

College and Sixth Forms explained

Offer a wide range of A Level, V Level 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**.



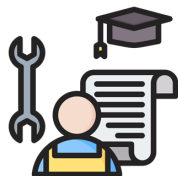
Routes Explained

A Levels

Academic qualifications studied over two years, usually at sixth form or college. They are a popular route to university and many careers.

V Levels

Practical, career-focused courses that combine classroom learning with coursework and projects. They can lead to university, apprenticeships or employment.



T Levels

Two-year technical qualifications that combine classroom learning with a substantial industry placement, preparing students for skilled careers or higher education.

Apprenticeships

Students earn while they learn by working for an employer, gaining qualifications and developing workplace skills.

Supported Internships

Programmes for young people with an EHCP, combining workplace experience with tailored support to help them move into paid employment.

One decision: Many paths Where will your child be in September 2027?

This information summarises a variety of progression routes available for school leavers. It should be used to support career discussions at home.

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

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Regularly check the Careers Literature Boxes in Form Rooms.

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

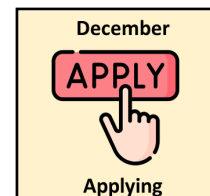


Application Deadlines explained

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 at Middlesbrough College usually has a January deadline for each intake.

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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