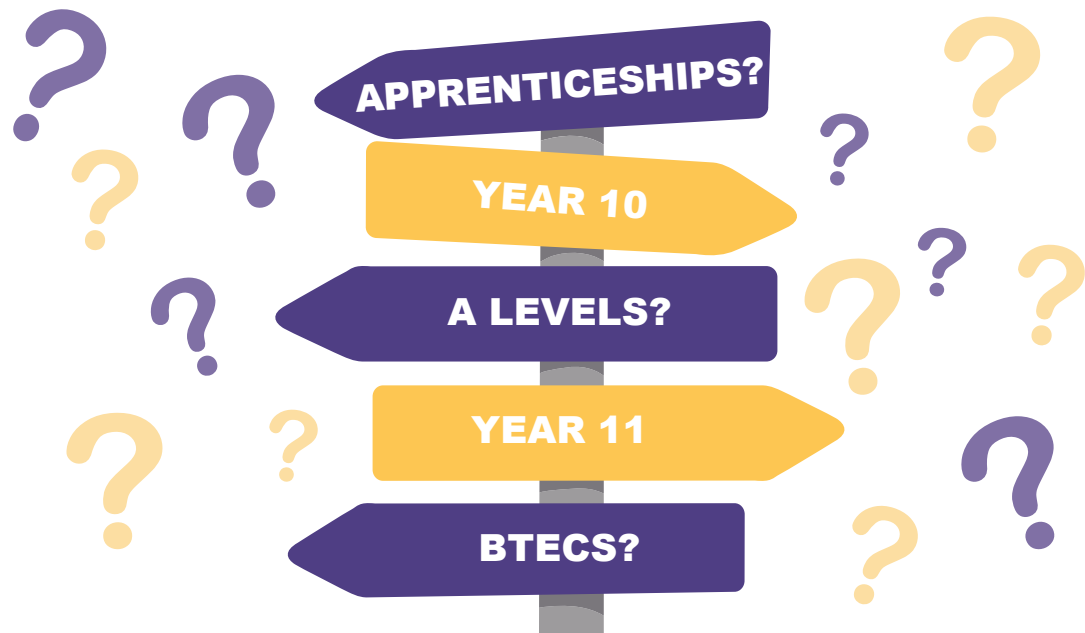




# WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS AFTER KEY STAGE 4?

## INFORMATION AND LINKS



## PREPARING FOR YEAR 10

Before Year 10, you will have had to choose your Key Stage 4 options (GCSEs, BTECs...). Now is the time to think about your interests and talents and what they reveal about you. This will help you discover the kind of study, training and careers that you may be suited to.

### Ask yourself:

- » What are your favourite subjects and why?
- » Are there any topics that make you think you may want to study this subject in the future?

### Do you...?

- » Enjoy classroom learning and theory?
- » Enjoy project work and coursework?
- » Work well to deadlines?
- » Learn by discussing ideas?
- » Enjoy practical hands-on activities?




TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES



DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS THROUGH AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



RESEARCH A NEW TOPIC IN YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT



TALK TO A TEACHER ABOUT YOUR REVISION PLANS

## DURING YEAR 10 PREPARING FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Whether you are preparing for GCSEs or working towards other qualifications, you need to build some key skills in Year 10.

### Ask yourself:

- » How do you revise best?
- » How could you plan your time?
- » What websites and resources are available?

## DURING YEAR 10 PREPARING FOR QUALIFICATIONS

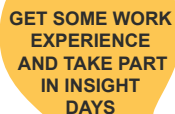
You do not need to have definite career ideas or goals in Year 10 and 11, but you do need to explore ideas to help decide what to do after Year 11.

### Ask yourself:

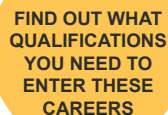
- » What type of careers appeal to you?
- » What would you be doing as part of this job?
- » What could your personal qualities and skills be suited to?

### Consider a career...

- » Why does this career appeal to you?
- » Do you need certain GCSEs or qualifications to enter it?
- » How would it match with the kind of life you want to lead? E.g. Shift work? Salary? Working away from home?
- » How competitive is it to enter this career?
- » Are there similar related roles that interest you?



GET SOME WORK EXPERIENCE AND TAKE PART IN INSIGHT DAYS



FIND OUT WHAT QUALIFICATIONS YOU NEED TO ENTER THESE CAREERS



SPEAK TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THEIR JOBS AND CAREERS

## DURING YEAR 11 MAKING YOUR CHOICES FOR AFTER YEAR 11

You have to continue with education or training for two years after Year 11. This could take place in a school sixth form, college or in the workplace with a training provider.

### Ask yourself:


- » What are your grades going to allow you to access?
- » How do you learn best?
- » Which subjects interest you?
- » Do you see yourself as a student at college or in the workplace?
- » What are your longer term plans? Do you have a career in mind?
- » Which qualifications and subjects does this require?



RESEARCH LOCAL APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



RESEARCH COURSES AT COLLEGES AND SIXTH FORMS



CONTINUE TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AND QUALITIES

## THREE COMMON ROUTES FOR AFTER YEAR 11

### A LEVELS

- » You will need certain GCSEs to progress to A levels (5 Cs/grade 5s)
- » Each A level may require a B/grade 6 or 7 in that subject or a related one at GCSE
- » You will develop knowledge, analysis skills and critical thinking

- » Much of the final grade will be determined by exams at the end of the course and through a small amount of coursework depending on the subject
- » A levels prepare students for the demands of higher education, training or work

### BTEC

- » Level 3 BTEC will require at least 5 Cs/grade 5s
- » If you get less than 4 Cs/grade 5s at GCSE, you can take a level 2 BTEC
- » You will develop knowledge, analysis and aptitudes that can be applied to work based projects and tasks

- » Much of the final BTEC grade will be determined through project based tasks and practical assessments
- » BTECs prepare students for the demands of further and higher education, training or work

### APPRENTICESHIPS

- » Advanced apprenticeships require at least 5 Cs/grade 5s
- » Intermediate apprenticeships require 4 Ds/grade 4s, often with a C/grade 5 in Maths and English
- » You will develop specific aptitudes for work based tasks and projects

- » Apprentices will earn an apprenticeship salary
- » Apprenticeships prepare students for the demands of further and higher education, training or work

All of these routes will prepare you for a variety of post 18 options including higher education, further training or employment

## WHAT AM I GOOD AT?

**Plotr** - [www.plotr.co.uk](http://www.plotr.co.uk)

Play the game and discover what you could be great at

**I Could** - [www.icould.com/buzzquiz](http://www.icould.com/buzzquiz)

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

## RESEARCH CAREERS

**Careerpilot** - [www.careerpilot.org.uk/jobs](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/jobs)

A page packed with information about lots of different industries

**Student Ladder** - [www.studentladder.co.uk/Careers](http://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](http://bit.ly/UCAScareers)

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

## WHAT ARE MY NEXT OPTIONS?

**National Careers Service** - [bit.ly/NCSjourney](http://bit.ly/NCSjourney)

Different pathways are explained on this interactive webpage

**Bright Knowledge** - [bit.ly/BKpathways](http://bit.ly/BKpathways)

Tips on how to choose what to do after year 11 and beyond

**A Levels** - [bit.ly/UCASalevel](http://bit.ly/UCASalevel)

Find out more about A Levels on the UCAS website

**BTECs** - [bit.ly/UCASbttec](http://bit.ly/UCASbttec)

Find out more about BTECs on the UCAS website

**Apprenticeships** - [bit.ly/GOVapprentice](http://bit.ly/GOVapprentice)

A gov.uk page full of information about apprenticeships and how to find one

**School Leavers** - [www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk)

Provides essential information about the options if you decide to leave school

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## PROGRESS TO KS5

PROGRESS TO EDUCATION

PROGRESS TO TRAINING

## AFTER YEAR 11

Progress on to your chosen education or training path and start thinking about what's next

## GET YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

Work hard for your GCSEs and other courses  
Take your final exams

After  
Year 11

## MAKING YOUR CHOICES FOR AFTER YEAR 11

### EDUCATION TRAINING

Apply for college & sixth form by autumn term of year 11

### TRAINING

Apply for apprenticeships from spring term of Year 11

#### A LEVELS

Traditional subject orientated qualifications

A levels are taught in the classroom and require further independent research and learning

You will be largely assessed through final exams

#### BTECS

Industry orientated qualifications

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

You will be assessed through project based tasks and practical assignments

#### APPRENTICESHIPS

Job-specific qualifications

Apprenticeships are taught through work place experience, observation and practice

You may attend a local college or training provider to cover theory elements

YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH A QUALIFICATION FOR TWO YEARS AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR GCSES

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO STAY AT SCHOOL YOU HAVE MANY OPTIONS...

Year 11

## THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AFTER YEAR 11

### EDUCATION OR TRAINING

What subjects interest you?  
How do you learn best?  
What grades do you need?

### BEGIN RESEARCHING CAREERS

What type of careers/roles interest you?  
What qualifications and skills would you need?  
Can you get some work experience?



## PREPARING FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Get used to your courses  
How do you learn and revise best?

Year 10

## PREPARING FOR YEAR 10

What are your strengths and weaknesses?  
What skills would you like to develop?  
Which subjects do you enjoy?

Before  
Year 10