

Post 16 Options (after GCSEs)

After GCSEs the law says pupils must stay in education or training until the age of 18. However this does not mean they have to stay in school.

There are three main options, each with variations:

Sixth Form:

This could be at PHHS or at another school or Sixth Form College. Students will be able to study for A levels and other Level 3 qualifications e.g. BTECs. These qualifications can lead to employment, University or Degree apprenticeships. About two thirds of Year 11 students do this.

College:

The type of qualifications and training available varies at college depending upon GCSE results. They include:

- Level 1, 2 and 3 Diplomas. (e.g. different BTECs).
- T levels at Level 2 and 3
- Internships and life skills courses.

The range of courses is large and they tend to be more vocational (more practical and work related with few or no exams).

Employment with training (e.g. Apprenticeships):

There is a large range of apprenticeships to look at from office work to trades. Young people are employed, paid and learn on the job with 20% of their time studying supported by a college or other training provider.

There is not one place to apply for apprenticeships. Applying for an apprenticeship works in the same way as applying for a job.

When looking at the options students need to consider the GCSE grades that are required. Different providers, courses and pathways will require a range of different GCSE grades.

If pupils do not gain GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths and English (Language or Literature) they currently are required to continue to study for them alongside their main qualification.

Helpful websites:

Unifrog: <https://www.unifrog.org/>

Sign up using www.unifrog.org/student

Click 'Sign in for the first time' and use code

WHPHparent

UCAS: www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/post-16-options/getting-started

National Careers Service <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>

Find an apprenticeship: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Worcestershire Apprenticeships: <https://worcsapprenticeships.org.uk/>

