

# WHERE WILL YOU GO AFTER YEAR 11?

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STOP THE CLOCK 2021



## Providers invited into school today.....

**AMRC** - Advanced Manufacturing Research Training (Engineering apprenticeships)

**Army** – offers advice for joining up and the many roles available

**Askham Bryan College** – specialist agricultural and equine college

**Audi Wakefield** - part of Sytner group car dealerships

**Backstage Academy** – Wakefield college offering degrees in the creative and live performance industries

**Barnsley College** – offers BTEC courses and apprenticeship courses

**Barnsley College Sports Academy** – specialist sports college

**Careers at Sea** – advice for joining the Merchant Navy and the many roles available

**Doncaster GTA** – offers apprenticeships in Business, Customer Service and Motor Vehicles. Logistics training

**Ernst Young** – multinational accountancy firm and one of the big 4 in the UK

**Lavender International** – specialist STEM courses in radiographic testing, magnetic particle testing on our doorstep in Penistone!

**Leeds Arts University** – university offering courses in Art, Fashion, Film Making, Graphic Design

**Leeds College of Music** – offers specialist music and performing arts degrees

**Leslie Frances Hairdressing Academy** - based in Barnsley & Sheffield offering apprenticeships and training

**National College for Advanced Transport & Infrastructure** – provides skilled technicians for the rail and transport industry

**National Hairdressing College** – delivering hairdressing and barbering apprenticeships via salons

**National Racing College** - based in Doncaster offering jockey and race horse training and apprenticeships

**Navy** – offering advice on a career at sea and the roles available

**Newcastle University** - a 'Russell Group' university, one of 24 leading institutions in the UK

**NHS (Rotherham, Doncaster & South Humber Trust)** – offering pathways into the NHS in their region

**NHS (Sheffield Children's Foundation Trust)** – offering pathways into the NHS in their region

**Nova Arts College** – based in Barnsley offering a Level 3 BTEC in Dance & Performing Arts

**Penistone Post 16** - offers a wide variety of A Level subjects

**RAF** – advice on how to join and the roles available

**Reds in the Community – Barnsley FC** – offers Sports courses from levels 1 to 3 at Oakwell Park

**Rotherham FE College** – offers BTEC's and apprenticeship courses

**Rotherham Higher Education College** – offers degree courses

**Sheffield Hallam University** - offers degree courses

**Sheffield United** - offers a Level 3 BTEC in Sport combined with a Football Development Pathway

**South Yorkshire Police** – offering advice for students considering a career in the Police Force

**University of Leeds** - a 'Russell Group' university, one of 24 leading institutions in the UK

**University of Sheffield** - a 'Russell Group' university, one of 24 leading institutions in the UK

**UTC Sheffield** – Technical College specialising in Engineering and Creative & Digital Media

**White Rose Beauty College** – with colleges in Barnsley, Sheffield, Huddersfield and others, all offering beauty & Make-up courses and apprenticeships

# What is Careers Advice?

- Independent
- Impartial
- Won't tell you what to do
- Supports your education & career choices
- **Helps you to:**
  - Work out what might suit you best
  - Make plans
  - Make decisions
  - Move on from school.

# Planning for the future...

## Why it's important....

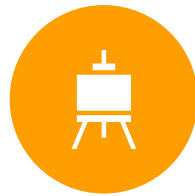
- You can discover new places to go and develop your skills.
- You can make sure that you are staying on track with your goals.
- You will make choices that are right for you.
- You will feel great achievement and satisfaction when you accomplish your goals.
- You will become self motivated.
- You will have direction.



# How do I decide which option is best for me?



What do you enjoy?



Are there any specific subjects that interest you?



Do you like studying?



Are you more suited to practical learning?



Any particular job ideas?



What grades do you expect to achieve?

# What are my options post 16?



Sixth Form



College



Apprenticeship



T-Levels



Work + Training

**All young people must stay in education or training until they are 18**

# Pathways

## Academic

### A levels

Mostly in school, Sixth Forms and some colleges.

Need to have enjoyed your GCSE subjects, like independent study.

Exam assessment at the end of two years.

## Vocational

### Applied General: BTEC

Mostly in colleges but offered in some schools and can be done alongside A Levels

Need to be interested in a job area.

Course work, some final assessment and work placement.

## Work-based

### Apprenticeships

Working for an employer with some time at a college or similar. Get paid.

Need to know this is the job area you want to work in.

Learning through doing the job, some time at a college or similar, some written assessment.

## Academic/Work-based

### T -Levels

Learning at College with 1 day on the job training

You will need 5 GCSEs grade 4 - 9 including English and Maths.

Course work, some final assessment and work placement.



# A Levels

What grades do you usually need to do an A Level?

Most schools / colleges expect you to have a 6+ in the A level you want to study. Including English Language and Maths

How many subjects do you study at A Level?

Students usually take 3 subjects.

Can you do an apprenticeship after A Levels?

After A levels you could start an Advanced or Higher Apprenticeship

# Vocational route – BTEC's

In terms of the different levels of qualification, further education colleges have a wide range to choose from:

- **Level 1 qualifications** (NVQ Level 1, BTEC Introductory Certificates and Cambridge Nationals) are fairly basic, building confidence and providing an introduction to a subject, industry or area of work – 2 GCSE's at a grade 2, one must be English. You can progress to a Level 2 after 1 year.
- **Level 2 qualifications** (NVQ level 2 and BTEC Firsts, for example) give a deeper understanding of a subject or area of work. Many employers like young people to have a Level 2 qualification as a minimum – you will need 2 GCSE's at a grade 4 and GCSE English at grade 3 or above. You can progress to a level 3
- **Level 3 qualifications** include A-levels and AS-levels, NVQ Level 3, BTEC Nationals, T-Levels, Advanced and Progression Diplomas. This level is almost always required for entry to university and many employers will be looking for Level 3 in applicants for more technical or supervisory roles - you will need 5 GCSE's grade 4 or above

# What courses are available for BTEC's?

- Animal Care / Management
- Art, Graphics & Fashion
- Business & Management
- Catering & Hospitality
- Childcare & Teacher Training
- Computing Games & IT
- Construction
- Engineering
- Hair & Beauty
- Health, Science & Social Care Professions
- Horticulture
- Media & Photography
- Music & Performing Arts
- Public Services
- Sports & Esports
- Travel & Tourism
- Warehousing & Logistics

# T-Levels – What are they?

- T Levels are new courses which follow GCSEs 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).

**T-LEVELS**  
**THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION**



- By 2025 T levels will be available 25 different job sectors such as agriculture to catering, digital technologies to education.
- You will have the experience to progress onto a higher or degree apprenticeship or to be able to progress on to Higher Education in the job area you have trained in.
- Barnsley College is one of a handful of colleges who offer T-Levels currently in
  - Construction Design, Surveying & Planning
  - Digital Production, Design & Development
  - Childcare
  - Health & Social Care – Nursing Pathway

# T-Levels explained....

- In September 2022, Barnsley College will also offer T- Levels in:
  - Finance & Accounting
  - Engineering & Manufacturing
- We already have a number of our students last year who are currently doing T-Levels.
- If your preferred subject is available as a T-Level qualification, then the staff at the college will help you understand the process in more detail when you have your interview

# What is an Apprenticeship?

- You are employed by the company
- You are paid a salary – typically £155 per week
- You get paid holidays
- You study for qualification through day release to college
- Wide range of apprenticeships covering full range of careers and professions
- Increasingly competitive



# Apprenticeships – what to consider

- You have to find an employer to take you on
- It can be tough working an 8 hour day when you are 16. Lots of early mornings!!!
- You will need to be organised and prepared with a CV and action plan to secure a job. Many employers will advertise jobs from April of Year 11 onwards.



# A job or volunteering with training

If you're working, in self-employment or volunteering for **more than 20 hours a week** you can **also study part-time** as well to support you in further improving your work skills.

- For example day release at a local college to study motor vehicles if you're working in a garage.

If you're volunteering, many organisations will offer you an opportunity to gain a formal qualification while you volunteer.

Visit [do-it.org](http://do-it.org) to search a national database of volunteering opportunities across the whole country and check which ones offer training as part of the package. Don't forget the newly launched National Citizen Service for all 16 to 17 year olds as well.

I know what course or job I want to do in the future.  
What do I do next?

Research all available choices considering the pros and cons for each

Make sure you think about what would be best for you (not your parents/teachers/friends)

Think about how you will learn, where you will learn, how you will get there, what support you need and how you cope with changes

Where are you getting your information from, is it a reliable source or is it hearsay?

Make sure you are clear on the entry requirements – are they realistic



# I have no idea on what I should be doing next ?



What are your strengths?



What subjects do you enjoy?



What subjects do you do well?



Research possible options – list the things you like and the things that put you off



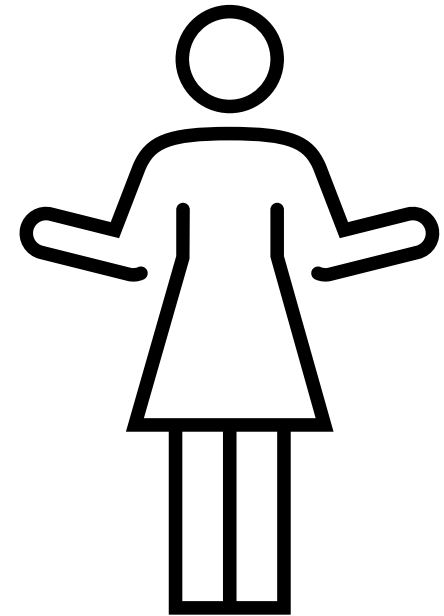
Make sure your decisions are based on reliable information



Look at the resources on the school website



Request a careers appointment



# Questions to ask

- Will it suit me?
- Where will it lead?
  - Could this option lead me to work?
  - Could this option lead me to university?
- What do ex-students from this option do now?
- What are the entry requirements?
- How easy is it to get a place?
- Do I get a good feel for the place?
- Could I get along with the staff/ students?
- Could I be happy here?



# Careers Timeline: Year 11

## Autumn Term

- Start to research your options: You can use career sites such as [www.startprofile.com](http://www.startprofile.com) and look under What to study and Post 16.
- Start attending virtual and hopefully face to face open days and evenings
- Start completing application forms (when available) – most are online forms
- Register on the National Apprenticeships website – [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/find-an-apprenticeship)

# Careers Timeline: Year 11

## Spring Term

- Shortlist your options if you haven't done so already
- Ask for another careers appointment if you need one
- Complete applications on paper or online – if you need help come to the Careers Office
- Conditional offer / Interviews (subject to grades)
- Start searching for vacancies on apprenticeship websites
- Consider your back up plan

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## Summer Term

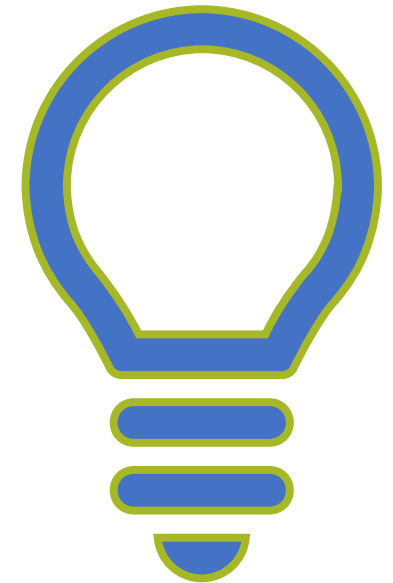
- By this point, you should have at least one conditional offer in place and be able to concentrate on your exams.
- You should have a back up plan too, especially if your grades are borderline or if you are looking for an apprenticeship
- The Careers Advisers in school will be here to help you at every stage of your application process

# FAQ's

- What if I don't get the grades I need for my course?

It's a good idea to have a back-up plan - so make sure you apply for at least two options, eg. a sixth form and a college. You can apply for as many options as you like!

- I want to apply for more than one 6<sup>th</sup> Form?
- No problem, you can apply for as many as you like!
- Will my parents in work/out of work benefits stop if I don't say at school?
- No they will continue if you remain in full time education regardless of if you are at a school, a college or a training provider. They only stop if you do nothing or begin an apprenticeship





# What next?

- Speak to your Careers Advisers (Helen & Emma) – in school Tuesday am, Wednesday and Thursdays in room HU25
- Speak to your teacher and family members
- Attend open day and open evenings for colleges
- Attend careers events
- Explore job information on various websites  
(your school website has all the links and info you'll need in one place to help you)  
[www.careersinc.uk/Penistone-grammar-school](http://www.careersinc.uk/Penistone-grammar-school)
- Apply to more than one pathway to keep your options open
- **ENJOY TODAY AND MAKE THE MOST OF IT**

