



HOLLINGWORTH CAREERS GUIDE TO: POST 16 DESTINATIONS

The intended audience for this document is Students/Parents/Carers.

All students have an equal entitlement to high quality Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

At Hollingworth Academy we help you to prepare for choices and transitions affecting your future education, training and employment.

Our Post 16 Destination Programme is one of our flagship elements of our Careers provision. It is comprised of:

A P16D TUTOR PROGRAMME:

SEPTEMBER:

Two RISE Lessons on Post 16 Destinations looking at the makeup of the following courses:

- A-Levels
- T-Levels
- BTecs
- Apprenticeship Pathways
- Work Ready Courses

OCTOBER:

Two Virtual Assemblies delivered by our Careers Leader Ms Calveley:

- Introducing students to the P16D Programme
- Next Steps – Information & Guidance on FE applications

OCTOBER:

Six Virtual Assemblies and Lunch Time Drop-ins from the following FE providers over a 10 day period launching in October:

- The Manchester College
- Hopwood Hall College
- The Oldham College
- Rochdale Sixth Form
- Oldham Sixth Form
- Rochdale Training (Apprenticeship Provider)

OCTOBER – DECEMBER:

- Application Workshops held in the LRC Tuesday and Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00pm with support from Careers Support Officer Mrs Travis and Careers Advisor Lyndsey Lovelock.
- Tutor sessions focusing on Interview Technique.

NOVEMBER: MOCK INTERVIEW

- 10 minute mock interview with local business person.
- Written feedback provided on the day.

DECEMBER: FE INTERVIEW FOR FE OFFER

We host FE Providers who conduct interviews for applications made to their centre.

FEBRUARY: NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Representatives from Apprenticeship providers across a range of industries welcome students at their pop-up stands over lunch time in the LRC.

MARCH: CAREERS FAIR

Representatives from Employers from a range of industries and FE providers host exhibition stands where students can discuss career pathways, job roles and career journeys with a number of visitors.

Further information & Guidance for Post 16 Destinations can be found below:

APPLYING TO COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM

From the outset, it is useful for you to consider the following questions:

- What subjects do you want to study and what qualifications do you want to gain?
- Where do you want to study?
- What career might you want to do in the future?

Answering some of these questions will make the College/6th Form process much more informed. It will also make it easier to discuss careers questions at your careers appointment. The best place to find out about post-16 open days and applications is via each institution's website.

Post-16 applications are completed, mainly, in the autumn term of Year 11. Once applications are submitted, most institutions carry out interviews across January and February. We recommend you accept any offers you receive as they are all subject to how well you do in your final Year 11 examinations.

We can help with Applications where needed and will complete references as requested.

One of the difficult things is knowing what level you should study at. Most students follow the route of A Level or BTECS or a mixture of the two. More details can be seen below.

[Department for Education Post-16 Choices Animation \(youtube.com\)](#)

[What are colleges and sixth forms? \(youtube.com\)](#)

NOT SURE WHAT COURSES TO STUDY? USE THIS INFORMATION TO HELP YOU:

A LEVELS

They are Academic subjects (Advanced Level).

A Levels are highly valued by employers and universities so they can open up lots of doors to further study and careers. You usually study three or more A-levels over two years and they are assessed by a series of exams. Examples – Maths, Sociology, Physics, English, History.

[How to choose your A-levels the right way \(youtube.com\)](#)

T LEVELS

T Levels are a relatively new qualification designed to give young people a head start towards the future they want.

They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A Levels.

[What are T Levels \(youtube.com\)](#)



BTEC

A BTEC is an alternative to GCSE, but can also be studied up to A Level. These offer a different way of learning, which may suit some students as they are predominantly coursework based, and in some cases focus on honing practical skills. They are Nationally recognised and accepted as a step to move onto further and higher qualifications.

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and the chance to train while you work. You are treated just like all the other employees, with a contract of employment and holiday leave. If you are 16 or over, you can become an apprentice, or you can choose to follow the traditional route of A-Level/BTECs and then find an apprenticeship at 18. To find an apprenticeship you have to effectively find a company to employ you. It's similar to looking for a job. Closing dates, application types and advert placements are all different but a good place to start is by registering via the national website and regularly check for updates.

[Apprenticeships](#)

