



Year 10

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 10 & 11 you need to find out as much as you can about the options and which is going to be best for you.
 - 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 video 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	www.lmc.ac.uk
Kendal College	www.kendal.co.uk
Myerscough College	www.myerscough.ac.uk
Preston's College	www.preston.ac.uk
Lancaster Training Services	www.lantrain.co.uk
EDF Energy	www.careers.edfenergy.com
BAE Systems	www.bae.com

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



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
- Lancaster & Morecambe College www.lmc.ac.uk
- Kendal College www.kendal.co.uk
- Myerscough College www.myerscough.ac.uk
- Preston's College 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

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

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

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 www.successatschool.com
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers
www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk



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