

# Options for Post-16 Education

## Information Sheet



As soon as the autumn term starts you will start the process of applying for your Post-16 options. It is useful to start to have a look around and think about what you may like to do once you finish Year 11.

These are your main options:

### A Levels

- ⇒ An A Level is a two year course, you study three or sometimes four subjects
- ⇒ You can combine A Level study with BTEC subsidiary subjects, you still pick three subjects between the two different types of qualification
- ⇒ There are general college/sixth form GCSE entry requirements as well as specific subject entry requirements

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- ⇒ New qualification, only became available in September 2020
  - ⇒ A T Level is a two year course and is equivalent to three A Levels
  - ⇒ As well as studying at college, you will have a minimum of a 45 day work placement in a work environment related to your course
  - ⇒ Courses are currently available in: Digital, Construction, Education & Childcare and Health & Social
  - ⇒ Entry requirements for these courses are generally Grade 4s or above in English, Mathematics and Science



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- ⇒ A BTEC is a broad qualification in a sector such as Travel and Tourism or Uniformed Services
  - ⇒ A Vocational course is specifically designed for a particular job role such as electrician, carpenter, hairdresser or chef
  - ⇒ Has various levels you can start at depending on your GCSE results and interests
  - ⇒ Can be a 1 year or 2 year course
  - ⇒ Practical based qualifications; gain experience in classroom or out in the field



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- ⇒ Apprenticeships are real jobs with pay and qualifications
  - ⇒ You have to find your own apprenticeship
  - ⇒ Entry requirements vary depending on level and type of apprenticeship
  - ⇒ Your employer will give you time off to attend college to practical your skills and develop your knowledge
  - ⇒ For more information visit: <https://brookvalegroby.com/apprenticeships/>



Visit our website to view an explanatory video on each: <https://brookvalegroby.com/careers-evening/>



www.ps16.co.uk is the website through which every student in Leicestershire applies for their Post-16 options. Even if you are keen to get an apprenticeship, you need a back-up college course.

You will get your login details shortly after starting Year 11



You along with your parents/carers will be invited to our annual Careers Evening in October. There will be representatives from various local colleges, universities, apprenticeships and military organisations. You can ask questions and gather literature. There will also be an informative presentation aimed at parents/carers

## World of Work

You will all receive a World of Work booklet about industry in Leicestershire. To get the most out of your booklet and to develop your understanding of LMI, view this video:



<https://youtu.be/dI4mQcRIogY>



Some places to look for vacancies:

- <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- <https://leicestercollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>
- <https://www.loucoll.ac.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies>
- <http://www.stephensoncoll.ac.uk/apprenticeships/local-apprenticeships>
- <https://www.brooksbymelton.ac.uk/job-categories/apprenticeship/>
- <https://www.bestapprenticeships.com/>

## Employability

To prepare for finding an apprenticeship, you will need to:

- ⇒ Set up email alerts on apprenticeship and employment websites such as indeed and monster
- ⇒ Create a CV—you will start this in life skills

To prepare for an apprenticeship or college interview, you will need to:

- ⇒ Practice interview techniques—you will have a mock interview in school with a professional from an outside agency

For more information and advice on everything employability related visit:

<https://brookvalegroby.com/employability/>

## MATHS & ENGLISH

It is important to try your hardest in English and Mathematics because if you do not gain a Grade 4 or above in both subjects at GCSE, you have to retake them regardless of what course or apprenticeship you decide to do. Many colleges offer functional skills courses instead of GCSE retakes

### Some of your college options



## Some things to think about when picking your Post-16 options

- ⇒ First of all there is an option out there to suit you—ideas and thoughts can be discussed in your careers 1:1
- ⇒ Think about how you chose your Year 9 options, could that influence how you pick your Post-16 options?
- ⇒ The future is unpredictable; a career is a lifelong journey and many paths can lead to the same destination
- ⇒ Research; do all the research you can as there are so many options and types of courses available
- ⇒ Remember your life skills teacher, your tutor and our careers adviser are all on hand to help you

**Parents and Carers: if you would like more information, visit our school website:**

<https://brookvalegroby.com/parents-and-carers-information/>