

## Year 11 Guidance

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Local Colleges and Sixth Forms include;

Marple 6th Form College	<a href="http://www.marple.cmcnet.ac.uk">www.marple.cmcnet.ac.uk</a>	0161 486 4602
Aquinas College	<a href="http://www.aquinas.ac.uk">www.aquinas.ac.uk</a>	0161 483 3237
Tameside College	<a href="http://www.tameside.ac.uk">www.tameside.ac.uk</a>	0161 908 6789
Clarendon 6th Form	<a href="http://www.clarendon.ac.uk">www.clarendon.ac.uk</a>	0161 908 6800
Ashton 6th Form College	<a href="http://www.asfc.ac.uk">www.asfc.ac.uk</a>	0161 330 2330
Cheadle College	<a href="http://www.cheadle.cmcnet.ac.uk">www.cheadle.cmcnet.ac.uk</a>	0161 486 4602
Trafford College	<a href="http://www.trafford.ac.uk">www.trafford.ac.uk</a>	0161 886 7070
Manchester College (TMC)	<a href="http://www.mc.ac.uk">www.mc.ac.uk</a>	03333 222 444
Stockport College	<a href="http://www.stockport.ac.uk">www.stockport.ac.uk</a>	0161 296 5000
Access Creative College	<a href="http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk">www.accesscreative.ac.uk</a>	0800 28 18 42
Loreto College	<a href="http://www.loreto.ac.uk">www.loreto.ac.uk</a>	0161 226 5156
Xaverian College	<a href="http://www.xaverian.ac.uk">www.xaverian.ac.uk</a>	0161 224 1781

### Vocational qualifications

Vocational courses are designed to help you learn in a practical way about a specific job area. They can help you get the skills you need to start a job, progress in a career or go onto Higher Education.

If you know what job or job sector you want to go into you may want to study a vocational qualification.

There are many different types of vocational qualifications in a wide range of subject at all levels, from Entry Level to Level 8.

### A Levels

What grades do I need to take A levels?

You normally need:

- at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4/A\* to C
- at least grade B in the specific subject(s) you want to study

However, the specific requirements needed to study A levels will vary across colleges. It's important to check what you will need with the college you are looking to study at.

Who are they for?

If you're thinking about going to University, most Higher Education courses require specific A levels or combinations of A levels (or alternative level 3 qualifications).

If you're not sure what career or job you want to do, studying a selection of A levels can be a good way of keeping your options open.

### Choosing A level subjects

The most important criteria for choosing A levels subjects are:

- Looking at what you are likely to enjoy and be good at. If you enjoy a subject or have an ability in it already, you are more likely to do well.

- Are there any particular subjects and/or grades you may need? If you have a particular career, job, or further study in mind, you may need to choose specific A levels in order to meet entry requirements.
- How open you want to keep your future study and career choices?

### T Levels: What are they?

T levels are new courses which follow GCSE's and are equivalent to 3 A Levels . These 2 year courses, which launched September 2020, have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work, further training or study.

T Levels offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience during an Industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days).

From 2021 they are offered in; Building Engineering Services, Education & Childcare, Digital Support Services and Health & Science (check with individual colleges).

- Currently on offer at: Stockport College, Manchester College, Trafford College

[For more information and advice visit these websites;](#)

National Careers Service  
BBC Bitesize  
What Career Live

Emma Lees  
Careers Adviser