



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?

- 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+ in subjects you wish to study as well as English and Maths.

T-LEVELS

What are they?

- **Alternative** to A levels. Equivalent to 3 A levels.
- 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**.
- 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



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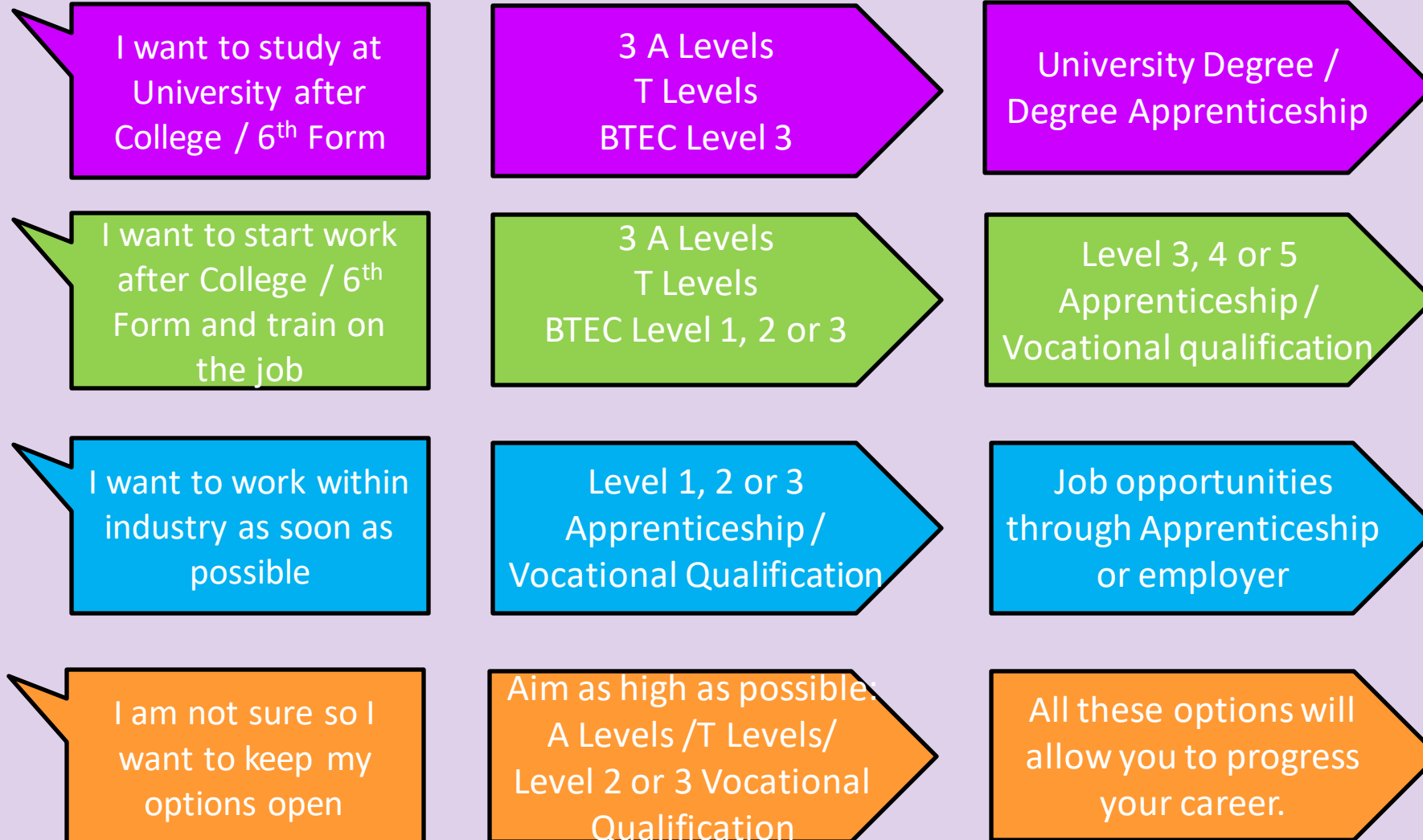
- **Combine** practical training in a job with study.
- Give the opportunity to **earn** while you **learn**.
- Focus on **80% on the job training 20% off the job training**.
- Offer an **alternative** to University.
- Entry requirements vary depending on the level.



What are they?

- 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](https://www.unifrog.com).

Achieve required results



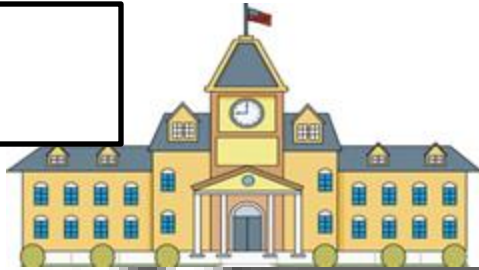
Successful interviews



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 <https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=College+Open+Evenings+and+Dates&pid=2376>
6. Apprenticeships assembly next week with possible follow-up
7. The College Roadshow - **Tuesday 17th October 5.30-7.00pm**
- parents/carers and students
8. Lunchtime assemblies?
9. Access to a Careers Advisor - October - December
10. 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, bold, yellow font on the final step shown.

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**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.