



Post-16 Pathways

A guide to your options

If you are moving into post-16 education or training, your school, college or training provider will offer you a study programme. Whether you are doing academic or vocational study, your study programme will include –

- Stretch and progression.
- Preparation for education at the next level or for employment.
- English and Maths, if not already achieved.
- Work experience.

This guide will help you decide which type of study programme is the right post-16 route for you.

A Levels

- Structured academic study.
- Assessment through formal exams.
- Offered by some schools, and by sixth form colleges and further education colleges.
- Pathway to higher education and to many careers.

T Levels

- Equivalent to 3 A Levels.
- Includes a 45-day in depth industry placement.
- Pathway into skilled employment, higher study or an apprenticeship.
- Focuses on vocational skills.

Vocational qualifications

- Practical learning programmes that relate to specific job roles or job sectors.
- Available in a range of subjects at all levels, from Entry Level.
- Pathway to higher education and employment.
- Offered by some schools, and by sixth form colleges and further education colleges.
- There are also training providers that specialise in training for different sectors.

Apprenticeships

- Earn a salary whilst learning.
- Gain job-specific skills in your chosen field.
- Study for at least 20% of your working hours, usually at a college, university or with a training provider.

Supported Internships

- Work-based study programmes for young people aged 16-25 who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan.
- Full time educational course based in a workplace.
- Supports students to develop their confidence and work skills.
- Includes support from an expert job coach.
- Will include English and Maths support.

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