



The Next Steps

What are the options?

Post-16 options are full-time education (e.g. at a school or college), an apprenticeship or traineeship, or part-time education or training - as well as being employed, self-employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.





A Levels

Study a subject you took at GCSE in greater depth or choose a new one like economics, law or psychology. You could take 3 broad subjects you are interested in to keep your career options open or choose ones you need for a specific career.

Duration: 2 years

Assessment: Mostly exams at the end of the course

Level of study: 3

Entry requirements: Course dependent, typically 5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 (usually including English and maths)

Work experience: Usually 1 week during year 12

Leads to: University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work

Find out more: [UCAS Information about A Levels](#)

Designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. Combines classroom learning with industry placements to prepare you for skilled work or higher level study. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.

Duration: 2 years

Assessment: Exams, projects and practical assignments

Level of study: 3

Entry requirements: Course dependent

Work experience: At least 45 days on industry placement

Leads to: University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work

Find out more: [Gov.uk information about T Levels](#)

T Levels



The Academy
at Shotton Hall

Technical & Vocational

Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be involved in.

Duration: Course dependent

Assessment: Can include coursework, skills tests and exams

Level of study: 1+

Entry requirements: Course dependent

Work experience: Course dependent

Leads to: Apprenticeship, work, college or university

Find out more: Speak to your local provider or talk to an adviser



Applied Qualifications

Qualifications that give you a broad overview of working in a specific sector, like business, media, engineering, leisure or science and technology. A mix of classroom-based learning with the chance to get some practical skills.

Duration: Course dependent

Assessment: Course dependent (coursework and exams)

Level of study: 3

Entry requirements: Yes

Work experience: Course dependent

Leads to: University/college, apprenticeship, work

Find out more: [Gov.uk information about applied qualifications](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/technical-education-qualifications)



The Academy
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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.

Location: You'll spend a minimum of 70 hours in a work placement with the rest of your time in college or a training centre

Duration: 6 weeks to 1 year

Entry requirements: You need to be aged between 16 to 24 or up to 25 with an Education Health and Care Plan with no higher than a level 3 qualification

Qualifications: English, maths, digital and work-related qualifications

Leads to: Apprenticeship, further education, work

Find out more: ask your local college or training provider, speak to your school careers adviser, speak to your Jobcentre Plus adviser if you receive benefits.

[Find a traineeship in your area.](#)

Traineeships

Apprenticeships

Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary. Start at a level to suit you, with support if you have special needs or a disability.

Location: You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college, training centre or Institute of Technology (IoT)

Duration: A minimum of 1 year

Entry requirements: Will be dependent on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level

Qualifications: apprenticeship certificate, diploma, degree and masters depending on level

Leads to: Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

Find out more: [Gov.uk information about Apprenticeships](#)



Exam Retakes

If you didn't get the results you wanted, you can resit some of your courses or sign up for some new qualifications.

Location: School sixth form, sixth form college or further education college

Duration: 1 year

Entry requirements: 16+

Qualifications: Level 2 and 3 qualifications

like GCSE, A level and BTEC

Leads to: Higher level or degree apprenticeship,
further education, higher education, work

Find out more: Speak to your intended school or college's
advisor or our careers advisers.

