

## Post 16 options

Our local authority has a duty to make sure students at the school are offered a suitable place by the end of September. This is known as the September Guarantee.

Post 16 students may be eligible for the [16 to 19 Bursary Fund](#), which can help with things like books, travel or equipment if students may struggle with education or training costs.

If a student has an [Education Health and Care \(EHC\) plan](#), support is available to choose next steps when in education, training or work.

## Staying in full-time education

A range of subjects that lead to qualifications that keep options open are available, like GCSE or A levels. Courses like T Levels or BTEC allow a focus on a chosen career area like construction, healthcare science or digital careers. Some careers may ask for specific qualifications, so research into where the course might lead is advisable.

- [A levels](#)
- [T Levels](#)
- [Technical and vocational qualifications](#)
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## Combine work and study

Gain practical skills, get work experience and a qualification that employers need, by following one of these routes:

- [Traineeships](#)
- [Supported internships](#)
- [Apprenticeships](#)
- [School leaver schemes](#)

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## Stay in full-time education

### A levels

- Carry on studying subjects taken for GCSE to a higher level, or pick new ones.
- Duration: 2 years
- Assessment: Mostly exams at the end of the course
- [Level of study](#): 3
- Entry requirements: Typically 5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 (usually including English and maths)
- Work experience: the school or college may offer short periods of work experience, usually during year 12

- Leads to: University or college courses, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
  - Find out more: [UCAS Information about A levels](#)
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## T Levels

- Description: Designed in partnership with employers to give the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. A combination of classroom learning with real work placements. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.
  - Duration: 2 years
  - Assessment: Exams, projects and practical assignments
  - [Level of study](#): 3
  - Entry requirements: Course dependent
  - Work experience: At least 45 days on industry placement
  - Leads to: Work, higher and degree apprenticeships, college and university courses
  - Find out more: [Gov.uk information about T Levels](#)
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## Vocational and technical qualifications

- Description: These courses teach the practical skills and knowledge for a particular area of employment. They can prepare for a broad employment sector, like engineering or travel and tourism, or for a specific job like a chef or a hairdresser. Qualifications teach how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role a student wants to be involved in.
  - Duration: 1 or more years
  - Assessment: Can include coursework, skills tests and exams
  - [Level of study](#): 1+
  - Entry requirements: Course dependent
  - Work experience: Learn in real situations in college, for example in a college restaurant or a salon that is open to the public. Students may also have the chance to go out on a work placement with an employer.
  - Leads to: Apprenticeship, work, college or university
  - Find out more: Speak to local college or training provider or talk to an adviser - the links are on this page.
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## Applied qualifications

- Description: Qualifications that give you a broad overview of working in a specific sector, like business, media, engineering, leisure or science and technology. A mix of classroom-based learning with the chance to get some practical skills.

- Duration: Course dependent
  - Assessment: Course dependent (coursework and exams)
  - [Level of study](#): 3
  - Entry requirements: Course dependent
  - Work experience: Course dependent
  - Leads to: University/college, apprenticeship, work
  - Find out more: [Gov.uk information about applied qualifications](#)
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## Other opportunities

Look at what [work and study options](#) will be available at 18.

This may be [volunteering](#) to strengthen job and study opportunities.

## Exam retakes

- Description: If a student didn't get the results they wanted, they can resit some of the courses taken at key stage 4 or sign up for some new qualifications.
  - Location: School sixth form, sixth form college or further education college
  - Duration: 1 year
  - Entry requirements: 16+
  - Qualifications: [Level 2 and 3 qualifications](#) like GCSE, A level and BTEC
  - Leads to: Higher level or degree apprenticeship, further education, higher education, work
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## Combine work and study

### Traineeships

- Description: A course that includes a work placement that will get a student ready for an apprenticeship or a job. This will include work experience and some help to apply for next steps and an opportunity to improve maths and English skills.
  - Location: A minimum of 70 hours in a work placement with the rest of the time in college or a training centre
  - Duration: 6 weeks to 1 year
  - Entry requirements: aged between 16 to 24 or up to 25 with an [Education Health and Care Plan](#) with no higher than a [level 3 qualification](#)
  - Qualifications: English, maths, digital and work-related qualifications
  - Leads to: Apprenticeship, further education, work
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## Supported internships

- Description: Supported internships for young people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, who need extra support to get a job.
  - Location: Most of the time will be on placements with an employer, learning skills for work. Help is provided by a tutor and a job coach in college or with a specialist provider.
  - Duration: A minimum of 6 months
  - Entry requirements: Aged 16-24 with an [Education Health and Care Plan](#)
  - Qualifications: GCSE English and maths
  - Leads to: Work, traineeship, apprenticeship
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## Apprenticeships

- Description: Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. Training is provided that is relevant to the job and salary is paid.
  - Location: 80% of the time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college, training centre or Institute of Technology (IoT)
  - Duration: A minimum of 1 year
  - Entry requirements: Will be dependent on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level
  - Qualifications: apprenticeship certificate, diploma, degree and masters depending on level
  - Leads to: Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education
  - Find out more: [Gov.uk information about Apprenticeships](#)
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## School leaver schemes

- Description: A chance to learn and train with a large company while earning a wage. Offered in sectors like accountancy, engineering, finance, IT, law, leisure and retail. Similar to graduate employment schemes run over a longer period of time.
- Location: Rotate between different locations with the same company to get experience and it can include distance learning or time in college or university
- Duration: 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
- Find out more: Directly from company websites