

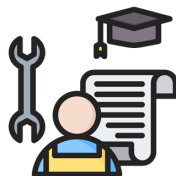
### College and Sixth Forms explained

Offer a wide range of A Level subjects, BTEC and T Level programmes and give students independence and variety for a new start. They have regular Open Events for students to visit and have a look around and ask questions. Students **SHOULD NOT** choose a course just because their friend has chosen it – they **SHOULD** make the right choice for **THEM**.



### Apprenticeships explained

Apprenticeships are paid employment, typically working 4 days with the employer and 1 day in the classroom. Apprentices are treated as employees and benefit from pay, employment laws and holiday entitlements and work towards a qualification while gaining real experience. There are over 600 job types – not just in the construction/engineering sectors they are available in most career areas. Students will apply for an apprenticeship like applying for employment – with an application and interview. A backup plan (ie studying at a college/sixth form/training provider) is required should your search be unsuccessful.



### T Levels explained

A mix of learning in the classroom whilst learning in the workplace. T Levels have been developed in collaboration with businesses and employers to teach emerging skills required for specific sectors and industries.



**Note:** Further Education programmes are accessible from the age of 16 to 19 and take around 2 years to complete (subject to entry level). There are no tuition fees up until the age of 19.

## One decision: Many paths Where will your child be in September 2026?

This information was presented to Year 11 students in assembly on Monday 24 November and hopes to help support you with your child's next steps.

### Knowing the Routes – Options After Y11

- Colleges
- Apprenticeships
- Sixth Forms
- Training Providers



### Making Applications

Students are encouraged to research colleges/sixth forms/training programmes and apprenticeships and attend Open Events. They should then Register and complete applications before Christmas.

Some Further Education providers ask for a Personal Statement/CV/Tutor Reference. This is particularly relevant when applying for an apprenticeship. Once applied, students should attend interview and taster sessions.

### Support Available

Contact Miss Mitchinson, attend a 1:1 careers appointment with Mrs Larson.

Regularly check the Careers Literature Boxes in Form Rooms.

Take note of Careers Events advertised weekly on 'Be Ready'

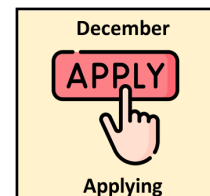


### Application Deadlines explained

Applications for Further Education colleges are open now. Students can apply to as many Further Education providers for as many courses/subjects as they wish.

Most providers encourage students to apply before Christmas – some have set deadlines due to popularity and limited places, for example TTE have set a deadline of 26 January 2026.

Prior Pursglove College have announced that students with the required predicted grades for their chosen subjects will be automatically accepted. These students will not need an interview and will receive written confirmation of a guaranteed place (subject to GCSE results in August 2026). Students who don't meet their predicted grades will be invited to a supportive interview to help students to choose the correct subjects/courses and explore alternatives.



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