

## What are my options after Year 11?

No matter what you want to do after you have completed your GCSEs (also known as Level 2 qualifications), you have to be in education or training until you are 18 years old. Here are the options available to you when you finish your GCSEs:

**Do you want to continue studying for exams and possibly go to university?**

**Yes**

**No**

### A Levels

You will study 3 subjects in great depth at a school sixth form or a college. You will have exams at the end of a 2 year course.

You can then choose to go to university, start work or complete more training.

### T Levels

A 2 year course in one area that interests you eg: construction or education. One T Level is the equivalent of 3 A Levels. You will also spend 45 days in a work placement and assessments are exams, projects and practical assignments.

### BTECs

BTEC Nationals are career-based qualifications designed to give students the skills they need to move on to higher education or go straight into employment. They are the equivalent of GCSEs and A Levels. The level of BTEC will depend on your GCSE results and you can study at college or a school sixth form.

### Exam Resits

If you didn't get the results you wanted, you can resit some of your GCSEs and sign up for other courses such as A Levels or BTECs at college or a school sixth form.

This means you could still apply for university or other forms of higher education in the future.

### Traineeship

A course that includes a work placement that will get you ready for an apprenticeship or a job. You'll get work experience and some help to apply for your next steps. You can also improve your maths and English skills. You'll get work experience and some help to apply for whatever you do next.

### Apprenticeship

A course related to a job that you want to do. You will spend 80% of time in the workplace and 20% of your time studying at college/training centre. You will start at a level that is suited to your GCSE results and get paid a salary. These can lead to work, a higher-level apprenticeship or university.

### Supported Internship

Supported internships are for young people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, who need extra support to get a job.

You'll spend most of your time on placements with an employer, learning skills for work. You'll also get help from a tutor and a job coach in college or with a specialist provider.