



YEAR 11 WHAT'S NEXT?



	Academic	Vocational	Work-based
Level 6	Degree Achieved		
Level 5	Degree Year 2	HND Foundation Degree Year 2	Higher Apprenticeship
Level 4	Degree Year 1	HNC Foundation Degree Year 1	Higher Apprenticeship
Level 3	A-levels	BTEC / OCR / T-levels Level 3	Advanced Apprenticeship
Level 2	5 x GCSEs 4 - 9	BTEC / OCR Level 2	Intermediate Apprenticeship
Level 1	GCSEs 1 - 3		

GRADES = KEYS

at least five

GCSEs at grade 4 or above

and/or **level 2 BTEC/OCR at Pass or above**

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level 2 qualification



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A-levels	BTECs T-levels	Apprenticeships
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sixth forms● Some colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Colleges● Some sixth forms● Other education providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Employers with training providers

ACADEMIC PATHWAY

- Taught at sixth forms and some colleges
- Study 3 or 4 subjects for two years
- Most schools will require at least 5 GCSEs at grade 5+ and often a grade 6 or higher in the subject you want to study or a related subject
- Recognised by universities and carry UCAS points
- After Year 13 you can go on to higher education (university), advanced or higher apprenticeship or into employment

ACADEMIC PATHWAY: A-LEVELS

Choosing your subjects

- Different subjects at different schools
- What do I want to study at university?
- Are specific A-level subjects needed to apply?
- What am I good at? What do I enjoy?
- Entry requirement for this subject?

Accounting, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Criminology, Drama, Electronics, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Further Maths, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, and others

VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS: BTEC

- Courses about a job area
- Study for two years at a college (also available at some sixth forms)
- One level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma is equivalent to studying 3 A-levels
- Entry requirements for level 3 usually: five GCSEs at 4+, including Maths and/or English Language
- Some courses require students to start at level 2 before progressing to level 3, e.g. all Construction courses, Hairdressing and Beauty, Motor Vehicle
- Recognised by most universities

Animal Management, Art and Design, Bricklaying, Business Studies, Computer Games Design, Creative Digital Media Production, Early Years, Engineering, Equine, Hairdressing, Health and Social Care, Motor Vehicle, Music, Plumbing, Sports Studies, Travel and Tourism, Uniformed Public Services, and others

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY: T-LEVEL

- New in 2020
- Endorsed by businesses
- Offered by colleges
- T stands for Technical
- Industry based
- 80% classroom learning
- 20% industry placement
- 2 years
- Equivalent to 3 A-levels

Accounting, Business Management, Childcare and Education, Design, Surveying, Planning for Construction, Digital Infrastructure, Engineering, Finance, Healthcare Science for Pharmacy, Land-based Engineering, Media, Broadcast and Production, Nursing, and others

WORK-BASED PATHWAY: APPRENTICESHIPS

- Intermediate = Level 2
- Advanced = Level 3
- Entry requirements vary depending on the level
- 80% work placement
- 20% classroom learning (usually one day a week at college or a training provider)
- Can lead to degree apprenticeships
- 7 out of 10 apprentices stay with their employer

Examples of current vacancies
in the local area:

Chef
Bar and Waiting
Social Care Worker
Accounts Assistant
Business Administrator
Dental Nursing
Retail Pharmacy Assistant
Vehicle Technician
Hairdresser
Marketing Assistant
Travel Consultant
IT Support Engineer
Learning Support
Assistant
Nursery Assistant
Electronic and Mechanical
GE Aviation Engineering
(Degree)

WORK-BASED PATHWAY: APPRENTICESHIPS

- Great if you know what career you want and are ready for employment
- Learn by doing the job
- £4.81 per hour (some employers pay more)
- Competitive - you are applying for a job
- Not always available in your area of interest or location
- Always have a back-up plan in place

For vacancies check:
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
college websites
employer websites

WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

- Think about the **subjects** or **course** you would like to take
- Consider **where** you want to continue your education after GCSEs
- **Research** sixth forms and/or colleges online
- Speak to your family, teachers and Careers Adviser
- Attend **Open Events**
- **Submit applications**
- Applications usually open at the end of Autumn term (November); **deadlines** for submission vary so you must check the websites

Remember:

you can apply to **more than one** school or college.

You can make the final decision when you receive your results in August.

RESULTS DAY 24 AUGUST 2023



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Check your results and celebrate your achievement!

If you applied to more than one school/college, now is the time to make your final decision.

ENROLMENT

Sixth Form

- on Results Day OR the day after
- online OR in person

This information is usually communicated by the prospective school in advance or you can check the school's Sixth Form website for details.

College

- Check your emails or college website for details.
- Gloucestershire College enrolment is usually the day after Results Day.
- Confirm your details and upload results and the photograph of the results online

Apprenticeships and other Providers

Check arrangements directly with the employer or training provider.

INDUCTION DAYS AND CAMPUS VISITS

- see where you will be learning from September
- meet new friends
- experience a lesson



HOW TO PREPARE?

A-levels are **advanced** qualifications and require more from a student than GCSEs. GCSEs are often highly structured with very specific requirements for homework.

At A-levels, there is a **greater expectation for taking the initiative** in going beyond the set reading and using your independent study to learn around the subject and consolidate knowledge.

Good news: you only have three subjects and more lessons per week per subject than GCSE. Class sizes are smaller and you are studying what you chose and love!

Prepare! Look through your GCSE notes in the subjects you're continuing with, read around and check out YouTube videos on the subject area.

In September, expect a different kind of atmosphere and much more freedom, but also more **responsibility**. You will be expected to organise your own learning.



HOW TO PREPARE?

You will need to get organised! You only need to be in the college for your sessions so make sure you know your timetable and get to places on time.

Plan your bus routes or other ways you will travel to college.

You will have a lot less contact time with teachers, a lot more unscheduled time, so plan wisely. You will be expected to complete work in your own time. Use the time between classes.

Part time jobs are a great opportunity, but do not let them interfere with your studies. College and gaining qualifications must come first. Stay on top of your assignments and don't miss deadlines!

Don't plan your driving lessons during class time!



PART-TIME JOBS AND DRIVING LESSONS

Many students get a **part-time job** when they turn 16. Most of these will be in hospitality and customer service.

You should get your NI (**National Insurance**) number in the post. Keep it safe!

You can **look for jobs online** (Indeed, Reed, Jobs4Students, glosjobs, etc) or approach the employer directly with your CV (in person or via email).

Get **your CV** to a good standard!

This is also a great time to start learning to drive. You can apply for the **provisional licence** at 16.

Don't let your work or driving lessons interfere with your learning!



LOOKING BEYOND: UNIVERSITY OR EMPLOYMENT?

- University
- Advanced, Higher or Degree Apprenticeship
- College course
- Job with training or study
- Internship or work placement
- Gap year
- Entry level job
- Start your own business

