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RAISING THE PARTICIPATION (RPA)

In 2015, RPA came into place which states that young people now have to participate in education or training until their 18th birthday.

When you leave Year 11, your options are:

Remain in full time education, such as sixth form or college

Go onto work-based learning such as an apprenticeship or traineeship

Be into full time work or volunteering combined with part-time education or training (for 20 hours or more a week).

Why raise the participation age?

RPA was introduced to increase the opportunity for every student to improve their life prospects and become economically active individuals. Evidence shows that achieving qualifications at 16 and 17 can help to boost a student's prospects for life – for instance, young people with 2 or more A-levels earn around 14% more than those without.



For more information, please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/raising-the-participation-age>

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WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE UPON LEAVING CHILTERN ACADEMY?

- VOCATIONAL (include specialist colleges e.g. Shuttleworth, Pro:Direct etc)
- COMBINATION (A levels and vocational subjects)
- T LEVELS
- APPRENTICESHIPS
- TRAINEESHIPS

Please refer to the individual pages in this booklet for more information on each of the options.

COURSE LEVEL GUIDE

 L4	<p>LEVEL 4 HIGHER LEVEL</p> <p>If you already have your A-levels, a BTEC National Certificate/Diploma, Access to HE or an NVQ 3.</p> <p>2-3 Years</p>	<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Degrees • Honours Degrees • HNCs/D's • NVQs at Level 4 • BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and Awards • NVQs at Level 5 • Other higher diplomas 	<p>WITH THIS LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION</p> <p>You will have access to a much wider range of careers, or you could go into further study at professional training.</p>
 L3	<p>LEVEL 3 ADVANCED LEVEL</p> <p>If you already have at least 4-5 grades A*-C/9-4 GCSEs (including English and/or Maths). BTEC Diploma, NVQ₂ or equivalent.</p> <p>2 Years</p>	<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-levels • GCSE in applied subjects • International Baccalaureate • Key Skills Level 3 • BTEC Awards, Certificates and Diplomas at Level 3 • NVQs at Level 3 • Other higher diplomas 	<p>WITH THIS LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION</p> <p>You could progress into higher education, an apprenticeship or a wide range of jobs.</p>
 L2	<p>LEVEL 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL</p> <p>If you have 4 GCSEs at grades D-E/3-1 or an NVQ₁.</p> <p>1 Year</p>	<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSEs grades S*-C/9-4 • BTEC Awards, Certificates and Diplomas at Level 2 • Key Skills Level 2 • Functional Skills at Level 2 • NVQs at Level 2 	<p>WITH THIS LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION</p> <p>You could move onto a Level 3 course or into a job with training or an apprenticeship.</p>
 L1	<p>LEVEL 1 FOUNDATION LEVEL</p> <p>If you have basic qualifications or low grades at GCSE.</p> <p>1 Year</p>	<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTEC Introductory Diplomas and Certificates • Functional Skills at Level 1 • BTEC Awards, Certificates and Diplomas at Level 1 • Foundation Learning Tier Pathways • NVQs at Level 1 	<p>WITH THIS LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION</p> <p>You could move onto a Level 2 course or an apprenticeship.</p>
 EL	<p>ENTRY LEVEL</p> <p>If you have no qualifications or expect to need support with your future learning.</p> <p>1,2 or 3 Years</p>	<p>QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry Level Certificates • Skills For Life • Functional Skills at Entry Level (English, Maths and ICT) • Functional Skills at Entry Level • Awards, Certificates and Diplomas at Entry Level • Foundation Learning at Entry Level 	<p>WITH THIS LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION</p> <p>You could move onto a Level 1 course.</p>

A LEVELS

WHAT ARE A LEVELS?

Advanced level qualifications, known as A levels, are subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work. You can normally study three or more A levels over two years. They are usually assessed by a series of examinations.

WHAT GRADES DO I NEED?

You will normally need:

- At least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 5/A* to C, with a minimum of grade 4 in English and Maths
- At least grade 4 in the specific subject(s) you want to study
- To study a science/maths subject, you will usually need at least a grade 6.
- However, the specific requirements needed to study A levels will vary across sixth forms so it is important to check the individual sixth form/sixth form college you are interested in applying to.

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE A LEVELS?

- If you are thinking of going to university
- If you are unsure of what career or job you want to do, studying a selection of A levels can be a good way of keeping your options open. There are a number of subjects available to study at A level whether this be a subject you enjoyed studying at GCSE or a completely new subject such as law
- You are able to study independently, can revise and apply a good exam technique.

WHICH SUBJECTS SHOULD I CHOOSE?

- Think about what you enjoy and are good at (this can be in and out of school). If you have a natural ability or are passionate about a subject, you are more likely to do well
- Do you have a particular further study or career in mind? If so, what do you need to progress on to them - are there specific entry requirements?
- If you are unsure of what you would like to do in the future, how open do you want to keep your options so that you are not limiting yourself.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

- Continue on to university – A levels are the most common qualifications studied to get into higher education
- Do an apprenticeship - higher and degree apprenticeships are alternative pathways to university
- Get a job - this could be a full-time position or part-time alongside further study.



VOCATIONAL (INCLUDE SPECIALIST COLLEGES E.G. SHUTTLEWORTH, PRO:DIRECT ETC)

WHAT IS A VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME?

Vocational courses are related to a specific area of employment, for example, if you want to become a social worker, you would study Health and Social Care. There are different types of vocational qualifications available; BTEC diplomas, certificates and Cambridge Nationals, which vary in level and weight in terms of equivalence to A levels. You can study a vocational course on its own at a vocational college or in combination with other qualifications such as A levels, at a sixth form. Vocational programmes apply learning to real-life situation and so offer a more practical, hands-on approach than traditional A level academic courses.

WHAT GRADES DO I NEED?

- Entry requirements vary greatly, depending on the course and level of the vocational programme
- You may not have had the opportunity to study the course beforehand, so you may need to start at a slightly lower level to develop the vocational skills that are required for employment

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE VOCATIONAL?

- If you have a clear idea of a practical career/vocational sector that you want to go into e.g. hairdressing
- If you have an interest in a particular industry or 'job family' but want to know the different careers available within it
- If you enjoy practical learning and want to develop your knowledge and skill in a particular area

WHICH COURSE SHOULD I CHOOSE?

- There are a range of vocational subjects to choose from such as hairdressing, childcare, motor vehicle and graphic design to name a few
- Think about what you enjoy and are good at (this can be in and out of school). If you have a natural ability or are passionate about a course, you are more likely to do well
- You would typically choose a course in which you want to study further at a higher level (either at university or through an apprenticeship) or that would lead into a specific sector/field of work

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

- Go straight into employment, which is likely to be within the sector you have studied in
- Do an apprenticeship within the sector you want to work in
- Go to university - If you haven't taken A levels as well as a BTEC, it will probably be to study a subject that relates to your BTEC and is vocational (focused on a specific career – e.g. nursing or business studies) rather than academic



COMBINATION (A LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL COURSE)

WHAT ARE COMBINATION SUBJECTS?

You choose to study a combination of A levels and vocational courses. You can choose to study 1 x A level and a BTEC level 3 National Diploma (equivalent to 2 x A levels) or 2 x A levels and then a BTEC level 3 National Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 x A level). Your course combination needs to be equivalent to 3 x A levels in total. Most sixth forms offer both courses and will specify the amount/type of qualification it is.

WHAT GRADES DO I NEED?

You will normally need:

- To study A level(s), you will need at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4/A* to C
- For the vocational course, you will need to check the entry requirements as this varies greatly, depending on the level and type of course

Check the individual sixth form you are considering as they will have the course entry requirements on their website

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE COMBINATION?

- If you want to keep your options open and are unsure of exactly what career or job you want to do
- If a varied assessment method works for you. A Level courses are linear and examined at the end of Year 13, whilst many of the BTEC Level 3 courses are examined throughout the course through a combination of summative exams and coursework
- If you work well in both environments; studying in a classroom and in a practical setting

WHICH SUBJECTS SHOULD I CHOOSE?

- There are a number of courses and combinations in which you could choose from
- Think about what you enjoy and are good at (this can be in and out of school). If you have a natural ability or are passionate about a subject, you are more likely to do well

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

- Continue on to university
- Do an apprenticeship - higher and degree apprenticeships are alternative pathways to university
- Get a job - this could be a full-time position or part-time alongside further study.



T LEVELS

WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are new courses, launched in September 2020, which follow GCSEs. They are 2-year courses and have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares pupils for work, further training or study. T Levels are a mixture of classroom learning (typically 80%) and 'on-the-job' experience (typically 20%) through an industry placement.

WHAT GRADES DO I NEED?


- The majority of the initial T level providers ask that you have at least grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths, however each provider will have their own requirements.

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE T LEVELS?

- They have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills needed for your chosen industry
- They give you an insight into what a real career is like through the industry placement
- Upon successful completion, you receive a national recognised qualification which is equivalent to 3 A levels.

WHICH SUBJECTS SHOULD I CHOOSE?

You can choose to study the following subjects:

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION	CONSTRUCTION	DIGITAL	ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management and administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Services Engineering for Construction Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction Onsite Construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Business Services Digital Production, Design and Development Digital Support Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing Maintenance, Installation and Repair for engineering and Manufacturing Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS	HEALTH AND SCIENCE	LEGAL, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and Early Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Healthcare Science Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting Finance Legal Services 	
AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANIMAL CARE	CREATIVE AND DESIGN	SALES, MARKETING AND PROCUREMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture, Land Management and Production Animal Care and Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craft and Design Media, Broadcast and Production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing 	

APPRENTICESHIPS

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a genuine job where you learn, gain experience and are paid a salary. You will learn and develop job-specific knowledge and skills, working alongside experienced staff whilst studying. As an apprentice, you will spend 80% of the working week at your place of employment, and 20% at your place of study.

WHAT GRADES DO I NEED?

- The apprenticeship provider sets out the entry requirements and so the grades and experience required vary.

	LEVEL	ENTRY GRADES	EQUIVALENT
INTERMEDIATE	2	2 GCSEs, Grades 4+ preferable	5 GCSEs Grades 4-9
ADVANCED	3	3+ GCSEs, Grades 4-9 including English and Maths	2 A Levels Passes / Level 4 Diploma / International Baccalaureate
HIGHER	4 - 5	Combined GCSE and A Level passes, including GCSE Maths and English Grades 4-9	Foundation Degree and Above
DEGREE	6 - 7	Combined GCSE and A Level passes, including GCSE Maths and English Grades 4-9. Relevant experience or employment.	Bachelor's or Masters Degree

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE AN APPRENTICESHIP?

- If you have a particular career or job sector that you want to work in the future
- If you want to gain hands on, real life work experience, whilst being paid
- If you are hoping to go into employment at the end of your training/qualification

WHERE CAN I DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

- Most apprenticeship vacancies are listed on the gov website - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- To save you searching regularly through the website, you can create an account. This will allow you to set up 'alerts' where you will receive text/email alerts of any new vacancies that have been added, based on the types of apprenticeship and location you are interested in.

WHICH SUBJECT SHOULD I CHOOSE?

- There are many different types of apprenticeships available across a whole range of industry sectors. It's really about picking the sector that interests you the most and suits your skills. The apprenticeship you choose will be in one sector/area, for example engineering, but will have modules which will make up the qualification.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

- The majority of apprentices stay in employment (85%) with 64% staying with the same employer they did their apprenticeship with
- You can go on to a higher level apprenticeship; at 18, you can do a higher or degree apprenticeship
- You can go on to university; having an apprenticeship can be seen as advantageous by some universities, where you are wanting to do a sector specific degree.

TRAINEESHIPS

WHAT IS A TRAINEESHIP?

A traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience that can last between 6 weeks and 6 months, depending on how long you need. Traineeships help 16 to 24 year olds – or 25 year olds with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan – get ready for an apprenticeship or job if they do not have the appropriate skills or experience.

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE A TRAINEESHIP?

- If you do not have many qualifications - it will give you the opportunity to improve your English and Maths too
- If you want to develop your skills and gain real life work experience but do not feel ready to do an apprenticeship

WHERE CAN I DO A TRAINEESHIP?

- Most traineeship vacancies are listed on the gov website - <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/traineeshipsearch>

To save you searching regularly through the website, you can create an account. This will allow you to set up 'alerts' where you will receive text/email alerts of any new vacancies that have been added, based on the types of traineeships and location you are interested in.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

- The aim of a traineeship is to help you move into an apprenticeship or employment.

CAREER



WORK EXPERIENCE



APPLICANT



T R A I N E E S H I P



PROFESSION



SKILLS

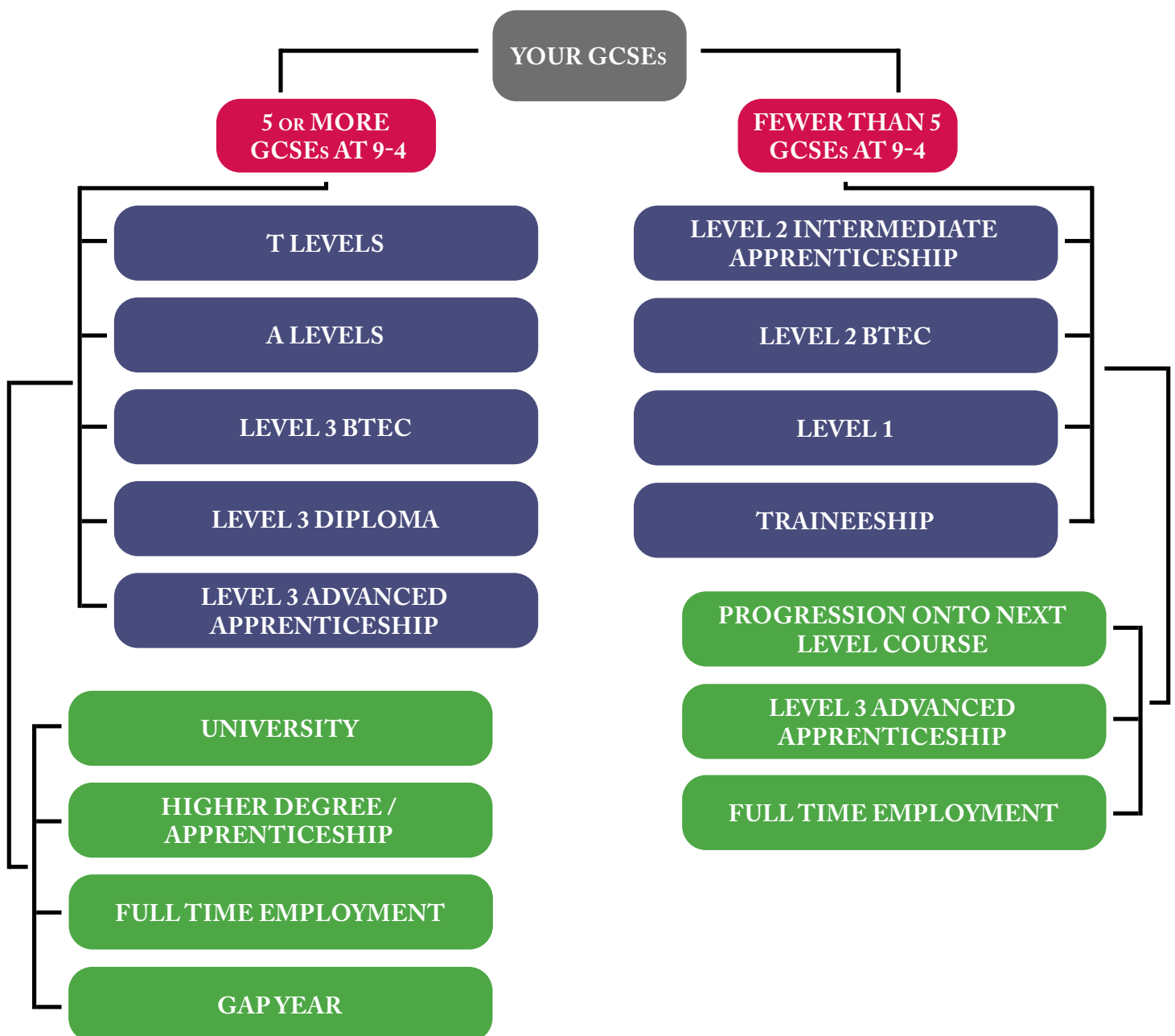


APPRENTICESHIP

CHOOSING THE RIGHT OPTION FOR YOU

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER:

- Their entry requirements - do they have a minimum GCSE grades, are there requisites to study certain subjects. For example, to study A level Art, you must have a qualification at GCSE level in Art or Design, To study any A level Science, most providers expect you to achieve a minimum of grade 6 at GCSE Science
- How you will get there
- Your timetable - will be different to your friends. You may be there for 5 days a week or 4 longer days
- Their facilities and extra-curricular opportunities
- Future prospects - do they specialise in their area you want to pursue



THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING

APPLICATION DEADLINES

WE HAVE SET OUR INTERNAL APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025

However, each post 16 provider has their own application deadline and you should therefore check each provider you are interested in applying for, either by visiting their website or contacting their admissions teams. School sixth forms tend to have an earlier application deadline which can be early as early as September/October.

In this booklet, you will find the application deadlines for the colleges and sixth forms within the following areas:

- Luton
- Harpenden
- St Albans
- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hitchin

Some of the colleges do not have a set deadline and accept applications throughout the year. In this instance, we would encourage you to follow our internal deadline, to give you the best chance of getting onto your preferred course.

If you are considering moving out of the area once you have finished year 11, you will need to check who the post 16 providers are in the area and visit their websites directly for more information.

HOW MANY CAN I APPLY TO?

You can apply to as many post 16 providers as you like, but when submitting any application, please consider the points outlined on page 11. We recommend that you apply to **at least two post 16 providers** so that you have a plan B option.

Once you have applied, you may be invited for an interview. They are likely to ask you if you have applied anywhere else. You can inform them of how many/where else you have applied to. They will then inform you of whether they would like to offer you a place. You can accept all of this. It is on results day that you then make your final decision of where you will go.



THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING CONTINUED

PREDICTED GCSE GRADES

Your predicted GCSE grades will be sent to the colleges and sixth forms you have applied to w/c 9th December. Your November mocks will influence these grades. For some of the colleges/sixth forms, if your predicted grades do not meet the entry requirements for the course(s) you want to study, they will not offer you a place. Other colleges/sixth forms may offer you a Conditional Offer and will then await to receive your final GCSE results in August.

If you're predicted grades do not meet individual subject requirements, the college/sixth form may offer you a provisional place, but on a different course/at a different level. It is therefore crucial that you put 100% into your mocks in November.

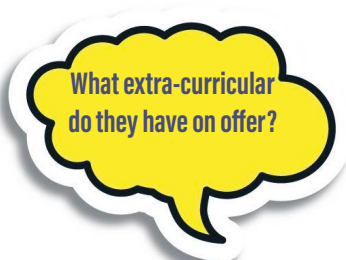
OPEN EVENTS

We have tried to provide as much information as possible about the local college/sixth form open events on pages 14-22. However, you should check individual websites as dates may change/new dates added. We strongly recommend visiting each place you are considering applying for. This gives you a chance to:

- Speak to the subject leads to find out what the course entails, how it is assessed and what it could lead on to
- See the facilities for yourself
- Test the journey - how long does it take to get from your home to the college/sixth form?
- Hear about the extra-curricular opportunities that are available
- Find out about additional support available (financial, pastoral, academic - exam access etc)
- Get answers to any other questions you may have

Like school, there is a range of support available at college, sixth forms and with apprenticeship providers. This includes:

- Financial (16-19 Bursary)- this could be support towards transport, meals, resources and equipment
- Pastoral - this could include attendance, issues with your course, relationship difficulties
- SEN/exam access arrangements - this could be resources that are suited to you, in-class support, extra-time in exams
- Careers - this could include help with applying to university, completing a CV, searching for jobs
- At any open event, the post 16 providers will have people to talk to about the support they offer. In addition, most of them will have a section on their website outlining the additional support they provide. If you are likely to need any support, make sure to check their website





POST 16 PROVIDERS - LUTON

BARNFIELD COLLEGE

Vocational College

CONTACT

www.barnfield.ac.uk/ | Barnfield College, Barnfield Ave, Luton LU2 7BF | admissions@barnfield.ac.uk | 01582 569555

OPEN EVENTS

Autumn Open Day – Saturday 16th November 2024 09:30-12:30
Spring Open Day – Saturday 1st March 2025 9:30-12:30
Summer Open Day – Saturday 1st June 2025 09:30-12:30

Application Deadline | Before term starts

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.newman6th.co.uk/ | Warden Hill Road, Luton, LU2 7AE | admin@cardinalnewmanschool.net | 01582 597125

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 7th November 2024

Application Deadline | TBC

LUTON SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form College

CONTACT

www.lutonsfc.ac.uk/ | Bradgers Hill Road, Luton, LU2 7EW | admissions@lutonsfc.ac.uk | 01582 432585

OPEN EVENTS

Tuesday 12th November 2024 17:30-19:30
Wednesday 20th November 2024 17:30-19:30
Thursday 28th November 2024 17:30-19:30

Application Deadline | End of February 2025

THE SHARED LEARNING TRUST - THE SIXTH FORM

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.sixthform.thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk/our-sixth-form/53.html |
Chalk Hills Academy: Leagrave High Street, Luton, LU4 0NE |
Stockwood Park Academy: Rotheram Avenue, Luton, LU1 5PP |
sixthform@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk | 01582 601221

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 17th October 2024 16:00-19:00 at Chalk Hills Academy Site
Tuesday 26th November 2024 16:00-19:00 at Stockwood Park Site

Application Deadline | Please visit their website for this information



POST 16 PROVIDERS - HARPENDEN

ROUNDWOOD PARK SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.roundwoodpark.co.uk/sixth-form-welcome/ | Roundwood Park, Harpenden, AL5 3AE | admin@roundwoodpark.co.uk | 01582 765344

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 16th January 2025

Application Deadline | Sunday 2nd February 2025

SIR JOHN LAWES

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.sjl.herts.sch.uk/727/sixth-form-1 | Manland Way, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 4QP | 6thformadmin.sjl.herts.ac.uk | 01582 760043

OPEN EVENTS

January 2025

Application Deadline | Friday 31st January 2025

ST.GEORGE'S SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.stgeorges.herts.sch.uk/sixth-form | Sun Lane, Harpenden, AL5 4TD | 6thformadmin@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk | 01582 716254

OPEN EVENTS

Monday 13th January 2025

Application Deadline | TBC



POST 16 PROVIDERS - ST ALBANS

BEAUMONT SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.beaumontschool.com/sixth-form/ | Austen Way, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0XB | sixthform@beaumont.school | 01727 732962

OPEN EVENTS

Tuesday 14th January 2025

Application Deadline | February 2025

LORETO COLLEGE

Vocational College

CONTACT

www.loreto.herts.sch.uk/sixth-form/ | Hatfield Rd, St Albans, AL1 3RQ | sixthformadmissions@loreto.herts.sch.uk | 01727 856206

OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Application Deadline | January 2025

OAKLANDS COLLEGE

Vocational College

CONTACT

www.oaklands.ac.uk/ | St Albans Campus: Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA | Welwyn Garden City Campus: The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AH | info@oaklands.ac.uk | 01727 737000

OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 16th November 2024 10:00-15:00 at St Albans Campus

Thursday 6th February 2025 17:00-20:00 at St Albans Campus

Thursday 1st May 2025 17:00-19:00 at St Albans Campus

Saturday 9th November 2024 10:00-15:00 at Welwyn City Campus

Tuesday 4th February 2025 17:00-20:00 at Welwyn City Campus

Tuesday 29th April 2025 17:00-19:00 at Welwyn City Campus

Application Deadline | No deadline specified



POST 16 PROVIDERS - ST ALBANS

SANDRINGHAM SCHOOL

Sixth Form College

CONTACT

www.sandringham.herts.sch.uk/about-the-sixth-form/ | The Ridgeway, St Albans, AL4 9NX | Louise.Grubb@sandringham.herts.sch.uk | 01727 799560

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 16th January 2025

Open Morning Tour - Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Open Morning Tour - Tuesday 28th January 2025

Application Deadline | TBC

ST ALBANS GIRLS' SCHOOL (STAGS)

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.stags.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=12 | Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL3 6DB | Post16@stags.herts.sch.uk | 01727 853134

OPEN EVENTS

Tuesday 19th November 2024

Application Deadline | Friday 20th December 2024

VERULAM SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.verulamschool.co.uk/sixth-form-overview/ | Brampton Road, St Albans, AL1 4PR | nele.destickere@verulam.herts.sch.uk | 01727 766100

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 9th January 2025

Application Deadline | Sunday 2nd February 2025



POST 16 PROVIDERS - CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COLLEGE

Vocational College

CONTACT

www.centralbeds.ac.uk/ | Kingsway, Dunstable, LU5 4HG | [website enquiry form](#) | 01582 477776

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 14th November 2024 16:00-19:00
Thursay 16th January 2025 16:00-19:00
Thursday 27th March 2025 16:00-19:00

Application Deadline | Early application is advisable to secure your place.

HARLINGTON UPPER SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.harlington.org/sixth-form/why-study-at-harlington | Goswell End Road, Harlington, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU5 6NX | jwright@harlington.org | 01525 755100

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 28th November 2024

Application Deadline | Friday 28th February 2025

CEDARS UPPER

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.cedarsupper.org.uk/sixth-form-welcome/ | Mentomore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 2AE | ebrowne@cedarsupper.co.uk | 01525 219324

OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 13th November 2024 17:30-20:00

Application Deadline | Monday 2nd December 2024

REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.redbornecommunitycollege.com/sixth-form | Flitwick Road, Bedford, MK45 2NU | sixthform@redborne.com | 01525 404462

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 24th October 2024 17:00-19:30

Application Deadline | TBC



POST 16 PROVIDERS - CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

**SAMUEL
WHITBREAD
ACADEMY**

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.samuelwhitbread.org.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=10 | Shefford
Road, Clifton, Shefford, SG17 5QS | LHuckle@bestacademies.org.uk |
Swa-sixthformadmissions@bestacademies.org.uk | 01462 629900

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 14th December 2024

Application Deadline | TBC

POST 16 PROVIDERS - BEDFORD

**BEDFORD
COLLEGE**

Vocational College

CONTACT

www.bedfordcollegegroup.ac.uk/ | Main Campus: Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42
9AH | info@bedford.ac.uk | 0345 658 8990

OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 16th November 2024 10:00-13:00

Saturday 25th January 2025 10:00-13:00

Thursday 4th April 2025 17:00-19:00

Application Deadline | Early application is advisable to secure your place.

**BEDFORD SIXTH
FORM**

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

<https://www.bedfordsixthform.ac.uk/> | info@bedfordsixthform.ac.uk |
Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2BS | 01234 291291

OPEN EVENTS

Tuesday 26th November 2024 17:00-20:00

Thursday 30th January 2025 17:00-19:00

Application Deadline | End of May 2025



POST 16 PROVIDERS - HITCHIN

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.hbs.herts.sch.uk/sixth_form | Grammar School Walk, Hitchin SG5 1JB | Contact form - https://www.hbs.herts.sch.uk/contact_us/general_enquiry | 01462 432181

OPEN EVENTS

Tuesday 14th January 2025

Application Deadline | To be confirmed

HITCHIN GIRLS' SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

www.hgs.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=8 | Highbury Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9RS | Contact form - <https://www.hgs.herts.sch.uk/form/?pid=35&form=17> | 01462 621300

OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Application Deadline | December 2024

NORTH HERTS COLLEGE

Vocational College

CONTACT

<https://www.nhc.ac.uk/> | Stevenage Campus: Monkswood Way, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 1LA | Hitchin Campus: Cambridge Road, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 0JD | enquiries@nhc.ac.uk | 01462 424242

OPEN EVENTS

Tuesday 12th November 2024

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Wednesday 30th April 2025

Wednesday 25th June 2025

Application Deadline | No deadline specified

THE PRIORY SCHOOL

School Sixth Form

CONTACT

<https://www.priory.herts.sch.uk/sixth-form/> | Bedford Road, Hitchin, SG5 2UR | head of sixth form - sophie.hadaway@priory.herts.sch.uk | 01462 622300

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 7th November 2024

Application Deadline | December 2024



**PRO:DIRECT
ACADEMY**

Specialist Football
Academy

CONTACT

www.prodirectacademy.com/ | Beds FA, Skimpot Lane, Dunstable, LU5 4AH |
Kevin.randall@prodirectacademy.com

OPEN EVENTS

Please visit their website

Application Deadline | No deadline specified

**SHUTTLEWORTH
COLLEGE**

Vocational College,
specialising in
agriculture, animal
care and the natural
environment

CONTACT

www.bedfordcollegigroup.ac.uk/colleges-and-campuses/shuttleworth-college/ |
studentregistrybedford@bedford.ac.uk | 0345 658 8990

OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 19th October 2024 09:30-12:30

Saturday 18th January 2025 09:30-12:30

Thursday 1st May 2025 17:00-20:00

Application Deadline | Subject to available places.

**THE NATIONAL
COLLEGE FOR
MOTORSPORT**

Specialist
Vocational College/
apprenticeship -
professional race
mechanic

CONTACT

www.bedfordcollegigroup.ac.uk/colleges-and-campuses/national-college-for-motorsport/ | Unit 2285, silverstone technology park, Towcester, NN12 8TN |
studentregistrykettering@bedford.ac.uk | 01536 419580

OPEN EVENTS

Please see website for further details

Application Deadline | Early application is advisable to secure your place.

**THE PAD
(PERFORMING
ARTS DEPOT)**

Specialist Musical
Theatre Sixth Form
College

CONTACT

www.the-pad.co.uk/ | 5 & 6 Grove Park, Court Drive, Dunstable, LU5 4GP | Complete
a contact form - <https://www.the-pad.co.uk/contact> | 01582 283147

OPEN EVENTS

Please see website for further details

Apply online to book your space

Application Deadline | Please visit www.the-pad.co.uk/apply-now

COLLEGE REFERENCES

Your references will be ready at the end of the Autumn term and will include the following information:

- Full name
- Unique pupil number
- Date of birth
- Attendance %
- Conduct Score
- Exclusions (if any in the last two years)

- Subject grades - both current working grade and end of year 11 predicted grades (these will be produced following the November Mocks 2022)
- Tutor reference - commenting on your willingness to work, attitude to authority, willingness to work with others, uniform, participation in house and form activities and work experience
- Extra-curricular activities

- Learning needs - Special Educational Needs, physical disability, English as an Additional Language, Medical and Exam Access Arrangements

These will be sent to all of the post 16 providers you apply to.

If you are asked for reference details when you apply, please add:
Mrs Walker, Careers Leader - reference@chiltern-academy.co.uk

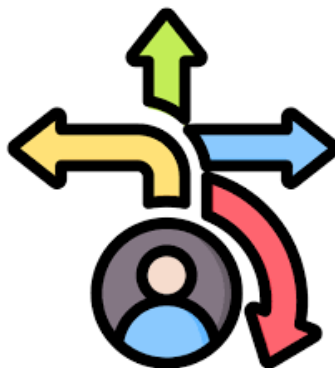
CHILTERN ACADEMY POST-16 PATHWAYS FAIR

Monday 14th October 2024

Year 11 Pupils only

Lunch Time

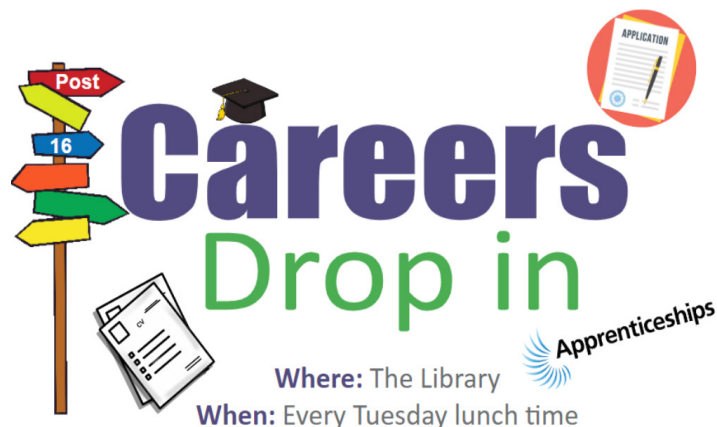
Main Hall | Chiltern Academy



USEFUL RESOURCES

WEBSITES

- **Chiltern Academy Website** | CEIAG
www.chiltern-academy.co.uk/Careers-Information-Advice-and-Guidance/
- **Chiltern Academy Careers Hub** | There is a dedicated post 16 section on our school careers hub. This includes a host of information and useful website links
sites.google.com/chiltern-academy.co.uk/ceiag-hub/home
- **National Careers Service** | This provides careers information, advice and guidance to help young people with their post 16 decision making.
nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
- **Prospects** | Provides a range of careers resources and has a quiz to that helps pupils match their skills and personality to different job profiles
www.prospects.ac.uk
- **iCould** | This has a range of careers resources including videos, a quiz as well as advice on GCSE options, apprenticeships, going to university and finding work. You will also find current Labour Market Information here.
icould.com/
- **Parental Guidance** | A useful website designed for parents who are supporting and guiding their children through a transitional stage in their life.
www.parentalguidance.org.uk/
- **Unifrog** | You can access many tools to help you decide on your Post-16 destination and help you plan your subjects ready for Further Education or Employment. Log-in using the link sent to your school gmail account.
www.unifrog.org
- **Amazing Apprenticeships** | This website provides information on applying for apprenticeships and vocational education options through videos, information sheets and interactive activities.
amazingapprenticeships.com
- **UCAS** | This website can assist you in choosing your A Level and Vocational subjects needed for Further Education or entry into employment.
wwwucas.com





OPEN EVENTS I AM INTERESTED IN

NAME OF COLLEGE / SIXTH FORM	DATE OF EVENT	DO I NEED TO BOOK?




FAQs

- **How do I apply?** Most providers have a link on their website. Please check online.
- **Who do I add as my referee?** Mrs Walker, Careers Leader, reference@chiltern-academy.co.uk
- **How will I know if I get an interview?** The school or college will email you - please remember to use your personal email address, NOT your school one.
- **What do I do if I don't have an email address?** You can make one easily on Google or Microsoft for free. Remember - do not use rude or slang names
- **How do I apply for help with buying equipment or travel costs?** Contact the provider and ask about the 16-19 Bursary.
- **Is there anywhere I can find out about providers in one place?** Yes! Visit the Luton Post-16 Guide https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education_and_learning/Pathways/Pages/Luton-Post-16-Prospectus.aspx or the Careers Hub on the Chiltern Academy website.
- **What's the difference between Sixth Form and College?**

SIXTH FORM	vs	COLLEGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often attached to a secondary school • More of a structured timetable • Dress code is most likely business attire • Often more theory and exam based 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wide range of students of different ages • More vocational courses available • No dress code • Usually a lot larger

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