



# Post-16 Choices



Everyone born on or after **1st September 1997** must stay in some form of education or training until 18. Post-16 options are full-time education (e.g. at a school or college), an [apprenticeship](#) or [traineeship](#), or part-time education or training - as well as being employed, self-employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.



# **This presentation will help you to:**

- Understand your options
- Know what you need to do next
- Where to go for help and guidance



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# Continue your studies:

## **A levels**

Description: Study a subject you took at GCSE in greater depth or choose a new one like economics, law or psychology. You could take 3 broad subjects you are interested in to keep your career options open or choose ones you need for a specific career.

Duration: 2 years

Assessment: Mostly exams at the end of the course

[Level of study: 3](#)

Entry requirements: Course dependent, typically 5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 (usually including English and maths)

Work experience: Usually 1 week during year 12

Leads to: University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work

Find out more: [UCAS Information about A levels](#)



# Continue your studies:

## **T Levels**

Description: Designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. Combines classroom learning with industry placements to prepare you for skilled work or higher level study. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.

Duration: 2 years

Assessment: Exams, projects and practical assignments

[Level of study: 3](#)

Entry requirements: Course dependent

Work experience: At least 45 days on industry placement

Leads to: University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work

Find out more: [Gov.uk information about T Levels](#)



# Continue your studies:

## **Technical and vocational qualifications**

Description: Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be involved in.

Duration: Course dependent

Assessment: Can include coursework, skills tests and exams

Level of study: 1+

Entry requirements: Course dependent

Work experience: Course dependent

Leads to: Apprenticeship, work, college or university

Find out more: Speak to your local provider or talk to an adviser



# Continue your studies:

## **Applied qualifications**

Description: Qualifications that give you a broad overview of working in a specific sector, like business, media, engineering, leisure or science and technology. A mix of classroom-based learning with the chance to get some practical skills.

Duration: Course dependent

Assessment: Course dependent (coursework and exams)

[Level of study: 3](#)

Entry requirements: Yes

Work experience: Course dependent

Leads to: University/college, apprenticeship, work

Find out more: [Gov.uk information about applied qualifications](#)





# Continue your studies:

## **Exam retakes**

Description: If you didn't get the results you wanted, you can resit some of your courses or sign up for some new qualifications.

Location: School sixth form, sixth form college or further education college

Duration: 1 year

Entry requirements: 16+

Qualifications: [Level 2 and 3 qualifications](#) like GCSE, A level and BTEC

Leads to: Higher level or degree apprenticeship, further education, higher education, work

Find out more: Speak to your school or college careers leader or careers adviser or our careers advisers



# Combine Work and Study:

## **Traineeships**

Description: A course that includes a work placement that will get you ready for an apprenticeship or a job. You'll get work experience and some help to apply for your next steps. You can also improve your maths and English skills. You'll get work experience and some help to apply for whatever you do next.

Location: You'll spend a minimum of 70 hours in a work placement with the rest of your time in college or a training centre

Duration: 6 weeks to 1 year

Entry requirements: You need to be aged between 16 to 24 or up to 25 with an [Education Health and Care Plan](#) with no higher than a [level 3 qualification](#)

Qualifications: English, maths, digital and work-related qualifications

Leads to: Apprenticeship, further education, work

Find out more:

ask your local college or training provider

ask your school careers adviser

ask your Jobcentre Plus adviser if you receive benefits

[find a traineeship](#) in your area



# Combine Work and Study:

## **Supported internships**

Description: Supported internships are for young people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, who need extra support to get a job.

Location: You'll spend most of your time on placements with an employer, learning skills for work. You'll also get help from a tutor and a job coach in college or with a specialist provider.

Duration: A minimum of 6 months

Entry requirements: Aged 16-24 with an [Education Health and Care Plan](#)

Qualifications: GCSE English and maths

Leads to: Work, traineeship, apprenticeship

Find out more:

- from your school or local college

- speaking to your social worker or a transition worker

- speaking to your Jobcentre Plus adviser



# Combine Work and Study:

## **Apprenticeships**

Description: Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary. Start at a level to suit you, with support if you have special needs or a disability.

Location: You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college, training centre or Institute of Technology (IoT)

Duration: A minimum of 1 year

Entry requirements: Will be dependent on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level

Qualifications: apprenticeship certificate, diploma, degree and masters depending on level

Leads to: Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

Find out more: [Gov.uk information about Apprenticeships](#)



# So what next?

Have a look at the sixth form and colleges online. They will all have remote 'open evenings' and events for you to look at. We have the following locally:

- Trinity Sixth Form (SMWCA) <https://www.trinity6.com/>
- Newcastle College <https://nscg.ac.uk/>
- Sixth Form College <https://www.stokesfc.ac.uk/>
- Stoke-on-Trent College <https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk/>
- Reaseheath College <https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/>

# So what next?



## **SOT College have sent the following:**

People can register for the open event via our website <https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk/events/open-evenings/>

We are also very conscious that people will want different ways of communicating within the current climate, so please let us know how we can best support you and your students.

We are more than happy to offer 1:2:1 Zoom / Team chats with potential students and their parents if Yr 11 students want to take advantage of this in addition to the full year group Q&A sessions.



## **How to find the right apprenticeship for you**

Draw up a list of the sorts of apprenticeship roles you're looking for: focus on the sort of work and career pathway you want to follow.

Research the job role: it's important to find out as much as you can about the job role, industries, and employers offering apprenticeships, as well as the career path it has

Find two or three vacancies for the kind of apprenticeships you're interested in: browse vacancies on Find an apprenticeship and then find details of the apprenticeship you're considering.



# How to find the right apprenticeship for you

<https://www.ucas.com/alternatives/apprenticeships/apprenticeships-england/how-find-apprenticeships-england#:~:text=How%20to%20find%20the%20right%20apprenticeship%20for%20you,then%20find%20details%20of%20the%20apprenticeship%20you%E2%80%99re%20considering.>





## **Application:**

Many colleges and apprenticeships will take online applications.

The sooner you do this, the more likely you are to get a place doing the course or training of your choice.

If you are unsure, leave your options open and apply for a range of opportunities.

Ask for help! Don't be afraid to ask us to help you.



## Careers Service:

**Our Careers Advisor is called Clive and he will be in school every week.**

**From next week you can request an appointment by emailing Mrs Robinson at [erobinson@smwca.org.uk](mailto:erobinson@smwca.org.uk) Or by putting a request slip into the box.**

**We will be organising appointments for everyone over the course of the term but this will help us to prioritise you if you need it.**



**Watch this presentation from  
a careers service:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv1SuHG67yZVUBQ3XGrBR2g>**

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shared drive in the 'Post 16  
Choices' folder.**



# So what next?

## **You need to do your research:**

- Write down what your interests are, what subjects you enjoy and what career you might like to pursue
- Research options by going online, speaking to your teachers and family, speaking to the careers advisor or by contacting local providers
- Think about whether you want to continue your studies or begin work based training