

POST 16 OPTIONS

Full Time Education

Below are some links which provide further information on each of the options for staying in full time education:

[A level \(at sixth form college, Further education college or a UTC\)](#)

[VTQs \(E.g. BTEC and Cambridge technical\)](#)

[T Levels \(Further Education college\)](#)

Volunteering

Volunteering after leaving school may not be paid work but can help you to gain valuable skills and experience which will look great on your CV or university application and help you decide if that industry or role is right for you.

There are also some opportunities to earn a qualification whilst volunteering.

[Read more about volunteering to see if it's right for you.](#)

At the end of year 11, it's time to think about your options for the future and to make decisions for the next year or two.

Once you have left school, there are 3 main pathways you can take:

Stay in full time education

Start an apprenticeship

Spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, alongside part-time education, or training

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are real jobs which combine work with training and study. You can apply for an apprenticeship whilst at school. You'll earn a wage, gain a qualification and experience, and can put what you have learnt into practice. In some cases, you may be offered a job at the end of your apprenticeship.

Working Part-Time

Working part-time alongside study or training can help you to earn money, whilst continuing to work towards your qualification. As well as a wage, you'll gain real life experience of the workplace and can get a feel for whether this type of work would suit you in the future.