

Where do we go from here?

What's on offer post 16

What should I find out/think about?

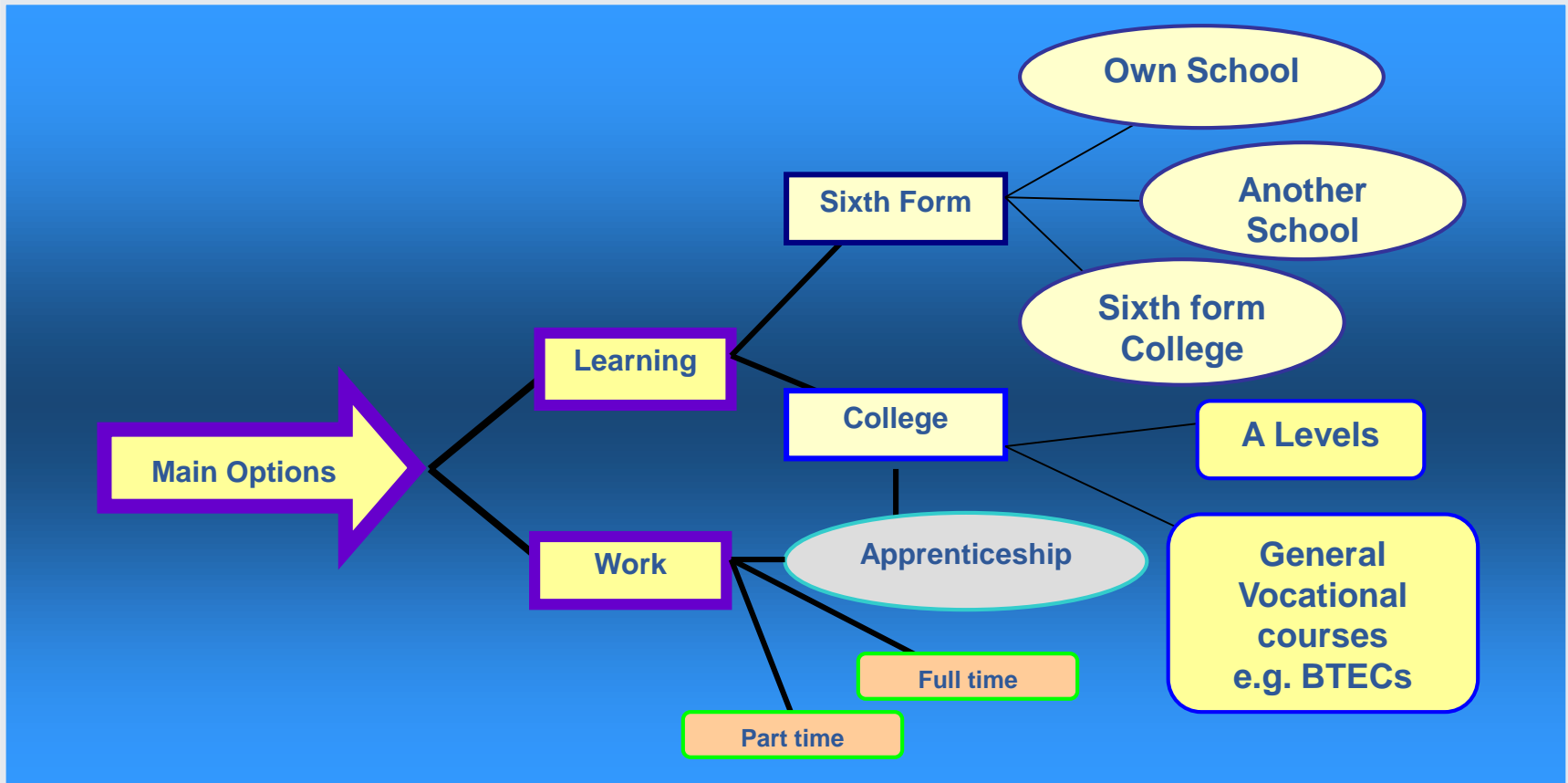
Perhaps you should ask yourself:

- Do I like the subject? Am I good at it?
- What will I be learning about?
- How is it assessed? How will I get marks?
coursework / exams / classroom assessments /
practical exams.
- What **careers** can my subject lead on to?

Your choices at the end of Y11:

- A school which has a 6th Form
- F.E. (Further Education) College
- Work (with training)
- Employment
- **Unemployment**

There are so many different qualifications that it can get confusing



Your careers advisor will look at what is available, to help you to decide which qualification is right for you.

A Sixth Form

- You will have new tutors
- You will be one of the oldest at school
- Numerous extra-curricular activities
- The teachers will be able to provide more support
- If you go to another sixth form, you may be one of a few people who does not know everyone else

College

- You will have new tutors
- All students over the age of 16
- A change and chance to make new friends
- Wider range of courses available, particularly vocational courses

Work + Training

- Apprenticeships – job with training
- Self-Employed – not a usual option for 16/17 year olds (*very rare*)
- Work

Suitable choice for those that are mature and ready to start earning money

Courses available

Can be split into two categories :

- **Vocational**
- **Academic**

Vocational courses – (BTEC's, UAL, C&G, NCFE, T-Levels)

More practical and are linked to a particular career area
e.g. catering, engineering, hairdressing, ICT.

Academic courses – A' levels

Academic Qualifications

AS/A Levels

- Entry requirement **at least five GCSE's at grades 9 to 4, at least grade 6 in the specific subject(s) you want to study. (Including English and Maths)**
- Most students take 3 AS levels in the first year and carry on with 3 A2 levels in the second year.

Vocational Qualifications

- **Level 1**
- A one year course offered within vocational skills subject areas. Often the starting point, regardless of previous academic qualifications and experience, as you need to develop the trade skills. It is possible to work at your own pace and develop Level 2 skills within the first year. Progression to Level 2 as a second year is required for employment.
- **Level 2**
- Usually one year and suitable if you have achieved some GCSEs at grades 3-1 or have passed a Level 1 qualification. For some subjects this is the first level based on skill development. Progress to Level 3 courses or an Apprenticeship.
- **Level 3**
- *Could be either A Level, BTEC Diploma, Subsidiary or Extended Diploma.*
Normally taken over two years and are suitable if you have gained four or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above or have passed a Level 2 qualification with an overall merit or distinction with either maths or English at grade 4 or above. Higher entry requirements needed for some subject areas. However a Level 3 can be one year if it's progression from Level 2 in trade and skill areas.

Apprenticeships

Please see the career leader as soon as possible if you think you would be interested in doing an **apprenticeship** as he may be able to help you.



T- levels

T- levels are new 2 year courses, which are taken after GCSE's and are equivalent to 3 A 'levels launched in September 2020.

T-levels offer students practical and knowledge based learning predominately at college with on-the job experience through an industry placement of approximately 45 days.

The most important criteria for choosing a course are:

- Choose what you are likely to be good at
- Choose what you are likely to enjoy
- Do you have the appropriate entry requirements (i.e. GCSE grades)?
- How easy is it to get there?
- Is the atmosphere friendly? (visit on Open Evening)
- How good are the facilities?

Planning Ahead

- Check the websites of the colleges/ sixth forms you are interested in.
- Attend Open Evenings

Remember!

- You can apply to as many schools or colleges as you like (Minimum 3)
- Certain popular courses get booked up quickly so apply soon
- Visit any school or college before accepting a place
- You can apply to an out of borough college/sixth form

Google Classroom

- Make sure you access the Career Hub in your Google Classroom area. We will be uploading important CEIAG information on things like:
- Open Days
- CEIAG resources i.e. interview techniques
- Links to useful website for example:
https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch?_ga=2.218921873.967173138.1631087776-1909179901.1622200370
- Your child can access their revision material for their core subjects on Google classroom.

Useful career websites

- <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk> Password: zooffe37
- Icloud.com [Buzz quiz - icould](#)
- www.prospects.ac.uk
- <https://www.allaboutcareers.com/careers>
- <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- [USEFUL LINKS - Young Ealing](#)
- NHS - [Take our careers quiz | Health Careers](#)
- National Careers Service – Skills Assessment - [Q1 | Discover your skills and careers | National Careers Service](#)

How to support your child during GCSE exams

- Create the right environment to learn.
- Help set definite start times and finish times for revision sessions and have clear goals for each session.
- Get your child to ask their teachers for practice questions or past papers.
- Help your child to practise making plans and answering questions under timed conditions.
- During breaks have your child do something completely different – for e.g. make a drink or listen to music.
- Ensure your child makes their revision active. For e.g. flash cards.

Useful resources for GCSE revision

- CGP revision work book for Maths
- Paper 1 & 2 revision/ SPAG revision
- CGP Edexcel revision guide and workbook for Science