



A Guide for Students – Options after year 11



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Young people in England are required to continue in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18.

Legally, you can leave school on the last Friday in June if they'll be 16 by the end of the summer holidays. However, by September, you will need to be in official education or training.

It's a good idea for you to explore the different education and career options available to you as early as possible.

Whatever you want to do in life, a good standard of education and training will increase your chances of success. Gaining skills and qualifications:

- Helps you make the most of your potential
- Opens doors to more choice in employment and higher education
- Improves your earning power
- Leads to greater job satisfaction

These are your options:

- ✓ Stay in full-time education, e.g. at a college or sixth form, doing A Levels, T Levels or other vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs)
- ✓ Start an apprenticeship or supported internship
- ✓ Work or volunteer part-time while in education or training
- ✓ All teenagers who do not gain a grade 4 or above in GCSE English and maths are expected to continue studying these subjects until the age of 18.



Full-time education

You could study full-time at a school sixth form, college or with an independent training provider. All study programmes will prepare you for higher level learning and employment and include opportunities for work experience and enterprise activities. They could work towards subject-based academic qualifications like A Levels and/or vocational and technical qualifications like T Levels or BTECs.

You can find a list of Colleges here: LCR Colleges and Universities – www.lcrbmore.co.uk/college-university/

You can also search for provision here www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/ and by checking your local council website for information.

Apprenticeships

An Apprenticeship will prepare you for skilled employment and higher level education and training. Apprenticeships combine high-quality training with paid work.

There are thousands of apprenticeship vacancies on offer, with more than 640 high-quality apprenticeships approved for use by employers, and can help to kick-start a career in anything from space engineering to advertising.

Apprentices work towards qualifications that give them the theoretical knowledge and practical skills they need to do a job well. You should start looking and applying for Apprenticeship vacancies very early in the spring term of year 11, even though you can't start one until after the "official school leaving date" in June.

Apprenticeships are competitive and open to all ages, so you won't be guaranteed an opportunity unless you meet the criteria and pass the selection process e.g., application, interview and in some cases assessment centre. You will need the support of your careers advisor/ teachers and parents to access this pathway.

Utilise the following websites: www.lcrbmore-co.uk or www.apprenticeships.gov.uk



Employment with training

You can find employment, undertake voluntary work, become an intern or even set up your own business when you leave school.

However, you'll still need to be doing training or study at the same time that leads to a regulated qualification, like a Vocational Technical Qualification (VTQ). This means that as well as gaining valuable experience, you'll also gain a recognised accreditation that supports your future career.



Supported Internship

Supported internships are a structured study programme based primarily at an employer.

They enable young people aged 16-24 with a statement of SEN, or an Education, Health and Care plan to achieve sustainable paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need for work, through learning in the workplace. Speak to your local college or school about this pathway and refer to your local council local offer website for more information.

www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/pages/training-choice/supported-internship-with-an-ehc



Attend Open Days and Events

Take advantage of open days and events hosted by colleges, sixth forms, and universities. Visit campuses to get a feel for the environment, courses offered, and facilities available.

Understand Financial Options



Familiarize yourself with the financial support available for further education, including bursaries.

www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

You can speak to staff in sixth form or colleges for help with this.

Get support with the Application Process



Seek support to fill out application forms, writing personal statements, and interview preparation.

Ensure you have a valid email address and understand how to use this.

If you require support with applications ensure you speak to parents / guardians or seek support from your teachers / career advisors.

Who to contact for support

National Careers Service – www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

Careers information, advice and guidance.
Support and advice available online, web chat and via telephone.

Career Connect – www.careerconnect.org.uk/services/careers-support-for-16-25-year-olds/
Advisors will work with young people if they are 16–18-years old or up to age 25 if they have an Education Health Care Plan and not currently in education, employment or training.

Local Youth Hubs provide face to face support for young people and are situated across the Liverpool City Region – www.lcrbmore.co.uk/youth-hub/

LCR Be More – www.lcrbmore.co.uk/

LCR Be More is the website and app for skills and career options in Liverpool City Region.

Skills for Careers – www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk

Apprenticeship Support Centre – www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/support-centre

For support with apprenticeships – call 08000 150 400 or email nationalhelpdesk@apprenticeships.gov.uk

Digital Support – www.helpingyouonline.co.uk

- Digital skills training
- Data services
- Helplines
- Digital inclusion hubs

Local support to secure employment and training

www.sthelens.gov.uk/waystowork

www.liverpoolinwork.co.uk/home/support-and-training/

www.seftonatwork.net/

www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/business/businesssupport/Employer-Support.aspx

www.wirral.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/help-finding-work

www.knowsley.gov.uk/jobs/help-finding-work

Local offer websites provide information for children and young people up to the age of 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) their parents or carers – all in one place.

1. www.liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/send-local-offer/
2. www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0
3. www.localoffer.haltonchildrenstrust.co.uk/
4. www.new.sthelens.gov.uk/SEND
5. www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk/knowsley-local-offer-send
6. www.sendlowirral.co.uk

