A LEVELS

NEXT STEPS...

APPRENTICESHIPS

WHICHEVER PATH YOU CHOOSE IT CAN
PREPARE YOU FOR HIGHER EDUCATION,
by exams and a small amount
of course work.

You will develop knowledge, analysis
skills and critical thinking.

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and aptitudes that can be applied
to work based projects and tasks.

Your final grades will be determined
by exams and a small amount
of course work.

It’s time to start your adventures!
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route for you.

LEVELS

You need certain GCSEs to progress to A levels (5 Cs/grade 5).
Each A level may require a B/grade
in that subject or a related
subject at GCSE.

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and critical thinking.
Your final grades will be determined
by exams and a small amount
of course work.

BTEC

Level 3 BTEC will require at least
5 Cs/grade 5.
If you get less than 4 Cs/grade
in that subject or a related
subject at GCSE.
You will develop knowledge, analysis
and aptitudes that can be applied
to work based projects and tasks.
Your final grades will be determined
through project based tasks and practical assessments.

Advanced apprenticeships require
at least 5 Cs/grade 5.
Intermediate apprenticeships require
at least 4 Cs/grade 4, often with a C/grade
in Maths and English.
You will develop specific aptitudes
for work based tasks and projects.
Apprenticeships will earn an apprenticeship salary.

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WHAT’S NEXT?
FIND THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSE, TRAINING OR JOB THAT WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM CAREER.

TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP
PROGRESS ON TO YOUR CHOSEN SIXTH FORM, COLLEGE OR TRAINING PATH AND START THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT.

GET YOUR QUALIFICATIONS
WORK HARD THROUGHOUT YOUR COURSE TO ACHIEVE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS.
ASK FOR HELP IF YOU’RE FINDING THINGS DIFFICULT, THIS WILL GET YOU BACK ON TRACK.
TAKE YOUR FINAL EXAMS AND SUBMIT YOUR FINAL PROJECTS.

MAKE YOUR CHOICES FOR AFTER YEAR 11
YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH A QUALIFICATION FOR TWO YEARS AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR GCSEs. YOU CAN STAY AT SCHOOL, GO TO COLLEGE OR GO INTO WORKPLACE TRAINING.

EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS
WHAT SUBJECTS INTEREST YOU?
HOW DO YOU LEARN BEST?
WHAT GRADES TO 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?

MAKING CHOICES
WHAT ARE YOUR CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES?
WHAT SKILLS WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP?
WHICH SUBJECTS OR HOBBIES DO YOU ENJOY?

EDUCATION
APPLY FOR COLLEGE & SIXTH FORM BY AUTUMN 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.

TRAINING
APPLY FOR APPRENTICESHIPS FROM A LEVELS

APPRENTICESHIP
• Job-specific qualifications.
• Apprenticeships are taught through workplace experience, observation and practice.
• You may attend a local college or training provider to cover theory elements.

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