



Y.10 CAREERS GUIDE

HELLO FUTURE!



LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU

You are now in Year 10
and if you want to get
ahead, now is the perfect
time to start thinking
about **YOUR FUTURE!**



Year 10 is a great time to start thinking about your future options, and the many different careers, pathways and courses available to you.

You won't feel rushed when it's time to apply at the start of Year 11 if you start thinking about your options now! Researching will help you to decide what jobs you might want to do and what qualifications you'll need to do them.

By considering your options now, you will have enough time to ask questions, go to open days, and get help to make the best decision for your post 16 education.

**Whatever
you decide,
we're here
for you.**

APPLYING TO COLLEGES AND SIXTH FORMS



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Apply to Y12 from the start of Year 11. You can apply to as many colleges or sixth forms as you like.

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You don't need to decide what and where until after you have received your GCSE results.

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Research courses and always check the entry requirements.

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Always attend the open days to discuss the courses or subjects choices in more detail.

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Even if you want an Apprenticeship, you **MUST** apply to college or sixth form too!

POST-16 EDUCATION OPTIONS



A-Levels

(Sixth Form)

- Academic subjects
- University-focused
- Study 3-4 subjects



BTECs

(College or Sixth Form)

- Practical, hands-on learning
- Industry-related training
- Great for careers needing specific skills



T-Levels

(College or Sixth Form)

- Mix of classroom learning and work experience
- Career-focused
- Includes employer placements



Apprenticeships

(Workplace / College)

- Work while you train and earn a wage
- Combines study with real job experience
- Apply directly to employers



You must still apply to at least one of the other options as you'll need an educational offer for Y12 should you not be successful in securing an apprenticeship.

WHAT NOW?



Research careers using websites like National Careers Service



Find the colleges and or sixth forms that offer the courses you are interested in, keeping an eye on the entry requirements.



Apply to at least 2-3 providers at the start of Y11



Visit Open Days to explore and ask questions about the courses on offer



Regularly check your email address that you provided when making any applications

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ▶ Research careers first, then look at the courses/subjects and colleges/sixth forms.
- ▶ Apply early to avoid missing out. The popular courses get booked up quickly!
- ▶ Use a professional email and check it regularly

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ **A-Levels and T-Levels:** Usually 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9 (including English and Maths)
- ▶ **BTECs:** May not need GCSEs but might require basic literacy/numeracy checks

FAQs

When do I need to apply?

- ▶ You need to apply to college or sixth form as soon as you are able in Y11
- ▶ Most colleges will allow you to apply at any time during Y11 BUT applying early gives you the more chance of an offer for the course that you want

How do I apply?

- ▶ Directly through the college/sixth form website
- ▶ Apprenticeships are applied for with employers

What if I don't get the grades I need?

- ▶ You are entitled to FREE education until the end of Year 13
- ▶ There will always be an option available for you regardless of your grades

Can I apply to multiple colleges?

- ▶ YES! The more, the better!

Can I change courses later?

- ▶ Not usually, but changes may be possible in the first few weeks into the academic year

I have an EHCP, is the process different?

- ▶ Yes, the process is different, but you will still need to visit colleges and explore courses that interest you
- ▶ Your carer and school will support you through the process remembering that there is a Y11 deadline of March 31st for your chosen college or sixth form to be consulted by (don't worry too much if you have missed this date, your social worker will know what this means and you simply need to know what you might like to do and where)



HELPFUL WEBSITES

- ▶ **National Careers Service – nationalcareers.service.gov.uk**
Careers advice – job profiles, information and resources
- ▶ **Become – becomecharity.org.uk**
Support for care-experienced
- ▶ **Prospects – prospects.ac.uk**
Job roles, industries and universities
- ▶ **Care leavers | Catch22 – catch-22.org.uk**
Support young people leaving care
- ▶ **Skills for Careers – skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk**
Careers, skills, guidance, education and opportunities

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