

Post 16 Options (2022-2023)



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY](#)

Post 16 Options (2022-2023)

Jennie Worth and Joseph Crane

What are the options for year 12?

How do students go about applying for a place?

What is the timeline?

Post 16 Options (2022-2023)

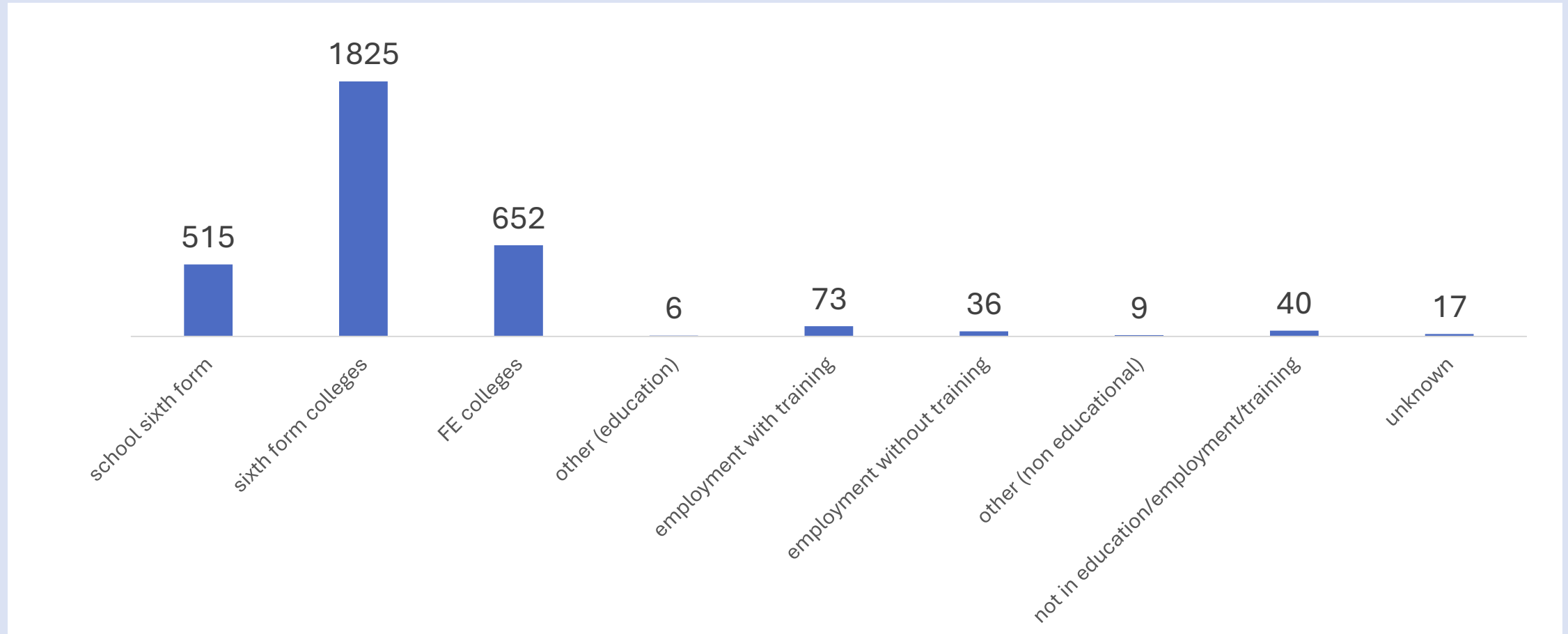
**Start an
Apprenticeship**

**Study at college
or
sixth form**

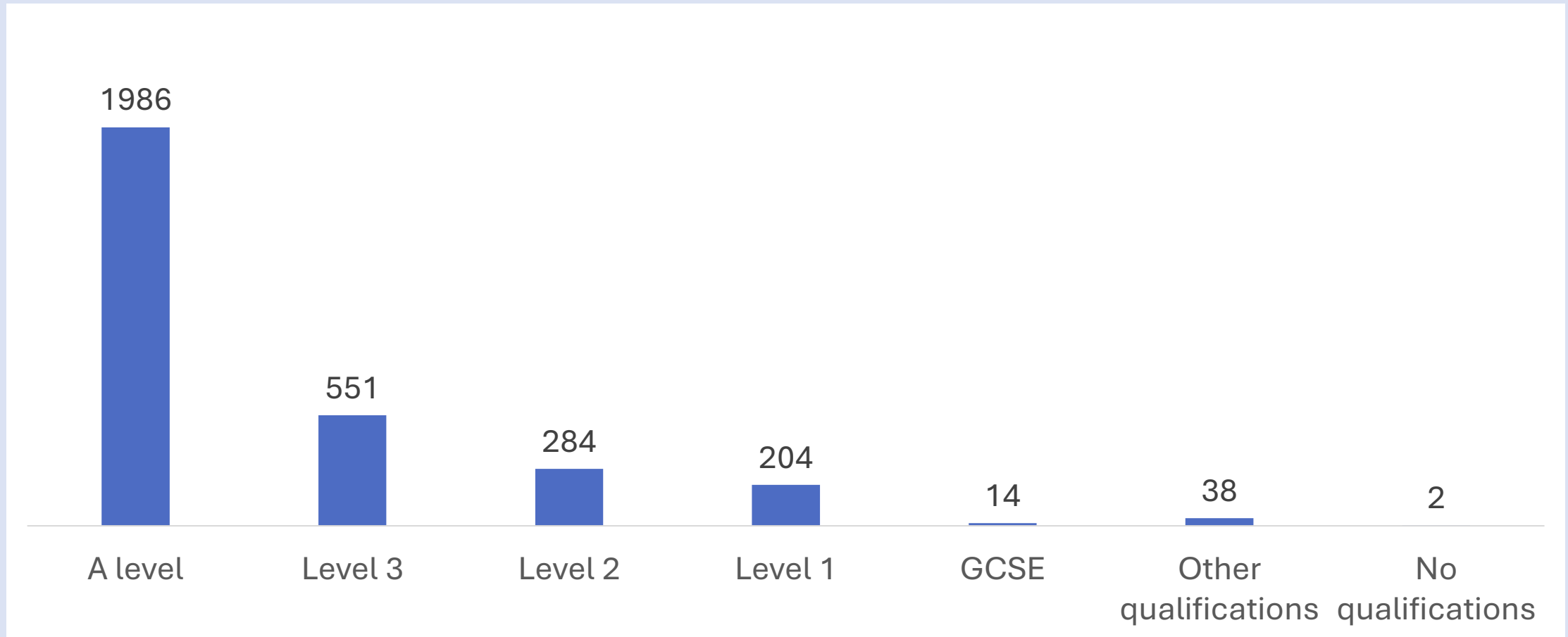
**Employment
with training**

**Traineeship
Volunteering**

Destination of Year 11 leavers in CAP schools in 2021



2021 leavers enrolled on the following further education courses:



Courses, Training & Qualifications

	Academic <i>Mostly exams</i>	Applied <i>Course work and exam</i>	Technical Vocational <i>Mainly coursework</i>	T Levels <i>Coursework and industry placement</i>	Apprenticeships <i>Employment with training</i>
Level 3	A levels International Baccalaureate	BTEC/OCR L3	NVQ/C&G L3	T Level	Advanced apprenticeship
Level 2	GCSEs (Grades 4-9)	BTEC/OCR L2	NVQ/C&G L2	T Level transition course	Intermediate apprenticeship and traineeship
Level 1	GCSEs (Grades 1-3)	BTEC/OCR L1	NVQ/C&G L1		Traineeship and pre-employment schemes

It is possible to combine Academic and Applied General route at some providers

Maths and English for Full Time Students

- Students who achieve grade 3 or below in English and/or maths will need to continue working towards their GCSE.
- Those with grade 3 need to retake GCSE.
- Those with 2 and below can take qualifications that lead to GCSE or take GCSE.
- Students at CRC will retake GCSE English and/or maths if they have achieved a grade 2 or 3
- Students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, may be exempt from the above, but will be required to study maths and/or English

**SO MANY FANTASTIC
OPTIONS!!!**

Where can I study?

A Levels	IB Careers and IB Diploma Programme	Applied courses	Technical Vocational courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bishop Laney Sixth Form ➤ Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology ➤ Cambridge Maths School ➤ Chesterton Sixth Form ➤ Comberton Sixth Form ➤ Hills Road Sixth Form College ➤ Long Road Sixth Form College ➤ The Oakes College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Impington International Sixth Form <div data-bbox="703 611 1294 793" style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">IB Diploma Programme</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parkside Sixth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cambridge Regional College ➤ Bishop Laney Sixth Form ➤ College of West Anglia (Cambridge) ➤ Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology ➤ Long Road Sixth Form College ➤ Comberton Sixth Form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cambridge Regional College ➤ College of West Anglia (Cambridge) <div data-bbox="1885 665 2476 848" style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Technical Levels (T Levels)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cambridge Regional College ➤ Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology ➤ Long Road Sixth Form

There may be other local providers outside of the Cambridge Area Partnership who provide these courses – please look at prospectuses for more information

What do qualifications lead to?

Qualification	Leads to....
A Level/IB	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
T Levels	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
Technical/Vocational	Apprenticeship, work, college or university
Applied	University/college, apprenticeship, work
Traineeship	Apprenticeship, further education, work
Supported Internship	Work, traineeship, apprenticeship
Apprenticeship	Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

T Levels – what are they?

Technical levels are new qualifications, examined nationally for the first time in 2022

They are:

- Equivalent to 3 'A' Level qualifications
- Directly linked to future employment through higher apprenticeships or straight into employment
- More hands on than academic qualifications

They consist of:

- Scenario based teaching
- 3 months of work placement
- Learning employability skills (specific and general)
- Different assessment styles (not just exam based)

Colleges delivering T levels this year in Cambridgeshire are:

Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge Regional College and Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology.

A general guide to entry requirements

A Level /IB	T Levels	Applied general (Level 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Centres require a range of GCSEs including maths and English. ➤ Some subjects need specific subjects and grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimum of 5 grade 4 GCSEs including maths and English. ➤ Some require GCSE grade 4 or above in specific subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (or vocational equivalent) usually including maths and/or English ➤ Some require 5 GCSEs grade 4 ➤ Some require specific subjects
GCSE	Technical vocational	Applied general (Level 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimum of 3 grade 4 GCSEs including maths and English. ➤ Some subjects need specific subjects and grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You start most courses at Level 1, progressing to Level 2 and Level 3 as your skills develop ➤ For some courses you can enter at Level 2 or 3 depending on skill level ➤ Some courses need specific subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 (or vocational equivalent) usually including maths and/or English ➤ Some require specific subjects

Minimum entry requirements for 2023 entry

Bishop Laney

5 GCSEs at grade 9-5 including English and Maths (in most cases). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject where studied previously. Students are invited for a guidance meeting to discuss their choices.

Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology

At least 7 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including two Sciences (either double award or specific subjects) at grade 6, maths grade 6 and English grade 4.

Cambridge Maths School

Be predicted seven GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE maths grade 8 or 9, GCSE Combined Science 8-8 or higher (or separate science grade 8 or higher in the subject you wish to study) and GCSE English grade 5 or higher. All students with these predicted grades will be invited to an aptitude test. Students passing the aptitude test will be invited to an interview.

continued.....

Minimum entry requirements for 2023 entry

Chesterton Sixth Form	<p>All applicants that meet our eligibility criteria will be invited to a guidance interview.</p> <p>A minimum of 5 grade 6s at GCSE, including 6s in English and maths are needed.</p> <p>See our website for further details</p>
Comberton Sixth	<p>5 GCSEs at grade 5 and maths & English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied</p>
Hills Road	<p>To be invited to an informal guidance meeting about your course, you will need to:</p> <p>Submit your application by the closing date, 10 January 2023</p> <p>Place Hills Road as your first choice A level centre, or second choice behind a CAP school sixth form.</p> <p>Meet the College's Admissions Score that is relevant to the A level subjects you are applying for; and</p> <p>Satisfy the minimum grade requirements for at least three A level subjects for which you have applied.</p>

continued.....

Minimum entry requirements for 2023 entry

Long Road

At least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 in a range of subjects including Maths and English. Also grade 5 in relevant GCSEs for chosen A Level subjects. At least 5 GCSEs at grade 4 for entry to Level 3 Applied courses.

The Oakes

The minimum entry requirement to study A-levels is 7 GCSEs at grades 9-4 in a range of subjects including Maths and English.
For students wishing to study all Applied courses, they will need to achieve at least 5 GCSE's at grades 9-4 in a range of subjects including English and Maths. Candidates who are applying for a mixture of Applied and A level subjects will be advised on an individual basis of the entry requirements dependent upon the subjects chosen and the combination of subjects being studied.

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information

Minimum IB profiles for 2023 entry

Impington International College

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: At least seven GCSEs with an average grade 6, including English Language and Mathematics. For subjects you wish to take at higher level you will ideally need a grade 7.

International Baccalaureate Career Programme: At least five subjects at GCSE grade 5 or higher, ideally including at least 4 in Mathematics and English Language and preferably a grade 5 in your area of specialism.

Parkside Sixth

At least 5 GCSEs, or equivalent, at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths. At least grade 6 or above for all Higher Level subjects. These are minimum requirements; some IB subjects require higher GCSE grades than those specified above. We particularly welcome applications from students with very strong GCSE (or equivalent) results.

Refer to post-16 centres for current entry criteria, specific subject requirements and how subject combination and putting a centre first when applying may affect your chances of success.

Vocational Courses

Bishop Laney

Level 3: Sport, Business, Media, Performing Arts, Applied Science, Hair, Beauty, Health and Social Care, Criminology
Level 2: Catering, Hair, Barbering, Beauty, Sport & Activity Leaders, Business Administration. In addition students may apply to join the Norwich City Football Development Programme.

Cambridge Regional College

Art & Design, Beauty Therapy, Business & Law, Childcare & Early Education, Catering & Hospitality, Computing, Construction & Trades, Engineering, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Hairdressing, Health & Social Care, Media & Games Development, Media Make-Up, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Science & Forensic & Criminal Investigation Sports, Supported Learning, Travel & Tourism, Uniform Public Services
Technology, Some full time courses have 45 days work experience

continued...

Vocational Courses

Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology

Science, Healthcare Science and Health

College of West Anglia (Cambridge)

Vocational Courses including Animal Care/Animal Management, Dog Grooming, Horse Care/Equine.

Apprenticeships including Agriculture, Animal Care, Animal Stockperson, Crop Technician, Golf Greenkeeper, Horticulture, Veterinary Nursing.

Comberton Sixth

Sport, Business, Science, Health & Social Care

Impington International College

Sport, Performing Arts and Health & Social Care.

Long Road

Level 3 courses in Art & Design, Business, Criminology, Graphics, Health & Social Care, ICT, Media, Musical Theatre, Psychology, Sport, Science, Computing and Music. Level 2 courses and GCSE resits are available if 5 GCSEs are not attained for Level 3 entry.

continued...

Vocational Courses

The Oakes	Level 3 courses in Health and social care, Media, Psychology, ICT, Criminology.
Parkside Sixth	Business BTEC

Employment options

Apprenticeships

For those aged 16 or over and combine working with studying to gain skills and knowledge in a job role.

[Become an apprentice \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

Employer and Training Provider must be secured

Employment with training

Local jobs with training can be found on Learn Together Cambridgeshire [Local Job Vacancies for 16+ - Learn Together \(cambslearntogether.co.uk\)](https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk)

Equivalent of 1 day per week of training

Traineeships

A work-based skills development programme for those just short of the skills and qualifications required for apprenticeship, or further study.

Apprenticeships

Name	Level	Equivalent Educational Level	Entry Requirements
Intermediate	2	GCSE	English and GCSEs at 3 or above
Advanced	3	A Level	English and maths at 4 or above (other specialist L2 qualifications also might be required)
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above	Entry requirements may vary dependant on subject area
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree	

How do I decide?

Things to consider

Seek advice and information

Even if you have a clear idea about what you would like to do in the future, always have a plan B

- What subject do you enjoy and are good at?
- Entry requirements v predicted grades
- Assessment methods exam v coursework balance
- Get to know your personality and aspirations – look at websites
- Research - find out what a particular career involves.
- Talk to someone.
- Will transport be an issue?

- Talk to your careers staff in school
- Use these websites to help you understand your strengths/skills/aptitudes as a person Unifrog, START, icould.
- How does the way you learn, fit with some of the courses on offer?
- Look at college/school websites for information about courses
- <https://www.mychoice16.com>
- Get to know and find out about transferable skills that you can use in the future.
- [Transferable Skills | SkillsYouNeed](#)

How do I Apply?

College or Sixth Form courses

- Use the online application process for centres in CAP <https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- For centres outside CAP, approach the centre directly

Apprenticeships

- National Apprenticeship website <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- Not Going to Uni website <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- In CAP area express an interest in an Apprenticeship area on <https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- Companies own websites
- Contact colleges and training providers that offer apprenticeships.

How the school is going to support

College or Sixth Form courses

- Ensure all students have logged on to the mychoice website
- Support students in writing their personal statements
- Provide predicted grades after the November mocks
- Provide a reference including comments on behaviour, attendance, punctuality and a short written reference provided by the tutor
- Check the applications before sending them to the Colleges

- ALL APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING PERSONAL STATEMENTS MUST BE DONE BEFORE THE END OF TERM

- PLACES ON THE MOST POPULAR COURSES ARE LIMITED

- **ENGLISH AND MATHS**