



# Year 11

## Careers Information

### Choices after Year 11...

All school leavers in the UK have to do one of the following options after completing their GCSE's in school;

- 1 Continue in education at a 6th Form
  - 2 Continue in education at a College
  - 3 Begin an Apprenticeship (work-based training)
- Throughout Year 11 you need to find out as much as you can about the options and which is going to be best for you.
  - You can apply for as many opportunities as you like, you only need to make your final decision when you know your GCSE results in August 2021.
  - In these uncertain times it is more important than ever to have a plan **and a 'back up' plan**. If you research all the options it will be easier to make decisions if you need to change your plan.

### Get involved

- Explore suggested careers websites (listed on back page)
- Set up a 'careers email' to keep track of messages
- Follow companies/colleges on social media
- Register for online events, open days & watch clips
- Follow **@OLCCcareers** on Twitter
- Discuss your plans with family, friends & teachers



***'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'***

## Qualifications Explained

Different qualifications test your skills and knowledge in different ways, there are so many to choose from. Higher qualifications will lead to a more varied and rewarding career over your lifetime.

Level	Qualification	Where can I study this?	Age
1	GCSE grades 1-4 BTEC Certificate	School	14-16
2	GCSE grades 5-9 BTEC Certificate	School	14-16
2	Intermediate Apprenticeship	College & workplace	16+
3	Advanced Apprenticeship	College & workplace	16+
3	A Levels	6th Form or college	16+
3	BTEC Extended Diploma (vocational)	6th Form or college	16+
4	Higher Apprenticeship Higher National Diploma (HND) Higher National Certificate (HNC)	College, training provider & workplace	18+
5,6,7	University Honours Degree	University	18+
5 & 6	Higher Apprenticeship Degree Apprenticeship	Workplace & training provider or university	18+

## Apprenticeships

- Level 2, 3, 4 & 5 (Intermediate, Advanced, Higher & Degree)
- Work-based learning
- 80% work & 20% college/training provider
- Requirements vary depending on level
- Earn an hourly wage £4.15 (for under 18 years old)
- Qualification is connected to a specific job or industry
- You will gain work experience plus academic qualifications
- Apprenticeships can lead to higher level apprenticeships or study & employment.



### Where can I do an apprenticeship?

You need to have a job with an employer **AND** a place at a college or training provider.

Local places offering apprenticeship training are:

Lancaster & Morecambe College	<a href="http://www.lmc.ac.uk">www.lmc.ac.uk</a>
Kendal College	<a href="http://www.kendal.co.uk">www.kendal.co.uk</a>
Myerscough College	<a href="http://www.myerscough.ac.uk">www.myerscough.ac.uk</a>
Preston's College	<a href="http://www.preston.ac.uk">www.preston.ac.uk</a>
Lancaster Training Services	<a href="http://www.lantrain.co.uk">www.lantrain.co.uk</a>
EDF Energy	<a href="http://www.careers.edfenergy.com">www.careers.edfenergy.com</a>
BAE Systems	<a href="http://www.bae.com">www.bae.com</a>

Google individual companies to see if they offer apprenticeships. They all have different application requirements and closing dates. Ask Mrs Rutherford in school for more information.

## A Levels (Advanced Levels)

- 'Level 3' Qualifications
- Study over 2 years
- Choose 3 separate subjects
- Assessment by exams at the end of two years
- Some subjects are essential for specific careers (EG. Sciences for medicine)
- If you are planning to go to university, check which A Levels are preferred for your chosen course
- A Levels can lead to University, apprenticeships and employment
- Requirements: Four GCSEs grade 4 and above (including 4's English Language or Maths)

**A-LEVELS**

### Where can I study A Levels?

- OLCC 6th Form

[www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk)



## Vocational Qualifications (BTECs)

- Offered at Level 1, 2 or 3
- Requirements vary—GCSEs grade 4 and above preferred
- 'Vocational' means connected to a specific job or industry
- Learn specific skills for the workplace
- Study for 1 or 2 years
- Can combine BTECs with A Levels at 6th Form
- At colleges you only choose 1 subject
- Includes work experience
- No exams – assessed by coursework
- Can lead to University (with enough UCAS points) apprenticeships & employment.



### Where can I study vocational qualifications?

- OLCC 6th Form [www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk)
- Lancaster & Morecambe College [www.lmc.ac.uk](http://www.lmc.ac.uk)
- Kendal College [www.kendal.co.uk](http://www.kendal.co.uk)
- Myerscough College [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)
- Preston's College [www.preston.ac.uk](http://www.preston.ac.uk)

## Thinking ahead to University?



Everyone applying to university has to apply through UCAS. They have a huge amount of information on their website for school leavers and you can check which A Levels best suit particular degree courses.



[www.lancashirefutureu.org.uk](http://www.lancashirefutureu.org.uk)

In school we work with 'Future U' who can give you lots of information about university. More information can be found at:

<a href="http://www.prospects.ac.uk">www.prospects.ac.uk</a>	Information for jobs that require university qualifications
<a href="http://www.therussellgroup.ac.uk">www.therussellgroup.ac.uk</a>	24 leading universities
<a href="http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance">www.gov.uk/studentfinance</a>	Government information on finance
<a href="http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/">www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/</a>	

## The answers are only a click away!

There so much information available online it's sometimes difficult to know where to start. Below is a list of trusted careers websites. There's no excuse for not doing your research about courses, qualifications and different jobs and careers!

### General Careers Information

[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com) [www.successatschool.com](http://www.successatschool.com)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers)  
[www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk)



<b>Maths</b>	<a href="http://www.mathscareers.org.uk">www.mathscareers.org.uk</a>
<b>Science</b>	<a href="http://www.rsc.org/careers">www.rsc.org/careers</a> <a href="http://www.iop.org/careers">www.iop.org/careers</a> <a href="http://www.intobiology.org.uk/">www.intobiology.org.uk/</a>
<b>History</b>	<a href="http://www.history.org.uk/resources">www.history.org.uk/resources</a>
<b>Geography</b>	<a href="http://www.rgs.org/careers">www.rgs.org/careers</a>
<b>Technology</b>	<a href="http://www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk">www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.autocity.org.uk">www.autocity.org.uk</a>
<b>PE</b>	<a href="http://www.careers-in-sport.co.uk">www.careers-in-sport.co.uk</a>
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>	<a href="http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk">www.healthcareers.nhs.uk</a> <a href="http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Home.aspx">www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Home.aspx</a>
<b>Travel &amp; Tourism</b>	<a href="http://www.careersthatmove.co.uk">www.careersthatmove.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.hospitalityguild.co.uk">www.hospitalityguild.co.uk</a>
<b>Art</b>	<a href="http://www.creativeskillset.org/creative_industries">www.creativeskillset.org/creative_industries</a>
<b>Music</b>	<a href="https://www.ukmusic.org/">https://www.ukmusic.org/</a>
<b>Drama</b>	<a href="https://www.allaboutcareers.com/careers/career-path/acting-drama">https://www.allaboutcareers.com/careers/career-path/acting-drama</a>
<b>Law</b>	<a href="http://www.lawcareers.net">www.lawcareers.net</a> <a href="https://l2b.thelawyer.com">https://l2b.thelawyer.com</a>
<b>Engineering</b>	<a href="http://www.tomorrowsengineers.com">www.tomorrowsengineers.com</a>
<b>Public Services</b>	<a href="http://www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/emergency-and-uniform-services">www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/emergency-and-uniform-services</a>
<b>Apprenticeships</b>	<a href="http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk">www.apprenticeships.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.apprenticehipguide.co.uk">www.apprenticehipguide.co.uk</a>