



The options available Post 16

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Aim of presentation

- To help you understand the different options available after Year 11.
- To ensure that you know what your child needs to be doing and by when.
- To feel equipped to help your child in making these decisions.



HOW DO STUDENTS START TO MAKE THE CHOICE?

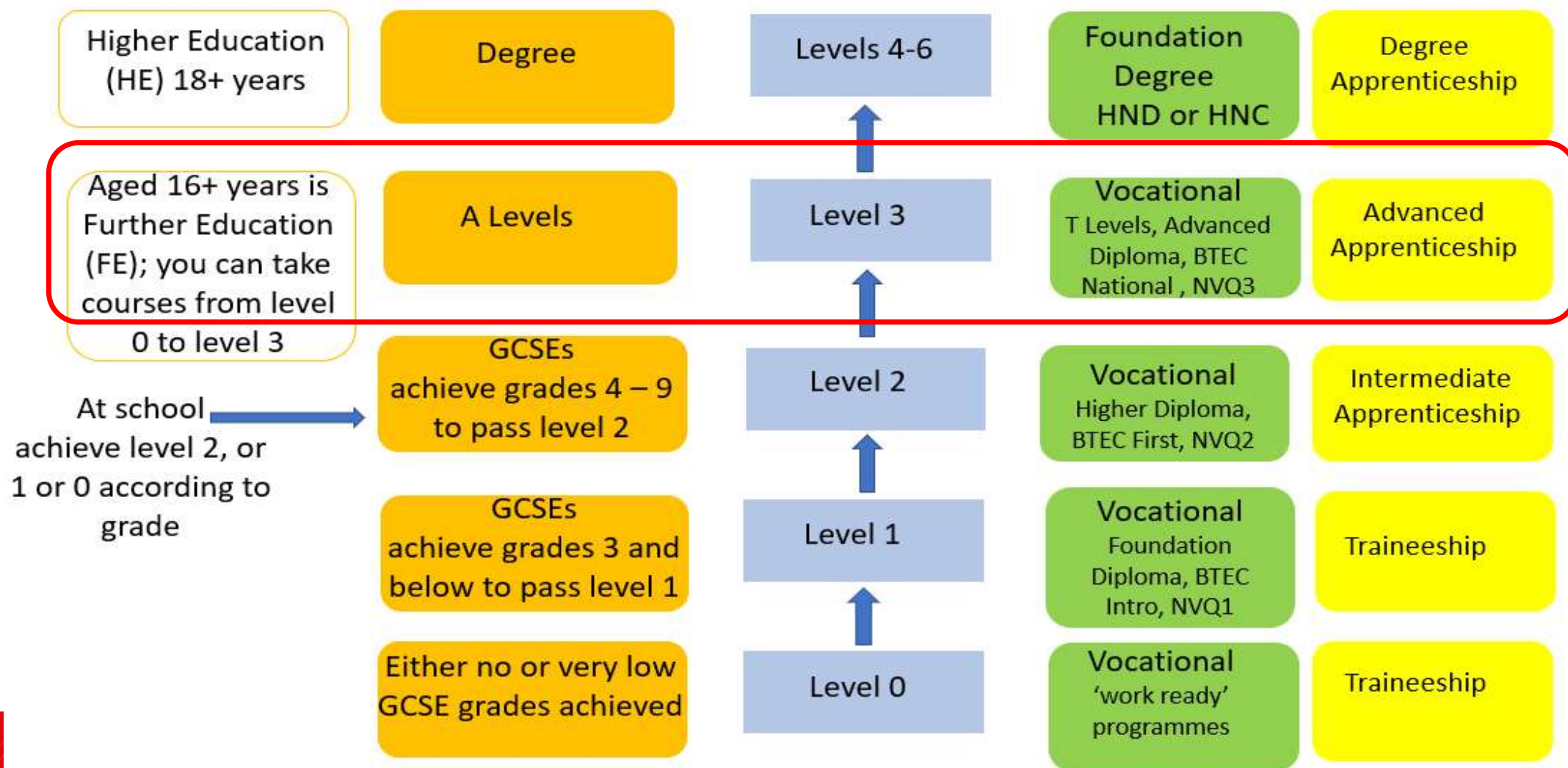
Student's options/choices depend on the results they achieve in their GCSE's.

- 5 or more GCSE's at 9-4 will enable students to move into most Level 3 qualifications (*A 'levels, L3 vocational courses, advanced apprenticeships*)
- Students with lower results will be able to move into Level 2 or 1 qualifications (*vocational courses, intermediate apprenticeships, traineeships etc*)

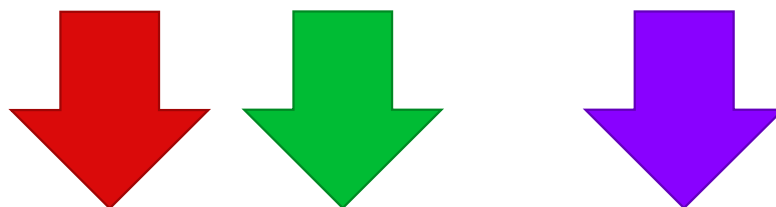
Students will also consider the type of place they wish to study: **college, sixth form** or **on the job** (an apprenticeship, T levels)



The National Qualifications Framework (simplified)



TARGETS, PREDICTIONS AND ACTUAL RESULTS



Subject	GCSE Target	Predicted GCSE	GO 4 Schools: Positive model	Effort	Homework	Behaviour
Business	5+	5	-0.33	2	2	2
Combined Science	6/5	5/4	-2	2	1	1
English Language	5	5	0	2	2	2
English Literature	5+	5	-0.33	n/a	n/a	n/a
French	5-	4	-0.67	1	1	1
History	6-	4	-1.67	1	1	1
Mathematics	6	5-	-1.33	2	2	2
PE	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	2
PE Sports Science	Level 2 Merit	Level 2 Merit	0	1	2	1
PSHE	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1	1



HOW WELL DO LCS STUDENTS DO?



Performance
measures 2025

Internal Targets
use FFT20

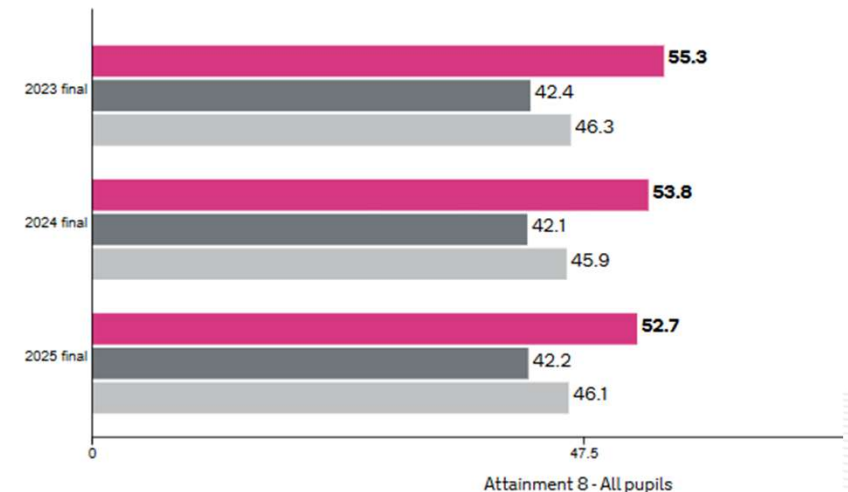
Attainment 8 ?

Schools get a score based on how well pupils have performed in up to 8 qualifications.

[View as table](#)



■ School ■ Local authority state-funded schools ■ England state-funded schools



Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs ?

This tells you the percentage of pupils who achieved grade 5 or above in English and maths GCSEs.

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ACCURACY OF TEACHER PREDICTIONS AT LCS

	3 grades below prediction	2 grades below prediction	1 grade below prediction	Spot On	1 grade above prediction	2 grades above prediction	3 grades above prediction
2025	~1%	~3%	~19%	~42%	~26%	~7%	~1%
2024	~1%	~6%	~19%	~38%	~27%	~6%	~1%
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SUMMARY.....



- Targets are aspirational
- Believe the targets
- The predictions are an accurate guide
- Use these to make informed choices



WHAT AND WHERE TO STUDY

3 key choices of where to study

- **Further Education (College)**
- **Sixth Form**
- **Apprenticeships and Training**



WHAT AND WHERE TO STUDY

Sixth Form

These are usually based at a school.
Mostly offer A 'level courses (Level 3 qualifications)

Entry requirements are usually grade 6 for the subject you wish to study (plus English and Maths at grade 5 – check the entry requirements at place of study).

Apprenticeships

On the job training
Level depends on the Apprenticeship provider and entry requirements.

College

Derby, Burton and South East Derbyshire college, Chesterfield,
New college Nottingham, Confetti etc

Can offer A levels

i.e. Joseph Wright Centre at Derby College

Offer vocational courses

i.e. The Roundhouse at Derby College

(BTec, NVQ, Diplomas, T-levels)

Courses such as Bricklaying, Construction, Hair and Beauty, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Health and Social Care

A Level courses are a level 3 (same entry as for sixth form)

Vocational courses can be at a level 1, 2 or 3

Depends on entry requirements – check with the place of study



WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO STUDY?

This depends on what the student wants to study and the type of learning they wish to undertake.

- **A levels are highly academic with the highest entry requirements.** You can study at a school or college environment. Both places of study require a high level of study and commitment and have exams at the end of the 2 year course. T Levels are also a Level 3 qualification.
- **Vocational courses can be more practical in nature** and sometimes have a work-based placement included (i.e. Childcare, Engineering, Health and Social Care). Assessment is done on a continuous basis with coursework and end of unit assessments. These courses are usually only offered at college due to the specialist facilities needed.
- **Apprenticeships can often be the hardest option.** Students will need to work (usually for 4 days a week) and then attend a college or training provider once a week to complete the theory and written aspects of the course. Assignments will be set and assessments are usually on a continuous basis.

Your workshops will give more details of these choices



WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS

T Levels are an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses. Equivalent in size to 3 A levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships.

A 45-DAY INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

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.

80% CLASSROOM, 20% WORK

T Level students spend 80% of the course in their learning environment, gaining the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action.



What should students be doing this term?

In School

PSHE lessons

Careers focus this term:

- Preparation for WEX
- WEX week
- Further Post 16 research
- Applications
- Update CVs and Personal Statements
- Preparing for interviews

January 2027

- Mock Interview event

In School

Careers guidance

Careers guidance session

- 1-2-1 with qualified careers advisor (Luminate Careers)
- Careers Action Plan

Careers Library (Weds & Thurs) lunchtime drop in sessions

- Research
- Careers guidance
- Application support
- Interview skills and preparation

In own time

Continue Post 16 Research

- Use the LCS Careers Information page for guidance and links

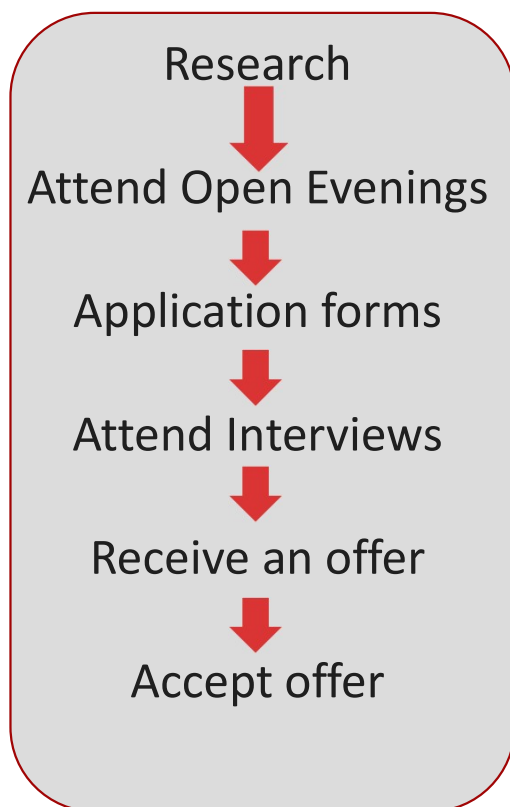
Attend Open Evenings

- Details on provider's website
- Students have been given a provider list

Continue to have conversations at home

HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?

All information is on-line (Colleges: Derby/Burton, Sixth Form Centres, Apprenticeships)



Application Deadlines

LCS Sixth Form – 5th December 2026

Colleges – check with the provider

Apprenticeships - as advertised

Attend Open Evenings – see providers websites

For application - students use predicted grades from their Year 10 report



HOW MANY APPLICATIONS TO MAKE?

- There isn't a limit.
- Make applications to all pathways of interest.
- If applying for apprenticeships, also apply to college and/or sixth form.
- All students need an appropriate back up plan.

It is okay to change your mind about what you want to study, as long as you have applied.



WHAT TO DO FOLLOWING THIS EVENING?

[LCS Website - Careers Information | Littleover Community School](#)

- Talk to your child about what they want to study and where
- Encourage your child to attend Open Evenings
- Encourage your child to seek help in school if needed
- Support them in making their decision
- Ensure that they have a back-up plan
- Ask us if you need any further help or advice.



Work Experience Week (28 Sept – 2 Oct)

Parents will receive an e-mail containing important information in preparation for the upcoming WEX Week.

Please read the information carefully and follow the processes to ensure students have a safe and successful week.

Students have been well prepared via PSHE lessons and all students off site **MUST** complete a Welfare Check Survey by 3pm on the Tuesday.

Students have been asked to contact school to report any welfare concerns.

Students without an authorised placement on Unifrog will remain in school taking part in revision focussed lessons and Virtual Work Experience.



What is the Post 16 Bursary and why should students apply?

- The Post 16 Bursary provides financial assistance to help students carry on learning next year and the year after that.
- The funds should be used to support studies (e.g. buying course materials, transport to and from school/college, fieldwork and trips).



How much should students get?

- It depends how many people in each year are eligible. Each sixth form has a set amount of money to divide equally among those who qualify.
- Most providers will use the fund to purchase supplies, resources, bus passes etc. directly for students rather than giving the students money.



Who Is Eligible to apply?

Age

- Students need to be 16, 17 or 18 and have left – or be about to leave – compulsory education.

Course

Students need to be enrolled on a course in England which is one of the following:

- a full-time further education course at a college or school
- a Diploma or a course that leads to an Apprenticeship
- Basically – any student who continues in full time education or training with a recognised provider.



Household Income

- Taxable household income below approx. £20,000 - £25,000 (varies slightly from place to place)
- If the student has a part-time job – any money *they earn* isn't included in your overall household income.



Other Criteria

If the young person is.....

- In care or a care leaver
- Receiving income support
- Disabled and in receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

All the above qualify for £1200 a year



How to apply?

- All applications are processed by the provider (i.e. school sixth form, college etc)
- Check with individual providers when they would like applications submitted
- Most will be the end of September
- Documentary evidence of income etc. will be required with the application.
- **Students will need their own bank account.**



Things to remember

- Ask your post 16 provider for a copy of their policy and application form if you believe you may qualify.
- Make sure the students have their own bank accounts when they start their post 16 studies.
- Make sure you have appropriate documentary evidence of your income etc.



Moving to your workshops

Please follow the instructions given - to enable us to make the groupings as equal and as safe as possible.

Parents/Carers sat on this side of the hall

If you would like to attend the Sixth Form workshop – please remain seated.

You will attend the Sixth Form workshop first and then your second choice of workshop:

- College or apprenticeships (in S Block).

If you have selected only college and apprenticeships, please go to S Block for these two workshops.

Parents/Carers sat on this side of the hall

We ask that you please attend the college or apprenticeships workshop first (in S Block).

Please then return to the hall for the Sixth Form workshop -or your second choice of college or apprenticeships (if you did not select Sixth Form).



Useful videos – from Luminate Careers

[What Happens in a Careers Guidance Session](#)

[Post 16 Options](#)

[Choosing your A Levels](#)

[Why Consider An Apprenticeship?](#)

[Applying for an apprenticeship | Luminate Careers Derby](#)

