

Year 11

Post-16 options



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Objectives of today's assembly

- To remind you of your post-16 options
- To ensure you have plans in place for September (legal requirement)
- To signpost you to support should you need it



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Your educational journey

Institution	Age	Year Group	Qualification	Level	Status
Primary School	4 – 11 Years	Reception – Year 6	SAT's (sat in Year 6)	N/A	Compulsory
Secondary School	11 – 16 Years	Year 7 – 11	GCSE's (sat in Year 11)	Level 2	Compulsory
Further Education (College/Sixth Form)	16 Years +	Year 12 – 13	A-Levels/BTECs Access courses/ Apprenticeship	Level 3	Compulsory
Higher Education (University/College)	18 Years +	Undergraduate (1 st year/2 nd year/etc.)	Degree, HNC, HND, Foundation Degree, Higher/Degree Apprenticeships	Level 4 - 6	Optional

What qualification level should you choose?

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION		
8	NVQ 8	Doctorate	
7	NVQ 7	Master's Degree / Postgraduate	
6	Higher/ Degree Apprenticeships / NVQ 4, 5 and 6	Honour's Degree	
5		Foundation Degree, HND	Diploma in Higher Education
4		HNC	Certificate in Higher Education
3		Advanced Apprenticeship / NVQ 3	T level / BTEC Cert / Diploma
2	Apprenticeship / NVQ 2	BTEC First Diploma	GCSE Grades 9 - 4
1	Traineeship / NVQ 1		GCSE Grades 3 - 1
ENTRY	Basic Skills / Skills for Life		

Work-based Learning

Vocationally Related Learning

Academic Learning

What qualification level should you choose?

If you get 5 or more GCSEs at grade 4 – grade 9, you should be choosing a **Level 3 qualification**.

Level 3 examples include:

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Vocational qualifications at Level 3 such as BTEC National Diplomas
- Apprenticeships at Level 3 (or Advanced)

What qualification level should you choose?

If you get 5 or more GCSEs at grade 3 and 4, you should be choosing a **Level 3 qualification** as your first choice and a **Level 2 qualification** as your back-up choice.

Level 2 examples include:

- Vocational qualifications at Level 2 such as BTEC First Diplomas
- Apprenticeships at Level 2 (or Intermediate)

What qualification level should you choose?

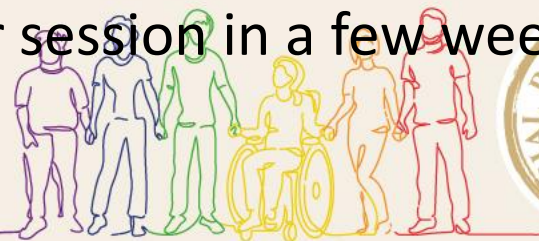
If your GCSE grades are at grades 3, 2 or 1, you should be choosing a **Level 2 qualification** as your first choice and a **Level 1 or entry level qualification** as your back-up choice.

Level 1 examples include:

- Vocational qualifications at Level 1 or entry level
- Traineeships at Level 1

Application cycle

- ✓ Attend Open Evening at the institutions you are thinking you might apply to
- ✓ Submit applications (at least 2) to the sixth forms/colleges/apprenticeships of your choice
- ✓ Attend interview
- ✓ Receive an offer – usually conditional on achieving certain GCSE/BTEC results
- ✓ Update intentions on sheet in form tutor session in a few weeks' time



Have you submitted a back-up application?

- Have you submitted more than one application?
- Have you got at least a Plan B in place, should your results not be as hoped in August? And even a Plan C?
- Crucially, make sure your Plan B has **lower entry requirements** than your Plan A application just in case you don't achieve high enough grades to meet entry requirements for your 1st choice.



What does a back-up plan look like?

- Same sixth form/college, different subjects?
- Different sixth form/college, same subjects?
- Apprenticeship? L3 Advanced (if get 5 or more 9-4 grades at GCSE), L2 Intermediate (if not)
- Likely to need to have **lower entry requirements** than your 1st choice/Plan A option.



Final intentions

Your form tutor will be asking you about your 1st and 2nd choice intentions for next year. Make sure you have the following information ready so you can complete:

- Name of college or sixth form (or company name for apprenticeships)
- Level of course, e.g. A Levels, T Level, apprenticeship level, Vocational Level 1/2/3
- Subject you have applied to study
- Whether you've submitted your application or not



To do list

- 1) Research sixth forms and colleges
- 2) Check out the qualifications they offer and think about: courses, progression routes at post-18 and logistics.
- 3) Attend as many open evenings as you can – Lymm Sixth Form open evening is **Thursday 12 November**
- 4) Apply to 2 institutions before Christmas.
- 5) Update your form tutor once you've applied to confirm the details.

