

Year 10 “Post-16 Progression” Evening

Monday 19th January 2026





Welcome and Overview

- Helene Livesey, Assistant Principal – Transition and Progression
 - Caroline Crabtree, Careers Lead, Tomlinscote School
 - Nikki Coleman, Prospect Trust Careers and Work Experience Service
 - Student Experience: Hariram Suthakaren, Sam Welding, Roz Ciernicka
 - Post-16 Pathway representatives
 - Farnborough College of Technology (Keri McSweeney)
 - Activate Learning (Trudy Rudge)
 - Farnborough 6th Form College (Emma Hobbs)
 - Stands: Colleges and Work Experience Team – Led by Jan Brade
- Slides will be emailed to all Year 10 parents after tonight!



The National Context of Careers Education in schools

Helene Livesey – Assistant Principal
Transition and Progression

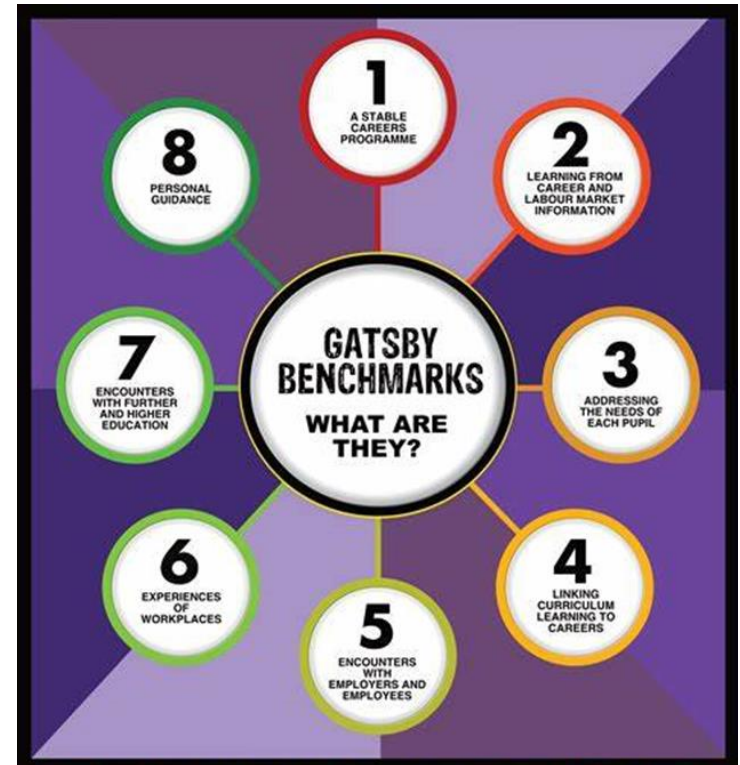
What is our 'mission', as a school?

- To create success and opportunities – exam results
- Our job is MUCH more than this...
 - Well rounded individuals
 - Employable individuals
 - Resilient individuals, able to cope with challenge
 - Ambitious individuals
 - Individuals on the 'right' pathways at key transition points



Backdrop to all of this... The Gatsby benchmarks

- In 2014, the Gatsby Charitable Foundation undertook an independent, international review of CEIAG.
- From this, the ‘Good Career Guidance Report’ was written which outlined a framework of 8 benchmarks that schools were to use to develop their CEIAG.
- Gatsby review from 2024, “Ten Years On”, places more emphasis on this across schools



Ofsted November 2023

“Pupils eagerly explain how the school’s extensive and well considered curriculum helps them pursue their dreams as an engineer, doctor, athlete, artist or something else.”

“Pupils are encouraged to consider their futures carefully and to be aspirational through the excellent careers education.”





Careers Information Education Advice and Guidance Years 10 & 11

Caroline Crabtree
Careers Lead
(...and English Teacher)

Tomlinscote's Careers Education Programme – KS4



1. Specific 'careers' module as part of a programme of structured learning
2. Enrichment programme and targeted careers advice
3. Careers in the curriculum as a cross-curricular thread

Beyond "What do you want to be when you grow up" ...

Equipping students with skills to manage and navigate their own futures

Careers Education – PSHE



- Specific ‘careers’ modules in the PSHE programme of study in Y10 & 11:

| Year 10 (Spring 1) | Year 10 (Summer 2) | Year 11 (Autumn 2) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WEX preparation• Employability skills• CV writing• Interview skills• Health and safety in the workplace• Career ‘identify’ and your online profile | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WEX reflection• Year 10 ‘Big Interview’ preparation• Interview skills and applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-16 pathways and progression routes• Your ‘career journey’• Career identify and values• Personal finances-risks for post-16 |



Careers Coaching Appointments



- ALL children will have at least one 'one to one' careers coaching appointment at Tomlinscote (Y10/11)
- A chance to speak to someone about transition points and seek impartial guidance
- Run by our Trust Careers Service

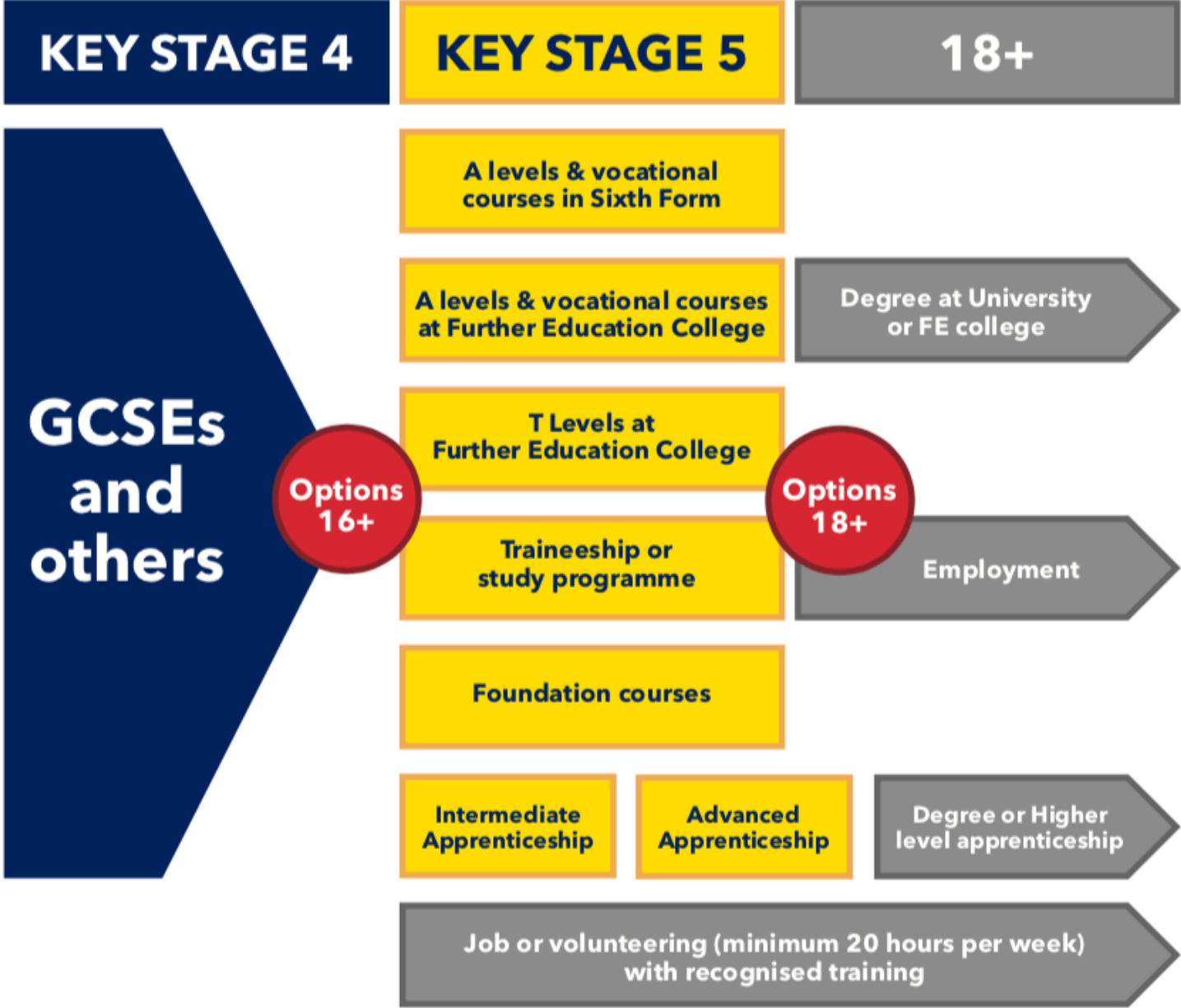


Career Management skills...

- Help navigate the different routes for post-16 – what path do I want to take?
- Understanding yourself – what are your strengths and weaknesses?
- Understanding what's out there – what opportunities are there?
- Developing employability skills – how can we help you stand out from everyone else?

Our overall mission:
To create rounded, ambitious, employable young people who can succeed in their chosen pathway after Year 11







What are my post-16 options?

I am here

GCSEs

ACADEMIC ROUTE

VOCATIONAL ROUTE

TECHNICAL ROUTE

A-LEVELS

Farnborough 6th

Collingwood

Farnborough Tech

Guildford County

Gordon's

Activate Learning

BTECs/CTECs

Farnborough 6th

Farnborough Tech

Activate Learning

Woking College

Occupational qualifications

Independent training providers

T-LEVELS

Farnborough Tech

UTC Reading

Activate Learning

Brooklands

MIT Skills Ltd

APPRENTICESHIPS

Gov.uk website

Individual companies

Post-16 Progression Support – Y10

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| 13 th Feb 2026 | Report home – early grade projections |
| 16 th – 26 th March | Year 10 Exams |
| April 2026 onwards – Dec 2027 | Year 10 one to one Careers Coaching appointments start |
| May 2026 | 8 th May – Year 10 Report home F6th and FCOT taster day programmes |
| June 2026 | Year 10 Work Experience Programme Followed by reflection in PSHE and further focus on interview skills |
| 16 th July 2026 | Year 10 ‘Big Interview’ |

Enrichment: Ad hoc opportunities do also come up! Students may be targeted but should also be alert to emails and information at tutor time!

Post-16 Progression Support – Y11

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| September 2026 | Year 11 PSHE – exploring post-16 options, visits from key post-16 providers in school |
| Oct-Dec 2026 | College/Sixth Form open evenings Applications and deadlines – students expected to have a Plan A & Plan B |
| Dec 2027 | School references |
| Jan 2027 | Year 11 Mock Exams – review plans (?) |
| Jan-March 2027 | College/Sixth Form interviews |
| April 2027 | Applications for apprenticeships Surrey CC ‘intended destinations’ survey |
| May-June 2027 | GCSE exams |
| August 2027 | GCSE results day (Likely August 26 th 2027!) |



Modern Work Experience 15th - 19th June 2026

Nikki Coleman - Head of The Prospect Trust Careers Services

Meet the team

Discover – Engage - Become

wex@prospecttrust.org.uk



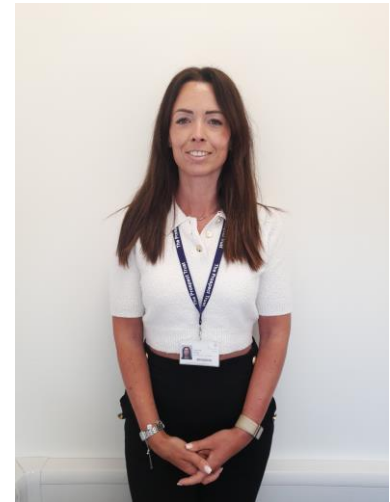
Jan



Emma



Paula



Sophie

Modern Work Experience

Meaningful experiences of the workplace

10 days of work experience from year 7 - 11:

1. At least one week of work experience activities in years 7 - 9
2. At least one week of placements in Years 10 - 11

By the age of 18, every pupil should have had at least one further meaningful experience of a workplace, in addition to any part-time jobs they may have.

What is work Experience?

Discover – Engage – Become

“A placement on an employer’s premises in which a student carries out a particular task or duty, or range of tasks and duties, more or less as would an employee, but with the emphasis on the learning aspects of the experience”

Work Experience Discover – Engage – Become

Asked what they struggle with when hiring young people, 40% said that the majority of young people applying for jobs have little or no experience in the workplace



You can't be what you can't see Discover – Engage – Become

1. Introduces you to the world of work and can provide valuable insights
2. Assists in the process of researching a career path and further education options
3. Very positive addition to your CV - enhances employability skills e.g. time keeping, communication, analytical and organisational skills
4. Can help to increase confidence
5. Can lead to a part-time or full-time job

Finding Work Experience Placements

Discover – Engage - Become

1. Responsible for finding your own placement
2. If you already have an idea of what career you would like to do, research relevant work experience opportunities in that area.
3. Our Work Experience team are here to help.
4. Work Experience clinics in school - from 20/01/2026 - 11/02/2026 – organised tutor by tutor
5. Clinics - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
6. Every student will have a time slot to attend the clinic



WORK EXPERIENCE

Top Tips for finding a work experience placement

YOUR NETWORK

Ask members of your family, your friends and neighbours if they have contacts who work for a company or job sector that you are interested in.



LOCAL RESEARCH

Use the Internet to research local companies who work in the sector you are interested in.



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Where can you travel to each day for your work experience?



START NOW!

It can take time to arrange a work experience placement that you are really interested in, so start the process now!



GROFAR

When you have organised your work experience, please log the details on a placement form in Grofar.

The deadline for putting your placement on Grofar is **Monday 13th April 2026**.



GUIDANCE & SUPPORT

Please email The Prospect Trust Work Experience Team if you have any questions:

wex@prospecttrust.org.uk



How do I contact employers? Discover – Engage -Become

1. Be Proactive
2. If possible obtain the details of a specific contact from the organisation you are contacting.
3. Telephone, Email, send a letter with a C.V. visit in person
4. LinkedIn
5. Follow up each contact
6. Be polite but persistent!



Health & Safety

The Work Experience team will conduct all necessary pre-placement visits and Health & Safety checks

When finding a placement please make sure the Employer has Employers Liability Insurance (ELI).

Please be aware of the following!

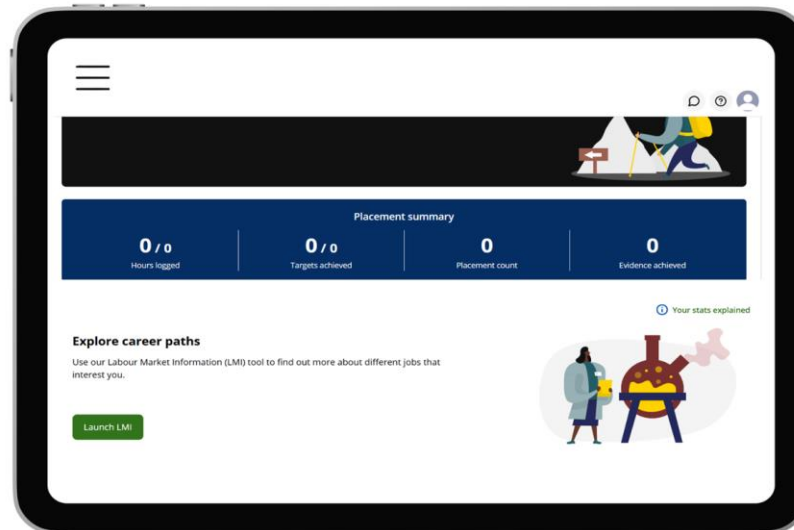
Students can only complete high risk placements that are within our area.

If an employer does not have ELI we cannot approve the placement.

The exception to this is if the employer is an immediate relation to the student - mother, father, step-mother, step-father, grandmother, grandfather, brother or sister.

Students cannot log work experience on Grofar that they have completed abroad.

Grofar is here to help you manage your work placement



Students will start being trained on how to add their placements onto Grofar tutor by tutor starting tomorrow!

Can you help?

DISCOVER - ENGAGE - BECOME
THE PROSPECT TRUST CAREERS SERVICES

*Your future workforce
needs you!*

**STRUGGLING TO RECRUIT?
BECOME A
WORK EXPERIENCE
PARTNER**

**HOSTING A WORK EXPERIENCE
STUDENT IS EASIER THAN YOU
THINK!**

**CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS:
01252 951050
WEX@PROSPECTTRUST.CO.UK**

*Supporting students from:
The Sixth Form College Farnborough
Tomlinscote School*

Deadline -Monday 13th April!





Work Experience: A student perspective

Hariram Suthakaren, Sam Welding, Roz Ciernicka
Year 11 Students



Post-16 Pathways

Farnborough College of Technology

Keri McSweeney

Schools Liaison Officer

**MAKE
YOURSELF**

STAND OUT

HANNAH

**NOW A CHEF AT
THE AVIATOR HOTEL**



Farnborough College
of Technology

WELCOME



Farnborough College
of Technology



Aldershot College



UNIVERSITY
CENTRE
FARNBOROUGH



OUR SUBJECTS

- Accounting
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Art
- Assisting Teaching
- Beauty Therapy
- Biology
- Bricklaying
- Business
- Carpentry
- Catering
- Chemistry
- Craft and Design
- Criminology
- Digital
- Economics
- Education and Childcare
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- English
- Esports
- Fashion, Textiles and Visual Merchandising
- Finance
- Floristry

OUR SUBJECTS

- Foundation and Entry Level Studies
- Game Development
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- Hairdressing
- Health
- Health and Social Care
- History
- IT
- Law
- Management and Administration
- Maths
- Media, Broadcast and Production
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance
- Production Arts
- Photography
- Plumbing
- Psychology
- Science
- Sociology
- Sport
- Travel and Tourism
- Uniformed Protective Services

YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF CHOICE WITH US

◀ MORE CLASSROOM BASED

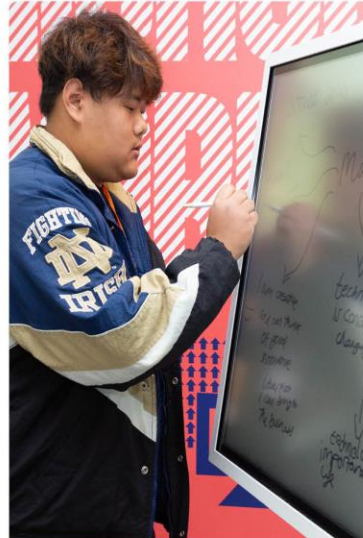
MORE WORK BASED ▶



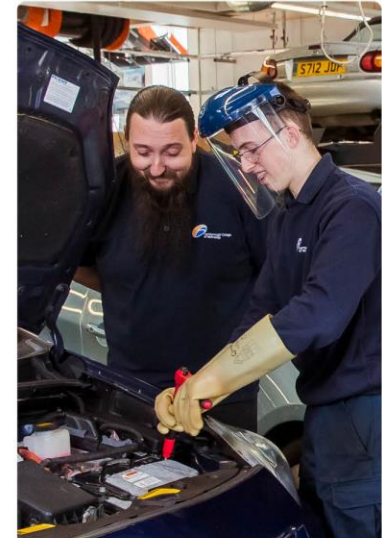
A LEVELS



**BTEC AND
VOCATIONAL COURSES**



T LEVELS



APPRENTICESHIPS

HANNAH

Culinary Skills
Course

Commis Chef at
The Aviator
Brasserie

STUDENT
SUCCESS
IN THE
MAKING

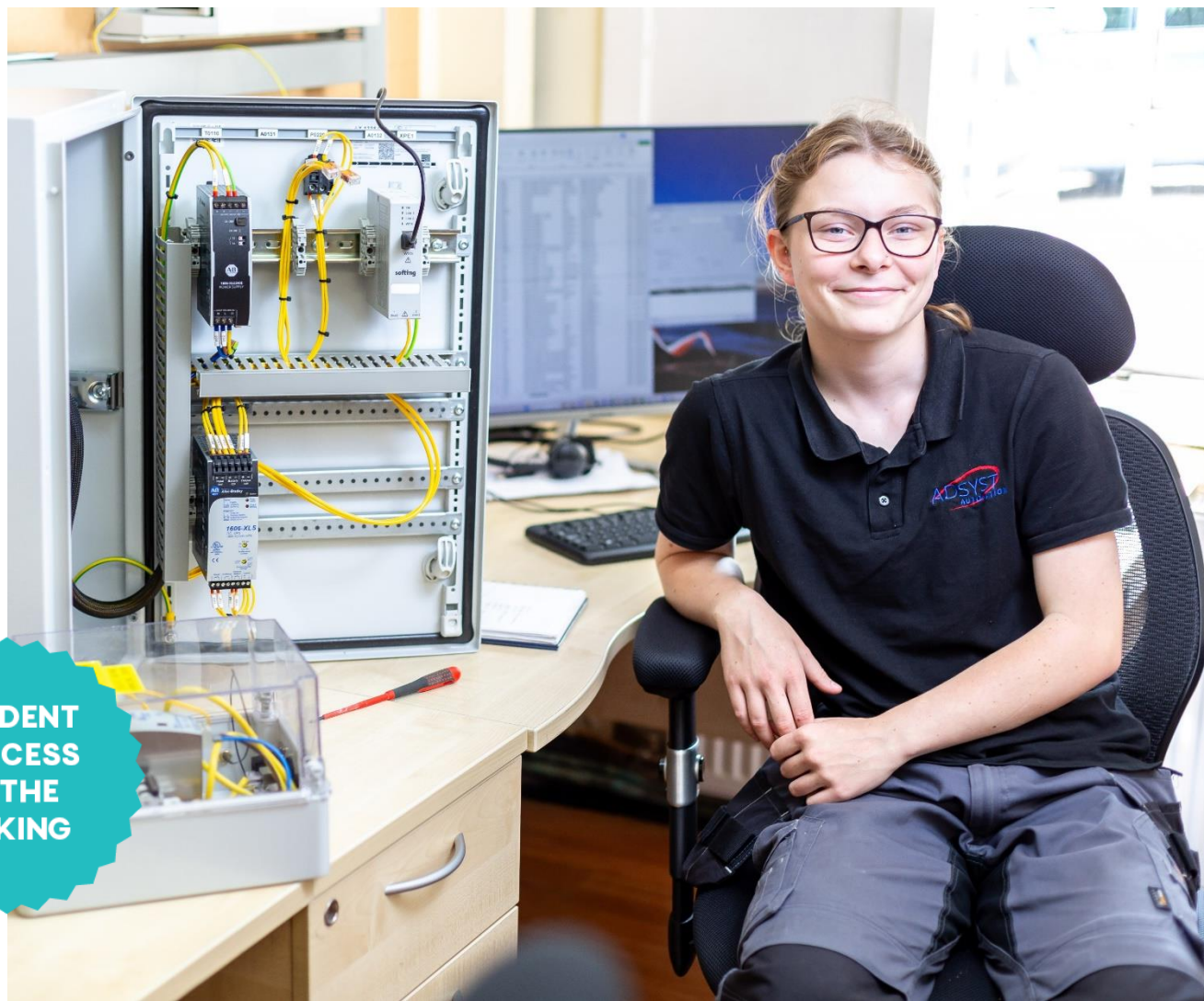


SOPHIE

Electrical Installation
Apprentice

Apprentice at Adsyst
Automation

STUDENT
SUCCESS
IN THE
MAKING



PRIYANKA

T Level Digital Production,
Design and Development

Studying Computer
Science and Artificial
Intelligence at
Kingston University

STUDENT
SUCCESS
IN THE
MAKING



JACOB

A Levels

Business at Lancaster
University

Operations Manager
at Bet365

**STUDENT
SUCCESS
IN THE
MAKING**



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

MOST OF OUR COURSES REQUIRE:

- ▶ At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above



ENRICHMENT & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



OUR FACILITIES



OUR FACILITIES



COLLEGE VS SCHOOL

College

- You can wear your own clothes
- Assessed in various ways
- Access to specialised facilities
- There is more time for independence and self-led learning
- Offer a wide variety of courses to enable you to follow your passions

School

- You have to wear a uniform
- Most subjects are assessed through exams
- Mainly classroom-based learning with some access to other facilities
- There are compulsory subjects everyone has to study

TRAVEL TO COLLEGE

Farnborough Campus - GU14 6SB

Aldershot Campus - GU12 4PQ



SAVE MONEY WITH
OUR EXCLUSIVE
TRAVEL DEALS

WHAT'S NEXT?



OPEN EVENTS

Register for our Open Event via our website



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.farn-ct.ac.uk



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above



OPEN EVENTS



FARNBOROUGH **4-7.30PM**

Tuesday 14 October 2025
Wednesday 15 October 2025
Thursday 20 November 2025
Wednesday 11 February 2026

ALDERSHOT **4-6.30PM**

For construction courses only
Thursday 16 October 2025
Thursday 20 November 2025
Thursday 12 February 2026

REGISTER AT WWW.FARN-CT.AC.UK

JOINING US IS SIMPLE

IT TAKES JUST A FEW STEPS:

- ▶ Visit our Open Event
- ▶ Apply online
- ▶ We'll invite you for a short interview
- ▶ Attend Summer College in June
- ▶ Enrol in August





Post-16 Pathways

Activate Learning

Trudy Rudge

Lead Schools Partnership Executive



POST-16 OPTIONS

With Activate Learning

Banbury and Bicester College – Bracknell and Wokingham College
City of Oxford College – Farnham College – Guildford College
– Merrist Wood College – Reading College – The Leys College



Officially rated
GOOD with
OUTSTANDING
areas by
Ofsted





INTRODUCING ACTIVATE LEARNING

A group of learning organisations, including secondary, further and higher education, workforce training and social enterprise.

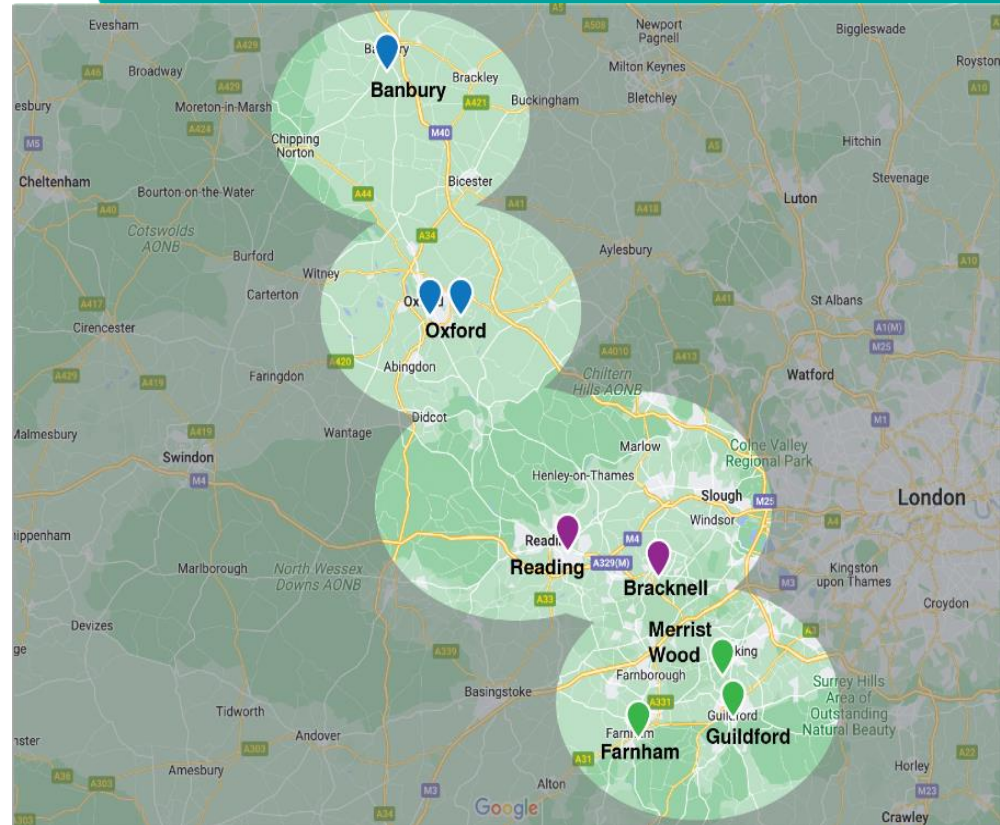
Eight colleges across Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Surrey.

An award-winning education.

High student success/satisfaction rates.

95% progress to work or higher education.

Recognised by Ofsted as 'Good'





Post-Year 11 options

After GCSEs:

▶ Sixth Form

▶ College (vocational,
T Levels, A Levels, GCSE's)

▶ Apprenticeship





What is college like?

Outstanding facilities

A grown-up environment, but with similar hours and holiday to school.

Firstly, we aim to get you **ready for working life** and that's why we can offer everyone the chance of **work experience** whilst you're studying with us.





Employer Engagemen

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▶ Work experience

▶ Workshops

▶ Masterclasses

▶ Interview practice

▶ Live projects

▶ Talks

*subject to change



Vocational Courses

- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Animal Management
- ▶ Arboriculture and Countryside
- ▶ Beauty Therapy
- ▶ Business and Enterprise
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Early Years
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Equine Management
- ▶ Esports
- ▶ Furniture
- ▶ Hairdressing
- ▶ Health and Social Care
- ▶ Horticulture and Landscaping
- ▶ Hospitality and Professional Cookery
- ▶ IT
- ▶ Media
- ▶ Media Makeup
- ▶ Motor Vehicle
- ▶ Performing and Production Arts
- ▶ Public Services
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Sports Academies
- ▶ Sports Therapy and Exercise
- ▶ Travel and Tourism
- ▶ Visual Arts and Design

Specialist Facilities

Hair & Beauty Salons
Restaurants – The Park Room & The Kitchen
Drama & Dance Studios
Rare Breed Farm
Zoo
Construction Centre
Equine Arena
Recording Studios
Health Care Suites
Forensic Rooms





Vocational Courses

Vocational programmes across many pathways from Foundation to Levels 1, 2 and 3

- ▶ Learn in specialist facilities that replicate work environments
- ▶ Opportunities for work experience
- ▶ Designed in partnership with business to maximise relevance
- ▶ Courses covering a wide range of different career pathways
- ▶ Supported Learning Programmes within Lifeskills Faculty designed for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

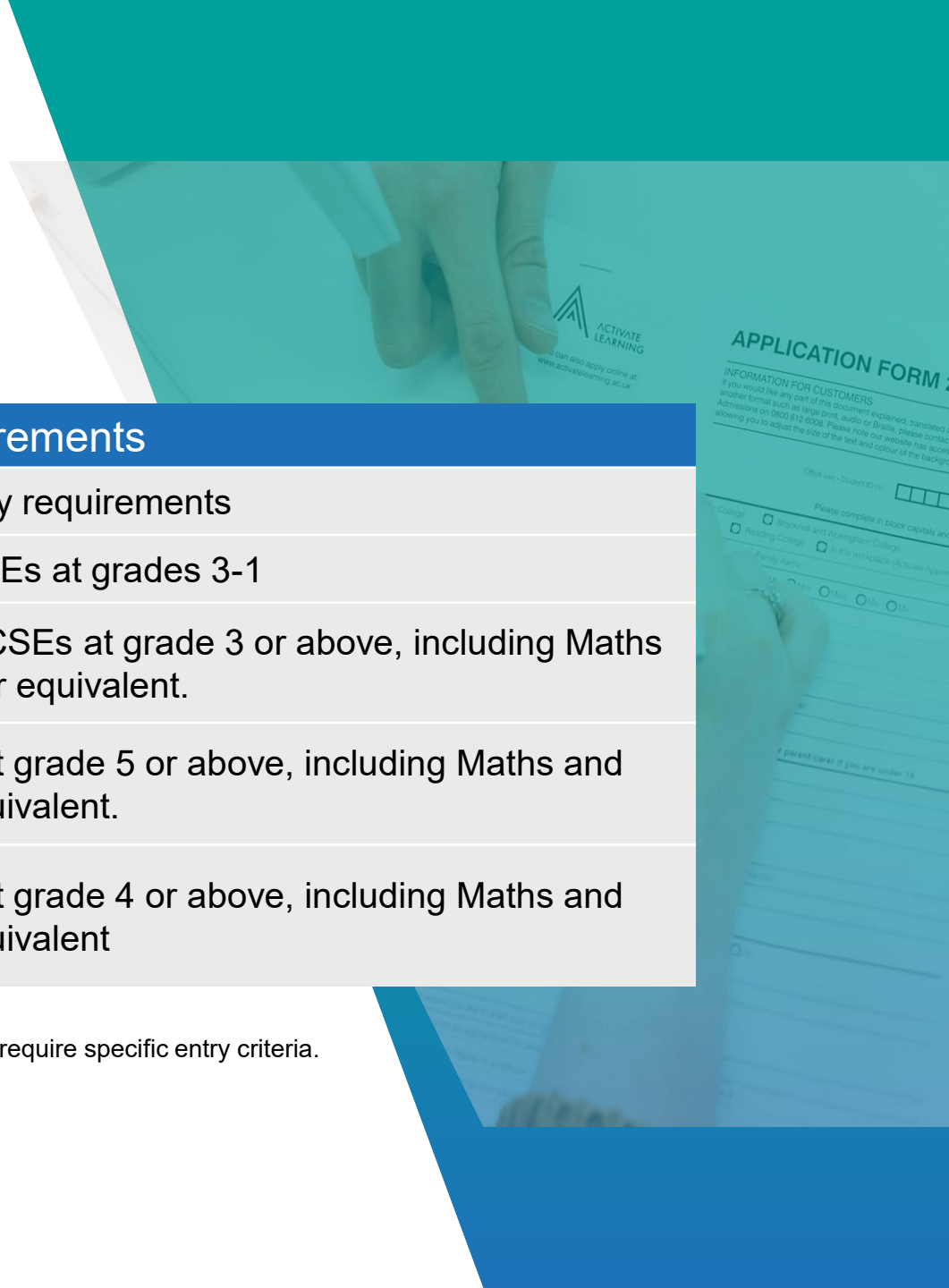




Entry requirements:

| Qualification | Entry Requirements |
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| Entry Level | No formal entry requirements |
| Level 1 | Range of GCSEs at grades 3-1 |
| Level 2 | Two to four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent. |
| Level 3 A Levels | Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent. |
| T Level 3 | Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English, or equivalent |

*Please note: this is a guide only as some courses may require specific entry criteria.



T LEVELS - What are they?

A new qualification that is equivalent to three A Levels:

80% of the course is in the classroom, learning the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where you'll put these skills into practice.

Designed in collaboration with employers and businesses, so that you will learn everything you need to prepare for the workplace – with more than 300 hours of industry placements.

T Levels give you the option to move onto university or a higher apprenticeship.

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION





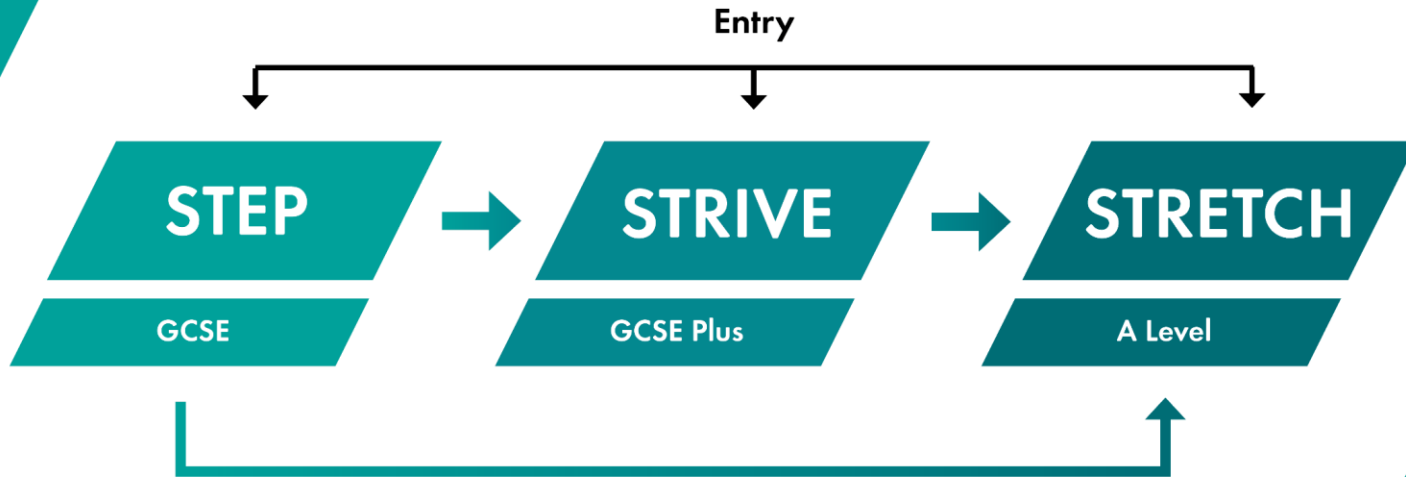
A Levels

- ▶ 3D Architectural
- ▶ Applied Law
- ▶ Applied Criminology
- ▶ Art and Design
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Classic Civilisation
- ▶ English Lang/Lit
- ▶ English Lit
- ▶ Fine Art
- ▶ Further Maths
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Graphic Design
- ▶ History
- ▶ Human Biology (AAQ)
- ▶ Law
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Media
- ▶ Philosophy and Religious Studies
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Politics
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Social Biology





A Levels ▶ The Activate Learning Way

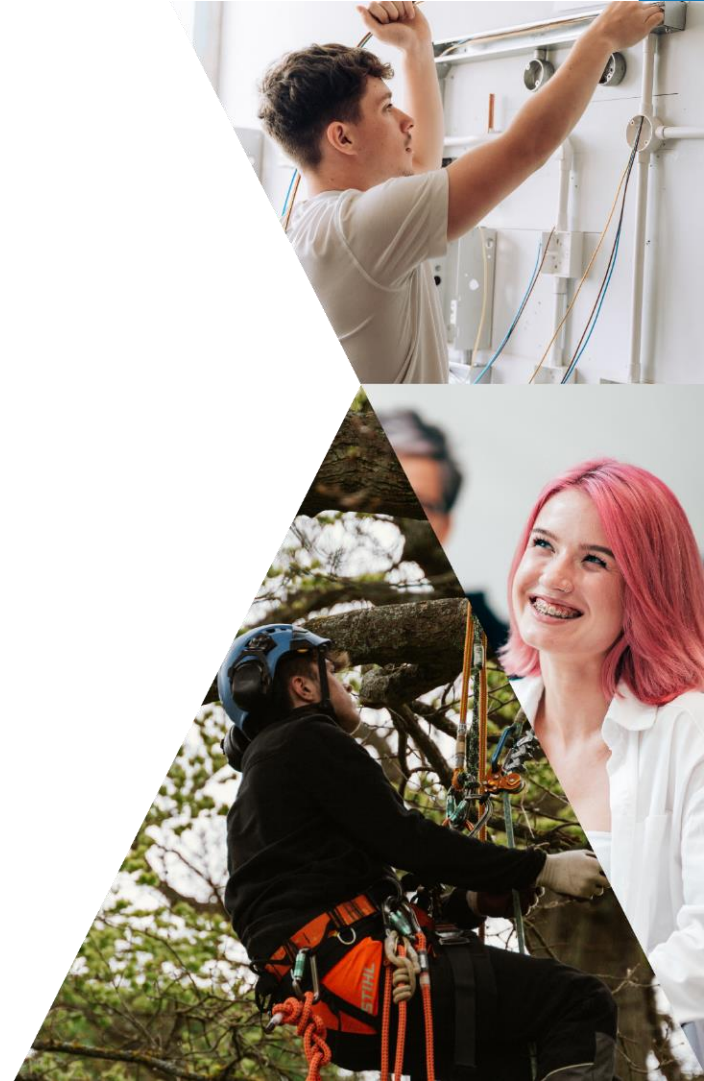




Apprenticeships

www.activateapprenticeships.co.uk

- ▶ Through Activate Learning, young people can get in and go far with some of the UK's biggest and brightest companies
- ▶ Activate Learning brings a talent pipeline of over 1000 apprentices, studying across the Activate Learning group
- ▶ Actively working with over 400 companies in the local region and 1000 across the UK





Travel Bursaries

| Type of Travel Bursary: | To be eligible you will need: | You could get: |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Full travel bursary | Household income of less than £16,190 a year or on means-tested benefit | A termly travel pass (you pay £30 towards this each term) |
| Subsidised travel bursary 1 | Household income of £16,190 to £25,000 | A termly travel pass (you pay 20% towards the annual cost) |
| Subsidised travel bursary 2 | Household income of £25,001 - £30,000 | A termly travel pass (you pay 30% towards the annual cost) |



Come to an

OPEN EVENT



@ Farnham College

Wednesday 4th February 4.30pm-7pm

@ Guildford College

Wednesday 25 February, 4.30-7pm

@ Merrist Wood College

Wednesday 11 February, 9.30am-12pm

Register today and

**ACTIVATE YOUR
FUTURE** →

www.activatelearning.ac.uk



Come to an

OPEN EVENT



**@ Reading
College**

Wednesday 4 February, 4.30-7pm

Wednesday 29 April, 9.30am-12pm

**@ Bracknell and
Wokingham College**

Wednesday 11 February, 4.30-7pm

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Post-16 Pathways

The Sixth Form College, Farnborough

Emma Hobbs

Assistant Principal Partnerships and Progression



The Sixth Form College Farnborough

A guide to... Year 10 preview
evening 2026



Why choose The Sixth Form College Farnborough?

- Your choice of study programme
- Excellent teaching and fantastic results
- Outstanding support from a **dedicated pastoral team**
- **Award winning careers team** supporting your next steps
- **Bespoke** support programmes
- **Aspire** - supporting Oxbridge and **Elite destinations**
- **Inspire** - providing **mentoring** from business professionals



A taste of college life



Year 10 Preview Evening – Tuesday 2 June 2026

- Come and have a look around our **fabulous campus**
- Meet our **wonderful current students** and hear about their experiences at College
- Visit our teaching teams and see our **amazing facilities**
- Discover our outstanding support from a **dedicated pastoral team**
- Get to know our **inspiring senior leadership team**
- Hear more about our **award winning careers support**
- Find out about our **80+ enrichment choices**



Year 10 Preview Evening – Tuesday 2 June 2026

- Priority bookings available to partner schools
- Limited number of tickets available
- An early chance to see the College ahead of our main Open Events (in October)
- **We can't wait to meet you!**





What next?

- Any questions? Please speak with the presenters here tonight.
- Evaluation forms - You will shortly be emailed a google evaluation form. Please take a few minutes to complete this if possible. We really value your feedback!
- Visit the college and work experience team stands in the hall and ask questions and start doing your research now!

These slides will be emailed out to you!