

Explore your options after Year 11

What to do when you finish school


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INTRODUCTION

You'll soon be making some important decisions about what your next steps will be once you finish Year 11. There are lots of education and training options to choose from across Lancashire, such as school sixth forms, further education colleges and apprenticeships, and this document is designed to provide you and your parents/carers with information about each of these. By showing what each institution can offer, this should help to support the decisions you're making about your future.

For information on school sixth forms and colleges not included within this document, such as those located outside of Lancashire, we would advise you to contact them directly or look on their websites and social media pages for information, advice and support.

For information on any apprenticeship providers not included within the supporting apprenticeship document, we would advise you to contact them directly or look on their websites and social media pages for information, advice and support. Alternatively, you can contact the Lancashire Work Based Learning Forum at info@lancsforum.co.uk and they will be happy to assist wherever possible.

School sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeship providers are here to support all you in making the right decisions for your future. Please contact them directly if you have any questions or queries.

YOUR CHOICES AFTER YEAR 11

Young people have to stay in education or training until their 18th birthday. There are three main ways to do this:


- Continue to study full time
- Get an apprenticeship
- Work or volunteer whilst studying part time

There are lots of post 16 education or training options available in Lancashire and the surrounding area. You'll need to think about which one best suits your needs, interests and future plans. This education and training is free if you start before you turn 18.

Study full time

If you want to study full time, there are two main options: a school sixth form or a college. Information on the school sixth forms and colleges within Lancashire, as well as the colleges in Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, are included in this document. However, an education provider located outside Lancashire might be a better choice for you - they might be closest to your home or offer the right course for you. You can choose to go to a provider in Lancashire or one outside the county.

You will be able to choose from a wide range of qualifications and courses and these tend to be classed as academic or vocational/technical.

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- **A levels** - these are two year courses with an exam at the end. These courses are at Level 3. Most students take three A level subjects but you may be able to combine A Levels with another qualification. You would need to speak to your preferred school sixth form or college to see what they can offer. A Levels are one of the main routes into higher education.
 - **International Baccalaureate (IB) programme** - there are six subject groups to choose from, including Language and Literature and Mathematics. Not all school sixth forms or colleges offer the IB Programme so you'll need to check with your preferred provider. The IB Programme is studied over two years and is a good route into higher education.
 - **Vocational/technical** – these courses are designed to help you learn in a more practical way about an employment sector, such as travel and tourism or construction. Vocational/technical courses are jointly designed with industry and employers so you can gain the right knowledge and skills to help you progress into a job. Whilst the main progression route from vocational/technical qualifications is into employment, you can also progress into higher levels of study, including university.

The main vocational/technical qualifications are **T Levels**. These are two year courses and are at Level 3. A T Level is the equivalent to three A Levels. T Level students spend 80% of their course in technical learning and 20% in an in-depth industry placement, which is around 45 days (315 hours). The industry placement will give you a real experience of working in your chosen industry. You'll also study English and maths if you have not yet achieved at least a GCSE grade 4 in these subjects. They are jointly designed with professional bodies and employers and are available in a range of different job sectors. There are lots of T Levels available across Lancashire. T Levels are assessed in different ways – including projects, tests and exams – and they allow you to progress onto an apprenticeship, skilled employment or higher education.

If you aren't quite ready for a T Level, you may be able to do the Level 2 Foundation Year. This is designed to give you the skills and knowledge to progress onto a T Level in the future.

Get an Apprenticeship

There are lots of education and training providers in Lancashire offering apprenticeships, often specialising in specific industries or sectors.

An apprenticeship is an excellent way to combine on the job learning while you're working and earning a wage. You'll get hands on practical learning through your employer and you'll also go into college or to your training provider one day a week to learn the theory behind your chosen subject area. Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of subjects and they last for at least 12 months. You can start at Level 2 and progress all the way up to Level 7.

As an apprentice, you'll be an employee and will receive a wage and other employee rights, such as holiday pay. Apprentices receive different rates of pay, depending on their age and where they are up to in their apprenticeships. A 16-18 year old apprentice is entitled to the National Minimum Wage. You can search for an apprenticeship here: [Find an apprenticeship](#).



Work or volunteer whilst studying part time

If you'd prefer to work, or be your own boss, you are required to study a part time course alongside this. You'll need to work for at least 20 hours a week, while you are in part time education. This is the same for volunteering.

Volunteering is a rewarding activity and can help you to make a difference within your community. It's a great way to gain experience and develop new skills. You can find out more about volunteering opportunities in Lancashire on the [Lancashire Volunteer Partnership website](#).

Making your choice

There are lots of options to choose from and this may be confusing. Before you make your decision, think about:


- The subjects you like
- Your interests and future goals
- The type of learning and assessments/tests you like
- Whether you want to go to university or get a job
- The grades you need for the course you want to do
- Which qualification would suit you best – you can try this [quiz on the UCAS website](#) to find out

These are some things to think about when you are deciding what to do. There are no right or wrong answers really. Think about what interests you, what subjects you enjoy at school and what job you'd like to do. Be aspirational and stretch yourself, you never know what your future may hold. You may change your mind about what you want to do when you leave school and that is fine – in fact, that's normal!! If you are aware of all the options available to you, you can make an informed decision.

There are lots of other things you and your family can do to help you decide, such as:

- Visit schools, colleges and training providers to see what they offer
- Look at their websites and read their prospectus/brochures
- Go to taster sessions and open events
- Read their [Ofsted inspection report](#)
- Think about how you will get there and if you can get any help towards the cost of travel. The local authority's post 16 transport policy statement can be accessed [here](#)

These resources might also help you find out more information about your options, different career options and the types of providers and courses available across Lancashire:

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- [Education, employment and training - Lancashire County Council](#)
 - [Sorted | Lancashire Work Based Learning \(lancsforum.co.uk\)](#)
 - [Portal – Lancashire Careers Information – Lancashire Careers Hub](#)
 - [Get the Jump: explore your education and training choices | National Careers Service](#)

You should also speak to the careers lead at your school, who will be able to give you some advice and guidance on what you could do when you leave school.

If you don't the GCSE grades you were hoping for, there are still options available to you. Lots of providers have vocational courses at Entry Level and Level 1 so it is worth contacting them to talk about the programmes which may be right for you.

YOUTH FUTURES TEAM

If you want to speak to someone outside of your school, you can contact the Youth Futures Team at Lancashire County Council and they will talk to you about your options and what you might want to do in the future. In addition to the education and training providers set out in this document, the Youth Futures Team know about lots of other providers and alternative kinds of provision you might be interested in, such as the King's Trust or provision within your local community. You can email them at youthfutures@lancashire.gov.uk.

If you have any comments or feedback on this document, please email post16participation@lancashire.gov.uk.

SCHOOL SIXTH FORMS

Accrington St Christopher's C of E High School

Application process	<p>For a copy of their prospectus and application form, please contact the school's Sixth Form office on 01254 380527 or email sixthform@st-christophers.org. Alternatively, you can visit the school's website to view the online prospectus and to apply online at Sixth Form.</p> <p>The general entry requirements for the sixth form are a Grade 4 in English and maths plus at least four other GCSEs at Grade 5 or above. Some subjects have specific entry requirements and these can be found in the prospectus.</p>
Selection process	<p>The school is happy to receive online application forms or a paper copy can be sent to the sixth form. Once your application has been received, all prospective students will be offered an informal interview at the end of January/beginning of February. This will give the school the chance to get to know you, your hobbies and interests, find out what inspires you and your career aspirations. The school encourages all applicants to ask as many questions as possible during their interview about studying at St Christopher's and subject choices.</p> <p>The interview gives the school the opportunity to advise on subject choices and combinations. Subjects chosen at this stage are not set in stone and these can be altered at a later date. If you start a subject and discover it was the wrong choice, you can swap subjects up until the end of September.</p> <p>Offers will be made after the interview and then enrolment takes place on GCSE results day in the Sixth Form. Applicants need to arrive with a copy of their GCSE results to enrol.</p>
Course information	<p>Further information can be found in the prospectus, on the school's website and by looking at the virtual open evening on the website: Sixth Form.</p> <p>The Sixth Form also offers a Foundation Pathways programme for students at 16 who are unable to follow an A-level programme of study and who require a more bespoke and personalised curriculum at Level 1 and 2. The programme involves improving Functional English, maths and ICT skills alongside developing personal and social development skills, independent living skills, vocational and employability skills. The programme is tailored to an individual's interests, abilities and needs. Every student will be working towards achieving recognisable accreditation and qualifications to ensure progression.</p> <p>More information can be found on the website using this link: Foundation Pathways or by contacting s.holmes@st-christophers.org.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>All applicants are invited to attend the Taster Day on 27th June 2025. This helps to bridge the gap between GCSE and A-level and for students to understand what is ahead for them in A-level study.</p> <p>Each subject has a Bridging Unit which students complete over the summer in preparation for September. These will be handed out on the Taster Day and can also be found on the school website in the Sixth Form section under 'Parents and Students'. The Bridging Units are comprehensive and have several links to useful websites and reading that applicants can use to prepare for A-level study.</p> <p>Reading lists will be available from each subject on Taster Day.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>For further information, please contact the Director of Sixth Form at sixthformdirector@st-christophers.org.</p> <p>You can resit maths and English in Year 12 if necessary and a comprehensive package is available to help you do this, with one to one support and small group tutoring.</p> <p>Tutoring is also available to help improve the English and maths skills of all students who have not gained a GCSE Grade 6 or above.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available for all students who qualify and the school also has information regarding free school meals. Please email j.braithwaite@st-christophers.org for further details.</p>

	<p>Bursary application forms are issued at the beginning of term and explain all the evidence required for students to apply for financial support.</p> <p>Support with transport to and from the sixth form is also available for those students who require it.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>A virtual tour of the sixth form, which includes contributions from current students and information on the subjects on offer, can be found on the school's website at Sixth Form.</p> <p>There is a Taster Day for all prospective students currently in Year 11 on Friday 27th June 2025.</p> <p>You can also contact the school to book a tour of the sixth form during the normal working day. Prospective students will be able to see the sixth form working, view a lesson, talk to current students and taste the atmosphere and what it is like to study in the sixth form.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>For the latest information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: https://www.st-christophers.org/sixth • Facebook: @StChrisSixth • Twitter/X: @StChrisSixth • Instagram: @StChrisSixth
Additional information	<p>The official closing date for first round applications is Friday 10th January 2025. The school is very happy to receive applications all year round from pupils who would like to study A-levels or a BTEC in Performing Arts (equivalent to one A-level). The Sixth Form is warm and welcoming and offers outstanding support to all students, both academically and pastorally.</p> <p>There is an extra-curricular and super-curricular enrichment programme which helps students in their preparation for further study at university, on a degree apprenticeship or workplace apprenticeship. This takes place on Wednesday afternoons and includes Pathways to Medicine, Law and Teaching, helping students gain essential work-experience, tailored support for personal statements and visits to university to gain a valuable insight into further study. Students can join the football or netball teams, take part in recreational sport or play bridge, chess and more.</p> <p>The Sixth Form also offers students the opportunity to study the EPQ and Core Maths and the music department offers extra-curricular opportunities in various ensembles including a Sixth Form SATB Choir and Jazz Band.</p> <p>The school is happy to offer tours for prospective students during a school day if they have been unable to attend Open Evening.</p>

Alder Grange School

Application process	<p>Young people interested in finding out what the sixth form at Alder Grange School – ag6 - is all about can email: ag6enquiries@aldergrange.com. The school will be happy to respond, answer any questions and arrange a tour of their incredible sixth form centre.</p> <p>Young people who wish to apply for a place at ag6 should follow this link ag6 Applications to the school's website, where you will find a user-friendly online form to start the application process, register interest and arrange an in person interview.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can phone the school on 01706 223171 to be connected to the Head of Sixth Form for a friendly chat and to see if the sixth form is the right place for you to continue your studies.</p>
Selection process	<p>The school will consider each young person's case on an individual basis, often with guidance from their current school. They want to ensure that each young person chooses the right path to allow them to realise their future aspirations.</p> <p>The sixth form offers both level 2 and level 3 pathways, including a wide range of A Levels, BTEC and CTEC qualifications.</p> <p>Once you have registered your interest and applied online - ag6 Applications – the school will review your choices, along with predicted grades and will arrange an interview with you, where they will advise and ensure your chosen pathway is right for you. This may be A-Levels, applied courses, a blend of both, or their level 2 pathway.</p> <p>Enrolment takes place on GCSE results day, and also the following morning.</p>
Course information	<p>You can start exploring what ag6 has to offer on the school's website through the following link: ag6 Home Page.</p> <p>ag6 Departments will allow you to navigate and explore all their curriculum areas and you will find information about the courses on offer. These include traditional A-Levels, along with BTEC and CTEC courses.</p> <p>ag6 also offer blended Learning, where you can opt for a blend of A-Level and applied courses. The school will tailor their curriculum to meet your individual needs.</p> <p>The enrichment courses on offer include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomorrow's teachers: a fantastic opportunity for any young person interested in a teaching career. Students carry out teaching placements, exploring education, developing resources and even leading sessions with pupils at KS 1, 2 and 3. As well as developing valuable, character building skills, students also have the opportunity to forge links with universities and HE providers. • EPQ (Extended Project Qualification): students carry out an academic investigation and develop independent research skills in preparation for university - and gain valuable UCAS points in the process. <p>For young people who suffer exam disappointment at GCSE, who have not achieved a standard pass in English and maths, the school offers GCSE resits.</p> <p>If your grades suggest Level 3 courses may be a struggle, you can begin on their Level 2 pathway as a foundation year. This will enable you to acquire the skills and expertise needed to progress onto the Level 3 courses.</p>

Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>ag6 is a very supportive sixth form, looking out for you every step of the way and transition is no exception.</p> <p>The bridge between GCSE and sixth form begins on their Taster Day, where you can sample lessons, meet staff and are given guidance and transition packs to help you prepare for the start of your ag6 journey. Packs are also available at key points in the year through their website.</p> <p>Across all curriculum areas, courses begin with specially designed units in order to make the transition from secondary school to ag6 as smooth as possible.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you have any worries regarding grades, course choices, or general enquiries about ag6 and how the school can help you to build your future, please reach out and get in touch. You can email ag6enquiries@aldergrange.com or call 01706 223171.</p> <p>With regard to GCSE resits, the school offers a Level 2 pathway, incorporating resit English and maths, and other level 2 courses. These are designed to equip you with the skills and resilience needed to graduate onto the school's Level 3 courses.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>The school is happy to answer questions regarding student finance / bursary at your interview, on enrolment day, or over email. Please contact ag6enquiries@aldergrange.com with any queries you may have.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>The sixth form's website ag6 and their digital prospectus are the best way to gain initial insights into all aspects of life at ag6, from courses and enrichment to the ag6 alumni and application process.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>You can keep in touch through the school's socials; look out for exciting updates, socials and charity events and celebrations of their students' successes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook: www.facebook.com/aldergrange/ • Facebook: www.facebook.com/ag6form/ • Twitter/X: twitter.com/AlderGrange • Twitter/X: twitter.com/AlderGrange6 • Instagram: www.instagram.com/aldergrangeschool/
Additional information	<p>Not sure where to study after your GCSEs? Choosing the right path can be overwhelming but imagine a place that offers real choices, where you can study A Levels or applied subjects that broaden your future options. At ag6, you'll discover subjects and support that meet you right where you are and help you get where you want to go.</p> <p>ag6 offers a diverse range of A Level and applied subjects, a welcoming and inclusive community and tailored support to help you succeed. The sixth form is relatively small in size, but big in spirit, and they value and respect all their young people as individuals; tailoring the sixth form experience to your needs.</p> <p>They have a committed, talented and passionate staff ready to help you excel in your chosen field and to support you in your studies and prepare you for your future. Whatever you're doing, wherever you're going, let ag6 help take you there.</p> <p>If you have any questions, or simply want to find out more, why not get in touch.</p> <p>ag6: your future starts here.</p>

Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School

Application process	If you are interested in attending the school, please register and apply online at Admissions .
Selection process	All students who apply are given a conditional offer of a place. Students must achieve a minimum of two GCSEs at Grade 6 or above, plus a further two GCSEs which are at least Grade 5. Students must have a minimum of a Grade 4 pass in English Language and Maths (these can make up the four grades required above).
Course information	For course information, please visit the school's website at BRGS curriculum .
Resources to prepare for Year 12	There will be a Transition Day in June 2025 to give young people the opportunity to experience a day at BRGS and give them a flavour of the subjects they have chosen to study. Teachers will give out course information and suggested reading on this day.
Further information, guidance and support	The school has an initial deadline of 24 th January 2025. Students who apply by that deadline have the best chance of getting their course choices as the school builds options blocks in their timetable around your choices at that point. You can still apply after this date but you should be aware that courses may get capped or not all subject combinations can be studied. The school wants all students to be on the A Level courses that are right for them. They will discuss subject choices with you after you've applied so that they can help you make the right choices. However, students who wish to change courses early in September can do so, subject to options blocks and class size restrictions. If you have any queries, concerns or require any further information, please contact the school at sixthform@brgs.staracademies.org .
Information on student finance	If you have any queries on the bursary fund scheme or need help with transport, please email sixthform@brgs.staracademies.org .
How to experience Year 12	All students who apply will be invited into school for an interview during which your subject choices will be discussed with you. The school is holding a Transition Day at the end of June 2024 to give you a taster of what studying at BRGS is all about. All applicants will be invited to participate on the day. If you want to visit the school at any other time, please email sixthform@brgs.staracademies.org .
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: www.brgs.org.uk • Twitter/X: @BRGS_1701 <p>If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to email sixthform@brgs.staracademies.org.</p>

Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

Application process	The online application form opens here from 1 st October 2024 to 31 st January 2025. For late applications, please contact the Sixth Form at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk .
Selection process	Students are initially asked to complete an online admissions form. They will then be contacted by the school to send their most recent school report or data tracker and a short personal statement. Students will then be invited to choose between a virtual or face-to-face Options Meeting in February or March to discuss A Level choices and answer any questions. The school's entry requirements are available here .
Course information	The school offers 26 A Level subjects. A detailed subject guide for each subject can be found here: http://www.crgs.org.uk/sixth-form/curriculum/ . The CRGS Sixth Form Guide is a very useful source of information and can be downloaded here .
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The sixth form prepares a transition pack for each subject. The new transition packs for September 2025 entry will be available from around mid-May. Applicants will be notified when these become available. These will be published on the 'New Year 12' pages on the school's website at http://www.crgs.org.uk/sixth-form/new-year-12/ .
Further information, guidance and support	For any queries or further information, applicants and parents/carers can email the sixth form at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk . Students who would like to review their subject choices should contact the sixth form at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk . It is usually possible to change subjects on Results Day (subject to timetabling constraints) and the school runs a Transition Period in September where students can change subjects if necessary.
Information on student finance	Full details of the sixth form's 16-19 Bursary Fund offer can be found on their website at http://www.crgs.org.uk/parents/financial-assistance/ . If students or parents/carers have any questions about student finance, they can email the school at bursary@crgs.org.uk .
How to experience Year 12	If you would like to visit the sixth form, please contact the school at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk . All young people with an offer will be invited to the school's Student Preview events in June 2025.
How to find the latest information	Information is available on the school's website at http://www.crgs.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome/ . Follow the school on social media for the latest news and updates from the Sixth Form: Facebook: Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Sixth Form

Haslingden High School and Sixth Form

Application process	<p>For information about the application process, please visit the Sixth Form section of the school's website.</p> <p>Prospective students can then complete the online application form using the prompts to provide the required information.</p>
Selection process	<p>The entry requirements for different pathways can be accessed on the school website in the information section at About the sixth form.</p> <p>This is clearly set out to outline the different options for students based on GCSE results. You must also be able to demonstrate and evidence a good attitude to learning across key stage 4. All applications will be treated fairly and with consideration.</p>
Course information	<p>The Sixth Form section of the school website contains detailed information about the different courses they offer. For each course, information is provided about preferred entry requirements, units studied, assessment details and progression opportunities.</p> <p>The school has a broad curriculum which spans all academic subjects and they place a strong emphasis on the importance of the arts and leadership.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>The school has a comprehensive focus on bridging the gap between key stage 4 and key stage 5 as they know that the transition is academically challenging.</p> <p>Bridging units for all A Levels and vocational courses are offered and available via the school website. Please contact lmarsland@haslingdenhigh.com for the password to access the units which will be provided to you if you have applied for sixth form.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you have any concerns or questions about applications or course choices, please contact Andrea at sixthform@haslingdenhigh.com.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>For any questions regarding student finance, please contact Andrea at sixthform@haslingdenhigh.com.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>To gain a better understanding of sixth form's ethos and facilities, you can access the prospectus in the Sixth Form section of the school website, as well as a virtual introduction to life at Haslingden High Sixth Form.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>For the latest information, please visit the school's website at www.haslingdenhigh.com.</p>

Hutton C of E Grammar School

Application process	If you are interested in attending the school's sixth form, you can apply electronically via the school's online application form at Hutton Sixth Form Application Form.
Selection process	To be offered a place in the sixth form, applicants need to achieve at least 28 points from their best six GCSE results. For example, four Grade 5s and two Grade 4s.
Course information	Information on all the school's A level courses and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) can be found on the school's website at Courses at Hutton Grammar School.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	All applicants will receive a 'Head Start to A levels' pack of digital resources with activities, reading lists and resources for each subject offered at A level.
Further information, guidance and support	If required, you can re-sit GCSE Maths and/or English at the sixth form. The school will also consider students who have suffered mitigating circumstances during the completion of their GCSEs.
Information on student finance	For information on student finance, please contact the school bursar at bursar@huttongrammar.org .
How to experience Year 12	Virtual tours are available on the school's website at www.huttongrammar.org .
How to find the latest information	You can find all the latest information from the sixth form via their website at Hutton Grammar School Sixth Form or through their Facebook page: Hutton Sixth Form.

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School

Application process	<p>Please visit the school's website to apply online. The application deadline is 27th January 2025.</p> <p>You will then have an individual advice and guidance meeting online during the spring term to discuss your subject choices.</p>
Selection process	<p>The basic entry requirement is to achieve five Grade 6s at GCSE. You must also have at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths. Applicants will need to achieve a Grade 6 in the subjects they wish to study at A Level.</p> <p>For further details for some individual subjects, please visit the school's website at Subject Requirements.</p>
Course information	<p>For course information, please visit the school's website at Welcome to LGGS Sixth Form.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>Detailed summer work is provided on the school's website for all subjects in the summer term and should be completed by the time you start at LGGS Sixth Form.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>For further information, guidance and support, please contact the school at sixthform@lggs.lancs.sch.uk. The school is always happy to discuss individual circumstances and, although the standard application deadline is 27th January 2025, they always accept applications after that time. However, there may be restrictions on what subjects are available if you apply after this date as subjects may be full.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>For any questions regarding student finance, please email sixthform@lggs.lancs.sch.uk.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>You can find video of the sixth form on the school's website at Welcome to LGGS Sixth Form.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>For the latest information, please visit the sixth form section of the school's website at Welcome to LGGS Sixth Form.</p> <p>You can also follow the school on Instagram and Facebook.</p>

Lancaster Royal Grammar School

Application process	<p>The application form is available on the school's website for 2025 admissions at Sixth Form Admissions.</p> <p>The school's Sixth Form Open Evening is usually held in late September/early October and a Taster Day is held in January, which is offered to pupils who have applied.</p> <p>The school also offers a welcome afternoon to offer holders later in the summer term.</p>
Selection process	<p>There is no catchment area in the sixth form but it is expected that all applicants can comfortably make the journey to and from the school in line with the requirements of the school day.</p> <p>Where information is available from mock GCSE results or other grade data from your school, the Headmaster makes offers to pupils whose results are in line with the school's entry requirements: six Grade 6 with at least a Grade 5 in English and Maths; pupils will need a Grade 7 to study Maths; if pupils wish to take four A levels, they will need to have achieved at least five Grade 8s at GCSE. The school will make as many conditional offers as possible following mock exams and will confirm final offers and places after GCSE results day in August 2025.</p> <p>The school holds an enrolment morning the day after GCSE results come out. Pupils who haven't yet applied at that point but who may be interested could attend that morning or contact the school with their results to see if there are any places left.</p>
Course information	<p>The school offers a large range of A-Levels. For course information, please view the school's online prospectus at Sixth Form Prospectus.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>The school will publish subject-specific bridging work on the induction pages of its website around May half-term. At present, last year's bridging work is currently listed, along with a list of possible enrichment tasks such as online courses and suggested reading.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you have any queries or general enquiries about sixth form admissions, please contact the school's Sixth Form Administrator, Carol Haywood at chaywood@lrgs.org.uk, who will ensure an answer is provided.</p> <p>The school is also partially a boarding school so if families might be interested in a boarding application, they should contact Emma Jones at ejones@lrgs.org.uk.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>For information on the 16-19 bursary, please contact Carol Haywood at chaywood@lrgs.org.uk.</p>



**How to experience
Year 12**

The sixth form section of the school's website contains a range of information and testimonials which you will find helpful.

The virtual open evening includes interviews with pupils and staff: [Virtual Open Evening](#).

**How to find the
latest information**

Updates are regularly sent out through the school's Twitter/X and Facebook pages.

The school website lists all official documentation linked to admissions and this will be updated for the next intake shortly.

**Additional
information**

It is worth highlighting that the sixth form is co-educational and they have over 80 female students currently study with them.

Moor Park High School and Sixth Form

Application process	You can apply using the online application form available on the school's website at Sixth Form Application Form .
Selection process	Once you have completed an application form, a member of the sixth form team will contact you directly to discuss your expected GCSE grades and subject choices. You will then be invited to an interview in the sixth form. If an offer is made, this will be conditional on your GCSE results. You will then be given an enrolment appointment, normally the afternoon of GCSE results day in August 2025.
Course information	For course information, please see the sixth form prospectus which can be accessed on the school's website at Sixth Form Prospectus . A promotional video is also available at Life at Moor Park Sixth Form - Bing video .
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The school has created bridging units for all subjects offered in the sixth form. These are available to all internal and external applicants and will be offered at the point of application. They can be emailed or posted to students for completion and students will receive feedback from subject specialists.
Further information, guidance and support	<p>The school is open for applications from external candidates, who can apply online right up until GCSE results day. If you want to discuss course choices or whether Moor Park Sixth Form might be right for you, email sixthform@moorpark.mp or call the main school number on 01772 795428, leave a message and a member of the sixth form team will get back to you.</p> <p>All offers are made on an individual basis and you are encouraged to contact the school to talk about your results. As a small sixth form, the school can tailor the support offered to students. All students are known and have regular meetings with the head of sixth form to ensure they are on track and making progress towards their targets. The school prides itself on making excellent progress with students who might not have otherwise been able to apply for A level study.</p> <p>The school offers a GCSE resit option for its students who have not achieved a Grade 4/5 in English and maths.</p>
Information on student finance	The bursary is available for eligible students. For more information, please email the school's student services support officers at sixthform@moorpark.mp .
How to experience Year 12	<p>Details of the sixth form and its ethos can be found on the school's website at https://www.moorpark.mp/sixth-form/our-sixth-form/heads-message/.</p> <p>If students require any further information, please contact the school at sixthform@moorpark.mp.</p> <p>The school can offer individual tours of the building and facilities on request and would be happy to do this during the sixth form day. A promotional video is also available at Life at Moor Park Sixth Form - Bing video.</p>



How to find the latest information

For the latest information, please visit the school's website at www.moorpark.mp.

Additional information

In addition to three A Levels, the school also offers the opportunity for students to study their home language A Level (if they have already done so at GCSE level) and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

The school has a weekly enrichment and tutorial session for Year 12, in which students will learn about the skills they need to succeed at A Level, post-18 career options and many trips/talks from universities.

The curriculum offer also includes the opportunity to take the DofE Gold award free of charge, and all students receive free of charge textbooks for all their subjects.

The school is proud of what it offers to students at Moor Park and would encourage any parents or students who think it might be the right provider for them, to get in touch.

Morecambe Bay Academy

Application process	Please visit the Sixth Form page of the school's website to download an application form and additional information. You can return your completed application form to the school by hand, by post or via email to MBASixth@morecambebayacademy.co.uk .
Selection process	If you are offered a place, this is conditional on meeting the entry requirements. Individual course requirements are stated on the school's website at Sixth Form Entry Criteria .
Course information	Individual course information sheets can be found on the sixth form section of the school's website at Sixth Form Courses .
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Young people will be invited to attend a sixth form taster day on 17 th January 2025. There will then be a further induction day planned for 23 rd June 2025.
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you wish to make changes to your subject choices before enrolment or if you have any other questions about the school, please email MBASixth@morecambebayacademy.co.uk.</p> <p>Young people can resit GCSE English and Maths as part of their sixth form curriculum.</p>
Information on student finance	Information on the 16-19 bursary fund can be found here: Morecambe Bay Academy Sixth Form .
How to experience Year 12	You can view footage of the school on their website at Morecambe Bay Academy .
How to find the latest information	Letters and updates to applicants are added to the sixth form section of the school's website. You can also email MBASixth@morecambebayacademy.co.uk .

Ormskirk School

Application process	<p>Please visit the school's website to complete their online application form.</p> <p>The Sixth Form Open Evening was held on 10th October 2024. A taster day is held each December which is offered to young people who have applied or might want more information. Information will be on the Sixth Form area of the school's website.</p>
Selection process	<p>Students who have applied will be invited for an interview. This will be held with a member of school's senior leadership team and is a chance for you to find out more about the sixth form, as well as the courses on offer and what life is like in the sixth form. You can also find out more at the taster day in December and also the one held in the summer term.</p> <p>External students are always welcome to make an appointment to visit the sixth form.</p> <p>Once GCSE results are known, the school will see if you have met their entry requirements. These can be found on the school's website at Entry Requirements.</p>
Course information	<p>For course information, please visit the school's website at https://www.ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk/sixth-form/welcome-head-of-sixth-welcome and Sixth Form Prospectus.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>The school has ensured that bridging units are in place for all subjects offered and these will be emailed to applicants.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you have any queries, concerns or require any further information, please email the school at sixthform@ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk or enquiries@ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk. Alternatively, please phone 01695 583040.</p> <p>If required, you will be able to re-sit GCSE Maths and/or English at the sixth form.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>For information on student finance, please contact sixthform@ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>For more information about the sixth form, please visit their website at Sixth Form Welcome.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>You can find all the latest information from the school via their website at www.ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk. You can also follow the school on Twitter/X at www.twitter.com/ormskirk.school.</p>
Additional information	<p>Students from different West Lancashire schools come to the school's sixth form each year. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school at sixthform@ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk or enquiries@ormskirk.lancs.sch.uk. Alternatively, please phone 01695 583040.</p>

Our Lady's Catholic College

Application process	<p>Please visit the school's website to complete their online application form.</p> <p>Alternatively, please email k.walker@olcc.lancs.sch.uk to request a paper copy.</p>
Selection process	<p>The school's entry requirements are available on their website at Entry Requirements.</p> <p>The school may be willing to show some flexibility in these requirements if you have extenuating circumstances and can demonstrate your suitability for the course in other ways. Successful completion of bridging work (see below) in a subject would be useful evidence.</p>
Course information	<p>For course information, please see the sixth form prospectus which is available on their website at Sixth Form Prospectus.</p> <p>For further information, each subject has prepared a presentation giving details of how the course is taught and careers associated with each course. These presentations can be found here.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>Bridging work is available for most subjects and this can be found in the Students section of the website.</p> <p>The school strongly recommends that this work is completed before September as it will give you an idea of the expectations and level of work required for the course. Teaching staff will be happy to direct you to further support if required.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you have any queries about the application process of the courses on offer, please contact Mrs Bates at a.bates@olcc.lancs.sch.uk.</p> <p>GCSE resit exams in English Language and Maths should be available to all students in the autumn term and again in the summer term, if required.</p> <p>If you do not meet the entry requirements for the Level 3 Programme of Study, the school can offer you a place on their Level 2 Programme of Study. This will prepare you to re-sit your English Language and Maths GCSEs. You will also study a double award Level 2 Travel and Tourism course (which is equivalent to two GCSEs).</p>
Information on student finance	<p>For information on student finance, please contact Mrs Bates at a.bates@olcc.lancs.sch.uk.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>The school has a video about Life in the Sixth Form which you can watch.</p> <p>You are welcome to visit the sixth form. Please contact Mrs Bates at a.bates@olcc.lancs.sch.uk or Mr Seddon at s.seddon@olcc.lancs.sch.uk if you would like to arrange this.</p> <p>The school is holding an Open Evening at 5pm on 14th November 2024 and will also have a Taster Day on 2nd July 2025.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>For the latest information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: Our Lady's Catholic College - Sixthform • Facebook: Our Lady's Catholic College Lancaster • Twitter/X: @OLCC6th

Ripley St Thomas C of E Academy

Application process	The application form is available on the school's website at Apply - Ripley St Thomas .
Selection process	Your place is conditional on meeting the entry requirements. The entry requirement is five GCSE passes at Grade 5 including Grade 5 in English Language and also meeting the individual course requirements in your chosen subjects. These are stated on the Course Information Sheets which can be found on the school website at Sixth Form Courses .
Course information	Course information sheets can be found on the sixth form section of the school website at Sixth Form Courses .
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Sixth Form Bridging Units for individual courses can be found on the school's website at Sixth Form Bridging Units .
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you wish to make changes to your subject choices before enrolment or if you have any other questions about the sixth form, please email sixthform@ripley.lancs.sch.uk. Course changes will depend on whether there are places available on the course at enrolment.</p> <p>If required, you can re-sit GCSE Maths at the sixth form.</p>
Information on student finance	For information on student finance, please email sixthform@ripley.lancs.sch.uk .
How to experience Year 12	<p>For more information about the sixth form, please visit the website at Sixth Form Open Evening.</p> <p>Further information about the sixth form can be found on the school's website: Sixth Form.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>Letters and updates are added to the school website: Letters and Notices.</p> <p>Follow the school on social media for the latest news and updates from the Sixth Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook: The Sixth Form at Ripley St Thomas • Twitter/X: @TheSixthForm

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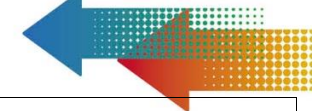
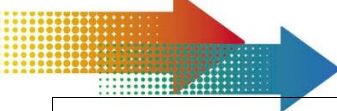
Lancaster University School of Maths

Application process	<p>You can apply to Lancaster University School of Maths (LUSoM) using their application form and can submit an application using this link: Apply Online.</p> <p>If you have any questions about the application process, you can email admissions@lusom.ac.uk or you can call the office on 01772 287481.</p>
Selection process	<p>Once you have submitted your application online, it will be processed and you will receive an invitation to sit the LUSoM aptitude test. This test is not pass/fail but purely to give them more information and help them make the decision whether LUSoM is a good fit for you.</p> <p>There will be a guidance interview and then the offer of a conditional place. Entry requirements are a Grade 8+ in Maths, Grade 7+ in Science and Grade 5+ in English GCSE.</p>
Course information	<p>All LUSoM students study Maths and Further Maths A-levels, and must pick one of three subjects: Physics, Chemistry or Computer Science. Students can also pick a fourth subject from those, or study an A-level from Cardinal Newman College, their sister college.</p> <p>Information on the subjects they teach and their super-curricular offer can all be found on their website - www.lusom.ac.uk.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>The school offers a lot of opportunities through the year to get involved and find out what life is like at LUSoM. They have online revision programmes, as well as Open Days and Taster Days.</p> <p>The best preparation for Year 12 is to follow your passion in Maths and Science, read around the subjects and look beyond your GCSEs.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you have any questions about life at LUSoM, you can email hello@lusom.ac.uk or you can call the office on 01772 287481.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>They have a bursary fund which can provide assistance to students who are experiencing financial difficulty in accessing or completing their course. Funds can be provided to help towards the cost of travel, meals, books and equipment needed to study such as a calculator and iPad. Eligibility is assessed on parental income and home/personal circumstances.</p> <p>For more information or help, as well as a link to apply for a bursary online, please visit our website at Bursary - Lancaster University School of Mathematics.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>The school offer a lot of opportunities throughout the year to get involved and find out what life is like at LUSoM. They have Online Revision and Extend programmes, as well as Open Days and Taster Days.</p> <p>Follow them on social media, where you can see some of the activities which go on throughout the year.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>For the latest information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: www.lusom.ac.uk • Twitter/X: Lancaster University School of Mathematics (@LUSoM_) / X • Facebook: www.facebook.com/LUSOMPreston/ • Instagram: www.instagram.com/lusompreston/ • Tiktok: www.tiktok.com/@lusompreston <p>Or email hello@lusom.ac.uk with any questions.</p>

FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES

Accrington and Rossendale College

Application process	<p>Young people can apply online for a place at the college.</p> <p>Applicants will then be able to access their application information online, through the college website.</p>
Selection process	<p>Young people will be invited to the college for an interview with a member of the specific curriculum team linked to the course they have chosen.</p> <p>Interviews take place monthly. Applicants can schedule an interview slot and will be sent an interview preparation pack in the post in advance. This will explain how the interview process will work and what to bring with you, as well as answering some general frequently asked questions.</p>
Course information	<p>The college's School Liaison team regularly visits all local schools to provide course information, advice and to offer 1:1 appointments. Pupils can check with their school's Careers Adviser to find out when the team are next scheduled to visit.</p> <p>Information about the range of courses available can be found in the college guide, which can be download online - 16-18 at ARC. You can also find further details and information about upcoming open events. Schools are provided with printed copies of the college guide to share with pupils.</p> <p>The college offers courses at all levels, from Entry Level to Level 3. They also have a University Centre that offers Higher Education courses.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>To support prospective students, the college invites all applicants to their New Student Day at the end of June. This event will help you to familiarise yourself with the college, meet the teaching teams and participate in some interactive activities and subject tasters. This is where prospective students can experience the day-to-day life of an Accrington and Rossendale College student.</p> <p>On this day, teachers offer insight into the curriculum, which will include reading lists, useful websites, pre-college work and other essential information to prepare you for enrolling at the college on GCSE results day. Additionally, this event allows you to connect with other applicants, easing any anxieties or 'first day nerves' by fostering new friendships and encouraging communication before courses start.</p> <p>You will leave the event with contact information, in case you have any questions over the summer. Throughout the summer, the Schools Team remains available for questions or queries via email at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>Applicants are able to change their subject choices at any point during the application process. The college can provide information and alternative course options for those who may not achieve their expected grades. Any young person requiring guidance on their next steps can contact the college careers team at careers@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For general course information and enquiries, the Schools Team is available to assist by email at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For specific application or interview advice, or to update details or make changes to your course, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>The college's Student Services team will provide you with information on bursaries, finance, bus travel and other related queries. To contact the Student Services team, please call 01282 440209 or email student.services@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>You can access informative videos on the college's YouTube page.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>Accrington and Rossendale College provides multiple touch points for prospective students throughout their application journey, including direct mail, email, new student day and SMS.</p> <p>You can also access the college through social media, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Tiktok.</p>



	<p>For the latest information, please visit Accrington and Rossendale College.</p> <p>For general information and advice, you can contact the Schools Team at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For specific application or interview advice, updating details or changes to courses, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
Additional information	<p>Alongside the teams mentioned above, the college has dedicated teams to support with additional learning support; safeguarding and welfare; health and wellbeing; careers; and student services.</p>

Blackburn College

Application process	<p>Blackburn College is open for you to choose your course and apply online. You can apply here to study the pathway of your choice. If you'd prefer, the college can help you complete your application in person by going through the steps and completing the required information.</p> <p>The college offers a large number of courses including Vocational, T Level, A Level and Apprenticeship programmes. All the information you need can be found on the college's website at www.blackburn.ac.uk.</p>
Selection process	<p>Once you have submitted your application, the college will invite you for an interview in the evening with your course tutor. You'll receive your booking in the post with your interview date and time, followed by a reminder text the day before. If you're not able to make your interview, please ring the Admissions Team on 01254 292936.</p>
Course information	<p>For information on all the college's pathways - A Level, Vocational, T Level and Apprenticeship courses - please visit their website at www.blackburn.ac.uk.</p> <p>The Careers Team at the college is also available at open events and interview evenings. You can email them at careers@blackburn.ac.uk for advice and guidance on course options.</p> <p>You can also have a look at the College Prospectus. This shows the college courses and entry requirements – it's an 'all you need to know' guide to Blackburn College.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>Tutors may provide you with reading lists over the summer to help you get ready for college. This will help you see the difference between school and college.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>For any general enquiries about starting college, support is available from the college's Schools Liaison team. Please email schoolliaison@blackburn.ac.uk.</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding your application, enrolment, student finance or careers, please email the college's Admissions team on admissions@blackburn.ac.uk.</p> <p>There is a dedicated team and centre for GCSE English and maths resits located in the Beacon Centre. These sessions will be within your regular timetable.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>The college has a dedicated Student Finance team who can answer any money-related queries; they know all about the support a 16-18 year old can access whilst studying at Blackburn College. If you have any queries or need any further information, please email studentfinance@blackburn.ac.uk.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>The college hold a number of Open Events during the year. You can explore their different areas to help you decide whether A Levels, Technical/Vocational, T Levels or an Apprenticeship is right for you. You can speak with tutors and students, see their fantastic facilities and find out about the support the college can provide for you to reach your potential.</p> <p>The Schools Liaison team also offer private 1:1 tours for young people to make their way round all the buildings the college has on offer. Information can also be found on the college website.</p> <p>Blackburn College is also hosting a New Student Day on 1st July 2024 for all Year 11s who have applied to the college. All applicants will be sent a post card inviting them to this event.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>You can find all the latest information from the college on their website at www.blackburn.ac.uk. You can also visit their social media channels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook: Blackburn College • Twitter/X: @bbcollege • Instagram: BlackburnCollege <p>You can also visit the college in person – Blackburn College, Feilden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LH or you can call them on 01254 292929.</p>

Blackpool and the Fylde College


Application process	<p>The college accepts applications online. For information, you can visit their website at School Leavers.</p> <p>For help or advice, you can contact the college on 01253 504343 or email admissions@blackpool.ac.uk.</p>
Selection process	<p>Once you have made your application, you will be invited to an informal chat with a tutor to discuss your course choice. This is your opportunity to discover more about that course and to talk through your career ambitions.</p>
Course information	<p>There is lots of information about the college and the courses they have on offer on their website at School Leavers. Alternatively, click on this link to download a copy their Prospectus.</p> <p>You can call the college's Course Enquiries Team on 01253 504343 or email info@blackpool.ac.uk if you have any questions or want some advice.</p> <p>Gateway courses are designed to help 16-18 year olds who have no prior qualifications or have GCSEs at Grade 3 or below into employment or further education. There are a wide number of pathways available and you can find out more on the college's website at Gateway Courses.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>The college has lots of information videos on topics such as next steps, how to apply and college life. You can find these on their social media. The college will also send tasks, reading lists, useful website links and activities directly to you once you have applied for a course at the college.</p> <p>Twilight taster events take place on Wednesday 20 November 2024 and Wednesday 22 January 2025 from 5pm. They last just one hour and give you the opportunity to speak to industry-expert tutors and see if you have chosen the right course. To book on an event, please visit Events.</p> <p>A New Student Summer School Event will take place late June/early July where applicants will have the opportunity to take part in some live lessons, meet fellow students and get to know more about college life and their chosen subject area.</p> <p>The B&FC School Liaison team drop into all schools in the area, either for presentations/workshops or at an open event. If you have any questions or queries, you can contact the team at school-liaison@blackpool.ac.uk.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>You can call the college's Course Enquiries Team on 01253 504343 or email info@blackpool.ac.uk if you have any questions or want some advice about courses. The Careers Team can also help you with one-to-one advice and guidance about your next steps. The Course Enquiries Team can make an appointment for you to speak to the Careers Team. For other enquiries, please call the college on 01253 352352.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>For information on student finance, please visit the college's website here: Financial Support for School Leavers.</p> <p>If you have any questions about financial support, please email the college at careers@blackpool.ac.uk or call courses enquiries on 01253 504343.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>The college has lots of information videos on topics such as next steps, how to apply and college life. You can find these on their social media (see below).</p> <p>If you would like to visit the college, come along to an open event. To find out more, please visit Events.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>You can find all the latest information from the college on their website. You can also find them on social media here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook: /blackpoolcollege • Instagram: @blackpoolcollege • Twitter/X: @b_and_fc • YouTube: /blackpoolfyldecollege
Additional information	<p>The college offers T Levels, which are career-focused courses with a significant industry placement, giving you the opportunity to compete for the best university places, higher/degree apprenticeships, higher technical qualifications and highly skilled careers. To find out more, visit the college's website at T Levels.</p>

Blackpool Sixth Form College

<p>Application process</p>	<p>The college's application system is open for entry to the college in September 2025. You can visit their website for more information and can make an online application here.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 1st March 2025 but the college strongly recommends early application, ideally before the Christmas holidays.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact the college's Admissions Team at admissions@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk or by phone on 01253 394911.</p>
<p>Selection process</p>	<p>Once you have applied, you will be invited to a course discussion evening at the college. The college seeks to provide conditional offers of places at Blackpool Sixth to applicants on the basis of the information in the application and any follow-up discussions. The conditional offers specify minimum entry qualifications for the different study programmes (see the links below for study programme and course information for further details).</p> <p>If you need to update your course choices after you have applied, you will be able to do so through the applications portal which you used to apply.</p>
<p>Course information</p>	<p>For information on the college's Study Programmes, please visit their website: Study Programmes. Detailed information about all the college's courses can be found here: Courses.</p> <p>You can put together your own prospectus with the courses you are most interested in through this link: Your Prospectus.</p> <p>Please note that the college offers a one-year Foundation Programme for students who need a further year of study to reach the entry levels required for Level 3 (Advanced) courses. The details can be found here: Foundation Programme.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact the college's Admissions Team at: admissions@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk or by phone on 01253 394911.</p>
<p>Resources to prepare for Year 12</p>	<p>Once you have applied, you will be able to access lots of suggested activities and resources to help you prepare in the best way possible for your courses at Blackpool Sixth. These are all available on the college's website here: Your Journey to Blackpool Sixth.</p>
<p>Further information, guidance and support</p>	<p>If you have any queries, concerns or require any advice, please email the college's Admissions Team at: admissions@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk or by phone on 01253 394911.</p>
<p>Information on student finance</p>	<p>If you choose to study at Blackpool Sixth, they will do everything possible to support you. For more information, please visit the college's website: Financial Support. The college also offers extensive help with transport routes and costs: Transport.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can contact a member of staff in the college's Student Finance Office by emailing enquiries@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk. Please put 'Finance query' in the subject line.</p>
<p>How to experience Year 12</p>	<p>See Your Journey to Blackpool Sixth for details of how the college supports prospective students and the open events and taster events they provide. The college will be delivering a Taster Day on Saturday 22nd March 2025 which will allow you to take two sample lessons in different subjects. This will be open to students who have submitted an application to the college by this point. There will be a New Student Day (which will include taster sessions into up to four subjects) on Friday 4th July 2025. This day will also include lots of chance to explore the college and experience its extra-curricular opportunities.</p>
<p>How to find the latest information</p>	<p>You can find all of the latest information from the college on their website: https://www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/. You can also visit their social media channels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/blackpoolsixth/ • Twitter/X: @BlackpoolSixth • Instagram: @BlackpoolSixth

Burnley College

<p>Application process</p>	<p>You can apply to study A Levels, Vocational courses, T Levels or a Themis apprenticeships through the Burnley College website at School Leavers.</p> <p>There is a step-by-step video which will take you through How to Apply with ease.</p> <p>Applications close on 31st March 2025 but the college recommends that you apply before Christmas so you can focus on your GCSEs once you return to school in January. If you change your mind about the course(s) you wish to study, you can change your application at any stage by contacting the School Liaison Team at admissions@burnley.ac.uk.</p> <p>Once you have applied, you will be invited into the college for an interview with a subject tutor(s).</p>
<p>Selection process</p>	<p>Your interview will take place in person at Burnley College. Tutors will ask you questions to get to know you and make sure the course is correct for your future aspirations and passions. Your interview will also give you the opportunity to potentially meet your future tutor and find out more about the course to ensure it is right for you.</p> <p>Based on your interview, predicted grades and future goals, you may receive a conditional offer. This means you have a place on your chosen course in the next academic year if you achieve the required grades.</p>
<p>Course information</p>	<p>You can find out more about all the college's courses here: Course Search. Clicking on the course in which you are interested will open up further information on entry requirements, assessment criteria, modules and lots more.</p> <p>The college offers a range of study levels, from Entry Level 3, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications, supporting students after GCSEs. You will be allocated a place on a course at the most suitable level for you once you receive your GCSE grades. If you do not achieve maths and/or English qualifications at school, you will re-sit these alongside your full-time college course.</p> <p>If you have any questions or queries, contact the Schools Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or email admissions@burnley.ac.uk. You can also submit an online form through the college's website at: Advice and Guidance Enquiry Form.</p>
<p>Resources to prepare for Year 12</p>	<p>If you have applied to Burnley College or Themis, you will receive email updates from the team, including information about those crucial next steps, such as travel, extra-curricular activities, the college campus, how to prepare for college and opportunities to book on/take part in exciting activities such as Preview Day.</p> <p>You can explore your course(s) further via Year 11 Transition Work. Here you will find a suite of online subject packs to complete, including links to videos made by tutors introducing you to the teaching team, the exciting topics you will study as well as providing interesting activities linked to the subject.</p> <p>Delve into the Burnley College Programmes, open to Year 10 and 11 students, to immerse yourself into the subjects you may be considering, to see if they are right for you before enrolling. The Programmes run in the evenings, after school, over several weeks and are led by expert tutors who you will meet on your course. You can find out more and apply online here: Burnley College Programmes.</p>
<p>Further information, guidance and support</p>	<p>It is important to explore different colleges, speak to tutors, get a feel for the environment on campus and see firsthand the equipment and facilities before you make your final decision. You can do this at the college Open Events - book your place on a range of different dates at: Burnley College Events.</p> <p>Please do not worry, the college will help you every step of the way. If you haven't yet applied, applied to the wrong course or are unsure you will get the grades needed for your chosen course, their School Liaison Team can help. You can call them on 01282 733322 or email admissions@burnley.ac.uk.</p>



Information on student finance	There's a lot of support at Burnley College from Careers Guidance, Safeguarding, Learning Development and Financial Support. Contact admissions@burnley.ac.uk and the School Liaison Team will direct you to the correct department to access the information you need or you can visit Burnley College Support .
How to experience Year 12	<p>The college's website and social media channels have lots of information about Burnley College and Themis, with videos and pictures to show you what life as a Burnley College student or Themis Apprentice is like. Please use the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• www.burnley.ac.uk• https://www.facebook.com/burnleycollege• https://www.facebook.com/ThemisBurnley• https://www.instagram.com/burnleycollege/?hl=en• https://www.instagram.com/themisburnley/?hl=en• Burnley College LinkedIn• Themis Burnley LinkedIn

Cardinal Newman College

Application process	<p>You can apply to the college online using their application form and can submit an application using this link: Admissions - Cardinal Newman College.</p> <p>If you have any questions about the application process or your place at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.</p>
Selection process	<p>Once you've submitted your application online, it will be processed and you will receive confirmation of a conditional place. You will receive details on how to access the Newman Portal to accept this offer of a conditional place. You can also use this portal to send any questions through to the Admissions Team.</p> <p>If you have any questions about the application process or your place at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.</p>
Course information	<p>For course information, please visit the college's website at Courses - Cardinal Newman College.</p> <p>If you have any questions about the courses available at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>All applicants will be invited to Newman Fest, where they can try out their subjects, meet their teachers and get a feel for the college before they enrol in the summer. This will take place at the start of July, after Year 11s have finished their GCSEs.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you have any queries, concerns or require any advice, please email the college on admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.</p> <p>The college offers GCSE re-sits in Maths and English Language. If you do not manage to achieve a grade 4 or above in your English or Maths GCSE, you will be asked to re-sit these alongside another course to make a full programme of study. For example, you may wish to study a BTEC Extended Diploma in Business with a GCSE resit in English alongside it.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>The College Bursary Fund is designed to provide assistance to students who are experiencing financial difficulty in accessing or completing their course. Funds can be provided to help towards the cost of travel, meals, books, equipment and materials needed for courses. You must be under 19 on the 31 August in the year in which you start your programme of study. Eligibility is assessed on parental income and home/personal circumstances. For more information, as well as a link to apply for a bursary online, please visit the college's website at Cardinal Newman College Bursary.</p> <p>If you require any further information or need help in making your application, please contact Student Services on 01772 460181 or email studentservices@cardinalnewman.ac.uk.</p>



**How to experience
Year 12**

To find out more about life at Cardinal Newman College, please visit their YouTube channel: [Cardinal Newman College](#).

**How to find the
latest information**

For the latest information, please visit:

- Website: www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk
- Twitter/X: @Newman_College
- Facebook: /cardinalnewmancollege
- Instagram: Newman_College
- Phone: 01772 460181


Lancaster and Morecambe College

Application process	<p>All the college's full-time courses are listed in their prospectus and full details are available on their website at Full Time Courses. You can apply on-line for full time and apprenticeship courses via pink APPLY link on each course page. You can also view their current apprenticeships vacancies.</p> <p>If you have any questions about their courses or need some advice about which course is right for you, you can contact the college's Admissions Team on 01524 521363 or email admissions@lmc.ac.uk.</p>
Selection process	<p>As part of the application process, you will be invited to select a date and time for your interview. If you do not select this, the Admissions Team will be in touch to arrange your interview. These interviews are very informal and give you the opportunity to meet with the tutor and to find out more about the course.</p> <p>Most interviews take place in person but in some instances, the college may arrange interviews by telephone or on MS Teams. The interview will be with the subject tutor and you will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the course. Parents and carers are welcome to attend interviews and the college support teams are always on hand to answer any questions you may have about pastoral, learning or financial support.</p>
Course information	<p>For detailed course information, please visit the college's website at Full Time Courses.</p> <p>If you have any questions or need some advice, you can contact the college's Advice and Guidance Team on 01524 521385 or 0800 306 306 or email advice@lmc.ac.uk.</p> <p>The college offers a wide range of courses from Entry level, through to HNCs, so there should be something for everyone. Their Pathway courses have been developed to support young people who wish to progress onto Level 2 or 3 qualifications but haven't achieved the entry requirements.</p> <p>Pastoral and learning support is available across their whole curriculum.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>The college offers on-campus open evening, tours and taster events throughout the year for applicants, parents and carers. Information about these events will be sent to applicants and will also be promoted via social media and on the college website. You can request an individual tour of the campus by contacting hello@lmc.ac.uk.</p> <p>The college is introducing "familiarisation days" during half term/Easter holidays for applicants. You will have the opportunity to visit the campus, meet staff and take part in fun activities.</p> <p>The college's Community Open Day in July includes a range of taster sessions.</p> <p>For more information, please email hello@lmc.ac.uk or visit the college's website /www.lmc.ac.uk/events</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you are unsure of which course is right for you, the college's friendly careers team are here to help. If you have any questions, you can contact them on 01524 521385 or 0800 306 306 or email advice@lmc.ac.uk.</p> <p>If you have not yet achieved your GCSE English or maths at grade 4 or above, you will continue to study these subjects alongside your chosen course. The college also offers GCSE resits in English and maths in November (for those young people who achieved a grade 3) and Functional Skills classes.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>The college uses Pay My Student portal for all student money applications.</p> <p>The college's Student Money Team are available to help with any financial queries you may have about studying at LMC. You can contact them on 01524 521469 or email studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk.</p>

<p>How to experience Year 12</p>	<p>The college has a new Virtual Tour being produced, but applicants will also be invited to attend familiarisation days during the school holidays so they can feel more comfortable on campus. There will be fun activities and you will be able to meet support staff and start to feel like LMC students.</p> <p>For young people with an EHCP or those who may require additional support, the college offers transition days to help you familiarise yourself with their campus. For more details, you can contact the Learning Support Team at learningsupport@lmc.ac.uk.</p>
<p>How to find the latest information</p>	<p>The college's website is updated with all the latest course information and they post additional news across their social media platforms. There are also regular open days throughout the year.</p> <p>The college Tik Tok platform is run by a marketing apprentice and is a great way for applicants to see a more informal side of LMC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: www.lmc.ac.uk/ • Twitter/X: @LMCollege • Facebook: @LMCollege • Instagram: @lmcollege • TikTok: @lmcollege <p>If you have any questions at all, please contact the college at Hello@lmc.ac.uk or advice@lmc.ac.uk.</p>

Myerscough College

<p>Application process</p>	<p>The college online application system is the fastest way to make your application. Simply select the subject area and chosen course from the School Leaver Course List. You'll see the 'Apply' button on the factsheet – use this to apply for the level of course that's closest to your predicted GCSE grades.</p> <p>If you're interested in more than one subject but aren't sure which is your preferred choice, simply add another course to your 'basket' and the college will process both applications at the same time. If you're not yet sure if you want to study a particular course at the college's Preston centre or maybe their Witton Park centre in Blackburn, add both centres to your application.</p>
<p>Selection process</p>	<p>Offers will be made on the basis of your expected or achieved GCSE grades.</p> <p>Once you have submitted your application and received an offer, you will normally be invited to the college for an 'Applicant Day' experience. You will meet tutors and current students and find out more about the content of your chosen course, work experience opportunities and future career progression.</p> <p>The college's departmental teaching teams and/or Admissions Team will contact you to make these arrangements.</p> <p>Any applicants who require additional learning support will have their applications forwarded to the Inclusive Learning Team for consideration. These may take slightly longer to process but rest assured, the college will progress them as quickly as possible.</p> <p>The LiveChat function on the college's website remains active and staffed. If you have any questions, please use this to contact the college. Alternatively, please email the college at enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk.</p> <p>Don't worry though. Myerscough College offers courses at all levels in each of their subjects. So, on GCSE Results Day, if you've done better or worse than you expected, there are options from Foundation Level, through Level 1, 2 and 3. The college might suggest you move up or down a level if they feel it's likely to be better for you; allowing you to then progress to a higher level at the end of that course.</p>
<p>Course information</p>	<p>For course information, please visit the college's website: Further Education Courses.</p> <p>The college's next Course Advice Mornings are Saturday 16th November 2024, Saturday 8th February 2025, Saturday 29th March 2025 and either Saturday 7th June or Sunday 8th June 2025 (subject to confirmation). For more information, please visit: What's On.</p> <p>If you have any queries regarding the college's courses or if you are in the process of applying for a course, please call the college on 0800 652 5592 or send your enquiry via the college's Admissions Enquiry Portal.</p> <p>If you don't get a grade 4 in English Language or maths, the college will provide you with additional lessons in those subjects alongside your main subject, with the opportunity to re-sit those GCSEs.</p>
<p>Resources to prepare for Year 12</p>	<p>Once you have submitted your application, the college will be in touch to keep you up to speed with things like accommodation bookings, financial support and enrolment information. You will also receive access to the college's dedicated Student Portal which offers careers guidance, virtual tours, course updates and revision tips, student and staff profile videos, module information and any recommended study suggestions before you start. This will be updated with fresh information through spring and summer.</p>
<p>Further information, guidance and support</p>	<p>If you have any queries about the courses on offer or if you are in the process of applying for a course, please get in touch with the college.</p> <p>The LiveChat function on the college's website remains active and staffed – young people, parents and teachers are welcome to use this facility. If you have any questions, please use this to contact the college. Alternatively, please email the college at: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk.</p>



Information on student finance	<p>For information on student finance, please visit the college's website at: Student Finance. Alternatively, if you have a question or would like some advice, please contact the Finance Office on 01995 642398 or email bursary@myerscough.ac.uk.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>The college will be having a series of Applicant Days throughout the year, to enable you to experience college life. You'll also get access to a range of online links to lots of activities you can be doing over the summer to help you to prepare for your new course in September. These will be on the college's website shortly, under the #MyFuture banner.</p> <p>The college's Open Morning welcome video tells you more about college life and you can watch it here: Welcome Video.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>For the latest information, please visit:</p> <p>Website: https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/. The News and applicant pages are regularly updated with the latest information.</p> <p>Twitter/X: @MyerscoughColl</p>


Nelson and Colne College

Application process	<p>Young people can apply online for a place at the college.</p> <p>Applicants will then be able to access their application information online, through the college website.</p>
Selection process	<p>Young people will be invited to the college for an interview with a member of the specific curriculum team linked to the course they have chosen.</p> <p>Interviews take place monthly. Applicants can schedule an interview slot and will be sent an interview preparation pack in the post in advance. This will explain how the interview process will work and what to bring with you, as well as answering some general frequently asked questions.</p>
Course information	<p>The college's School Liaison team regularly visits all local schools to provide course information, advice and to offer 1:1 appointments. Pupils can check with their school's Careers Adviser to find out when the team are next scheduled to visit</p> <p>Information about the range of courses available can be found in the college guide, which can be download online - 16-18 at NCC. You can also find further details and information about upcoming open events. Schools are provided with printed copies of the college guide to share with pupils.</p> <p>The college offers courses at all levels, from Entry Level to Level 3. They also have a University Centre that offers Higher Education courses.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>To support prospective students, the college invites all applicants to their New Student Day at the end of June. This event will help you to familiarise yourself with the college, meet the teaching teams and participate in some interactive activities and subject tasters. This is where prospective students can experience the day-to-day life of a Nelson and Colne College student.</p> <p>On this day, teachers offer insight into the curriculum, which will include reading lists, useful websites, pre-college work and other essential information to prepare you for enrolling at the college on GCSE results day. Additionally, this event allows you to connect with other applicants, easing any anxieties or 'first day nerves' by fostering new friendships and encouraging communication before courses start.</p> <p>You will leave the event with contact information, in case you have any questions over the summer. Throughout the summer, the Schools Team remains available for questions or queries via email at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>Applicants are able to change their subject choices at any point during the application process. The college can provide information and alternative course options for those who may not achieve their expected grades. Any young person requiring guidance on their next steps can contact the college careers team at careers@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For general course information and enquiries, the Schools Team is available to assist by email at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For specific application or interview advice, or to update details or make changes to your course, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>The college's Student Services team will provide you with information on bursaries, finance, bus travel and other related queries. To contact the Student Services team, please call 01282 440209 or email student.services@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>

How to experience Year 12	You can access informative videos and podcasts on the college's YouTube page .
How to find the latest information	<p>Nelson and Colne College provides multiple touch points for prospective students throughout their application journey, including direct mail, email, new student day and SMS.</p> <p>You can also access the college through social media, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Tiktok.</p> <p>For the latest information, please visit Nelson and Colne College.</p> <p>For general information and advice, you can contact the Schools Team at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For specific application or interview advice, updating details or changes to courses, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
Additional information	Alongside the teams mentioned above, the college has dedicated teams to support with additional learning support; safeguarding and welfare; health and wellbeing; careers; and student services.

Preston College

Application process	<p>Young people can apply for a course at the college using the online application form which can be found on the college's website at Online Application Form.</p> <p>For more information on making an application, please email applications@preston.ac.uk.</p>
Selection process	<p>All applicants are invited to attend an interview with the college as part of the selection process. Interviews are conducted throughout the year; these can be held at the college or at your school. The interview will include discussing predicted grades and the suitability of the course and your career goals.</p> <p>Following a successful interview, an offer to study at the college will be made. You will then receive information about how to secure your place and how to enrol. Enrolment is usually online only, however, for those needing face to face support, college teams will be on-hand throughout the enrolment period.</p> <p>For more information, visit Enrolment at Preston College. Alternatively, you can contact the Admissions team at guidance@preston.ac.uk or on 01772 225774.</p>
Course information	<p>For course information, please visit: 14-19 School Leavers or you can access the college's prospectus at: Prospectus.</p> <p>Young people who need support with career choices can call the engagement and careers team for 1:1 support on 01772 225482. Alternatively, please email careers@preston.ac.uk or guidance@preston.ac.uk.</p> <p>Preston College offers a range of courses for school leavers across a number of different industries including construction, hairdressing, health, early years, performing arts, engineering, science, accounting, business, automotive, creative arts, events, travel and tourism, media, IT, public services, dance and sport.</p> <p>If you don't achieve your GCSE grades, the college has a range of Level 1 and Level 2 courses to support you in gaining the right qualifications and experience to progress to a higher level of study.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>The college hosts a number of events over the academic year, including masterclasses, workshops and welcome evenings.</p> <p>Year 11 Welcome Evenings are an excellent opportunity for young people to attend college and meet their tutors and other students who will be studying on their course.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>The recruitment and engagement team are on hand for any support needed. Please email guidance@preston.ac.uk or call 01772 225774.</p> <p>If a young person does not achieve a grade 4 in English and maths, you are required to continue their studies. GCSE resits are available as part of your study programme at Preston College.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>The college has access to a number of bursary funds aimed at supporting young people with specific financial difficulties which may prevent them from taking part in learning. Eligibility for the funds will be based on household income and recent evidence of this must be submitted with your application. Bursary applications can be made online and staff are on hand by phone and email to offer support and guidance with the process.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit: Financial Support.</p>



How to experience Year 12	<p>Year 11 Welcome Evenings are an excellent opportunity for young people to attend college and meet their tutors and other students who will be studying on their course.</p> <p>To find out what studying at Preston College is like, visit their website at www.preston.ac.uk to see the latest news, case studies, facilities, and access resources such as career coach for planning your career.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>For the latest information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website: https://www.preston.ac.uk/• Twitter/X: @prestoncollege• Facebook: @prestoncollege• Instagram: @prestoncollege

Runshaw College

Application process	<p>Studying at Runshaw College is a great choice for school leavers as they offer A Levels, T Levels, BTEC courses and apprenticeships. With modern facilities and excellent student support, they will help you to realise your potential.</p> <p>You can apply for A Levels, T Levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships until 1st April 2025 – this is quick and easy via the college website: Application Portal. Don't forget to check the entry requirements before you apply, you can do that here: Entry Requirements — Runshaw College.</p> <p>After you have applied, you will be invited to attend an admissions interview. These will take place in certain partner high schools and/or at the college in an evening or during half term. You can also attend enrolment in person with your GCSE results and a form of ID to be checked.</p> <p>If you need any help or information, contact admissions@runshaw.ac.uk.</p>
Selection process	<p>Young people who are in Year 11 at a partner high school are guaranteed a place at the college as long as they meet the entry requirements for their chosen course. Places will then be given to young people from non-partner high schools subject to a decision being made following the admissions interview.</p>
Course information	<p>Courses are offered at Entry level 3, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. T Level and A Level pathways and apprenticeships are available at the college.</p> <p>For course information, please visit the college's website at Course Search or download their Prospectus. New student guides are presented to students following a successful admissions interview.</p> <p>Students who do not achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths or English Language will re-sit this along with their chosen course.</p>
Resources to prepare for Year 12	<p>To support young people progressing to college in September, the first thing the college would like to say is that they are here to help. Please rest assured that your place is safe.</p> <p>A subject choice day is held every July to ensure that young people who are considering enrolling at the college can have a taster days of the course(s) that they have applied to study. Young people will learn about what the course will entail, meet classmates and teachers and see for themselves what studying at Runshaw College will be like for them.</p>
Further information, guidance and support	<p>If you have any questions about your application, have any other concerns or require any further information, please email the college's expert admission tutors at welcometorunshaw@runshaw.ac.uk. Alternatively, you can call 01772 643000 and someone from the Schools Liaison team will assist with any concerns, changes or queries which you may have.</p>
Information on student finance	<p>All further education courses are free if you are a UK resident and are aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31st August in the year you start your studies.</p> <p>Depending on your circumstances, you may qualify for a bursary or free college meals. You can find out more about this on the college's website at Financial Support for Students aged 16-18. For further information on student finance, please email funding@runshaw.ac.uk.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<p>The college holds regular open events which are very popular – more information is on their website.</p> <p>You can also see video of the college campus here. You can book a 1:1 tour of the college by emailing tours@runshaw.ac.uk.</p>
How to find the latest information	<p>For the latest information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: Runshaw College – Further and Higher Education • Facebook: Runshaw College Sixth Form Centre Leyland Facebook • Twitter/X: Runshaw College (@RunshawCollege) / X (twitter.com) • Instagram: Runshaw College (@runshawcollege) • Instagram photos and videos

West Lancashire College

<p>Application process</p>	<p>Young people can apply for a September 2025 place at the college. Please visit the college's website at Apply Online.</p> <p>Once the college has received an application, an email is sent and interview appointments are scheduled after school. If you require support with your application, the college is happy to help. To schedule a call, simply email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk or call 01695 52383.</p> <p>The college also liaises with high schools and provides communications to staff in schools who are responsible for transition.</p>
<p>Selection process</p>	<p>Applications are screened and places are offered subject to interview/entry requirements as per the college's admissions policy.</p> <p>If you have applied to the college and have not yet received an offer or an interview, please email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk.</p>
<p>Course information</p>	<p>For course information, please visit the college's website. Alternatively, you can download their school leavers' guide at School Leaver Guide.</p> <p>The college's Admissions Team is available by telephone or email to answer any question or queries you may have – please call 01695 52383 or email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk.</p>
<p>Resources to prepare for Year 12</p>	<p>The following information will help you prepare for Year 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Coach is available through the college's website. This can help you explore careers which match your strengths, help you link your college programme to your future careers and help you prepare for future success • Keep in Touch emails are sent out regularly to applicants with general college information, good news stories and general college communications • A virtual tour of the college's campus can be seen here: Quick Tour or Full Tour i • There are Open Events planned on 21 November 2024 and 3 February 2025 - places can be booked here • Tours of the campus are also available daily after 4pm, to book a slot please email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk • There are also a range of taster events for Years 9, 10 and 11 throughout the year including after school clubs and Saturday Master Classes, as well as school specific taster sessions. Please contact your school direct for further information • For students with special educational needs or disability or with an Education, Health and Care Plan, the college's Additional Learner Support Team offer bespoke transition sessions dependent on individual needs • The college sends out a range of information throughout the year including information on transport, finance and bursaries, uniforms and any equipment you may need for your course • Information on college enrolments will be sent out from the Principal in July
<p>Further information, guidance and support</p>	<p>The college's Admissions Team is available by telephone or email to answer any question or queries you may have - call 01695 52383 or email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk.</p> <p>If you require support with your application, the college is happy to help. Simply email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk to schedule a call.</p> <p>If you require any information about transport, please visit the college's website at Transport Information.</p> <p>For useful information and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit General Questions.</p>

Information on student finance	<p>For information on student finance, please visit the college's website at Fees and Finance.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please email the college at LSFWLC@westlancs.ac.uk and one of the team will schedule a call or an in person visit.</p>
How to experience Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are Open Events planned on 21 November 2024 and 3 February 2025 - places can be booked here • Tours of the campus are also available daily after 4pm, to book a slot please email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk • There are also a range of taster events for Years 9, 10 and 11 throughout the year including after school clubs and Saturday Master Classes, as well as school specific taster sessions. Please contact your school direct for further information • For students with special educational needs or disability or with an Education, Health and Care Plan, the college's Additional Learner Support Team offer bespoke transition sessions dependent on individual needs • Year 11 pupils will have the opportunity to attend college, meet course tutors and attend a Master Class in their course area . • To find out more about life at West Lancashire College, all Year 11 applicants will be invited to attend New Student Days when they finish school.
How to find the latest information	<p>All college applicants are being sent weekly updates.</p> <p>For the latest information, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: http://www.westlancs.ac.uk/ • Twitter/X: twitter.com/WLancsCollege • Facebook: www.facebook.com/WestLancashireCollege/ • Instagram: www.instagram.com/westlancashirecollege • YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/WestLancsCollege

APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDERS

Alphabet Training

<p>How do I apply for an apprenticeship?</p>	<p>You can apply for an apprenticeship directly through the Alphabet Training website and follow the application process. This often involves submitting a CV, personal statement and completing an online application. You can also apply through the National Apprenticeship Service.</p>
<p>What happens after I have applied?</p>	<p>Once you've applied, you'll typically receive a confirmation email. After that, your application will be reviewed and you may be invited to an interview or an assessment centre. You may go through several stages, including skills tests or group activities so make sure to regularly check your email for updates on your application status.</p>
<p>What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?</p>	<p>If you don't secure the apprenticeship you applied for, don't be discouraged! Alphabet Training can support you to apply for other opportunities. It's a good idea to ask for feedback on your application or interview to help improve your chances for the next one. You can also seek advice from a career advisor to explore alternatives like different apprenticeships or further education options.</p>
<p>What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?</p>	<p>That's fine, it is your decision.</p> <p>If you change your mind after applying for an apprenticeship, it's essential to let Alphabet Training know as soon as possible. This is particularly important if you have progressed to the interview stage or received an offer. It's helpful to have clear communication and they will understand if you've reconsidered your options.</p>
<p>What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?</p>	<p>If you don't achieve the grades you expected, don't panic. Many apprenticeships have flexible entry requirements and employers may still accept you based on your skills, experience, or enthusiasm for the role.</p> <p>Additionally, you can explore other pathways like resitting exams, taking a different qualification, or considering apprenticeships that align with your achieved grades.</p>
<p>What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?</p>	<p>If you don't have an up-to-date CV or feel unprepared for interviews, Alphabet Training can help and support you. You can also find online tools, workshops, and practice sessions specifically aimed at helping young people prepare for the application process.</p> <p>Your school's career services can offer further guidance on CV writing and interview techniques.</p>
<p>What if I haven't decided what I want to do?</p>	<p>If you're unsure about your future career path, don't worry. This is common and there are plenty of ways to explore your options. Contact Alphabet Training and speak with a member of their recruitment team, who can provide further support, advice and guidance.</p> <p>You can also speak with a careers advisor, take online aptitude tests, attend job fairs, or try work experience in different sectors. Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of industries, so take your time to find the right one for you.</p>
<p>Key contact details and further information</p>	<p>For more information or if you have any queries, please email recruitment@alphabet-training.co.uk or phone 01254 679998.</p>

Accrington and Rossendale College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	<p>You can apply online through the college's website, which can be accessed here: Accrington and Rossendale College Apprenticeships.</p> <p>Applicants can access their application information online through the college website.</p>
What happens after I have applied?	<p>After you have applied, you will be invited to the college for an interview with a member of their apprenticeships team specific to the sector you have chosen.</p> <p>Interviews take place monthly. You can schedule an interview slot and will be sent an interview preparation pack in the post in advance. This will explain how the interview process will work and what you need to bring with you. The college will answer any questions you may have about the interview.</p>
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	<p>Don't worry! If you do not get the requirements for the apprenticeship, the college will offer you alternative courses. However, if you do secure an employer within a reasonable timeline, the college will support you in the transition to a full apprenticeship.</p>
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	<p>Applicants are able to change their subject choices at any point during the application process. The college will provide information and alternative course options for young people who may not achieve their expected grades. For any young person requiring information or advice on their next steps, they can contact the college's apprenticeships team at apprenticeships@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For general course information and enquiries, the Schools Team is available to assist by email at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For specific application or interview advice, or to update details or make changes to your course, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	<p>Please don't worry – the college will offer you an alternative that is right for you and can offer you a course whatever your grades. The college has courses for school leavers from Entry Level to Level 3 in a wide range of subject areas. More information on the different courses the college offers can be accessed here: Courses for 16-18 year olds.</p>
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	<p>Once you have applied, the college will work with you to produce a professional CV, as well as a covering letter, sample email and even a telephone script that you may need when contacting employers. The college will also help you with interview preparation to give you the best possible chance to secure a job. Their apprenticeship team will give you tips and guidance on how to ensure your CV stands out.</p> <p>Throughout the academic year, the college also provides masterclasses on CV writing, interview skills, job searching and professionalism to give you the tools you need to succeed.</p>
How will I be interviewed?	<p>You will be invited to the college for an interview with a member of their apprenticeships team specific to the sector you have chosen.</p> <p>Interviews take place monthly. You can schedule an interview slot and will be sent an interview preparation pack in the post in advance. This will explain how the interview process will work and what you need to bring with you. The college will answer any questions you may have about the interview.</p>
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	<p>If you would like some advice on different options, please contact the college's School's Liaison Team at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk. If you would like some careers information and guidance, please contact the college's Careers Team at careers@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
Key contact details and further information	<p>Alongside the teams mentioned above, the college has dedicated teams to support with additional learning support; safeguarding and welfare; health and wellbeing; careers; and student services.</p>

Blackburn College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online through Blackburn College's website, which can be accessed here: Our Apprenticeships .
What happens after I have applied?	After you have applied, the college will contact you to arrange an interview and assessment. This could be at your school or at the college.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	The college will work with you to job search for your preferred apprenticeship route. They will also offer you a suitable full time course option, and if appropriate, a plan to switch to an apprenticeship when one becomes available.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	If you change your mind after applying, call the college on 01254 292929 and they will be able to update your application. They will also refer you to their Hub team who will provide you with advice on your next steps.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Please don't worry – the college will support you to decide on an alternative course to help you work towards your goals. Please still go to the college for your enrolment and they will have staff available to help you.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	You can call the Apprenticeship team on 01254 292500 and they will arrange for you to attend a free CV building workshop and an interview skills workshop. They can also send you templates to help you complete this.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	The college would encourage you to complete an application form online – you can apply for full time and apprenticeship programmes. You can request an appointment with the Careers Team on 01254 292929.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, contact the Apprenticeship team on 01254 292500 or email apprenticeships@blackburn.ac.uk .

Blackpool and the Fylde College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	<p>You can view and enquire about Apprenticeship programmes at Apprenticeships.</p> <p>You can also view and apply for specific Apprenticeship vacancies at Apprenticeship Vacancies.</p>
What happens after I have applied?	<p>If you enquire about an apprenticeship programme, the college will contact you to explain what the next steps are and if you require support with getting job ready, they will help with this too.</p> <p>The college also holds apprenticeship drop-in sessions every Wednesday at their Bispham Campus, between 4pm and 6pm. You can chat to their Apprenticeship team about how to find an employer, complete your CV or apply for a vacancy. Please email apprenticeships@blackpool.ac.uk to confirm your attendance.</p> <p>If you apply for an apprenticeship vacancy, you will be contacted to discuss your application and will be invited to an interview if you meet the job criteria.</p>
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	<p>The college recommends that you apply for a full-time course to enable you to gain further skills and they will support you to apply for other suitable vacancies.</p> <p>You can transfer to an apprenticeship from a full-time course if you are offered a place with an employer at a later date.</p>
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	<p>If you change your mind, you can contact the college on 01253 504343 (select option 1).</p>
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	<p>The college will ensure that you are placed on a suitable course to support you to reach your career aspirations.</p>
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	<p>If you need support to get job ready, please call 01253 504343 (select option 1) or email apprenticeships@blackpool.ac.uk.</p>
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	<p>If you are unsure what you would like to do, you can contact the college's Careers Team to book an appointment to discuss your options. Please call 01253 504474 or email: careers@blackpool.ac.uk.</p>
Key contact details and further information	<p>If you'd like to speak to an apprenticeship adviser or would like more advice on your options, you can attend an open event at the college. Find out more at https://www.blackpool.ac.uk/events. Alternatively, please email apprenticeships@blackpool.ac.uk or call 01253 504343 (select option 1).</p>

Burnley College

<p>How do I apply for an apprenticeship?</p>	<p>Follow these steps to apply for an apprenticeship at Burnley College:</p> <p>Step 1. www.burnley.ac.uk/themis-home Step 2. Press 'apply now' button Step 3. Click on 'apprenticeships' Step 4. Search apprenticeship to find the course you are interested in Step 5. Press 'apply now' (again) Step 6. Complete application form and submit</p>
<p>What happens after I have applied?</p>	<p>Once you've applied, you'll receive an e-mail for a scheduled date and time for interview. As an apprentice applicant, you'll need to complete two interviews. Once you've completed two interviews with the college's industry experts and are categorised as 'suitable' for an apprenticeship, you'll then be passed on to the Themis recruitment team. They will go through live vacancies, look at your CV, ensure you are interview ready and will then look to match you with an employer for an interview in your chosen sector. However, the team do ask for you to be pro-active in finding your own employer as well. It's beneficial to look out for news on the Themis Careers Event on 22nd January 2025, 5.30pm to 8pm.</p> <p>Once you've secured an employer, you'll need to complete some initial assessments, which are maths and English based, to accurately assess the level you're currently working at.</p>
<p>What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?</p>	<p>You will be able to enrol on the full-time vocational equivalent to your apprenticeship or A-levels (if you have the grades). The college always recommends that you apply for a full-time course as well, as a back-up in case you don't get an apprenticeship or you change your mind.</p>
<p>What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?</p>	<p>You re-apply for your new choice via the usual application process or you can e-mail admissions@burnley.ac.uk and inform the college that way. Depending on what your change is, you may have to sit another interview.</p>
<p>What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?</p>	<p>If you don't get the GCSE's you're expecting, there is a chance you may need to complete a lower-level apprenticeship or a full-time course. If this is the case, then the college will look at the best possible alternative and work with you to find the best outcome for you. If you over-achieve, you may be able to look at a different course, the college is here to help you look at these options once again.</p>
<p>What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?</p>	<p>The Themis Team and the School Liaison Team can offer support with CV help and interview preparation via their Themis Toolkit Workshops, or on a one-to-one basis.</p>
<p>How will I be interviewed?</p>	<p>You will be invited into college for a face-to-face interview with the college's industry experts. If the date you have been sent is not suitable, please let the college know by calling 01282 733373 or emailing interview@burnley.ac.uk.</p>
<p>What if I haven't decided what I want to do?</p>	<p>It's important that you look into the different options that are available and do some research for yourself. If you are a school leaver, you can contact the School Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or via e-mail at admissions@burnley.ac.uk to ask for further advice and information. If you want to talk to someone about apprenticeships, you can contact the Themis Team on 01282 730005 or via email at themis@burnley.ac.uk.</p> <p>If you have just finished your A-levels, you can also speak to the Themis team about apprenticeships. You can call Student Services on 01282 733373 or e-mail them at s.services@burnley.ac.uk to get information about your next steps.</p>
<p>Key contact details and further information</p>	<p>For more information, you can visit the college's website at www.burnley.ac.uk/themis-home. The general contacts for the college are 01282 733373 or s.services@burnley.ac.uk. Alternatively, you can contact the School Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or email admissions@burnley.ac.uk. You can also contact the Themis Apprenticeship Team on 01282 733005 or email themis@burnley.ac.uk.</p>

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online through JTL's website, which can be accessed here: JTL Training .
What happens after I have applied?	After you have applied, follow the guidance in your application to create your online account. You will be prompted to take assessments and provide some information about yourself.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	Keep looking on the Apprenticeship Vacancies website and the JTL website to see if there are any vacancies in your area. The direct approach often works to send your CV to local companies and follow up with a phone call to see if they have any vacancies for an apprentice.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	Simply go into and update your account to show that you are no longer interested and you will stop receiving notifications about vacancies in your area.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE Grade C/4 or above, Functional Skills at level 2 or equivalent in English and maths. If you don't have your results or if you haven't achieved these grades, JTL will ask you to complete an initial assessment to see whether the course is right for you and what support you may need.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	JTL offers guidance in creating an online CV and preparing for your interview through your online account.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	JTL has advice on its website for careers in the buildings services engineering sector – Electrical Installation and Plumbing and Heating. If you aren't sure this is the right choice for you, please explore options with other providers and colleges who offer training and courses in other areas.
Key contact details and further information	All information on JTL's apprenticeships can be found on their website .

Lancaster and Morecambe College

<p>How do I apply for an apprenticeship?</p>	<p>Apprenticeships differ from full-time courses as you will spend a minimum of 30 hours per week in the workplace, whilst you complete your apprenticeship qualification. That means you need to be interviewed for both a job AND the apprenticeship course you have chosen.</p> <p>The college encourages all prospective apprentices to contact local businesses within the sector they want to work in, to ask about potential job vacancies. If you can't find a suitable apprenticeship, their Employer Engagement team will try to support you to find an employer through their Apprentice Matching service.</p> <p>All the college's apprenticeship courses are listed in their prospectus and full details are available on their website.</p> <p>If you already have an employer: apply on-line for the relevant apprenticeship course via pink APPLY link on each course page. The college team will then contact your employer and you will be invited to an interview with the relevant Training Coordinator.</p> <p>If you don't yet have an employer: have a look at the current apprenticeships vacancies on the college's website. If you find a job you think would suit you, you can apply for it, and the team will set up an interview with the employer. If you aren't able to find a suitable placement, you should still apply for the apprenticeship course you are interested in, and you will be added to the college's Apprentice Matching list. Not all vacancies are listed on the website, so their Employer Engagement team may be able to support you to try and the right role.</p> <p>If you have any questions about apprenticeships at the college or need some advice about which course is right for you, you can contact their Employer Engagement team on 01524 521483 or email employerengagement@lmc.ac.uk.</p>
<p>What happens after I have applied?</p>	<p>As part of the application process, you will be invited to select a date and time for your interview. If you don't select this, the Admissions Team will be in touch to arrange your interview. These interviews are very informal and give you the opportunity to meet with the training coordinator and find out more about the apprenticeship.</p> <p>Parents and carers are welcome to attend interviews and the college support teams are always on hand to answer any questions you may have about pastoral, learning or financial support.</p> <p>Most interviews take place in person, but in some instances, it may be possible to arrange interviews via telephone or MS Teams.</p> <p>Interviews with employers may be more formal, and you may be asked to explain why you have chosen a particular industry and why you want to work for that business.</p>
<p>What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?</p>	<p>There are lots of reasons why people aren't accepted onto an apprenticeship. Employers and training coordinators will assess if you are "work ready" and may suggest that you study a full-time course for a year to build up more practical experience before starting an apprenticeship. It may be that you don't have the entry requirements needed to progress onto the apprenticeship you have applied for.</p> <p>The college has lots of other options, including full-time courses and pathways, which may be more appropriate for you, and will give opportunity to build confidence and skills – as well achieve additional GCSE grades – to progress onto an apprenticeship upon completion.</p>
<p>What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?</p>	<p>If you change your mind, you just need to contact the Employer Engagement team to withdraw or transfer your application. There are plenty of full-time courses available, which may be a more suitable choice for you.</p> <p>The college's friendly careers team are also available to help you look at other options and can be contacted by email at advice@lmc.ac.uk.</p>

What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	<p>The first thing to know is – don't panic!</p> <p>If you don't achieve the required grades for your apprenticeship there will other options available, but you do need to let the college know as soon as possible. The college holds a big event on campus every GCSE results day and they support lots of young people to find a suitable course.</p>
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	<p>The college holds CV workshops and Apprenticeship Preparation days throughout the year, so if you need some support with interview techniques, confidence building or CV writing, their friendly Apprentice Progress Coaches will be able to help.</p>
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	<p>The college's friendly careers team are always on hand to help you look at all the options available for post-16 education. You can book an appointment by emailing advice@lmc.ac.uk.</p> <p>You can come along to one their Open Evenings (in December, February, April and July) and they also have a dedicated Apprenticeship event on Tuesday, 11th February (4.30pm – 7pm) which will include a wide range of local and regional employers.</p>
Key contact details and further information	<p>If you want any further information or if you have any questions, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer Engagement Team - Employerengagement@lmc.ac.uk or 01524 521483 • Careers Team - advice@lmc.ac.uk or 01524 521385



Lancaster Training Services (LTS)

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply through Lancaster Training Services' website at Apprenticeship Application .
What happens after I have applied?	After you have applied, LTS will contact you to arrange an interview and assessment.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	LTS also offer a full time Level 2 motor vehicle course so you will stand a better chance of an apprenticeship after this.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	Please contact LTS to let them know.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Please contact LTS to look at your options.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	If you want to look at your options, email kboak@lantrain.co.uk .
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	If you're considering learning a trade, as a mechanic, working on cars, trucks or buses contact LTS for more details.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, visit their website at https://lantrain.co.uk/ . Alternatively, you can contact kboak@lantrain.co.uk .

Myerscough College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	<p>If you have an employer in place who is willing to take you on in the relevant sector, you will need to complete an application form. Please contact the college to request one of these. All the college's current vacancies are here: Apprenticeship Vacancies Myerscough College.</p> <p>The college also advertises all their vacancies on the national Find an apprenticeship website.</p>
What happens after I have applied?	<p>Once you have completed an application form, the college's Recruitment and Admissions team will be in touch with next steps.</p>
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	<p>Depending on the circumstances, you could go down a different route. Alternatively, contact the college to discuss if there are other apprenticeships that may be suitable.</p>
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	<p>Please contact the college to let them know and they will be able to discuss options with you in further detail.</p>
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	<p>Please contact the college to let them know and they will be able to discuss options with you in further detail.</p>
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	<p>Please contact the college and they can discuss options surrounding employability and provide you with information, advice and guidance.</p>
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	<p>Contact the college's general enquiries team for information about a subject area you are interested in, whether that's a college based course or apprenticeship and they will offer you information. You may also wish to consider attending one of the college open mornings to find out more about the college.</p>
Key contact details and further information	<p>Contact the Employer Services team on 01995 642255 or email them at employerservices@myerscough.ac.uk. Further details can also be found on the college's website at Work-based Myerscough College.</p>

Nelson and Colne College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	<p>You can apply online through the college's website, which can be accessed here: Nelson and Colne College Apprenticeships.</p> <p>Applicants can access their application information online through the college website.</p>
What happens after I have applied?	<p>After you have applied, you will be invited to the college for an interview with a member of their apprenticeships team specific to the sector you have chosen.</p> <p>Interviews take place monthly. You can schedule an interview slot and will be sent an interview preparation pack in the post in advance. This will explain how the interview process will work and what you need to bring with you. The college will answer any questions you may have about the interview.</p>
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	<p>Don't worry! If you do not get the requirements for the apprenticeship, the college will offer you alternative courses. However, if you do secure an employer within a reasonable timeline, the college will support you in the transition to a full apprenticeship.</p>
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	<p>Applicants are able to change their subject choices at any point during the application process. The college will provide information and alternative course options for young people who may not achieve their expected grades. For any young person requiring information or advice on their next steps, they can contact the college's apprenticeships team at apprenticeships@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For general course information and enquiries, the Schools Team is available to assist by email at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p> <p>For specific application or interview advice, or to update details or make changes to your course, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	<p>Please don't worry – the college will offer you an alternative that is right for you and can offer you a course whatever your grades. The college has courses for school leavers from Entry Level to Level 3 in a wide range of subject areas. More information on the different courses the college offers can be accessed here: Courses for 16-18 year olds.</p>
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	<p>Once you have applied, the college will work with you to produce a professional CV, as well as a covering letter, sample email and even a telephone script that you may need when contacting employers. The college will also help you with interview preparation to give you the best possible chance to secure a job. Their apprenticeship team will give you tips and guidance on how to ensure your CV stands out.</p> <p>Throughout the academic year, the college also provides masterclasses on CV writing, interview skills, job searching and professionalism to give you the tools you need to succeed.</p>
How will I be interviewed?	<p>You will be invited to the college for an interview with a member of their apprenticeships team specific to the sector you have chosen.</p> <p>Interviews take place monthly. You can schedule an interview slot and will be sent an interview preparation pack in the post in advance. This will explain how the interview process will work and what you need to bring with you. The college will answer any questions you may have about the interview.</p>
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	<p>If you would like some advice on different options, please contact the college's School's Liaison Team at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk. If you would like some careers information and guidance, please contact the college's Careers Team at careers@nelsongroup.ac.uk.</p>
Key contact details and further information	<p>Alongside the teams mentioned above, the college has dedicated teams to support with additional learning support; safeguarding and welfare; health and wellbeing; careers; and student services.</p>

North Lancs Training Group (NLTG)

<p>How do I apply for an apprenticeship?</p>	<p>Applying is easy - simply visit the NLTG website at www.nltg.co.uk, and click on the 'Apply' button at the top of the web page. You'll be asked to complete a short online registration form and NLTG will receive your application remotely. Paper copies of their application form are also available on request should you need one. Simply contact their Learner Engagement Team on 01254 395355 or email eet@nltg.co.uk.</p> <p>You are also able to view all NLTG vacancies through their website and to apply for those you are interested in. Don't forget to check their vacancies regularly so you don't miss out on your dream career!</p>
<p>What happens after I have applied?</p>	<p>If you haven't yet applied to NLTG, you still can, even if you have applied to a college or other training provider. Once NLTG has received your application, their Learner Engagement Team will contact you to arrange an interview. The team will discuss the type of career and apprenticeship you are interested in and match you to suitable vacancies.</p> <p>They will then send your details to employers and arrange job interview dates for you. The team is also able to help you with interview tips and techniques. After you have found a job, you will then be signed up to your NLTG apprenticeship.</p>
<p>What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?</p>	<p>NLTG regularly receive vacancies for a range of different apprenticeships, with a variety of employers. If you are unsuccessful at interview with a particular employer, NLTG will continue to work with you and match you to other suitable vacancies in the same occupation/ apprenticeship, or in other occupations which you may be interested in. Their expert Schools Liaison Team can also provide you with information, advice and guidance about all your options and the different apprenticeships available. Simply contact one of the team on the following details:</p> <p>Ali Shah - 07548 562632 / ali.shah@nltg.co.uk or Michelle Chambers - 07525 850622 / michelle.chambers@nltg.co.uk.</p>
<p>What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?</p>	<p>If you change your mind after applying, this is not a problem; simply let NLTG's Learner Engagement Team know by calling them on 01254 395355 or by emailing eet@nltg.co.uk.</p>
<p>What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?</p>	<p>Whether you receive the grades you are hoping for, or your results are not quite what you expect, NLTG will be able to support you. As part of their application process, you will undertake a Skills Scan to ensure your current level of maths and English is at the required level.</p> <p>If you are not working at the required level, NLTG can talk to you about your options, including their Traineeships and exciting Study Programmes designed to help you develop skills and gain a maths and/or English qualification. For more information, contact their Study Programme Team on 01254 392835 or email hyndburn.sp@nltg.co.uk. Information is also available by clicking here.</p>
<p>What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?</p>	<p>Don't worry, NLTG's Learner Engagement Team can provide you with advice on creating an up to date CV and support you with interview tips and techniques.</p> <p>If you are not quite ready for an apprenticeship, their Study Programme offers two exciting full-time options to help you build your confidence and develop skills for the workplace, further learning or an apprenticeship. You will also be supported to gain a maths and/or English qualification if you don't have GCSEs at Grade 9-4.</p>
<p>What if I haven't decided what I want to do?</p>	<p>NLTG's expert Schools Liaison Team is available to talk you through your options and answer your questions about apprenticeships. Simply contact one of the team on the following details:</p> <p>Ali Shah - 07548 562632 / ali.shah@nltg.co.uk or Michelle Chambers - 07525 850622 / michelle.chambers@nltg.co.uk.</p>
<p>Key contact details and further information</p>	<p>Visit NLTG's website at www.nltg.co.uk for full details of their apprenticeships and vacancies, useful information including careers advice, interview tips and answers to frequently asked questions. Their expert Schools Liaison Team is available to provide 1:1 support, information, advice and guidance. For queries relating to how to apply and NLTG vacancies, their Learner Engagement Team is available on 01254 395355 or email eet@nltg.co.uk.</p>

Preston College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online through the college's website at Online Application - Preston College .
What happens after I have applied?	All applicants will receive an immediate email response to confirm receipt of the application with a link to interview dates. Applicants from local schools will see the list of dates when the college will visit for interview. Applicants from out of county schools will be able to book on one of four interview evenings. All applicants will be interviewed and provided with relevant careers, information, advice and guidance (IAG) and support with alternative full time options including any SEND requirements and support needs that has been identified on their application or during the interview.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	If you do not manage to secure employment, a full-time college offer is given as a back-up. If an apprenticeship opportunity arises with an employer at a later date, you can transfer from a full-time course to an apprenticeship.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	It's not a problem if you change your mind about the industry area you are interested in or if you have decided that an apprenticeship is not right for you. However, please do contact the college on appsinfo@preston.ac.uk or call 01772 225768 to let them know.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	With regards to a college place, the college will work with you to get you onto the correct level of programme. For an apprenticeship, this will depend on the grades achieved for the level of apprenticeship you want to do. It may be that an initial assessment is required in maths and/or English to determine whether you can go onto the apprenticeship. The college will discuss your potential options with you based on the outcome of the grades you have achieved and any assessments you have completed.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	Please visit the college's careers coach website at: Careers Coach . Here you will be able to browse careers and courses, build your own CV, and take a careers assessment to learn about yourself and Career Coach will give you career suggestions based on your interests.
How will I be interviewed?	You will complete an initial interview with the college to check suitability for your chosen apprenticeship. Employers may have a preferred interview method. Some may contact you directly to arrange an interview and some may arrange the interview through the college's apprenticeship team. Employer interviews are typically carried out face to face, however there may be some cases where an online or telephone interview may take place. If you have any questions about an interview or you need support in preparing for it, you can contact the apprenticeship team on 01772 225768. They will be more than happy to guide and support you through this.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	You can call the college on 01772 225774 or drop them an email at guidance@preston.ac.uk and one of their Careers Advisors can offer course advice and careers information in order to support with your potential next steps.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, please visit the college's website at www.preston.ac.uk or contact Dan Crumblehulme, Employer Engagement Manager, at dcrumblehulme@preston.ac.uk .

Runshaw College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online by clicking 'apply' on the website at How To Apply — Runshaw College . Alternatively, you can apply through the national Find an Apprenticeship website.
What happens after I have applied?	The Apprenticeship team will be in touch with you. Continue to work hard towards any exams. Contact employers to secure a placement. Check the Runshaw website for any vacancies at Apprenticeship — Runshaw College .
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	You can apply for more than one apprenticeship so whilst it is disappointing if you are not successful, there are others you can apply for. The college would always advise that you still make an application to enrol onto a college course as there is no guarantee that you will secure an apprenticeship. The employer has the final say who they would like to offer employment too.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	Contact apprenticeships@runshaw.ac.uk and they can update or withdraw your application at any time.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	It's good to have some safety net options ready. Runshaw College offers full time courses at all levels so it's a good idea to have an application at the college should results day not bring what you are expecting.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	The Apprenticeship team will review your CV and offer advice on how to improve it. You can request interview advice and guidance to help build confidence. The college can conduct mock interviews with an outside agency so you're prepared for interviews.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	Attend open days/events at many different providers to see a wide range of opportunities, speak to a Schools Liaison contact for advice or people in industry about their experiences
Key contact details and further information	For more information, email apprenticeships@runshaw.ac.uk or call 01772 643007 to speak to a member of the team. You can also check the college's website at Apprenticeships — Runshaw College .

Training 2000

<p>How do I apply for an apprenticeship?</p>	<p>You can view and apply for their Apprenticeship programmes using this link: Our Courses.</p> <p>You can also view and apply for specific Apprenticeship vacancies using this link: Apprenticeship Vacancies.</p>
<p>What happens after I have applied?</p>	<p>Your application will be pre-screened and a member of the Recruitment Team will contact you to discuss your application as well as the next steps for you. You will then be invited in for an interview and initial assessment. Once you have completed this stage, Training 2000 will work with you to find vacancies that match what you are looking for and work with you in preparing for company interviews.</p>
<p>What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?</p>	<p>If you don't succeed in getting the first vacancy you apply for, Training 2000 will work with you to look at why and then support you in applying for further vacancies until they find the position for you.</p> <p>Training 2000 also offer individual support programmes such as an Apprenticeship Preparation Programme (APP). These programmes aim at supporting learners with CV writing, interview techniques, employability skills, finding a work placement and general support after leaving school. Their APP will help you to prepare you for an Apprenticeship or full time employment, whichever you decide is the right path for you.</p>
<p>What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?</p>	<p>If you change your mind just let them know. They can either help you find an alternative route or wish you luck in whatever you decide to do next.</p>
<p>What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?</p>	<p>If your grades meet the minimum entry requirements, Training 2000 will continue with your application. If your grades are lower than expected, contact them as there are multiple options moving forward. This includes additional maths and English support alongside your apprenticeship and also their APP can help when preparing you for an apprenticeship.</p>
<p>What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?</p>	<p>Your school or college should have Careers Coordinator or a Liaison Officer who will be able to help you with writing your CV.</p> <p>Following your application for an apprenticeship with Training 2000, their Recruitment Team will look through your CV and give you pointers on how you can improve it to best appeal to employers. They will also work with you to give you tips on completing a confident interview.</p>
<p>What if I haven't decided what I want to do?</p>	<p>Your school or college should have a Careers Coordinator or Liaison Officer who you can talk to, to understand the options available once you finish your GCSEs or A Levels. Look at the website, local providers and colleges to see what they offer and decide which type of learning is right for you.</p>
<p>Key contact details and further information</p>	<p>For more information, visit their website at https://www.training2000.co.uk. Alternatively, you can call them on 01254 59659 or email info@t2000.co.uk.</p>

UK Skills Academy

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	For information on how to apply for an apprenticeship, please visit the UK Skills Academy website. Alternatively, please email them on hello@uk-skillsacademy.co.uk .
What happens after I have applied?	Once you have contacted UK Skills Academy, someone will respond within 24 hours.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	You will be added to their database and they will contact you about being put forward for suitable vacancies they have.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	This isn't a problem. UK Skills Academy will talk to you about what else they can offer you or they will be able to refer you to another organisation.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	They will work with you and support you. If needed, they will refer you to another organisation or they will help you look at alternative options.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	UK Skills Academy will work with you on this.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	They can talk you through the options you have with UK Skills Academy.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, please email hello@uk-skillsacademy.co.uk or call 0345 017 9613.

West Lancashire College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply for an apprenticeship on the college's website at Apply Online .
What happens after I have applied?	Once the college has received your application, you will receive an email for an interview appointment after school hours. If you require support with your application, the college is happy to help you with this. To schedule a call, simply email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk or call 01695 52383.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	You will receive advice and guidance with one of the college advisers, who will work with you to find a suitable alternative.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	If you change your mind, simply contact admissions@westlancs.ac.uk or call 01695 52383 and the college will arrange for your application to be cancelled.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	If you don't get the grades needed to study an apprenticeship, college advisers will work with you to find a suitable full-time course which you can study alongside re-sitting your GCSE maths and/or English. This will prepare you to re-apply for an apprenticeship the following year.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	The college offers regular CV and interview skills workshops for those who have applied to become an apprentice. They will be in touch to let you know when these are taking place. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the college's Admissions Team on 01695 52383 or email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk .
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	Don't worry! Following your application, you will receive an appointment to attend an advice and guidance interview with one of the college advisers. At the interview, they will discuss your options and help you to decide on the most appropriate apprenticeship for your career choice.
Key contact details and further information	For further information or if you have any queries, please contact the college's Admissions Team on 01695 52383 or email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk .

Westinghouse Springfield Fuels Ltd

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	<p>To find out about the apprenticeships on offer at Westinghouse, as well as their application link, please visit: Apprenticeships.</p> <p>Please note that they don't accept emails with CVs attached as they have a specific recruitment process.</p>
What happens after I have applied?	<p>Westinghouse offer online applications initially, where you will fill out an online form for your chosen apprenticeship. As long as you have the predicted/achieved minimum grade requirements, you'll then be invited to participate in online aptitude testing.</p> <p>Following a successful pass, you'll be interviewed at Springfields by members of the apprentice training department.</p>
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	<p>Not being successful for an apprenticeship can be disheartening, but do not let this discourage you from continuing with apprenticeships.</p> <p>Constructive feedback on areas that can be developed is beneficial. Don't be afraid to re-apply the following year to the same employer, you'll be more confident and an additional year of experience in the industry you're focusing on will help.</p>
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	<p>Let the training provider/employer know as soon as you have made your decision. They may be able to offer further information that will help with the decision. However if you're certain, they will be able to offer another young person the opportunity.</p>
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	<p>Congratulations if you are exceeding expectations and doing better than you thought. However, sometimes things don't always go to plan and if you don't meet the minimum expected grades, then please speak to your training provider who will be able to offer further guidance.</p>
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	<p>To really capture an employer's attention, a concise CV is key. Even if you don't have much employment history, feel free to write in detail about interests, aspirations and personal interests.</p> <p>Have a go at writing a CV and ask someone you trust to review it. If you're worried about the written words then make it factual and succinct. Many schools, colleges and some local employers will provide mock interviews to help build your confidence. Never be afraid to ask for a minute or two thinking time, an employer will appreciate this more than a rushed answer!</p> <p>The most important thing is to be yourself! Employers will always take nerves into account, especially if it is your first interview. Always have a couple of pre-prepared questions to ask the interview panel and have a notebook to write down their answers.</p>
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	<p>Work experience is invaluable. If you can demonstrate on your CV or covering letter that you're passionate about both your career prospects and personal interests, this will demonstrate to employers that you're a well-rounded individual that has transferrable skills in the workplace.</p> <p>Not only does work experience benefit your CV, it will also allow you to refine your interests – it will show you what you would like to do, as well as identifying paths you would least like to follow.</p> <p>Make the most of career events where you can speak to current apprentices to see how their chosen subjects helped them. If you're interested in a particular apprenticeship, make your subjects match this. Even if change your mind, you can still explore the possibility and there will always be career opportunities in apprenticeships</p>
Key contact details and further information	<p>Springfields are happy to chat through any questions you may have about the apprenticeship or what to expect from your time with them. Please contact Chloe Cooper on trainingadmin@westinghouse.com.</p> <p>Their website is a really useful source of information, to read previous apprentice's experience, read through the newsletter published by their apprentice team and find out what they produce.</p>