

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS AFTER KEY STAGE 3?

INFORMATION AND LINKS



STARTING YEAR 7

You do not need to have clear career ideas and goals in Year 7, 8 and 9. However, identifying your skills and interests can help you make decisions for the future.



THINK ABOUT YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES



WHAT ARE YOU GOOD AT?



WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECTS?

DURING YEAR 7

Secondary school offers lots of new opportunities. You need to start thinking about your likes and dislikes to build some key skills in Key Stage 3.



RESEARCH A NEW TOPIC IN YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT



TRY A NEW EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY



WHICH SKILLS CAN YOUR SUBJECTS HELP YOU DEVELOP?

DURING YEAR 7 START RESEARCHING CAREERS

Certain careers require particular skills and personal qualities. However, for most careers, as long as you have a range of subjects including Maths, Science and English at grade 5 or above at GCSE, this will allow you to access further qualifications beyond Year 11.



WHICH CAREERS APPEAL TO YOU?



WHICH CAREERS COULD YOUR SKILLS SUIT?



FIND OUT ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED FOR CERTAIN CAREERS



SPEAK TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THEIR JOBS

DURING YEAR 8 AND 9 MAKING YOUR CHOICES FOR AFTER YEAR 9

It's now time to make your choices. From GCSE options to deciding what to do after Year 11, you will have many decisions to make over the coming years.



WHICH SUBJECTS DO YOU ENJOY MOST?



HOW DO YOU LEARN BEST?



SPEAK TO YOUR TEACHERS ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS



WHAT CAREERS CAN THESE OPTIONS LEAD TO?

THREE COMMON ROUTES FOR AFTER YEAR 9

GCSEs

CLASSROOM BASED LEARNING

FURTHER INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

EXAMS AND SOME COURSEWORK

BTECs

CLASSROOM LEARNING WITH PRACTICAL CONTENT

PROJECTS AND COURSEWORK

VERY FEW WRITTEN EXAMS

ALTERNATIVE COURSES

SOME SCHOOLS OFFER COURSES IN SPECIALIST AREAS THROUGH COLLEGES

COURSES INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION, HAIR AND BEAUTY AND MORE

SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS DEPENDING ON THE COURSE

These routes will prepare you for a variety of post 16 and post 18 options. Talk to your teachers, careers advisers and parents to make sure you fully understand your options.

WHAT AM I GOOD AT?

I Could - www.icould.com/buzz

Take the quiz to identify your skills and use the links to watch videos about careers information

RESEARCH CAREERS

Careerpilot - www.careerpilot.org.uk/jobs

A page packed with information about lots of different industries

Student Ladder - www.studentladder.co.uk/Careers

Articles on a range of careers can be found here with plenty of other information available about your choices

UCAS Careers - bit.ly/UCAScareers

Research some job families and find out about work experience and other opportunities

WHAT ARE MY NEXT OPTIONS?

Bright Knowledge - bit.ly/BKpathways

Tips on how to choose what to do after Year 9 and beyond

Your choices at 14 - bit.ly/CPchoices

Find out more about the different options for after Key Stage 3

BTECs - bit.ly/UCASbtec

Find out more about BTECs on the UCAS website

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PROGRESS TO KS4

GCSEs or BTECS

ALTERNATIVE COURSES

AFTER YEAR 9

Progress on to your chosen qualification path.
How do your subjects link to careers?

MAKING YOUR CHOICES FOR AFTER YEAR 9

GCSEs
GCSEs are taught in the classroom and require further independent research

BTECS
BTECs are taught in the classroom and require independent learning to develop work based skills

ALTERNATIVE COURSES
Vocational qualifications can be taken alongside GCSEs and provide work related experience

**YOU MUST CONTINUE WITH QUALIFICATIONS UNTIL YOU ARE 18
THESE ARE YOUR OPTIONS FOR AFTER YEAR 9
THERE ARE MORE AVAILABLE AFTER YEAR 11**

START RESEARCHING CAREERS

What does the job involve?
What skills and personal qualities would you need for your careers of interest?
Which subjects relate to this career?

DURING YEAR 7

Get used to your new subjects
Get help with topics you find challenging

STARTING YEAR 7

What are you good at?
Which subjects do you enjoy?



After
Year 9



Year 8



Year 7

Before
Year 7