

## Year 11 Partners in Learning: Post 16 Information Evening

### Talk timings:

Air and Fire Houses – 5.30pm

Earth and Water Houses – 6.15pm

Please fill up the isles from the middle to make room for everyone. Thank you.

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# Year 11 Partners in Learning: Post 16 Information Evening

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## Programme for tonight

Types of Post 16 courses and pathways

Types of Post 16 Colleges

The application process

Work Experience

National Citizenship Service



# A few housekeeping points

- This presentation will be on the website in the Careers section – no need to take notes
- Please don't record this session
- The powerpoint contains several hyperlinks – this is so you can click on them from home
- There are no planned fire drills tonight
- Please put mobiles on silent
- Don't forget to visit the Colleges Fair in the Hub and ask lots of questions!

How do you prefer to be graded?

I mostly like to study for exams

I mostly like completing a portfolio or coursework, or being assessed completing a practical task

How do you prefer to study?

I like to learn in the classroom

I like to learn in the classroom and through practical (hands on) workshops

I like to learn in the classroom and through practical (hands on) workshops at College, which I can then practice at my place of work

Where do you want to study?

I want to study full-time at College

I want to study at College and at my place of work

**YOU ARE BEST SUITED TO...**

Full time Academic Study Programmes\*

Full time Technical and Professional Courses\*



Apprenticeships\* 

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\* I can get you to University!



# Qualifications explained

Post 16 options



Plus a quiz

- [Qualifications & Levels Explained - Post 16 Education Options #careers #education - YouTube](#)

# Types of Courses

- A Level
- Vocational options such as BTEC, Cambridge National and Cambridge Technical
- Apprenticeship
- T Level



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# Post 16 Education Colleges

- 1. Sixth Form Colleges:** offer traditional A levels and BTEC courses up to Level 3 (A level equivalent qualification) and new 'T levels'
- 2. Further Education Colleges:** offer a range of vocational courses including apprenticeships, up to Level 3 (A level standard)

## WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE THERE?

This graphic shows each qualification and its level of study. For example, both T Levels and A Levels are Level 3 qualifications, along with Applied General Qualifications and Advanced Apprenticeships. The level of a Foundation Degree is not as high as that of an Undergraduate Degree, but it is the same as a Level 5 Diploma.





# A Level

- Need GCSE grades 4-9 in 5 or more subjects.
- You choose 3 subjects to study for two years
- Additional entry requirements for some subjects e.g may require a grade 6 or above in certain subjects to access the A level
- Academic study, based on exams, and in a few subjects - coursework
- Traditional route to university
- Choose a range of subjects for the career directions that interest you
- A big step up from GCSE





## **BTECs are an alternative to A-Levels**

- Cover a whole range of academic levels
- BTECs at levels 1 and 2 are equivalent to GCSEs, level 3 to A-Levels, and levels 4 -7 hold the same status of achievement as a degree

## **BTECs are vocational qualifications**

- Rather than traditional academic courses.
- Typical subjects offered at BTEC level include Business Studies, Travel and Tourism, Engineering and Information Technology, Sport, Music
- You can't study subjects like History or English at BTEC level.
- BTEC courses are continually assessed, a mixture of theory and practical

## **BTECs are assessed differently**

- One of the main differences between BTECs and A-Levels is the way they are assessed
- A-Levels mainly involve two years of study geared towards a few big tests at the end, whereas BTECs are continually assessed via coursework and practical projects

# Apprenticeships

- A skilled qualification which teaches you the **techniques that you need for a specific job role**, whilst you are employed within the workplace.
- **You're employed to do a real job** while studying for a formal qualification - usually for one day a week either at a college or training centre.
- By the end of your apprenticeship, you'll hopefully have gained the skills and knowledge needed to either **succeed in your chosen career or progress onto the next apprenticeship level.**
- **Did you know that 19% of Advanced (Level 3) apprentices progress on to Higher Education, either through a Higher Level Apprenticeship (Level 4, 5, 6 or 7) or through a traditional University degree which can be sponsored by their employer?**

# Apprenticeships

- Accounting apprenticeships in areas such as bills and expenses, payroll and taxes, plus banking apprenticeships.
- Business apprenticeships in business administration, business development, consultancy and leadership.
- Construction apprenticeships in building, plumbing and quantity surveying.
- Engineering apprenticeships in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering.
- Healthcare apprenticeships, in areas such as dentistry and nursing.
- Human resources (HR) apprenticeships for those looking to progress in support, consultancy and management roles.
- IT apprenticeships in information security and software development.
- Law apprenticeships offered at paralegal, legal executive and solicitor level.
- Marketing apprenticeships in digital marketing, social media and public relations (PR).
- Media apprenticeships in the television, radio and film industries.
- Retail apprenticeships for those in buying, merchandising and management roles. There are also sales apprenticeships.
- Transport apprenticeships in a range of logistics, road, railway, automotive and airline industry roles.

# Apprenticeships

## How to apply

- [Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)
- If you do an apprenticeship through an FE college, it will often start in September, however there are lots of mid-year opportunities too if you're studying through an ITP (Independent Training Provider).
- Most of the time, you apply directly to the employer.

# Technical Levels

- New courses which started in September 2020
- The equivalent to 3 A Levels.
- 2-year course
- Offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience
- Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days.
- Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.
- T Level students spend 80% of the course in the classroom, learning the skills and knowledge that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action.
- Opens the door into skilled employment, further study (such as a degree) or a degree apprenticeship



# Types of T Levels

## Current:

- [Agriculture, Land Management And Production](#)
- [Building Services Engineering for Construction](#)
- [Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction](#)
- [Digital Business Services](#)
- [Digital Production, Design and Development](#)
- [Digital Support Services](#)
- [Education and Childcare](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Healthcare Science](#)
- [Legal Services](#)
- [Onsite Construction](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Accounting](#)
- [Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
- [Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)
- [Management and Administration](#)

## From September 2024:

- [Animal Care and Management](#)
- Catering (start date not yet confirmed)
- [Craft and design](#)
- [Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy](#)
- [Media, Broadcast and Production](#)

## More info at:

[T Levels | The Next Level Qualification](#)

Please note – these aren't available at every college – check the college website!

# Local Colleges

College	Website	Open Evenings
Andover	<a href="#"><u>Andover College - Further Education - Hampshire</u></a>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Barton Peveril	<a href="http://www.barton-peveril.ac.uk"><u>www.barton-peveril.ac.uk</u></a>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Basingstoke College of Technology	<a href="http://www.bcot.ac.uk"><u>www.bcot.ac.uk</u></a>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Eastleigh College	<a href="http://www.eastleigh.ac.uk"><u>www.eastleigh.ac.uk</u></a>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Peter Symonds College	<a href="http://www.psc.ac.uk"><u>www.psc.ac.uk</u></a>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Sparsholt College	<a href="http://www.sparsholt.ac.uk"><u>www.sparsholt.ac.uk</u></a>	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October



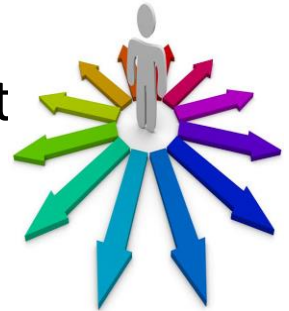
## What careers education and support is available in school?

- Colleges visit pupils in assemblies
- Post-16 Information evening, Apprenticeship Fair and Careers Fair
- Read college websites and prospectus - available online or in the careers section of the library
- Visit Open Evenings for all colleges
- Tutor programme in tutor time: support with writing an **application**
- Individual careers interviews with our careers advisor (before Christmas of Year 11)
- Breaktime drop in sessions with our careers advisor every Tuesday



# What should you do next?

- Investigate the **different types** of qualification
- How do you learn best? Consider the different ways you are **assessed** for the qualifications and the **different levels of qualification**; this will be dependent on the grades you achieve at GCSE
- Have a Plan A and Plan B
- **Visit** your local colleges / virtual tours and open event
- Apply to more than one college
- Consider and apply for **apprenticeships**
- Choose what **YOU want to do** not what your friends are doing
- Choose something you **enjoy** and you are good at.



# How do I apply for college?

The colleges will each come into school and talk through their application processes and their deadlines during their assembly with you.

The website for the college is the best place to look to get started, as applications are digital. Each college has a slightly different process.

Deadlines:

- Peter Symonds has the earliest deadline – **11<sup>th</sup> December**
- Sparsholt – **31<sup>st</sup> December**, although they will accept late applications too
- Barton Peveril – **19th January**
- Eastleigh are slightly more **flexible** and accept applications up until **June**.



Although you will need to state your courses when you apply, don't worry if you're unsure – these are provisional only up until August when you actually enrol – so you can change your mind!

# Year 11 Work Experience 2024

## When

- For 1 or 2 weeks (some companies will only offer 3 days, which is also fine)
- w/c 24<sup>th</sup> June and/or w/c 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

## Why?

- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- Builds a CV
- Develops transferable skills
- Be part of a team
- Gain real life experience
- Supports employability skills

## How?

- Choose a placement by writing/contacting local businesses
- Speak to family and friends
- Complete the work experience form in the pack and hand into school before February half term.

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## How We Support Work Experience

- Careers education through the Personal Development programme
- Tutor time programme in Year 11
- Careers interviews with our careers advisor
- The National Careers Service website
- Virtual work experience opportunities
- START PROFILE <https://track.startprofile.com/>

# Health & Safety Essentials



- Pupils' safety while completing Work Experience is of paramount importance to us.
- We conduct comprehensive health and safety and safeguarding checks for all placements, which is why we set a deadline – it takes time to complete all of these.
- The placement will only be confirmed once the Health and Safety check has been completed and the placement approved.
- If the placement is not approved we will let you know.



# National Citizen Service

A great alternative to work experience!

Here in  
the hub!

Three options:

- Away from home – 5 days with other young people developing your skills
- Within the local community – social action projects and volunteering
- Online – innovative online experiences to boost your skills

Please visit website <https://wearencs.com/>

For more details, speak to Andy Hider: [A.Hider@westgate.hants.sch.uk](mailto:A.Hider@westgate.hants.sch.uk)

Coming soon...

**Year 11 Partners in Learning: Curriculum and Revision**  
*How to best support your child in their final year. Some practical tips to help support learning*

**Thursday 12th October 2023**  
**6-7pm (virtual)**

Curriculum Overview  
Exam information  
Advice on revision strategies

**Parents and pupils welcome to listen together!**



**Please complete our short Careers Education survey  
before you leave this evening**



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