

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON PROGRESSION BEYOND YEAR 11

Careers Guidance meeting. All Year 11s will attend a careers guidance meeting in December/January. At these sessions you will receive advice on all the different pathways available to you. You will also be asked to complete at least 2 data collection forms to help us to direct you towards the most appropriate courses/support.

Option 1 – studying at college/sixth form

The most important things for you to consider are being on the right course/s at the right place for you.

Applying is easy, but make sure you know the following:

- a) What course you are applying for – both in terms of the subject area and the level that the course is offered at. For example, there's no point applying for a level three course if you know you won't get the grades to access it. The level of course you apply for usually determines the length of the course.
- b) What qualification you will receive and what pathways it could lead to?
- c) Have you get a definite written offer of a place and what are the entry requirements for that place?

For more information about getting into college, you are strongly recommended to attend an Open Day as soon as possible. Visit the institution website for more details:

The next steps and choices to make are really important as they can determine the courses and employment sectors you can enter in the future. For example did you know if you want to study Medicine, Chemistry is **preferable** to Biology or for Architecture, you **don't** need to have studied Maths and Physics?

To help you find out more about different career pathways, please spend time researching, using the following:

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk – National Careers Service

www.icould.com – Lots of information on different careers **www.prospects.ac.uk** –

Information on graduate careers **www.ucas.com** – Information on what

universities are looking for **www.notgoingtouni.co.uk** – Information on alternatives

to further study

Option 2 – choosing an apprenticeship

Apprenticeships offer a combination of work and training. They are paid at a minimum of £4.55 an hour. Applying for an apprenticeship is straightforward, but be aware that a lot of applications are rejected because of careless errors on the forms. If you are interested in an apprenticeship, you should apply for a minimum of three to five vacancies as some apprenticeships attract hundreds of applications for each place.

There will be many events held in school during the year to support you in this process but the responsibility is yours for applying for apprenticeships you are interested in.

For further information on apprenticeships visit:

www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/post-16-andadult-learning/connexions

0191 277 1944 **www.newcastlexl.co.uk**

0191 2653003 ext. 217

All apprenticeships are advertised on the Gov.uk page. To be able to apply for an apprenticeship you must register here.

Go to **www.apprenticeships.gov.uk**

Create an account

You will need an email and mobile telephone number.

Ensure your email address is professional.

If you have a National Insurance number enter it but you can still apply without it.

If you would like help completing the skills and experience sections please see **Mrs Spark**.

What's your next move?

Compare your options after GCSE

QUALIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH OF TIME	ASSESSMENT	LEVEL OF STUDY	AWARDS UCAS POINTS?	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	WORK EXPERIENCE	WHAT DOES IT LEAD TO?
APPRENTICESHIPS <small>www.apprenticeships.gov.uk</small>	A real job with training and a salary.	1 Year minimum	Apprenticeship dependent (inc. demonstrations, presentations and/or exams)	2/3 With the possibility to progress to higher apprenticeships up to level 7	No	- Employer dependent - Age 16+ - Evidence of interest and ability to complete	Yes (paid job, with at least 20% off the job training)	- Higher level or degree apprenticeship - University/College - Work
A LEVELS	An academic qualification, similar in style to GCSEs, that prepares you for further study.	2 Years	Mostly exams at the end of the course	3	Yes	For individual schools and colleges to decide (commonly 5 GCSEs at grades 4 and above)	No	- Apprenticeship - University/College - Work
T LEVELS <small>www.tlevels.gov.uk</small>	A technical study programme, equivalent to 3 A levels, with an industry placement that makes up 20% of the course. T Levels are designed to give you the skills that employers need.	2 Years	Exams, projects and practical assignments	3	Yes	Set by each school/college	Yes (80% classroom, 20% work)	- Apprenticeship - University/College - Work
TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS <small>(e.g. some Pearson BTECs, Cambridge Technicals, City and Guilds Diplomas, AQA Technical, VET Diplomas and many others)</small>	Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be in.	Course dependent	Course dependent (coursework & exams)	1+	Some (course & awarding organisation dependent)	Course dependent	Course dependent	- Apprenticeship - College - Work
APPLIED QUALIFICATIONS <small>(e.g. Some Pearson BTECs and some Cambridge Technicals, WJEC Diplomas, OCR Certificates, NCFE Applied and many others)</small>	Qualifications that prepare you for further study by combining academic learning with practical skills to give you a broad overview of working in a sector.	Course dependent	Course dependent (coursework & exams)	3	Yes	Set by each school/college	Course dependent	- Apprenticeship - University/College - Work
TRAINEESHIPS <small>www.gov.uk/government/collections/traineeships</small>	A work focused study programme that prepares you for an apprenticeship or work.	6 Weeks - 6 Months	A formal job or exit interview with written feedback. Coursework and exams are course dependent	N/A	No	Have little to no work experience and qualified below Level 3	Yes	- Apprenticeship - Work



Levels are designed to indicate the complexity of qualifications and apprenticeships, allowing people to draw comparisons and understand where they sit in relation to the other options which are available. There are 8 levels plus entry level, with the higher levels offering the highest difficulty.

Find out more about the different levels at www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean
Visit nationalcareers.service.gov.uk for information about careers, training and work.

