, and grades







Level 4 apprenticeships offered by small number of companies – post Year 11!



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UK National Qualifications Framework

	Academic	Vocational		Apprenticeship
Level 6	Bachelors Degree (BA, BSc, Beng) Year 3/4	Graduate Certificate and Diploma, NVQ		Degree apprenticeship
Level 5	Year 1 	Foundation Degree (FdA, FdSc, etc.) Year 2	Higher National Diploma (BTEC), NVQ	Higher apprenticeship
Level 4	Year 2 	Year 1	Higher National Certificate (BTEC), NVQ	Higher apprenticeship  



Where to find apprenticeships...






Not just one place! But Unifrog is a good place to start



Company websites – careers section / google



Regular posts of opportunities on Google Classroom

- ✓ www.unifrog.org
- ✓ <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/>
- ✓ <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/search>
- ✓ <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>
- ✓ <https://www.berkshireopportunities.co.uk/find-my-job/> (type apprenticeship in search box)
- ✓ www.indeed.co.uk ; www.reed.co.uk ; www.monster.co.uk
- ✓ Local providers – e.g. <http://www.chilterntraining.co.uk/>
- ✓ <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>
- ✓ <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- ✓ Social media – e.g. Twitter  Facebook  Instagram  LinkedIn 



Searching for apprenticeships



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Searching for opportunities

The 'Apprenticeships tool'



UK universities (25 shortlists) Start >	US universities (0 shortlists) Start >	European universities (1 shortlist) Start >
Canadian universities (0 shortlists) Start >	Asian universities (0 shortlists) Start >	Australasian unis (0 shortlists) Start >
ME and African unis (0 shortlists) Start >	Irish universities (0 shortlists) Start >	Special opportunities (1 shortlist) Start >
Events (0 upcoming events) Go to tool >	Apprenticeships (47 shortlists) Start >	College / Sixth Form (5 shortlists) Start >





Find an apprenticeship

Find an apprenticeship in England.

You can apply for apprenticeships in [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#).

Search >

You can also:

- [sign in](#) to your account
- [create an account](#) to manage your applications and get alerts about new apprenticeships

Contact

Apprenticeship service
nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk
Telephone: 0800 015 0400
[Find out about call charges](#)

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Click on the logos below to explore some of the apprenticeship opportunities available

SORT EMPLOYERS

Employer Name



Alphabetical

- A-Z
- Z-A

Areas Of Interest

- Agriculture, environmental and animal care
- Business and administration





Search Apprenticeships

Keywords

Within

All of Berkshire



Search

There are hundreds of different apprenticeships to choose from. Whether you're at the start of your career, want to change career direction, or you're returning to work after a break. Use the search above to find the apprenticeships you're interested in.

Tips for using the apprenticeship search:

- Try several different keywords to get the best variety of results
- Search without entering a keyword if you wish to browse them all
- To search for an apprenticeship near you, select a distance in the 'within' box and then enter your postcode in the new box that will appear

You will be able to view your search results in a tile list or on the map. You will also be able to filter them by the earliest date you could start an apprenticeship, by employer and training provider.





Apprenticeship jobs

Browse Search

Keywords

Search

Refine your search

▼ Specialism

- Administration 73
- Business / Management 127
- Catering 455
- Education & Training 138
- Engineering 341
- Finance 195
- Health & Social Care 86
- IT 185
- Other 302
- Sales / Customer Service 70
- More...

Get new jobs for this search by email

Create alert

Found 2,095 jobs

Degree Apprentice - Technology (Level 6)

- Nationwide
- Competitive
- BAE Systems

As a degree apprentice you'll enjoy the best of both worlds. Over 4-5 years, you'll earn a full honours degree.

View details

3 days ago | Save

Degree Apprentice - Business (Level 6)

- Nationwide
- Competitive
- BAE Systems





🔍 apprenticeships 📍 City or postcode Find jobs

Tip: Enter your city or postcode in the "where" box to show results in your area.

- Date posted ▾
- Posted by ▾
- Remote ▾
- Pay ▾
- Job type ▾
- Education level ▾
- Industry ▾
- Location ▾
- Company ▾

Post your CV and find your next job on Indeed!

apprenticeships jobs

Sort by: **relevance** - date

13,031 jobs



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Regional Operational Trainer - South East

Mitie Group plc
Crawley RH6

Apprenticeship

- Promote DCO apprenticeships to support the Mitie Group apprenticeship strategy.
- Manage the completion of the Regional Training Plan and the delivery of ITC's,...


Posted 5 days ago

Engineering Apprentice

The Army
United Kingdom

From £23,496 a year **Full-time** **Monday to Friday**





Regional Operational Trainer - South East

[Mitie Group plc](#) ★★★★★ 2,417 reviews
Crawley RH6
Apprenticeship

You must create an Indeed account before continuing to the company website to apply.

Apply on company site 🔖 🚫

Job details

Here's how the job details align with your job preferences. Manage job preferences at any time in your [profile](#).

Job type
Apprenticeship





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Which employers offer apprenticeships?



Cabinet Office



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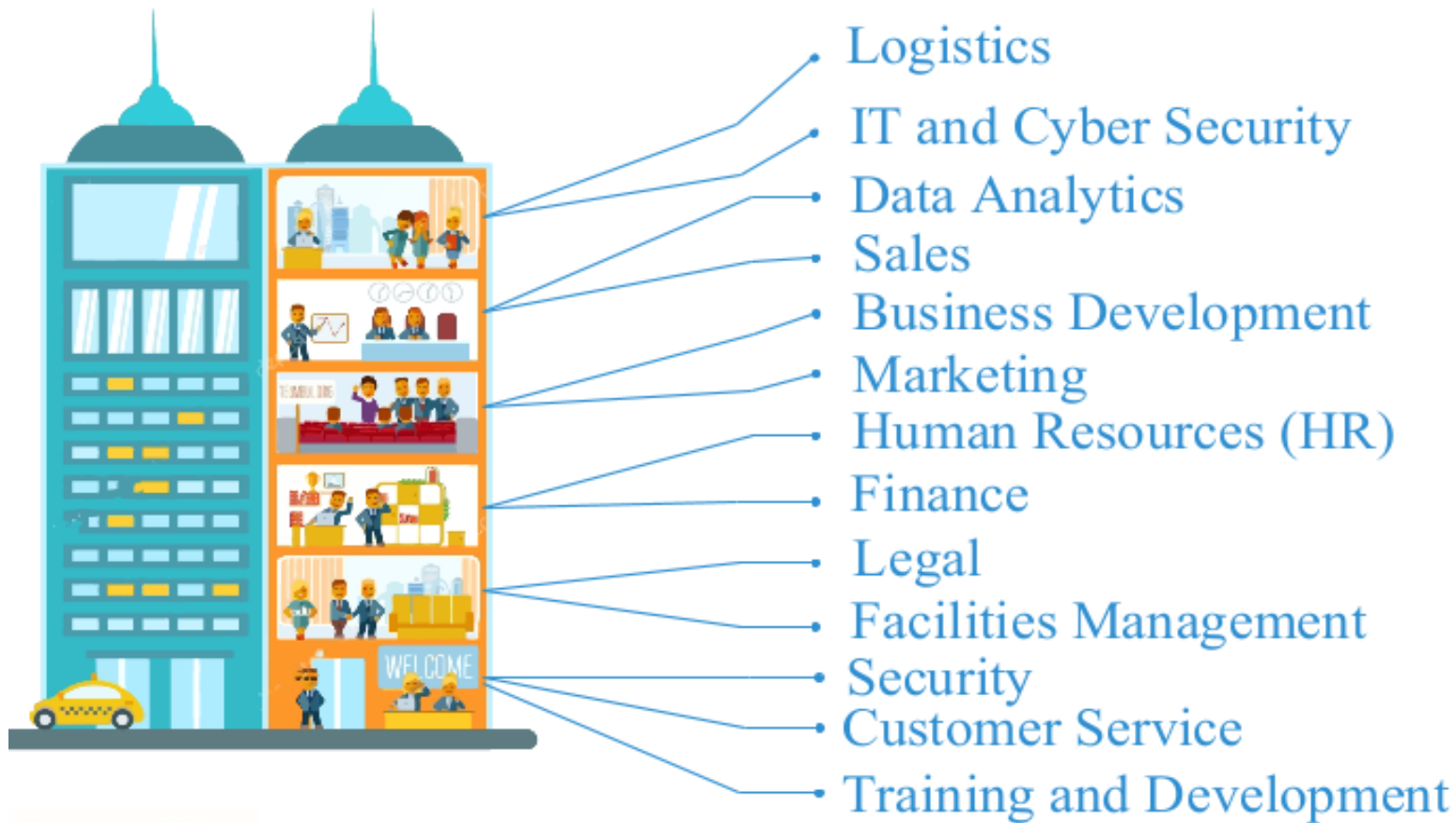
BRITISH AIRWAYS



+ many more!



Look inside the company!



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Please note:

Smaller, less well-known
companies can offer
Fantastic opportunities too!





Activate Apprenticeships

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- > Through Activate Apprenticeships, young people can get in and go far with some of the UK's biggest and brightest companies
- > Activate Apprenticeships brings a talent pipeline of 16,000 people, studying across the Activate Learning group
- > Actively working with over 400 companies in the local region and 1000 across the UK



APPRENTICESHIPS WE OFFER

- **Hair Professionals L2** (BWC, Reading, Oxford)
- **Advanced and Creative Hair Professionals L3** (BWC, Reading, Oxford)
- **Commis Chef L2** (Reading, Oxford)

- **Furniture Manufacturer L2** (Oxford)
- **Bespoke Furniture Making L3** (Oxford)

- **Teaching and Skills Teacher L5** (Reading)
- **Teaching Assistant L3** (Oxford, Reading, Guildford)
- **Adult Care Worker L2** (All)
- **Lead Adult Care Worker L3** (All)
- **Leader in Adult Care L4** (All)
- **Early Years Practitioner L2** (All)
- **Early Years Educator L3** (All)
- **Business Admin L3** (All)

- **Arborist L2** (MW)
- **Land and Horticulture L2** (MW)
- **Equine L2** (MW)
- **Senior Equine L3** (MW)

- **IT Technician L3** (Reading, BBL)
- **Cyber Technologist L4** (Reading, BBL)
- **Software Developer L4** (Reading, BBL)
- **Data Analyst L4** (Reading, BBL)
- **Autocare Technician L2** (Banbury)
- **Bricklayer L2** (Reading, BBL)
- **Installation & Maintenance Electrician L3** (BWC, Guildford)
- **Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician L3** (Guildford, Reading)
- **Site Carpentry L2** (Reading, Guildford, BBL)
- **Bicycle Mechanics L2** (Reading, BBL, MW)

FINDING THE RIGHT APPRENTICESHIP

- Our recruitment team are on hand to support you with finding the right employer for you Apprenticeship
- We advertise vacancies on our website (Activate Apprenticeships Vacancies) where you can also register your interest.
- Visit the National Apprenticeship Service – www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Activate Apprenticeships – 01865 551015



Things to consider...

- **Work and study** – organising and balancing time as an apprentice
- **Entry requirements**
- **Qualification & Future prospects**
- **Travel** – feasibility of travel / costs?
- **References** – who? Usually require x2
Teachers, Head of Year, Club Leader, Part-time Employer
- **Applications, assessments and interviews**
(the more you do the easier it becomes / faster you become)
- **Potential benefits and challenges**



Write down any pros or cons you have not already included in your books
(see below for inspiration!)



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Pros

- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Gaining a qualification
- ✓ Developing existing and new skills
- ✓ Hands on / practical
- ✓ Working with others (all ages)
- ✓ Support
- ✓ Apprentice Ambassador Network
- ✓ Earning money
- ✓ Future prospects
- ✓ Employment contract
- ✓ Increased independence



Cons:

- ✓ Balancing work & study
- ✓ Ready to choose specific job?
(it's ok to make "a mistake" –
exploring/experience = good)
- ✓ Applying takes time (not just 1 or 2)
- ✓ May need to widen net (e.g.
distance, job sector, level)
- ✓ Not to rely on just one or two
applications
- ✓ Back-up options important





What is involved in getting an apprenticeship? (the application process)...

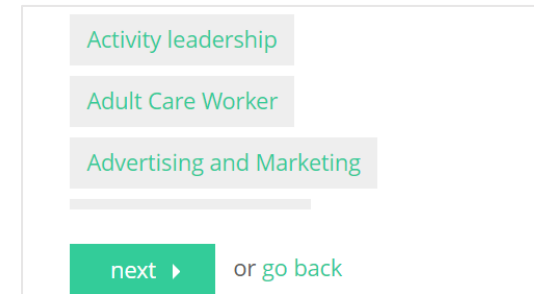
- Application – usually online
- Online assessment? e.g. English/Maths/ +/- Aptitude test
- Phone / virtual interview?
- Assessment Centre? Group tasks, In-tray exercise, assessment
- Face-to-Face interview
- Background checks – e.g. references, eligibility, DBS, etc.





Using the Apprenticeships tool

Choose up to ten industries that interest you.



The longlist will show you all the vacancies in your area that fit those interests.

Intermediate (273) Equivalent to GCSEs	Advanced (331) Equivalent to A-levels	Higher / SLP (78) Higher / SLP / Degree apps
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Narrow these down to a shortlist of your top options by clicking the ones that you like the most. Click 'Save' to keep a record of the shortlist in your Favourites.



Finding out more about apprenticeships

You can also find out more about apprenticeships using our **Know-how library** tool.

We have several guides on apprenticeships, including specific guides for apprenticeships England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Remember to favourite guides you'd like to come back to later!



An introduction to apprenticeships

Find out what they are, what they pay and who can apply



A guide to degree apprenticeships

What they are, how you apply, and some case studies



Preparing for life after Year 11 – top tips...



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- Look ahead and prepare
 - Book and attend open events / careers events
 - Apply to at least 3 places
- **We recommend *every* student apply to **at least one college** for a course with lower grade boundaries.
- Write down application deadlines
 - Keep track of correspondence / follow through with application process
 - Encourage your young person to check Google Classroom + emails
 - Encourage your young person to search and apply EARLY – popular places can fill up quickly.
 - Check enrolment procedures for each sixth form/college / company (apprenticeship)
 - Confirm acceptance of places on GCSE results day (if offers conditional - e.g. on GCSE/BTEC grades)



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Thank you
for listening

