

## YOUR OPTIONS AFTER GCSEs

Qualification	Description	Length of Time	Assessment	Level of study	Awards UCAS points?	Entry requirements	What does it Lead to?	Work Experience
<b>A levels</b>	Academic qualification similar in style to GCSEs	2 years	Mostly exams at the end of course	3	Yes	For individual colleges/6th Forms to decide (commonly 5 GCSEs at 4 or above)	University/apprenticeships/work	No
<b>T Levels</b>	Technical study programme, equivalent to 3 A Levels with an industry placement	2 Years	Exams, projects Practical assignments	3	Yes	Set by each college/6 <sup>th</sup> Form	University/apprenticeships/work	Yes (80% classroom 20% work based)
<b>BTEC (Business and Technology Education Council)</b>	Qualification which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be in	Course dependent	Course dependent (coursework & Exams)	Btec Level 1 and 2 - equivalent to GCSEs  Btec Level 3 equivalent to A-levels	Some (course & awarding organisation dependent)	Course dependent	College/apprenticeships/work	Course dependent
<b>Apprenticeships</b>	A real job with training and a salary	1 year minium	Apprenticeship dependent (inc demonstrations, presentation and/or exams)	2/3 with the possibility to progress to higher apprenticeships	No	Employer dependent Age 16+ Evidence of interest and ability to complete	Higher level or degree Apprenticeship University College Work	Yes(paid job)
<b>Traineeship</b>	A work focused study programme that prepares you for an apprenticeship or work	6 weeks 6 months	A formal job or exit interview with written feedback Coursework and exams are course dependent	N/A	No	Have little to no work experience and qualified below Level 3	Apprenticeship Work	Yes
<b>Applied qualification</b>	Qualifications that give you a board overview of working in a specific sector, like business, Media, engineering Leisure or Science &Technology	Course dependent	Course dependent Coursework and exams	3	Yes	Set by each college/6 <sup>th</sup> Form Course dependent	University Apprenticeships Work	Course dependent