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# Year 11 PSHE: Term 1: Post – 16 Options – which option is best for me?

Last lesson, you learned about the post-16 options available

Today we're asking you to consider what is right for YOU!

**OPTIONS**

**AFTER**

**YEAR 11**

**YOU**  
decide which  
option is  
the best for

**YOU**

What are your  
ideas so far?

- A-Levels then uni?
- BTECs then a career/higher education?
- T-Level?
- Apprenticeship?

# Entry and Level 1 Courses

- Foundation Studies and Life Skills Courses
- Available at Colleges of Further Education
- No GCSE results
- Offers small group classes and support to access either further learning at college or an introduction to the world of work.

# Level 2 Qualifications at college eg BTEC

- BTEC stands for 'Business and Technology Education Council', which is the name of the body that originally oversaw the qualification.
- They provide a more practical and hands-on way of learning, and you can choose from over 2,000 BTECs across 16 sectors.
- BTECs are an increasingly popular alternative to A-levels, although you can also take BTECs at all sorts of levels, including the equivalent to GCSEs and degrees.



[Why teachers love the structure of BTEC qualifications – YouTube](#)

# Further Education – Level 3

## Academic

### A Levels/EPQs/International Baccalaureate/Core Maths

History, English, Chemistry, Politics,  
Psychology, Law, Art, Photography, PE,  
French

- Entry 5/6 GCSEs (9-4) to include English Language & Maths – there may also be additional subject requirements too so always check \*
- Choose 3 subjects – study for 2 years
- Assessment - exams
- This route keeps career options open
- Progression - Employment – Apprenticeship - University
- **LEVEL 3 ONLY**

## Vocational - Applied

Art & Design, Business, Engineering, Health &  
Social Care, Computing

BTECs & T-Levels

- Entry 4/5 GCSEs at (9-4) to include English & Maths
- Choose either one or mix with other vocational courses or A Levels
- Assessment - coursework, projects and exams - take 2 years to complete
- Progression: Employment – Apprenticeship – University

**(Available at Level 1 & 2)**

### PRACTICAL

City & Guilds, NVQ's

Plumbing, Electrical, Hairdressing, Catering,  
Motor Vehicle, Construction

Progression: Apprenticeship or Employment

**(Available at Levels 1, 2 & 3)**

# T Levels

## Started in September 2020



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels>

- Developed by employers and education providers and define the skills employers are looking for.
- 80% Classroom
- 20% Workplace (45 day industry placement)
- Equivalent to 3 A Levels and carry UCAS points
- Education & Childcare
- Design/Surveying/Construction
- Digital Production, Design and Development

# Choosing your A Level subjects:

- You have enjoyed and been good at the subject in the past, and think you will get a good grade.
- You need a subject to enter a particular career path (eg Chemistry if you want to do Medicine)
- You have not studied the subject before but you have looked into it and think it will suit your strengths.
- Unsure? Choose a combination of subjects that keep options open...

# Facilitating Subjects:

- Mathematics and Further Mathematics
- English Literature
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography
- History
- Languages (Classical and Modern)

# Subject Combinations:

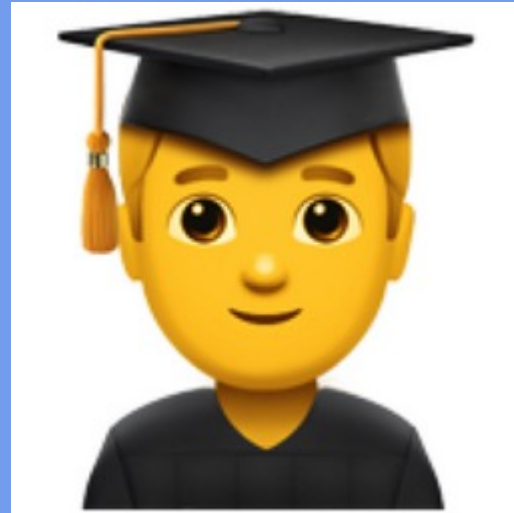
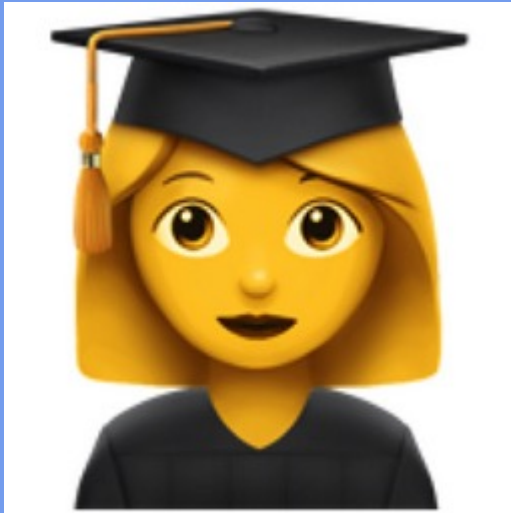
- Do I need a GCSE in the subject to take it at A level?
- **Yes** – Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology Modern Languages
- **No** – Politics, Economics, Psychology, Sociology.

**ALWAYS CHECK ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**



# University...

Why should I be thinking about university in Year 11?



[How to choose your A-levels the right way – YouTube](#)



FE Colleges	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Colleges	6 <sup>th</sup> forms
Wiltshire College <b>V</b>	S6C <b>V A</b>	South Wilts Girls' Grammar School <b>A</b>
Andover College <b>V A</b>	Andover College <b>V A</b>	Sarum Academy <b>V A</b>
Sparsholt College <b>V</b>	Brockenhurst College <b>V A</b>	Bishop Wordsworth's Grammar School <b>A</b>
Totton College <b>V</b>	Peter Symonds College <b>V A</b>	Burgate <b>V A</b>
<p>V= vocational qualifications A = A-Levels</p>		



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# Don't forget: this is now law!

You can leave school on the last Friday in June if you'll be 16 by the end of the summer holidays.

You must then do **one** of the following until you're 18:

- stay in full-time education, for example at a college
- start an apprenticeship or traineeship
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training



# Apprenticeships

The world is changing fast. With fierce competition for jobs there's never been a better time to have marketable skills. But you don't need to sit in a classroom all day to get them. With an apprenticeship you can earn while you're learning and gain recognised qualifications as you work.



[The MYPATH Guide To Apprenticeships in 2022 – YouTube](#)

## Apprenticeships and their levels

Apprenticeship  
levels equivalent  
to:

Level 7

Level 6

Level 5

Level 4

Level 3

Level 2

Level 1

Intermediate

Level 2

Advanced

Level 3

Higher  
Level 4, 5, 6  
and 7

Degree  
Level 6 and 7

Masters

Degree

2nd year HE








1st year HE

A Levels

5 GCSEs A\* - C

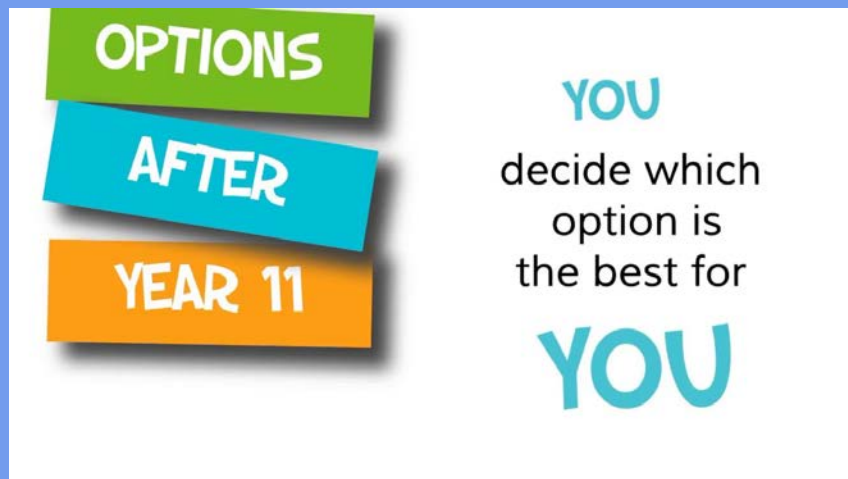
5 GCSE D-G

# New Apprenticeships

Health, Science & Pharmaceuticals	Laboratory Scientist 	Carrying out technical and scientific activity in laboratories.	6 (Degree)
Legal, Finance & Accounting	Actuary 	Using mathematical skills to measure the probability and risk of future events, and the financial impact.	7 (Degree)
Leisure, Sport & Tourism	Outdoor Activity Instructor 	Supervising and guiding children and adults in activities and pastimes.	3 (advanced)
Property & Construction	Building Services Engineering Installer 	Installing large-scale environmental system components for heating and cooling industrial and commercial buildings.	2 (intermediate)
Protective Services	Safety, Health and Environment Technician 	Working with management and delivery teams to advise on the statutory health, safety and environmental requirements.	3 (advanced)
Sales, Marketing & Procurement	Travel Consultant 	Making travel arrangements and booking accommodation and other services for holidaymakers and business travellers.	3 (advanced)
Transport & Logistics	Marine Pilot 	Safely navigating vessels from sea to berth or berth to sea within the ports jurisdiction.	5 (higher)

# Let's recap – what's right for you?

- A-levels then uni?
- BTEC then career/uni?
- An apprenticeship via a college/employer?



## Write an action plan:

- 1) Write down which pathway looks right for you
- 2) Write down which colleges/Sixth Forms you'll research
- 3) Write down which Open Evenings you've been to/will go to
- 4) ASK! Family/staff/CEIAG team for opinions and advice

Remember to ask questions in college/Sixth Form assemblies – you've seen S6C, Andover and Sparsholt are next!

# Childcare Apprenticeship in Salisbury

Busy Bees Childcare Ltd

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This could be the start to the progression of a childcare career at Busy Bees - hopefully going on to fulfil senior positions within our nurseries - and includes an intermediate Apprenticeship in the Children and Young People's Workforce.

This apprenticeship requires you to apply through the employer's website.

[Apply now](#)

Closing date: 30 Sep 2019

## Apprenticeship summary

### Weekly wage

£136.50

► [Wages explained](#)

Apprentices form a valid role within our nurseries as employed members of the staff team. It will be expected that apprentices progress from Intermediate Level 2, onto an Advanced Apprenticeship at Level 3, completing both qualifications within 36 months. This starts your



# Apprentice Surveyor

Savills Plc

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An apprenticeship is available in the Southampton Licensed Leisure team, with a specific focus on the pubs, restaurants, small hotels, nightclubs and other assets in the hospitality industry in central southern England. You would be working within a team of Directors, other qualified surveyors and the admin team.

This apprenticeship requires you to apply through the employer's website.

[Apply now](#)

Closing date: 21 Jul 2019

## Apprenticeship summary

### Annual wage

£17,000.00

### Working week

Four full days in the office working hours 8:45am to 5:45pm. The fifth

An opportunity exists for an apprentice to work alongside the team principally supporting their work on large portfolio valuations, sales and lettings and maintaining databases connected with comparable evidence and applicant management of the enquiries received for properties we are selling. The individual would need to develop an in-depth understanding of the hospitality industry and our associated IT that we use to support our business and create a market leading position.



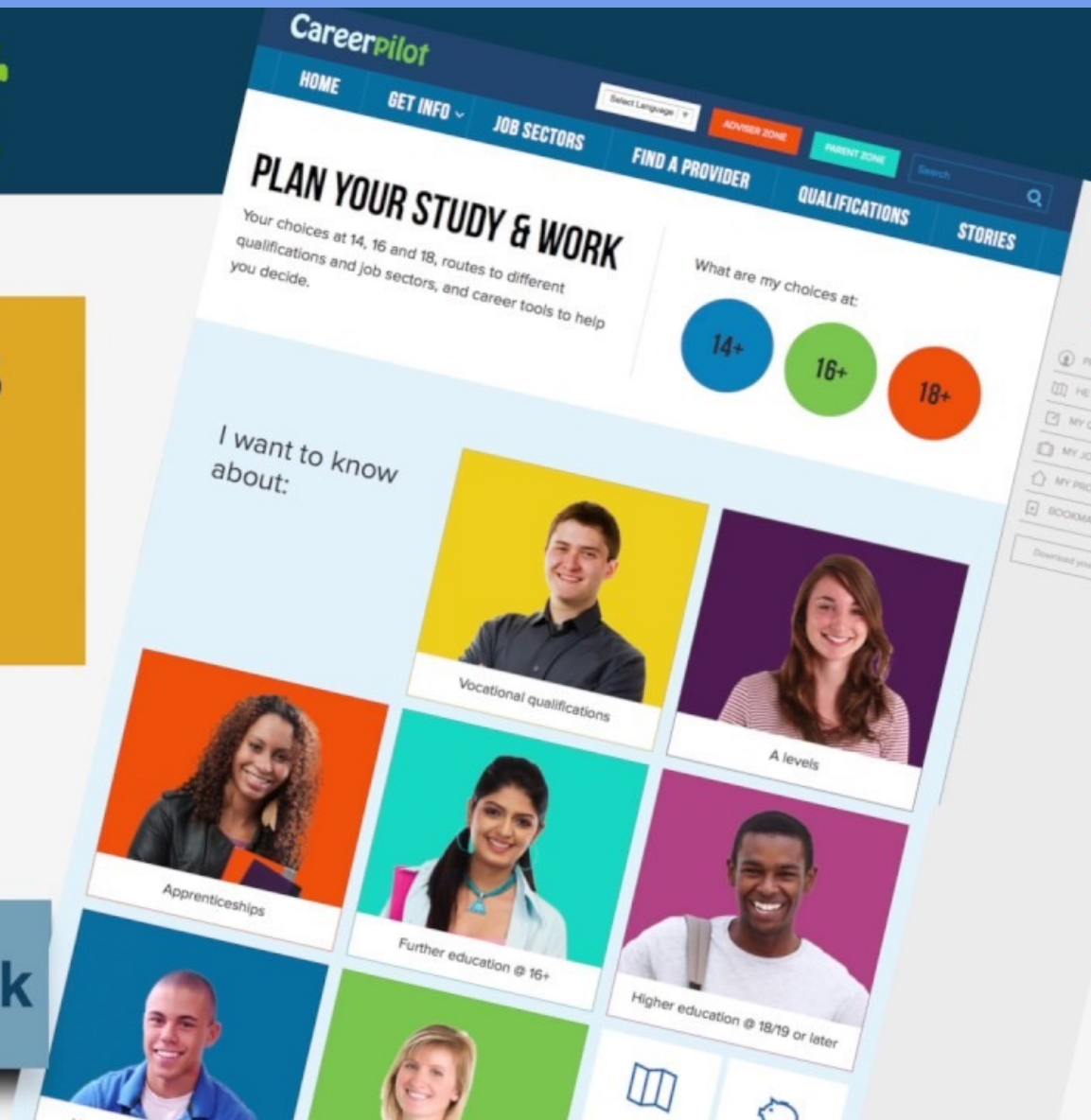
# Support in School

- Careers Interviews – drop in clinics
- Ask for advice – Teachers or Tutors
- Attend information sessions in school – 6<sup>th</sup> forms – colleges – apprenticeships – employer talks
- Use resources available in school

# Careerpilot

For students  
in  
Key stage 4

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



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