



What are my Post-16 Options?

- What different options are there when I leave WSfG?
- How do I start to choose a course?
- How do I find out about open evenings and deadlines?
- When should I apply?
- Where can I get more information, help and guidance?
- What will WSfG do to support me?

I am very clear on my career pathway or what and what I need to do next.

I'm not sure about my career but I do know what I want to do next.

I have some ideas of career and my next steps.

I'm don't know what I want to do or what I should do after WSfG.

I know what options are available to me.

I have some ideas of what's out there but not enough.

I'm don't know anything and I don't know where to start.

The Legal Stuff

It is a requirement that all young people continue in **education or work-related training** until they are 18 years old.

What's the difference between 6th Forms and Colleges?

What is sixth form?

Sixth form is a continuation of your education at secondary school. Many aspects will be the same and it is meant for those around the ages of 16 to 18. The school will offer a range of A and AS-level courses, which can help with getting into college. There's also the possibility that some sixth-form courses are geared towards more vocational-type schooling and education.

What is college?

A college is an advanced level of education that offers a variety of programs. You can gain certificates and diplomas or join apprenticeships or **T-level courses**. Colleges throughout the UK can either be public or private and both offer a varied field of study. Some even focus on specific areas such as business, medicine or the creative arts – like BCE!



Post 16 Options After Year 11 GCSEs

College

- Study a vocational course, Level 1, 2 or 3, or A-Levels.
- T-Levels available at certain colleges from September 2020.
- Independent learning leading to work, University or an Apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships

- Traineeships available at Level 1.
- Apprenticeships available at Levels 2 & 3.
- Earn as you learn. Wages + Employment + Qualifications.
- Leading to full time employment.

Sixth Form

- A-Levels with the possibility of some vocational options.
- Leading to work, University or an Apprenticeship.
- GCSE re-sits.

Each pathway will suit a different type of learner, have different entry requirements / application processes and potentially shape your child's career in different ways.

The five main routes:

T-LEVELS

A LEVEL

 Apprenticeships


Traineeships

 **BTEC**



What are they?

- Level 3 courses
- Focus on **academic learning** in the classroom. You may do **work experience** but not for all subjects.
- Instead of one subject, you will study at least 3 at once.
- Allow you to progress to **employment, university** or an **apprenticeship** depending on your grades.
- Entry requirements vary but on average, you need 6+ GCSE passes with a grade 4 and above with a 5/6 in subjects you wish to study as well and English and Maths.

T-LEVELS

What are they?

- **Alternative** to A levels. Equivalent to 3 A levels (level 3 courses).
- Focus on **classroom learning** with a **45 day industry placement**.
- Designed for **specific industries** based on your chosen subject.
- Allow you to progress to **employment, university** or an **apprenticeship** depending on your grades.
- Similar entry requirements to A-levels.

What are they?

- Business and Technology Education Council – they are specialist **work-related courses**.
- All levels available.
- Designed for young people **interested in a particular sector** but unsure exactly what job.
- Mix **classroom learning** with practical and **work-based experience**.
- Designed for **specific industries** based on your chosen subject.
- Allow you to progress to **employment, university** or an **apprenticeship** depending on the level.
- Entry requirements are dependent on which level BTEC you study



What are they?

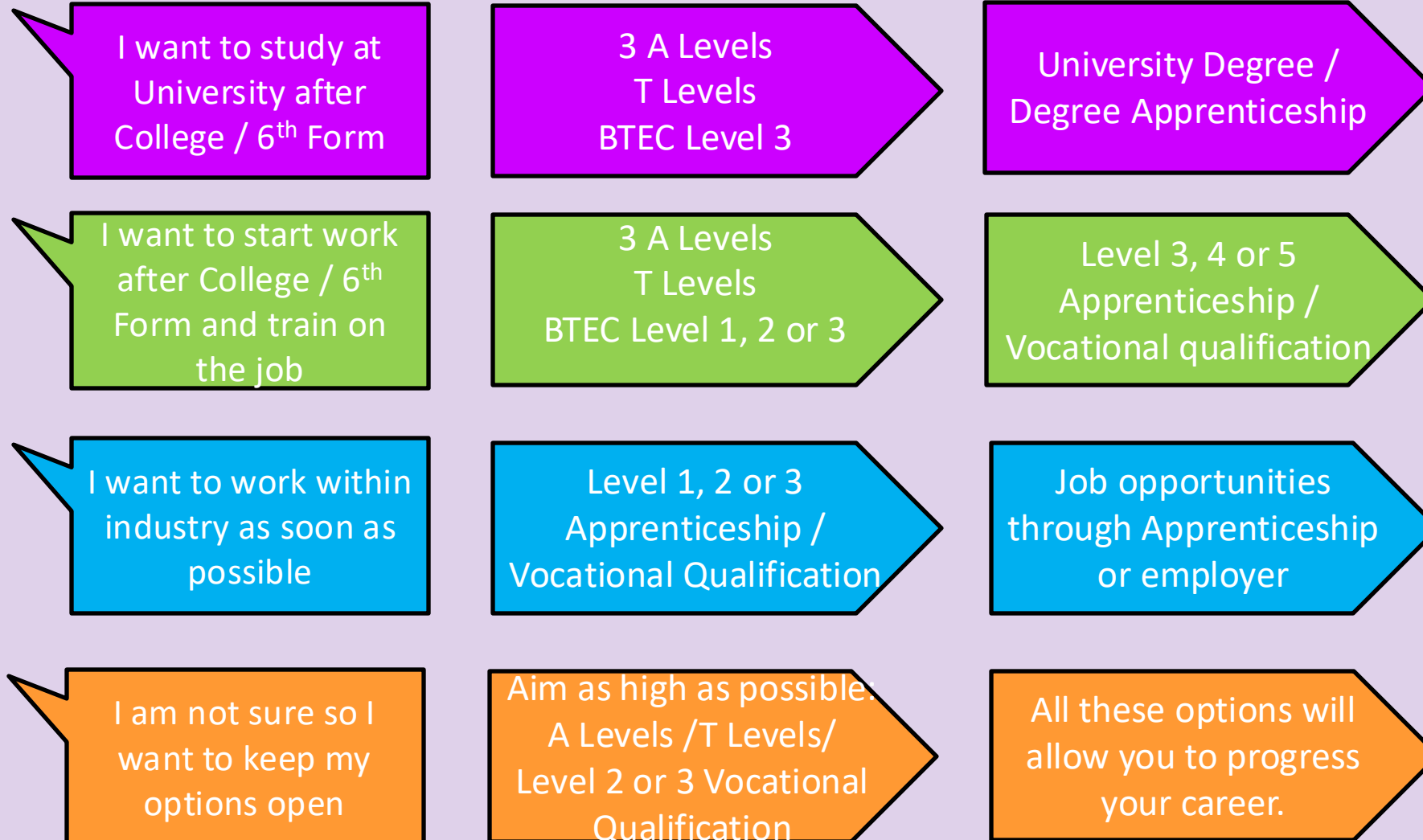
- Level 2 to University level courses
- **Combine** practical training in a job with study.
- Give the opportunity to **earn** while you **learn**.
- Focus on **80% on the job training 20% off the job training**.
- Offer an **alternative** to University.
- Entry requirements vary depending on the level.



What are they?

- **Level 1 courses**
- **A course combined with Work Experience.**
- **Gets you ready for work or an apprenticeship.**
- **Lasts for 6 weeks to 6 months.**

Which route is right for you?



Where do WSfG students go?

2023

Leyton Sixth Form 60 (much more popular than usual)

LAE (London Academy of Excellence) Tottenham 23

City & Islington 17

Monoux 11

La Swap 8

Highams Park, Walthamstow Academy are often popular too, but not so much last year.

How do I start to choose my course?

1. What you want to do post-18? (University?)
2. What are you passionate about? What about subjects you enjoy? What are you good at?
3. Look at the subject library on [unifrog](#) to explore subjects.
4. What are your predicted / target grades?
5. What do my parents/carers think?
6. What did the careers advisor say?
7. Use the [Unifrog course finder](#).
8. Visit colleges/sixth forms/providers - get as much information as you can.

Other information on applying...

1. You can apply to as many providers as you like
2. Ensure you have an **ASPIRATIONAL, SAFE** and **SECURE** option when applying to colleges/sixth forms
3. Colleges / sixth forms have varying application deadlines - some in October and some much later in the year!
4. Reference requests go through Ms Jolliffe at Student Services - the colleges will apply directly.
5. You will find application forms on individual websites
6. There is guidance on writing a personal statement on unifrog.

Achieve required results



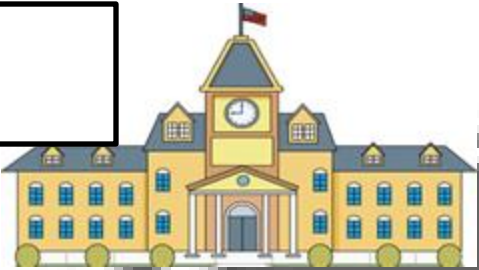
Successful interviews



Submit applications on-time



Visit shortlisted Institutions



Find out!



What WSfG do to support

1. Information assembly on post-16 choices
2. Form time to explore subjects and look at writing applications
3. Access to unifrog for students and parents/carers
4. PPT and information sent to parents/carers and on website
5. Information on open evenings on the website and on Teams
6. Apprenticeships assembly with possible follow-up (October)
7. The College Roadshow - **Tuesday 15th October 5.30-7.00pm**
- parents/carers and students
8. Access to a Careers Advisor - every Monday
9. List of useful websites (end of PPT)



1. Search the careers library
2. Search the subjects library
- 3. Create a post-school shortlist - search for subjects and colleges/providers**
- 4. Start working on your personal statement**

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/home>

Reflect..



A photograph of a staircase with a motivational message written on the steps. The message is written in white and yellow chalk. The text reads: "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the FIRST STEP". The words "FIRST STEP" are written in a larger, bolder font than the rest of the message. The staircase is made of concrete steps and has a metal railing on the left side.

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whole staircase,
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FIRST STEP

**What first step will
you take?**

Useful websites

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2016/12/AA-Yr2-Poster-7-1.pdf>

[https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/CEC%20Post%2016%20Booklet Endeavour FINAL.pdf](https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/CEC%20Post%2016%20Booklet%20Endeavour%20FINAL.pdf)

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/> - website aimed at parents/carers

<https://careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone/choices-at-16> - covers many parent/carer queries

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians> - apprenticeships explained for parents/carers

<https://careers.startprofile.com/page/home-page> - You can create yourself a START profile for up-to-date labour market information.

<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=College+Open+Evenings+and+Dates&pid=2376> - school website listing open evenings

<https://www.gov.uk/> There is further information on the gov.uk website, for example, search apprenticeships within gov.uk.