

Choices after Year 11



Independent, impartial and professional careers advice & guidance regarding careers, options, future choices and much more, for 13-19 year olds.

Careers Advisor:

Personal Advisor at LeAF Studio School

Booking a Meeting?

Booking form at Reception

What do we do?

Review options

1-1 interviews & Group sessions

Presentations & attend

Parents Evenings & Careers Events



Why start thinking now?

- University courses have specific entry requirements and trades and professions have recognised routes to qualifying.
- **So it may help to work backwards when deciding what to do next.**
- There are always opportunities to change direction and alternative routes to get to where you want to be, but thinking about your future now could make life easier in years to come.

Options after Year 11

- Stay on into Sixth Form
- Move to another Sixth Form
- Move to a college
- Find an Apprenticeship

What you need to know about qualifications to help you make an informed choice

- What are they?
- What are the differences?
- How do they equate to each other?
- What can you do with them?
- Sources of information
- Qualifications for Higher Education
- Choosing Further Education courses

ENTRY REQUIREMENT	TYPE OF LEARNING	HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?	PROGRESSION
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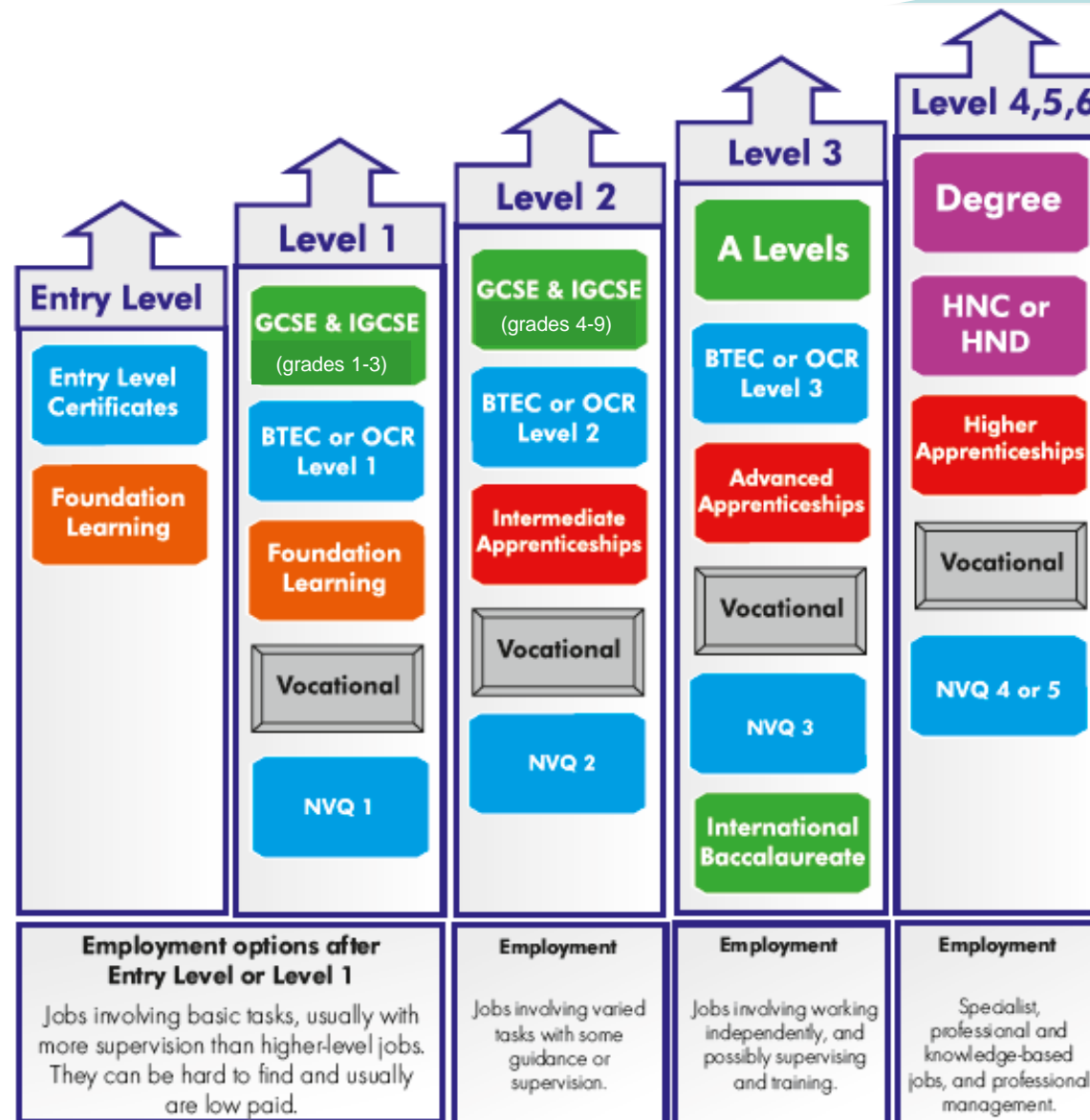
At least 5 GCSEs grade 5 or above *	LEVEL 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS/A Levels BTEC Level 3 Other Level 3 vocational courses Advanced apprenticeships 	2 YEARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Advanced/Higher apprenticeship Employment
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At least 4 GCSEs grade 4 or above *	LEVEL 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTEC Level 2 Other Level 2 vocational courses Intermediate apprenticeships 	1 - 2 YEARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 3 qualifications including apprenticeships
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Some GCSEs grade 1-3 *	LEVEL 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTEC Level 1 NVQ Level 1 Other Level 1 vocational courses Traineeships 	1 - 2 YEARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 2 qualifications including apprenticeships
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No GCSE passes *	ENTRY LEVEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry Level qualifications Skills for Life Functional Skills Traineeships 	1 - 3 YEARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 qualifications including traineeships
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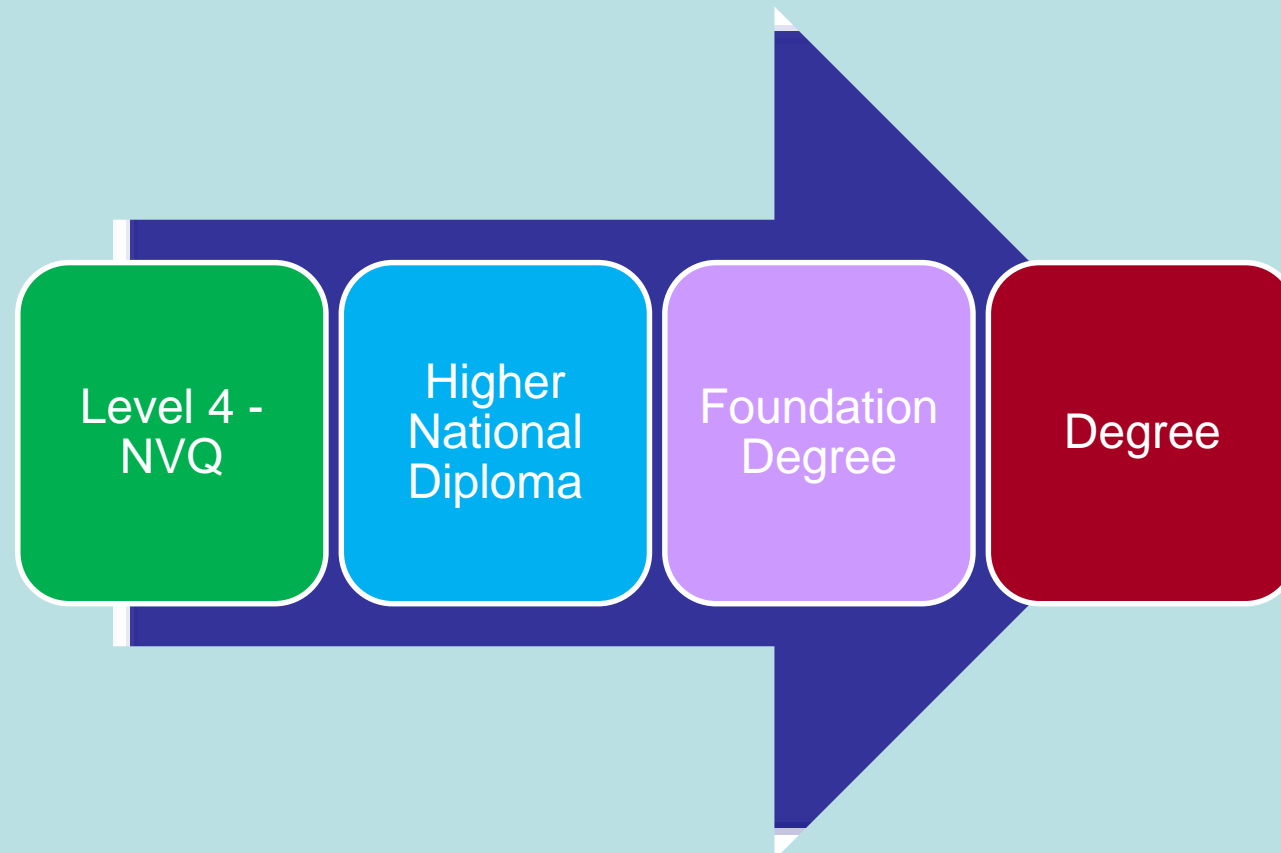
* Subject to the discretion of institution



Key

- General Qualifications
- Vocational Qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- Foundation Learning
- Higher Education

And beyond...



A'Levels v BTEC's

- A Levels – very academic study.
- Some careers will requires specific A levels
(Medicine, Veterinary Science, Law)
- Need to have a passion for learning – A levels are a lot of work so this is key!!
- Prefer exams to coursework.
- Helps keep your options open.
- Big leap from GCSES to A levels – often you will have achieved at least a grade 6.
- 3 subjects A levels becoming linear rather than modules.

A 'Levels v BTEC's

- BTEC's - practical work related courses.
- Wide range from Hair and Beauty, Travel and Tourism, Catering, Construction, Business to Engineering, Dance and Sport.
- Great option if you want to go into a specific career that maybe practical.
- You can go to University if you complete a Level 3 BTEC as equivalent to A levels but you must check with UCAS if accepted!
- If you prefer coursework to exams BTECS may be perfect for you.



6th Form

- Do you enjoy being in a school environment? - Sixth Form could be perfect for you
- Sixth forms often offer A levels and some BTECS
- Great if you prefer a smaller environment
- May decide to stay at your sixth form because of being familiar with the people and the environment



Apprenticeships

- Available to all age groups over the age of 16.
- Employed – you need to find an employer, they pay you a training salary and you receive an Employer Led recognised qualification for that specific industry.
- Gain valuable workplace skills and experience.
- Over 150,000 employers are offering Apprenticeships.
- Cover over 170 industries & 1500 job roles.
- Majority of apprentices (85%) will stay in employment.
- Employers think that qualified apprentices are 15% more employable than those with other qualifications.

How apprenticeships work

Work 4 days a week and study 1 day at college

Work 5 days a week and have an assessor meet you regularly

Have blocks of work and study



HE - Degree courses

- **Degree courses** - Most full time & 3 years. Some 4 years and include a year in industry. Entry requirements is a minimum of three A levels or the equivalent – e.g. a BTEC Level 3 National qualification – plus supporting GCSEs.
- **Foundation degrees** - Wide range of work-related subject areas from accounting to zoological conservation! No set qualifications; each institution decides on its own criteria, usually 2 years full time, but available part-time , suitable for those who wish to study while working. Can progress to honours degree with further study.
- **Higher National courses** – In work-related subjects ie Travel & tourism management, Business or Construction. HND (Higher National Diploma) courses are at level 5 or HNC (Higher National Certificate) courses at level 4 are normally aimed at those in related employment and are taken part time.



Banking: Barclays Degree Programme - offers both a fast track into leadership and a sponsored degree. You'll learn, earn, and get a degree – all in just three years. The programme has been developed in partnership with the Lord Ashcroft International Business School at Anglia Ruskin University and Nottingham Business School at Nottingham Trent University.

Engineering: Airbus Undergraduate Apprenticeship - 3 years which combines vocational and academic training with on the job experience. Attend one of their partner universities to study for your BEng honours degree.

Need 300 UCAS points and two A Levels grade B and above in Maths and Physics. GCSEs in Maths, English and Science (one of which must be Physics). Paid £13,498 per annum and your tuition fees will be paid for.



Labour Market Information

- <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/localarea?search>

Labour Market Information tells you about what is happening in the job market at national, regional and local levels and includes information about jobs and salaries, what skills employers are looking for in different industrial sectors, conditions, communities and future trends.

It can help you discover where the job opportunities are, the sectors, occupations and locations you need to look out for, and help you identify the skills your child might need to develop in the future. Click on the link above to discover more.

6th Form

Pros/Cons

Familiar environment
Friends
Teachers
Facilities/Cubs
Close to home
Good subject choices
Supportive
Environment



College

Pros/Cons

New environment
New friends
Independence
Responsibility
Bigger facilities
Travelling
More subject variety
Free periods off site



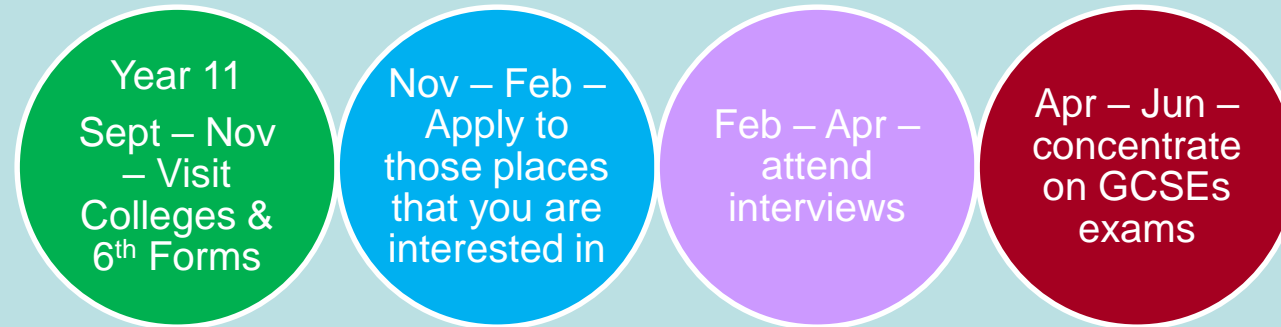
Employment

Pros/Cons

Experience in industry
NVQ qualification
Technical certificate
EARN & LEARN
Looks good on CV
Need to be motivated
Shortage of vacancies
Mature attitude needed



What Now?



Help Available

- Speak to family, friends, school staff, Careers Adviser, work experience....
- Attend information events

Useful websites:

- [Get in Go Far - www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)
- www.icould.com