Your Post-16 Options

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Who are Inspiring Choices?

We support young people as they make decisions about their future education and career.

What we do:

- Run activities in schools and colleges
- Work with young people aged 15 and above
- Opportunities to consider future education options and how to achieve these
- 1 to 1 support
- Organise university campus visits

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Aims of the session

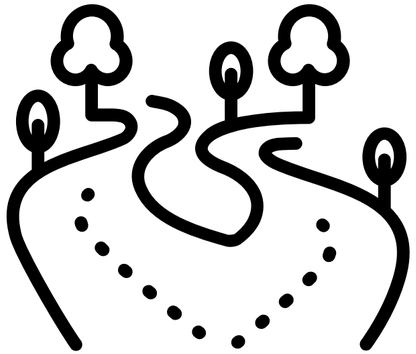
- Explain the different types of post-16 qualification.
- Explore where you can go for further education (FE).
- Discuss how you can decide between your options.



What to do after Year 11?

You are currently taking your GCSEs (Level 2 qualifications)





During year 11 you will need to decide what FE options you would like to take.

Types of Post-16 qualifications

Level 1

Some professions may require you to start at level 1. e.g. electrical installation.

Level 2

- GCSEs Grades 1-3
- GCSEs Grades 4-9
- BTEC and NVQ Level 2
- Apprenticeship Level 2

Level 3

- Applied Generals
- V Levels
- A Levels
- T Levels
- Apprenticeship, Level 3

Higher Education

Qualifications you can do post-18. This includes University Degrees, Higher Level Qualifications, and Degree Apprenticeships.

Activity!

Match 'em up!

Pair the qualification cards with the correct description cards.

Applied Generals

- Vocational qualifications.
- Combine practical learning with subject and theory content.
- Can be studied in Sixth Forms and Colleges.
- Usually studied over two years.

Example: Scarborough TEC offer lots of different vocational options.

Examples:



- **Health and Social Care**



- **Travel and Tourism**



- **Animal Care**

V-Levels

- Vocational levels focusing on practical learning.
- Can be studied alongside A-Levels.
- Can be studied in sixth forms, colleges, and other FE providers.
- Usually studied over two years.

To be **introduced in September 2027.**

Examples:



- **Digital**



- **Finance and Accounting**

A-Levels

- Advanced levels.
- Academic extension of GCSEs.
- Studied at Sixth Form or college.
- Usually studied over two years.

Example: Scarborough Sixth Form offer lots of different A-Level options.

Examples:



- **Criminology**



- **Biology**



- **English Literature**

T-Levels

- Technical Levels.
- You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on placement with an employer.
- Can be studied in sixth forms, colleges, and other FE providers.
- Usually studied over two years.

Example: York College offer options such as T Level Health.

Examples:



- **Education and Early Years**



- **Media, Broadcast and Production**

Apprenticeships

- 80% in the workplace, 20% learning in the classroom.
- In the workplace, you will:

- Earn a wage and get holiday pay.

- Work alongside experienced staff.

- Gain job-specific skills.

- The training might be at your place of work, a college, a training provider or online.

Examples:



- **Engineering**



- **Chef**



- **Finance**

Activity!

Real or not Real?

Decide if the following courses are real or not.

Real or not real?



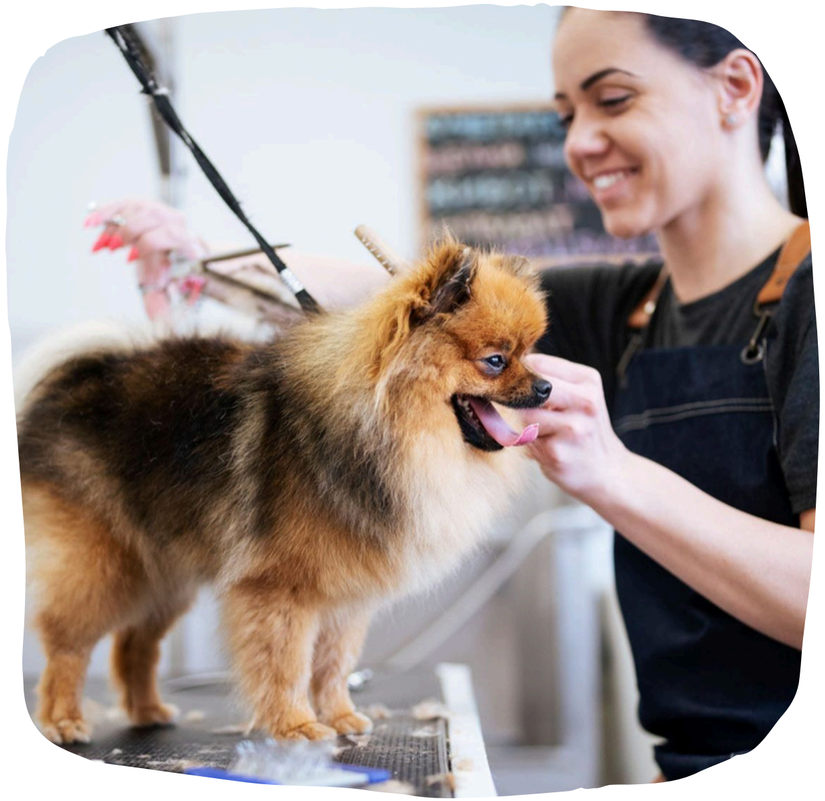
- Plumpton College (East Sussex)
- Blacksmithing and Metalworking
- Level 3 Diploma

Real or not real?



- Pl[illegible]llege (East Sussex)
- [illegible]and Metalworking

Real or not real?



- The Sheffield College (Sheffield)
- Dog Grooming
- Level 3 Diploma

Real or not real?



- The Sheffield College (Sheffield)

Real or not real?



- City of Liverpool College (Liverpool)
- Undersized Motor Studies
- BTEC Level 3

Real or not real?



FAKE

(Liverpool)

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But you can study Motorsport engineering at Askham Bryan College!

Real or not real?



- Leeds City College (Leeds)
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- T-Level

Real or not real?

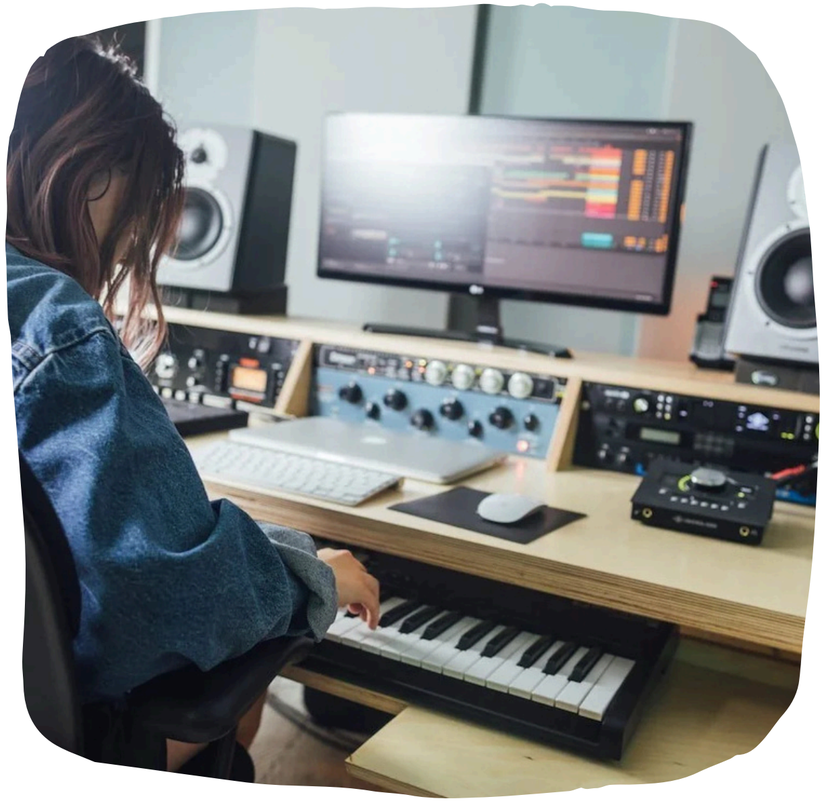


REAL

- L[illegible]ge (Leeds)

Manufacturing

Real or not real?



- City of Glasgow College (Glasgow)
- Music Making
- A-Level

Real or not real?



FAKE

ege (Glasgow)

But you can study Music Performance and Production at York College!

Real or not real?



- Bridgend College (Wales)
- E Sports
- Level 3 Diploma

Real or not real?



ege (Wales)

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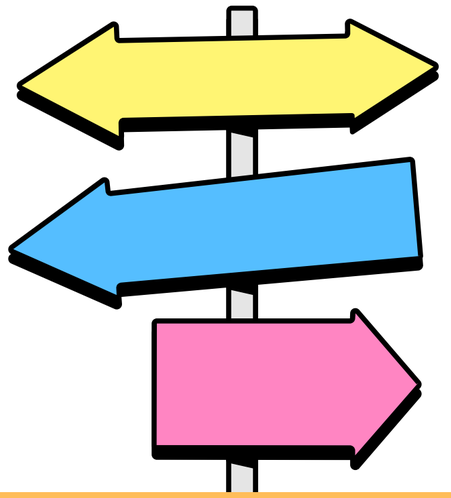
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Deciding where to go after year 11 and what to study can be challenging.

Think about:

- The people you could speak to
- The ways you can research
- What is important to you?



Make a mind map on your whiteboard of the things you can do to help yourself make a decision about your post-16 options.

How do I decide? Our answers

Think about what and who is influencing your decisions - You need to choose what is best for you.

Research what you can do locally or consider options further afield. What qualifications might you need in the future? **Attend open days!**

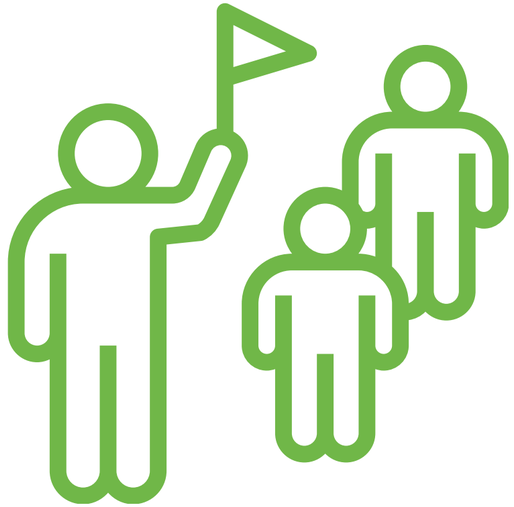
Speak to the people around you. Your teachers, careers advisors, friends and family can help you.

Choose something that you enjoy! By studying something you enjoy, you're more likely to feel motivated and succeed at it.



Open Days

- **Open days are an opportunity to see education providers yourself.**
- There may be guided tours of campus, talks from members of staff, and visits to accommodation (if applicable) led by current students.
- Some offer taster sessions for you to try.
- They run throughout the year, and you do not need to have been offered a place, or even applied to attend an open day.



Entry requirements

There are various levels of qualifications and entry requirements for FE colleges and sixth forms. It can be helpful to look at what your entry requirements will be, to help you prepare for your GCSE's.

For example (York College)

A Level + (Mix Level 3) entry requirements:
Typically a minimum of four subjects at grade 5 or above plus English Language and Maths at grade 4 or above. Exact requirements will vary according to the subject.



Activity!

Careers Advice

Look through the case studies and discuss what post-16 options may be best for them.

Using Assessment tools

- Personality tests are a starting point for thinking about your future.
- Helps you understand your personality type.
- Matches you to potential education and career pathways.
- Make sure you answer honestly.



Using Assessment tools

There are many great personality tests you can take

SACU is an example of a careers guidance service:

- They use quizzes and questionnaires to help you explore **career ideas based on your interests, strengths, skills, and preferences**.

- It provides you with a word cloud of career options alongside other useful resources:



Using Assessment tools

Some other personality tests and career tools include:

Go Construct

- https://www.goconstruct.org/educational-resources/personality-quiz/

Prospects

- https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner

NHS

- https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/findyourcareer



What can I do next?

Use career information websites to research career ideas.



There is often more than one qualification which can lead into a particular career.

Some careers have specialist qualifications you can do on the job.
e.g. counselling and marketing.

Some careers will require you to go to University. Use **www.ucas.com** to research courses, entry requirements and where you can study.



Postcard Feedback

- Your feedback is anonymous (no need to write your name) and helps us to develop and improve our sessions.
- If you can’t think of any improvements, please write ‘nothing’ for question one.
- There are no right or wrong answers, please answer honestly about what you think.
- If there are any questions you really don’t want to answer, it is okay to leave it blank.
- If you have any questions, please ask us.

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“I have learned about NVQs and apprenticeships”

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