



Careers Information Advice & Guidance (CIAG)

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.
 - Make sure you have a 'Plan A' and a 'Plan B' in case something happens that means you cannot continue with your first choice; for example, if you get lower grades than predicted or a course you have applied for is no longer offered at the last minute.

Get involved

You can't rely on qualifications alone to get you a job. Most employers want to see that you have done some work experience too.

Volunteering helps others (and you!) Whilst helping out in your local community you can learn new skills that employers look for such as good timekeeping, being reliable and team-working.

Take advantage of the clubs, groups and activities available in school and in your local community, you can have fun and boost your skills!

Find out more about your options by going to as many open days & evenings, fun days, taster days and information events as you can.

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

Qualifications Explained

There are many ways to prove you have the skills for a particular job. Different qualifications test your skills and knowledge in different ways, there are so many to choose from. Higher qualifications usually lead to a more varied and rewarding career.

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 A Levels BTEC Extended Diploma	College & workplace 6th Form or college	16+
4	Higher Apprenticeship Higher National Diploma (HND) Higher National Certificate (HNC)	College, training provider or workplace	18+
5,6,7	University Honours Degree Degree Apprenticeship Higher Apprenticeship	University & workplace	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 £4.50 (for under 19 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.

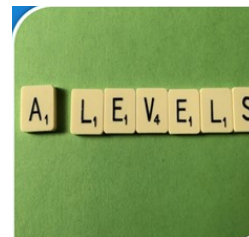
Local places offering apprenticeship training are:

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
- Assessment by exams at the end of two years
- Choose 3 subjects
- A Levels can lead to University, apprenticeships and employment
- Requirements: GCSEs grade 4 and above



Where can I study A Levels?

- OLCC 6th Form www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk
- Kendal College www.kendal.co.uk
- Lancaster & Morecambe College www.lmc.ac.uk

(There are a few subjects offered at LMC but you have to take one alongside a BTEC)



Vocational Qualifications (BTECs)

- Can study 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 too. Start your research now at: www.ucas.com



In school we work with 'Future U' who can give you lots of information about university.

www.lancashirefutureu.org.uk

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

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/>

Information at your fingertips!

There so much information available online it's sometimes difficult to know where to start. I have put together this list of careers websites for you. 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.careerthatmove.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