

WHAT ARE MY POST 16 OPTIONS?

You must stay in some type of education or training until you are 18. There are many options available when you turn 16, look at what option best suits you and your situation, strengths and interests.

CONTINUE YOUR STUDIES

You could take a work-related course that will give you skills and work experience. Some courses keep your options open by giving you the chance to study different subjects. You may need specific qualifications for your career choice, so always do some research.

THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS SUCH AS:

- A levels
- T Levels
- Technical and vocational qualifications
- Applied qualifications
- Exam retakes

COMBINE WORK AND STUDY

Improve your skills, get work experience and gain the qualifications that employers need.

THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS SUCH AS:

- Traineeships
- Supported internships
- Apprenticeships
- School leaver schemes

STUDIES

A levels

Study a subject you took at GCSE in greater depth or choose a new one like economics, law or psychology. You could take 3 broad subjects you are interested in to keep your career options open or choose ones you need for a specific career.

2 Years.

T levels

Designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. Combines classroom learning with industry placements to prepare you for skilled work or higher level study. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.

2 Years

Technical and vocational qualifications

Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be involved in.

Applied qualifications

Qualifications that give you a broad overview of working in a specific sector, like business, media, engineering, leisure or science and technology. A mix of classroom-based learning with the chance to get some practical skills.

Exam retakes

If you didn't get the results you wanted, you can resit some of your courses or sign up for some new qualifications.

STUDIES & WORK COMBINED

Traineeships

A course that includes a work placement that will get you ready for an apprenticeship or a job. You'll get work experience and some help to apply for your next steps.

Supported internships

Supported internships are for young people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, who need extra support to get a job.

Apprenticeships

Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college.

School leaver schemes

A chance to learn and train with a large company while earning a wage. Offered in sectors like accountancy, engineering, finance, IT, law, leisure and retail. Similar to graduate employment schemes run over a longer period of time.

