

Planning your future

NEXT STEPS GUIDE FOR YEAR 11



PLANNING YOUR FUTURE

The next step after Year 11 is an important time when making choices for your future career.

Before planning, it is necessary to find out about all the options available. All young people **must** be in education or an apprenticeship until they reach 18. The options open to you will depend on your interests, skills and abilities including the grades you achieve at GCSE. At the end of Year 11 you have the option of taking one of the following routes:

Sixth Form

(School based)

- For age 16 - 19
- Mostly offer level 3 (A Level/BTEC National) courses to those who gain GCSE grades 9 - 4 (including Maths and English).

Sixth Form Colleges

(Not attached to a school)

- For age 16 - 19
- Courses typically offered from level 2 (GCSE) to level 3 (A Level/ BTEC National).

Specialist Colleges

- Offer courses in a specific field e.g. Engineering, Performing Arts, Music etc.
- Course levels offered depend on the individual institution, can include BTEC National, T Level and others.

College

(Further Education)

- For all ages, offering a wide range of practical, work-related and some academic courses at all levels.

Apprenticeships

- On-the-job learning contracts for age 16 and upwards
- Involves working and studying for a qualification (e.g. Catering - four days in job, one day at college)
- Typically leads to a permanent job.

Traineeships

- Practical programmes for those aged 16 and upwards who are not quite ready to start an apprenticeship but want to gain the necessary skills to progress
- For those with GCSEs grade 3 and below.



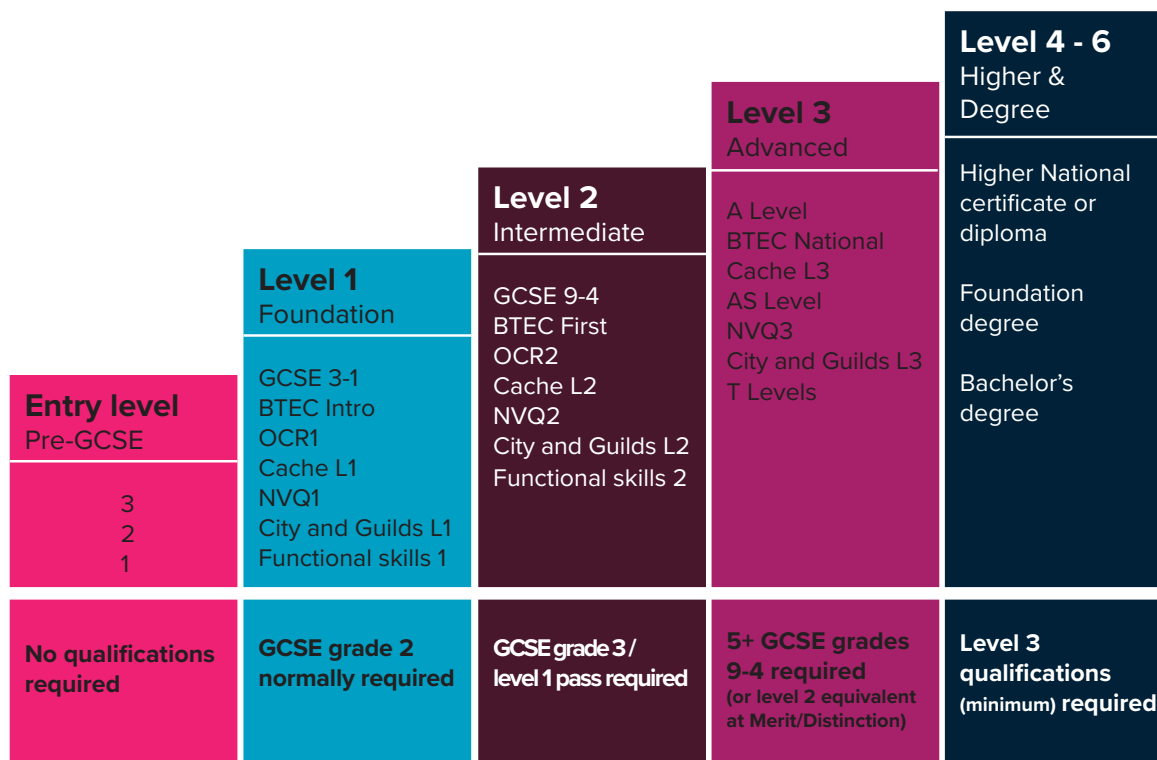
Course offer / More information	Apply	Start
<p>Sixth Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course of 3 A level subjects with Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) • BTEC Level 3 National Extended diploma e.g., business, • Courses lasts 2 years and majority of students progress to university. 	October - January	September
<p>Sixth Form Colleges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course of 3 A level subjects and EPQ • BTEC level 3 National Extended diploma e.g., computer/ IT, or BTEC combined with A level • UAL art and design courses level 3 • Courses lasts 2 years and majority of students progress to university • Level 2 BTEC First Extended diploma also offered in subjects like business. 	October - January	September
<p>Specialist Colleges</p> <p>A Levels or BTEC level 3 qualifications over two years. Depending on the subject, T Levels may be offered which include work experience.</p>	Check individual college closing date for when to apply	
<p>FE Colleges</p> <p>All levels from pre-entry level to level 1, 2 and 3 (and often levels 4, 5 and 6). Courses include - GCSE retakes, Functional skills, OCR, City and Guilds and BTEC courses. (A few colleges offer A levels).</p> <p>Depending on the subject, T Levels may be offered which include work experience.</p>	October onwards	September
<p>Apprenticeships</p> <p>Apprenticeships are paid and combine working for an employer with study for a qualification. They are an ideal option if you have a clear idea of the career path you want to follow, providing you with practical on-the-job training and classroom-based instruction.</p> <p>Apprenticeship levels are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate is equivalent to GCSE/NVQ2 • Advanced is NVQ3/ BTEC level 3/A Level • Higher is NVQ4 Higher National certificate/L5 diploma or Foundation degree • Degree apprenticeship is level 6. <p>Most training is carried out on-the-job at the employer's premises with additional study provided by colleges or specialist training providers. They can last from one to five years depending on level and qualification.</p>	February onwards	Start from late July onwards
<p>Traineeships</p> <p>Traineeships are unpaid and provide work preparation, experience and English/Maths qualifications (up to level 2 if needed). They develop skills and confidence required to secure a job or apprenticeship and last up to six months.</p>	End of term - July	Start from late July onwards

OPTIONS AFTER YEAR 11

Qualifications go up in steps or stages, the higher the number, the more challenging they are.

If a person achieves 5 GCSE passes at grades 9 - 4 (including English and Maths) they have reached level 2 and are ready to progress to the next level - which is level 3.

Those who gain less than this may be required to do more studies at level 2 or in some cases begin at level 1 or Entry level and build from there.



Entry level qualification

Gives basic skills and knowledge, they help students to use what they have learned in everyday situations and are not normally aimed towards a specific occupation. No qualifications required.

Level 1 - Foundation

Often work related (vocational), this level ensures that students gain skills and basic knowledge that they can apply under guidance. Examples of courses are Catering, IT and Construction. GCSE grade 2 is normally required. Some course areas e.g. Motor mechanics will require students to start at level 1 if they have not studied this before.

Level 2 - Intermediate

Students at this level gain a good understanding and knowledge of a subject and are able to do a variety of tasks with some guidance or supervision. This is suitable for many job roles. Successful completion of level 2 courses in vocational subjects can lead to level 3. Students who achieve GCSE grade 3 (or level 1 pass) can take a one-year course such as the BTEC extended level 2 or OCR diploma level 2 along with GCSE Maths and English re-sits or Functional skills. (To progress to level 3 however, a merit or distinction is normally required).

Level 3 - Advanced

Students at this level are able gain or put into practice a range of skills, knowledge and understanding at a detailed level. Courses normally take two years. Five or more GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English language and Maths are typically required (or level 2 as previously mentioned). Most relevant for those who plan to go to university (specific subjects may be needed) or work independently (or in some instances supervise and train others in their field of work).

Level 4-6 - Higher and Degree

These levels are typically developed through university study and correspond to the first, second and third years of a degree. Level 3 qualifications required.

QUALIFICATION TYPES SUMMARY

Here is a summary of some of the qualifications you are likely to come across after Year 11.

A Levels (General Certification of Education Advanced Level)

- Offered in a range of subjects (academic/non work-related), typically assessed by exams at the end of the second year. Most traditional route to university.
- Students will normally choose 3 A Levels to study and sometimes, in addition, a one-year course called AS (advanced subsidiary) or an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).
- Tend to be offered at Sixth Forms and Sixth Form College and may be studied alongside BTEC Level 3 qualifications. Graded from A*-E.

BTEC (Business and Technology Education Council) Certificates/Diplomas

- These qualifications are based around an occupational area eg; Health and Social Care, IT, Business and combine theory with practical projects.
Level 1 (Introductory), Level 2 (First) and Level 3 (National or Subsidiary).
Six units of a BTEC Level 3 is equivalent to an A Level. BTECs are often 12 or 18 units (extended diploma) in size and may be studied alongside an A Level.
- Assessment is mainly through coursework but can include an exam. At Level 3 they can lead to university studies or employment and are graded Distinction, Merit or Pass.
- Offered at Sixth Forms and Further Education Colleges.

NVQ (National Vocational Qualifications)

- These are work-based qualifications and involve mainly practical training and assessment eg: Motor Vehicle maintenance, Construction and Catering. Level 1, 2 and 3 (and higher).
- They are well recognised by employers and are mostly undertaken via apprenticeships. NVQ Level 2 must have been studied previously in order to progress to Level 3. All elements must be passed to gain a qualification.

City and Guilds

- Mostly work-related qualifications that involve mainly practical learning and assessment e.g. Motor Vehicle maintenance, Construction and Catering. Entry level, Level 1, 2, 3 (and higher).
- Well recognised by employers and can be undertaken via apprenticeships as well as in college. Level 2 must have been studied previously in order to progress to Level 3. Grading system is specific to the subject so will need to be checked on an individual basis.

T Levels (Tech Levels)

- These courses are equivalent to 3 A Levels. These two-year courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work.
- T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning and on-the-job experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days). They will provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship and are most likely to be offered by colleges.

ACTION I NEED TO TAKE

Use this timeline to help you plan your steps for Year 11 and after.

SEP

September to October

OCT

- Find out your options after Year 11. Watch our helpful YouTube clips
Year 11 Future Options - <https://youtu.be/QrEM2DyLkVc>
Qualification Types - <https://youtu.be/c88MkX-nKB8>
Actions for Year 11 - <https://youtu.be/MnvjPdcjAXU>
- If you intend to go to university, check www.ucas.com to ensure you have chosen the subjects you need for your future course/career
- Find out from teachers what your predicted grades are to give you an idea of what level courses to aim for
- Look at Sixth form/college prospectuses or courses online
- Check closing dates for applications - do not miss the deadline for where you want to go
- Attend open days
- Apply to Sixth form/college - remember to make at least one back-up application.

NOV

November to February

DEC

JAN

FEB

- Attend careers events (such as Skills London - www.skillslondon.co.uk) online or in person
- Find out from teachers what your predicted grades are to give you an idea of what level courses to aim and apply for
- Apply to Sixth form/college. Some colleges have their closing dates now - make sure you have sent off your application forms. (Remember back up plans too)
- Attend open days
- Start researching apprenticeships www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Draft your CV and accompanying letter to prepare you for future applications
- Your school may have mock exams. Talk to your teacher about expected grades
- Attend interviews offered for Sixth form/college form places. If you do not hear anything - contact them.

MAR

March to April

APR

- If you have not applied for college - send your application form off now!
- Research apprenticeships. Register on www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship and begin applying for vacancies
- Develop a revision timetable
- Revise
- Make a timetable of all your exams - dates and times and put in a place where you can easily see them.

MAY

May to June

JUNE

- Revise
- Take exams

USEFUL WEBSITES

See the selection of websites below that can help you research your career goals.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

Job search information such as job profiles, CV templates etc

www.icould.com

Careers information, job videos and careers quiz

www.careersbox.co.uk

Careers videos and information

www.careercompanion.co.uk

Various careers resources under one website

www.healthcareers.nhs.uk

Information on health careers in the NHS

www.screenskills.com

Information on UK film, TV, VFX, animation and games

www.studentladder.co.uk

Student website with peer advice on courses/opportunities and apprenticeships

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships

Information on apprenticeships and vacancies

www.ucas.com

University course search and information on higher education, degree apprenticeships and more

www.theuniguide.co.uk

Information on all aspects of HE - including what degree to take based on subjects

www.thestudentroom.co.uk

Student community website with advice from peers and careers information

www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/volunteer

Volunteering vacancies and information



SIXTH FORM

BARKING AND DAGENHAM SIXTH FORMS

All Saints Catholic School

Terling Road

Wood Lane RM8 1JT

020 8270 4242

www.allsaintsschool.co.uk/sixth-form

Barking Abbey School

Sandringham Road IG11 9AG

020 3967 7030

www.barkingabbeyschool.co.uk/sixth-form

Dagenham Park Church of England School

School Road RM10 9QH

020 8270 4400

www.dagenhampark.org.uk/dp6

Eastbrook School

Dagenham Road RM10 7UR

020 3780 3609

www.eastbrookschoo.org/sixth-form

Eastbury Community School

Hulse Avenue IG11 9UW

020 8507 4500

www.eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk/home-sixth-form

Elutec-Academy of Design & Engineering

Yew Tree Avenue RM10 7FN

020 3773 4670

www.elutec.co.uk/curriculum/apply-for-year-12

Greatfields School

St Marys

Barking IG11 7TD

020 3946 5900

www.greatfieldsschool.com

Goresbrook School

Cook Road

Dagenham RM9 6XW

020 3597 6666

www.goresbrookschoo.org.uk/secondary/sixth-form/welcome

Jo Richardson Community School

Castle Green

Gale Street RM9 4UN

020 8270 6222

www.jorichardson.org.uk/sixth-form

Robert Clack School

Gosfield Road RM8 1JU

020 8270 4200

www.robertclack.co.uk/sixth-form

Riverside School

Renwick Road IG11 0FU

020 3946 5888

www.riversidecampus.com/secondary

Sydney Russell School

Parsloes Avenue RM9 5QT

020 3959 9900

www.sydneyrussellschool.com

The Warren School

Whalebone Lane North

Dagenham RM6 6SB

020 8270 4500

www.thewarrenschoo.net/1134/welcome-to-the-sixth-form



NEW CITY COLLEGE

www.ncclondon.ac.uk

Havering Ardleigh Green

Ardleigh Green Road
Hornchurch RM11 2LL

01708 455011

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/ardleigh-green-campus

Rainham Construction and Engineering

New Road
Rainham RM13 8GP

01708 462721

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/rainham-campus

Redbridge Campus

Little Heath
Romford RM6 4XT

020 8548 7402

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/redbridge-campus

Hackney Campus

Falkirk Street
Shoreditch N1 6HQ

020 7613 9000

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/hackney-campus

Tower Hamlets Campus

Poplar High Street
London E14 0AF

020 7510 7510

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/tower-hamlets-campus

Epping Forest Campus

Borders Lane
Loughton IG10 3SA

020 8508 8311

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/epping-forest-campus

Attlee A Level Academy

Arbour Square
London E1 0PT

020 7510 7510

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/attlee-a-level-academy

Havering Sixth Form Campus

Wingletye Lane
Hornchurch RM11 3TB

033 0135 9000

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/havering-sixth-form-campus

Iford Campus

10th Floor, Lynton House
255-259 High Road
Iford IG1 1NN

020 3005 3673

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/ilford-campus

BARKING AND DAGENHAM COLLEGE

www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk

Rush Green Campus

Dagenham Road
Romford RM7 0XU

020 3667 0294

Technical Skills Academy

1 Short Blue Place
Barking IG11 8FJ

020 8090 3020 ext: 7503/7501

NEWHAM COLLEGE

www.newham.ac.uk

East Ham Campus

High Street South
London E6 6ER

020 8257 4000

Stratford Campus

Welfare Road
London E15 4HT

020 8257 4000



OTHER SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGES

Access Creative College

(located behind Hackney Community College)

50 Hoxton Street
Shoreditch London N1 6LP

020 7613 8380

admissions@accesscreative.ac.uk

www.accesscreative.ac.uk

B6 Sixth Form College

Kenninghall Road
Hackney E5 8BP

0800 3892 947

info@bsix.ac.uk

www.bsix.ac.uk

Big Creative Education

www.bigcreative.education

Big Creative Academy Campus

BCE Clifton Avenue

Walthamstow

London E17 6HL

020 8498 3300

Big Creative Training Campus

BCE Uplands House

Blackhorse Lane

Walthamstow

London E17 5QJ

020 3873 5800

Brampton Manor Academy

Roman Road

East Ham E6 3SQ

020 7540 0500

info@bramptonmanor.org

www.bramptonmanor.org

Building Crafts Academy

Kennard Road

Stratford E15 1AH

020 8522 1705

info@thebcc.ac.uk

www.thebcc.ac.uk

Capel Manor College

Bullsmoor Lane

Enfield Middlesex EN1 4RQ

0303 003 1234

enquiries@capel.ac.uk

www.capel.ac.uk

City and Islington College

(various sites - check website for full details)

020 7700 9200

courseinfo@candi.ac.uk

www.candi.ac.uk

City of Westminster College

(various sites - check website for full details)

020 7723 8826/

0207 7258 2721

customer.services@cw.ac.uk

www.cw.ac.uk

East London Arts and Music

45a Maltings Close

Bromley By Bow

London E3 3TA

0207 515 2159

info@elam.co.uk

www.elam.co.uk

Fashion Retail Academy

15 Gresse Street

London W1T 1QL

020 7307 2345

info@fra.ac.uk

www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk

Leyton Sixth Form College

Essex Road

Leyton London E10 6EQ

020 8928 9000

enquiry@leyton.ac.uk

www.leyton.ac.uk

London College of Beauty Therapy

Ramillies House

1-2 Ramillies Street

London W1F 7LN

020 7208 1300

info@lcbt.co.uk

www.lcbt.co.uk

London Academy of Excellence

Broadway House

322 High Street

Stratford E15 1AJ

020 3301 1480

office@lae.ac.uk

www.lae.ac.uk



London Screen Academy

62-66 Highbury Grove
Islington London N5 2AG

020 7788 8132

enquiries@lsa.ac.uk

www.lsa.ac.uk

Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Centre

326 Barking Road
East Ham E6 2BB

020 3373 5000

enquiries@ncs6.org

www.ncs6.org

Newham Sixth Form College (Newvic)

Prince Regent Lane
London E13 8SG

020 7473 4110

info@newvic.ac.uk

www.newvic.ac.uk

Seven Kings Sixth Form

Ley Street
Ilford Essex IG2 7BT

020 8554 8935

contact@sevenkings.school

www.sevenkings.school/

Sir George Monoux College

190 Chingford Road
London E17 5AA

020 8523 3544

info@sgmc.ac.uk

www.sgmc.ac.uk

Six21

Pitchford Street
London E15 4RZ

020 8262 2121 (Option 4)

info@six21.org.uk

www.six21.org.uk

South Essex College

(various sites - check website for full details)

0845 521 2345

learning@southessex.ac.uk

www.southessex.ac.uk

The Champion School Sixth Form

Wingletye Lane
Hornchurch Essex RM11 3BX

01708 452332

contact@thecampionschool.org

www.thecampionschool.org.uk

**The College of Haringey,
Enfield & North-East London**

High Road
London N15 4RU

020 8802 3111

Course info: **020 8442 3055**

courseinfo@conel.ac.uk

www.conel.ac.uk

The Coopers' Company and Coborn School

St Mary's Lane
Upminster RM14 3HS

01708 250500

info@cooperscoborn.org.uk

www.cooperscoborn.org.uk

USP College (Palmer's College and Seevic)

(check website for full details)

Chadwell Road
Grays Essex RM17 5TD

Palmer's Campus - 01375 370 121

Seevic Campus - 01268 756 111

info@uspcollege.ac.uk

www.uspcollege.ac.uk

Waltham Forest College

707 Forest Road
Walthamstow London E17 4JB

020 8501 8501

myfuture@waltham.ac.uk

www.waltham.ac.uk

Westminster Kingsway College

(various sites - check website for full details)

020 7963 4181

courseinfo@westking.ac.uk

www.westking.ac.uk

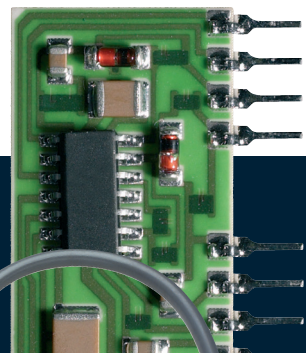
Writtle College

Lordship Road
Writtle Chelmsford CM1 3RR

01245 424200

admissions@writtle.ac.uk

www.writtle.ac.uk



APPRENTICESHIPS

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING AND DAGENHAM COUNCIL APPRENTICESHIPS

Being an apprentice is a great way to start your career and gain a recognised qualification while getting paid.

The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham creates apprenticeship opportunities across a variety of different careers. With apprenticeships providing you with foundation experience (level 2) opportunities, through to some that take you to professional qualifications including degrees (level 7), giving you an opportunity to earn while you learn. Our apprenticeship programme combines work experience, training and a competitive London Living Wage salary. We are always expanding the types of apprenticeships we are looking for, take a look at the ones we've been running over the past few years:

- Accountancy
- Adult Care
- Business Administration
- Construction
- Content Producer
- Communications/Marketing
- Customer Service
- Data Analyst
- Digital Marketer
- Hospitality
- HR Support
- Para Legal
- Payroll
- Solicitor
- Sports and Health

Colleges also offer Apprenticeships.

Our apprenticeships are aimed at local residents, with priority given to care leavers if the minimum criteria set out in the job details and person specification is met.

Website: www.lbbd.gov.uk/help-finding-work to search for an apprenticeship and register for apprenticeship job alerts.

Email: apprenticeships@lbbd.gov.uk

Barking Job Shop

Barking Learning Centre
2 Town Square
Barking IG11 7NB
020 8724 8870

Dagenham Job Shop

Dagenham Library
1 Church Elm Lane
Dagenham RM10 9QS
020 8724 8877

Construction Team

Construction@lbbd.gov.uk

National Apprenticeship Website:
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship



TRAINEESHIPS

If you feel that you're not quite ready for an apprenticeship, you should consider a traineeship. This is a course with work experience that gets you ready for work or an apprenticeship. It can last up to six months.

Traineeships Website:
www.gov.uk/guidance/traineeships

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