



Post-16 Options - Your steps after Year 11

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Welcome!

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ 20 minutes
- ▶ **Aim:** for you to know and understand your options after secondary school
- ▶ **Outcomes:** understand what A-Levels, Applied Vocational Qualifications/T-Levels and Apprenticeships are and be familiar with careers resources to support future planning
- ▶ Q & A



A-Levels

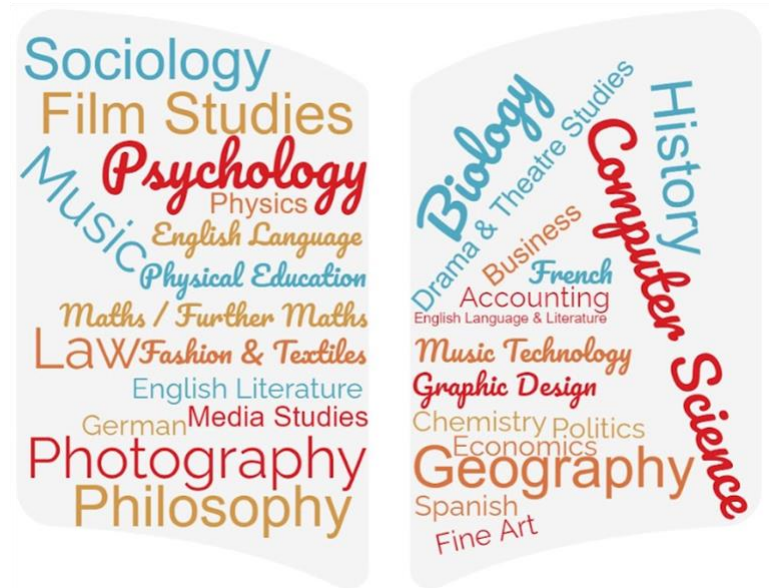
- ▶ A-Levels are **Level 3 academic** qualifications
- ▶ Most students will study **3 subjects**
- ▶ You can choose the same or different subjects from what you have studied at GCSE
- ▶ To study A-Levels you will need to have done well in your GCSEs - achieved 5 GCSEs graded between 9-4, with a **minimum of grade 4** in English Language and Maths. Some subjects will require grade 6+ and above at GCSE
- ▶ A-Levels are more challenging than GCSE and involves more independent study
- ▶ A-Levels can keep your options open, prepare you for higher education or higher apprenticeships



A-Levels - continued

Things to consider when choosing A-Levels:

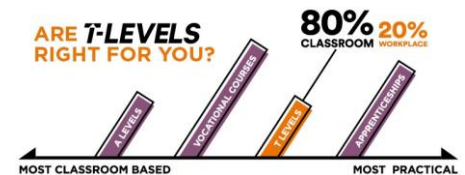
- ▶ Personal interest and enjoyment
- ▶ Academic ability
- ▶ Alignment with your career ideas
- ▶ Subject combinations
- ▶ Mix and Match - combining A-Levels with vocational subjects/
- ▶ This can also lead to Higher Education/Employment



T-Levels

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THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

- ▶ T-Levels are a new type of **Level 3 qualification**
- ▶ . They are made up of two parts; The core units (examined) and the occupational specialism (assessed)
- ▶ They are equivalent to 3 A-Levels and students must achieve 5 GCSEs graded between 9-4
- ▶ T-Levels focus on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships
- ▶ Included in this course is a 45 day (9 week) industry placement. This allows students to get industry experience and also discover the job roles that are available in the industries
- ▶ T-Levels in different areas are becoming available each year



Vocational Qualifications

- ▶ Work-related qualifications that combine practical learning with subject and theory content
You only study one Vocational course. At level 3 it's equivalent to 3 A levels
- ▶ These courses are ideal for students that are interested in an industry or sector but are not necessarily certain on the job they would like to do
- ▶ Assessed through assignments which can be written or activity based and can also be done individually or in groups. However some courses do include exams.
- ▶ Vocational courses can lead to employment, continuing study, or professional development programmes

Apprenticeships

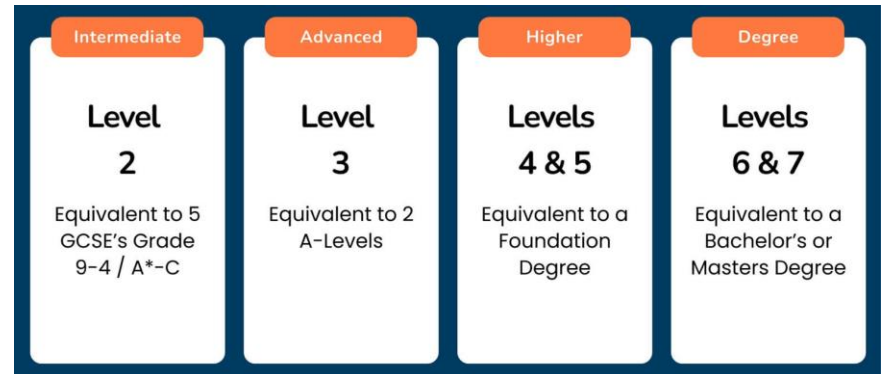


► What?

Providing you with the opportunity to earn and learn over a period of time with an employer and training provider to guide you through your chosen qualification and career path

► How?

There are various levels available, although Level 2 and 3 are most appropriate after secondary school



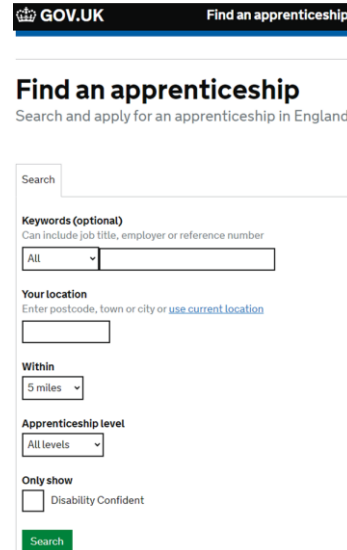
Apprenticeships - continued

► Where?

There are various ways in which you can search for an apprenticeship. The three most popular are: the Government 'find an apprenticeship' service, local colleges and company / job websites

► When?

You should start looking for opportunities once you are in Year 11. You will be legally able to start an apprenticeship from the 1st July 2024



The screenshot shows the GOV.UK 'Find an apprenticeship' search interface. At the top, there is a black header with the GOV.UK logo and the text 'Find an apprenticeship'. Below this is a white search box with the placeholder text 'Search'. Underneath the search box, there are several sections: 'Keywords (optional)' with a subtext 'Can include job title, employer or reference number' and a dropdown menu set to 'All'; 'Your location' with a subtext 'Enter postcode, town or city or [use current location](#)' and an empty text input field; 'Within' with a dropdown menu set to '5 miles'; 'Apprenticeship level' with a dropdown menu set to 'All levels'; and 'Only show' with a checkbox for 'Disability Confident'. At the bottom of the form is a green 'Search' button.



What if?

- ▶ English and Maths below grade 4 - level 2 programmes of study available
- ▶ Opportunity to retake Maths and English
- ▶ Functional Skills in English and Maths - level 2
- ▶ Some courses start at level 1
- ▶ **There is a pathway for everyone**



Career Resources

- ▶ [Government 'Find an Apprenticeship'](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships#)
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- ▶ [Prospects](#)
- ▶ [Local Colleges - Open Days](#)
- ▶ [Career Pilot](#)
- ▶ [National Careers Service - explore careers](#)
- ▶ <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Unsure about your career? Try this career quiz

- ▶ [SACU](#)



Thank you for listening!
Do you have any questions?