

# A guide to planning your future



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# **Foreword**



Welcome to the 2023/24 edition of After Year 11: A guide to planning your future. Designed to help you think through your next steps; whether that is continuing in your academic or vocational studies, or if you choose to enter the world of work.

Lambeth is committed to further improving educational settings, options, and standards so that all young people continue to benefit from high quality and inclusive access to education and employment routes.

Lambeth represents a background of cultural uniqueness, creative opportunities, and a welcoming community. Our vision is of a dynamic, strong, and fair local economy, where young people can thrive. We have existing strengths in health sciences, low carbon, and creative and digital industries – presenting chances for you to develop and grow alongside an economic and global backdrop.

As a borough we focus on providing young people with the tools and options to develop into their best selves. We offer you the chance to discover your interests across Lambeth from our South Bank Colleges that are guiding the future generation of engineers, digital creatives, and scientists to our range of schools offering new and fascinating courses in T Levels and apprenticeships.

We are committed to helping all young people discover their next steps after Year 11. If you are a young person with special educational needs and disabilities, Lambeth offers an extensive array of opportunities, including supported internships. You will find many of our schools and colleges in this guide specialise in providing tailored support specific to your wants and needs.

We are extremely proud of the achievements and resilience of all our young people in Lambeth and are delighted to assist you into this next phase of your learning journey. Lambeth is the home of pioneers who have gone on to do great things, and we wish you every success in achieving all your future aspirations.

#### Abrilli Phillip

Director of Education, Learning and Skills, London Borough of Lambeth

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# **Choosing Your Pathway**

Deciding what to do after Year 11 can be both an exciting and confusing time. This guide will help you, and enable your parents/carers, to support you to make the best decisions about your future. Read it! Try out some of the activities, use the resources to help you take your next steps with confidence.

Lambeth offers an excellent range of educational and work-based opportunities to suit all needs and abilities.

When considering your options it is important that you visit educational establishments, and ask questions. See the websites listed throughout this guide for information about open days and entry requirements for different types of qualifications and courses.

# **Your Pathway Options**



Work-based training including apprenticeships and traineeships



Further education including sixth forms and colleges



South Bank University Sixth Form specialising in Engineering, Health, and Finance courses



Entrepreneurship

opportunities for those interested in starting their own business



King's College London Mathematics School for students who excel in maths and/or physics



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
Lambeth have a range of opportunities and support

# **Different Types of Qualifications**

Academic qualifications

Studying more than one subject in depth, such as A Levels

**2** Vocational qualifications

Work related courses combining classroom learning and practical activities, such as BTECs or T Levels

**3**Work-based qualifications

Developing the skills and knowledge needed to do a particular job. Practical learning in the workplace and with an education or training provider. Supported Internships also offer young people with special needs or disabilities experience in the workplace

Level 8	Doctorate	e.g., PhD			
Level 7	Master's D	)egree			Degree Apprenticeship equivalent to Bachelor's or Mas-
Level 6	e.g., Bachelor of the Arts (BA) hons, Bachelor of Science				ter's Degree
Level 5			Foundation Degree	Higher National	Higher Apprenticeship equivalent to Foundation
Level 4			Diploma  Higher National Certificate	Degree	
				National	
Level 3	el 3 A Levels		L3 Extended Diploma Extended Diploma equivalent to 3 A Levels	T Levels	Advanced Apprenticeship equivalent to 2 A Levels
			L3 Diploma equivalent to 2 A Levels		
Level 2	GCSE grades 4-9	L2 Functional Skills	L2 Diploma		Intermediate Apprenticeship equivalent to 5 GCSE grades 4-9
Level 1	GCSE grades 1-3	L1 Functional Skills	L1 Certificate / Diploma		Traineeships or Pre-Apprenticeships

# **Considering Your Next Steps**

Maths and English GCSE qualifications are very important as they will often be an entry requirement for jobs and higher education. All 16 to 19 year-old students who have not achieved both maths and English GCSE grades 4-9 must continue to study GCSE or approved equivalent qualifications in maths and/or English (eg functional skills) as a condition of enrolment onto an academic or vocational course.

I have less than
5 GCSEs and/or a
below grade 4, or
equivalent, in maths
and English

Re-sit GCSEs (some A Level providers allow you to retake maths and English GCSEs alongside the course)

BTEC Level 1 or 2 (depending on your grade and how many GCSEs)

Intermediate apprenticeships (GCSE grades 3 or above in maths and English usually, but not always, required)

Traineeships, Supported Internships or pre-apprenticeships

Depending on your grades once completing these qualifications you will have the option to progress on to a Level 3 qualification. Always check with your course provider for entry requirements.

I have 5 or more GCSEs grade 4–9, including maths and English

Level 3 qualifications

A Levels

BTEC Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma

T Levels

Advanced apprenticeships

**Next steps** 

Once you have completed your Level 3 qualification, you will have the choice to continue your education and apply for university (if you have the right grades) or go into employment. University (Degree, Masters, Doctorate)

**Higher or Degree Apprenticeships** 

Gap year (see page 20)

Go into employment

# **Preparing For Your Future**

#### Skills In Demand

Having the right set of skills in life can be just as important as having the right qualifications.

The great thing about skills is that throughout your life you will have

already built a range of skills and knowledge without even realising it and there is always opportunities for you to develop them.

Future job roles may require a certain set of skills. Take some time to look at the table below

which shows the top ten essential skills that will be in demand in the future and think about how you can get ready to develop these in preparation of employment and training.

Rank	Skill	Attributes covered
1 =	Problem solving/decision making	Able to find solutions to a challenge (reasoning, judgement, decision making)
	Critical thinking/analysis and evaluation	Able to appraise, dissect, synthesise, interpret (information literacy)
	Communication	Able to speak, listen, write, present effectively
4	Collaboration/ cooperation/teamwork	Able to work and interact effectively with others
5	Creativity/innovation/ originality	Able to think around a challenge or issue/come up with new ideas
6	Leadership/management	Able to lead people (including social influence), systems (including project planning) and Change
7	Self-motivation/ learning orientation	Being a 'self-starter', open to learning new things, keen to develop, aims high
8 =	Flexibility/adaptability	Able to adapt to change, change direction
	Resilience/optimism/ persistence	Able to cope with adversity/uncertainty, remain positive, keep trying, manage stress
10	Empathy/social perceptiveness	Able to appreciate/understand others' perspectives and needs

The Skills Imperative 2035: what does the literature tell us about essential skills most needed for work?

List the top 3 skills you currently have	List the top 3 skills you need to develop
1	1
2	2
3	3

# **Employment, Education and Training Support**



#### **Lambeth Back on Track**

The Lambeth Back on Track team offers tailored 1:1 support for Lambeth residents aged 16-18 (years 12-13) who want to get back into education, employment and/or training and who are not already receiving support from other council services. The offer includes:

- Identifying routes/pathways to achieving career goals
- CV writing and interview techniques
- · Registration support to Lambeth Made Youth Hubs
- Signposting and referrals to employability, well-being and personal development programmes

To find out more, visit: https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/ lambeth-back-on-track-service Or contact by email: backontrack@lambeth.gov.uk



#### **Lambeth Made Youth Hubs**

Located throughout Lambeth, the Youth Hubs provide a wide range of career and support services all under one roof to help Lambeth residents aged 16-30 into employment, education, or training.

Visit the Lambeth Made Youth Hubs for access to guidance, mentorship, and exclusive employment, education and training opportunities across the borough. The services include:

- CV Coaching
- Interviewing Skills
- Training Sessions
- Job Application
- Exclusive Job Roles

#### **Streatham Youth Community Trust Youth Club**

Email: youthhub@syct.org.uk Address: 16 Wellfield Road, **SW16 2BP** 

Instagram: StreathamYouthHub Website: www.syct.org.uk



#### **Brixton (High Trees) Youth Hub**

Email: support@high-trees.org Tel: 020 8671 3132

Address: H 220 Upper Tulse Hill. London SW2 2NS SW2 3PU

Website:

https://www.high-trees.org/

#### **West Norwood (Rathbone) Youth Hub**

Email: youthhub@ rathbonesociety.org.uk

Address: The Old Library, 14-16 Knights Hill, West Norwood,

SE27 0HY

Website: www.rathbonesociety. org.uk

#### **Stockwell (The Skills Spot) Youth Hub**

Email: office@theskillsspot.co.uk

Phone: 020 3882 0853

Address: 278-280 S Lambeth Road Stockwell London, SW8 1UJ

Website:

https://theskillsspot.co.uk/huband-club

You can find out more about the Lambeth Made Youth Hubs by visiting: https://lambethmade.org/ lambeth-youth-hub/



# **Academic Qualifications Explained**

# **Vocational Qualification Explained**

#### What are A Levels?

A Levels are subject based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training or work. You will have the option of choosing between three or four subjects. People often take a mix of new subjects and ones they did well in at GCSE. Course entry requirements, teaching and assessment depend on the subject.

#### **How are A Levels graded?**

A Levels are graded A\*-E, these are all regarded as pass grades and gain UCAS points towards university entrance.

#### Which A Levels should I study?

Choose subjects which you will enjoy studying and think you will do well in, combined with subjects that could be relevant to your future choice. If you have a particular university course in mind, it is vital you check the entry requirements beforehand as you may need to study specific areas.

#### What are Facilitating **Subjects**

Some subjects are most commonly required for entry to a range of degree courses than others. These are known as 'facilitating' subjects because choosing them leaves open a wide range of options for university study. Top universities often ask for at least one A Level to be in a facilitating subject.

#### The Russell Group

Represents 24 leading UK universities and defines facilitating subjects as:

- English Literature
- History
- · Modern Languages (eg French, German, Spanish, etc)
- · Classical languages (eg Latin, Ancient Greek)
- · Maths & Further Maths
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography

The Russell Group's guide Informed Choices provides students with information, advice and guidance about their post-16 subject choices.

https://russellgroup.ac.uk/policy/ publications/informed-choices/

# Did you know

Most A Level courses:

- only accept people with four or five GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above with some asking for specific grades in specific subjects
- · are classroom-based
- have a lot of theory and written work the amount of practical work depends on the subject
- will be assessed mainly by exams







Vocational and technical qualifications are designed to give you the skills and knowledge to do a specific job, work in a particular industry or acquire more general skills to do a variety of jobs.

#### **Applied General Qualifications**

These offer the opportunity for a hands-on learning experience across a range of vocational areas rather than a single subject. The categories include Level 3 qualifications, such as BTECs and OCR Cambridge, in areas such as:

- Finance, Enterprise, Business & Law
- · Health & Social Care and Child Development & Wellbeing
- Engineering, Manufacturing Technologies & Transport Operations
- Information & Communication Technology
- · Science & Mathematics.

All further educational colleges and some sixth forms will offer vocational qualifications as an alternative pathway to accessing higher learning.

#### What are BTECs?

BTEC courses combine practical learning with subject and theory content. They are for people who may be interested in a specific sector or industry but are unsure of what that would look like in a job.

#### **How are BTECs graded?**

BTECs are graded using a Pass (P), Merit (M), Distinction (D) and Distinction\* (D\*) scale.

#### What are T Levels?

T Levels are qualifications that offer you a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience during an industry placement of around 3 months.

#### **How are T Levels graded?**

T Levels are graded using a Pass (P), Merit (M), Distinction (D) and Distinction\* (D\*) scale.

#### T Level courses are offered at:

#### La Retraite 6

- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Health/Midwifery
- Legal Services
- Education and Childcare
- Construction Design Surveying and Planning
- Fashion Design (September
- Media Broadcast and Production (September 2024).

#### Lilian Baylis Technology School

- Childcare and Education
- Management and Administration
- Digital Support Services

#### **South Bank University Sixth Form**

- Accounting
- · Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- · Health.

**Colleges in Lambeth** 

#### Sixth forms

- 1 Bishop Thomas Grant Catholic Secondary School
- 2 Dunraven School
- 3 The Elmgreen School
- 4 The Elms Academy
- 5 Harris Clapham Sixth Form
- 6 King's College London Mathematics School
- 7 La Retraite 6
- 8 Lilian Baylis Technology School
- 9 The London Nautical School
- 10 The Norwood School
- 11 Oasis Academy
- 12 Platanos College
- 13 South Bank University Sixth Form
- 14 Trinity Academy
- 15 Woodmansterne

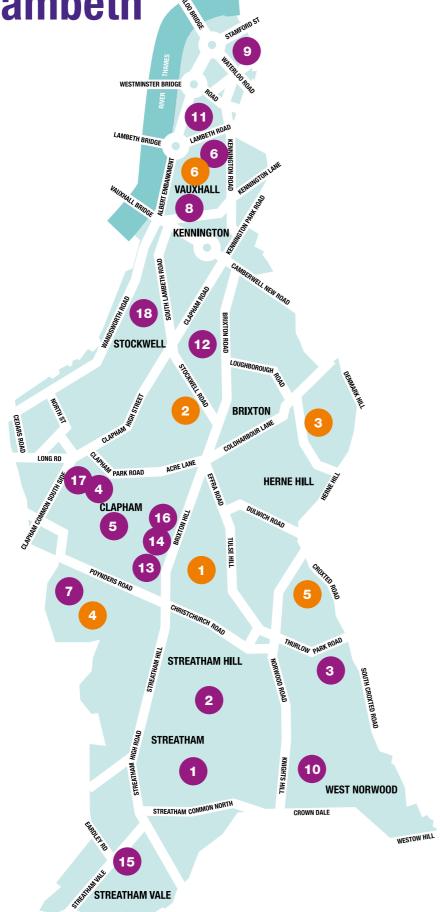
#### **Further education colleges**

South Bank Colleges:

- **16** Lambeth College Brixton Centre
- 17 Lambeth College Clapham Centre
- 18 London South Bank Technical College

#### **Special schools**

- 1 Elm Court School
- 2 Lansdowne School
- 3 Heron Academy
- 4 Nido Volans Lambeth
- 5 Turney School
- 6 Vanguard



# Where You Can Attend Sixth Form



#### **Bishop Thomas Grant School**

Belltrees Grove, SW16 2HY 020 8769 3294

www.btg.ac

Twitter: @BTGSixthForm



#### **King's Math School**

80 Kennington Rd. SE11 6NJ 020 7848 7346

www.kingsmathsschool.com

La Retraite 6 (Mixed Sixth Form)

https://sixthform.laretraite.co.uk/

Twitter: @kingsmathschool

Atkins Road, SW12 0AB

020 8673 5644



#### **The Norwood School**

Crown Dale, SE19 3NY 020 8670 9382

www.thenorwoodschool.org

75 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7HS

oasisacademysouthbank.org/

Twitter: @OasisSouthBank

Twitter: @NorwoodLambeth



#### **Dunraven School**

94/98 Leigham Court Rd, SW16 5SR 020 8696 5600

www.dunraven.org.uk

Twitter: @Dunraven School



#### The Elmgreen School

Elmcourt Road, SE27 9BZ 020 8766 5020

https://www.the-elmgreenschool.org.uk/

The Elms Academy

Twitter: @elmgreenschool



#### **Lilian Bayliss Technology School**

323 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY 020 7091 9500

www.lilianbaylis.com

Twitter: @LBTS SCHOOL



#### **Platanos College**

**Oasis Academy** 

020 7921 4200

https://www.

Clapham Road, SW9 0AL 0207 733 6156

http://www.platanoscollege.com/

Twitter:@platanoscollege



#### The Elms Academy

Elms Road, SW4 9ET 020 7819 4700

www.theelmsacademv.org.uk

Twitter: @TheElmsAcademy

#### **Trinity Academy**

57 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS 020 3126 4993

https://www.trinity. futureacademies.org

Twitter: @TrinityAcad



#### **South Bank University Sixth Form**

56 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS 020 7738 6115

https://sbusixth.ac.uk

Twitter:@SBUSIXTH



#### **Harris Clapham Sixth Form**

73 Kings Avenue, SW4 8DX 0204 542 4900

https://www.harrisclapham.org.uk/

Twitter: @HAClaphamSixth

#### **The London Nautical School**

61 Stamford Street, SE1 9NA 020 7928 6801

www.lns.org.uk

Twitter: @londonnautical



#### **Woodmansterne School &** Sixth Form

Woodmansterne Road, SW16 5UQ 020 87641825

www.woodmansterne.london

Twitter: @WoodySchool

# **Further Education College Options**

College education offers you a truly immersive route into work and higher education. South Bank Colleges offer full access to an exciting curriculum to suit future needs.

#### **South Bank Colleges**

South Bank Colleges, comprising of Lambeth College and London South Bank Technical College offer a wide range of high-quality, professional and technical courses that open doors to future career opportunities in a vast array of sectors. Students can become qualified, work-ready and motivated professionals with the skills and confidence needed to

participate in today's competitive job market.

Visit southbankcolleges.ac.uk or call 020 7501 5010.

London South Bank Technical College (LSBTC)

SB\LONDON SOUTH BANK
C\TECHNICAL COLLEGE

A brand new innovative, flagship technical college that transforms how we all learn, work, and develop our careers. Choose from a range of exciting courses including E-sports, Game Design, Film and TV Production, Robotics, Engineering Forensic Science, Software Development and more. You can also take one of the brand-new T Levels in Construction, Digital Production, Health or Science.

# London South Bank Technical College

Belmore Street Wandsworth Road, SW8 2JY



#### **Lambeth College**

SB\LAMBETH COLLEGE

Choose from a wide range of course options including Business and Accounting, Beauty, Early Years, Hospitality and Catering, Sport and more. We're talking about real pathways to professions. Think real-world, practical learning, helping you build a diverse skill set fit for your career goals. Your teachers will challenge you to be the best you can be, so you'll leave us confident and focused. You can also have the chance to re-sit English and maths GCSEs if you didn't achieve a grade 4.

#### Lambeth College

Brixton Centre 56 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS

#### Clapham Centre

45 Clapham Common South Side SW4 9BL

# **Special Educational Needs** and Disabilities Information

Young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) should have the same chance of success as everyone else. They may just need extra support and consideration to get there. To find out more about making choices, visit https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer, where you can discover options and information about staying healthy, becoming independent and taking a full part in the community. On our webpage, under 'I'm a young person', you can choose from:

- · Preparing for adulthood
- Post-16 school, college and university
- Training, work and volunteering
- · Health and social care
- · Life, leisure, having fun
- Have your say, get involved

To contact Lambeth's SEND team, call **020 7926 9460** or email **sendsupport@lambeth.gov.uk** Visit **http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/send** to explore Lambeth's Local Offer.



# **Special Schools**



#### Elm Court School

Caters for students with Learning Difficulties with associated social communication needs. Many students have Autism.

Elm Park, SW2 2EF 020 8674 3412 www.elmcourt.lambeth.sch.uk



#### **Lansdowne School**

Caters for students with Learning Difficulties with associated Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

49 Combermere Road, SW9 9QD 020 7737 3713

www.lansdowneschool.co.uk



#### **Heron Academy**

Supporting young people aged 11-19 years with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) developing their knowledge, skills and behaviours to live more independently though a personalised offer based on pupils Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) outcomes. Developing communication, literacy and numeracy skills to enable pupils to access the wider world and enjoy a wide range of community-based experiences.

Heron Road, Herne Hill, SE24 0HZL 0207 326 5898 Heron.LSEAT.org.uk



#### **Roots And Shoots**

Provides supported vocational training courses for young people between 14-24 with an EHCP.

The Study Programme (1-3 years for 16-24 year olds) includes a package of accreditation in English, maths, Employability, a Vocational Subject (Retail, Horticulture, Floristry) and access to life and independent skills, work placements and Cooking/Catering.

The Pre-Supported Internships course (1 year for 18-24 year olds) focuses on job coaching and work placement opportunities in a range of areas.

School Links sessions (14-18 years old) are aimed at school groups seeking extracurricular activities to complement existing timetables. We specialise in teaching practical, independence skills, with a strong environmental and person-centred ethos. We invite applications from young people in Lambeth and across London, particularly those with mild to moderate SEN, other barriers to learning and/or a diagnosis of autism.

Walnut Tree Walk, Kennington, Lambeth, SE11 6DN 020 7587 1131 office@rootsandshoots.org.uk www.rootsandshoots.org.uk www.instagram.com/ rootsandshoots1982

## SB LAMBETH COLLEGE

#### **Lambeth College**

Offers inclusive learning programmes that are developed to meet your individual needs, aiming to give you more independence and confidence as you learn with us. With only 10 students per class, an on-site learning assistant and experienced teachers are there to support you.

We also offer specialist resources and sensory support, access to speech and language therapists, and other specialist interventions, everything is in place to help you reach your full potential. You can choose to study a range of subjects alongside English, maths, and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) with opportunities to take part in enrichment activities such as Sports, Dance, or Drama.

**Brixton Centre**, 56 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS

#### Clapham Centre

45 Clapham Common South Side SW4 9BL 020 7501 5010 www.lambethcollege.ac.uk





#### **Turney School**

Caters for students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) with associated communication difficulties and complex global delay.

Turney Road, SE21 8LX 020 8670 7220 www.turneyschool.co.uk



#### **Vanquard School**

Caters for students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Lollard Street, Kennington SE11 6QH 0208 0596 310 https://www. vanguardschool.org.uk/ page/?title=Our+School&pid=6



#### **Nido Volans Lambeth**

Supporting young people aged 19-25 years with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) developing their knowledge, skills and behaviours to live more independently though a personalised offer based on learners EHCP outcomes and their aspirations.

Belthorn Crescent, Weir Road, Balham, SW12 0NS 020 7326 5890 https://www.lsec.ac.uk

# Mainstream schools with specialist SEND Provision

In Lambeth we also have mainstream schools who offer additional learning support:

**Dunraven School** has additional provision for students with speech and language difficulties

The Elmgreen School has additional provision to support students hearing impairment

#### **The London Nautical School**

has additional provision for students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as the primary need.

**City Heights E-ACT Academy** has additional provision to support young people with ASD.

For a full list of institutions approved to offer SEND provision in and out of the borough go to https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/post-16

# **Apprenticeships and Traineeships**



#### **Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships offer you the chance to work for an employer, earn a salary and gain qualifications at the same time. They combine hands-on training in the workplace with off-the-site training with a local college or specialist training provider. Apprenticeships cover over 1,500 different job roles and depending on the level can take between one and five years to complete.

Applying for apprenticeships is different to applying for college or university. Employers will often ask for similar qualifications to a college or university course at the same level and entry requirements can be different depending on the provider. Employers are often as interested in 'soft skills' such as communication, teamwork, and reliability as formal qualifications. To see current vacancies visit: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

#### **Higher Apprenticeships**

Higher Apprenticeships are now a serious alternative to full-time higher education for some careers. In London many major employers have Higher and Degree Apprenticeships. More information can be found at https://goo.gl/Yvsrcc

London South Bank Technical College and Lambeth College, part of LSBU Group also have links with employers offering apprenticeships www.southbankcolleges.ac.uk/ courses/apprenticeships

#### **Traineeships**

Traineeships are a development programme for 16 to 24-year olds and includes unpaid work placements. Traineeships are designed to help you get ready for an apprenticeship. More information can be found at https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/national-traineeship-programme

# **Supported Internships**

Supported Internships are study programmes aimed at young people aged 16 to 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Supported Internship are a great opportunity to improve the life chances of young people with SEND by supporting them into sustained, paid employment.

You can find out how post-16 education differs from schools and colleges through supported

Internships, traineeships and inclusive apprenticeships which are more accessible for each individual. This could mean less hours, days and weeks, more places to study, more subjects and range of qualifications.

To find out more about our Lambeth post 16 special schools and colleges, visit: https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/post-16

# Preparing for adulthood - Lambeth's SEND Local Offer

Lambeth's SEND Local Offer web pages have been designed to bring together information on the opportunities, services and support available to young people and their families to help make their journey smoother. To find out more information on the Lambeth SEND Local Offer, email localoffer@lambeth.gov.uk

# Did you know

Our Supported Internship programme, called Project SEARCH, at Kings College Hospital is now approaching its third year, with another 8 young people starting placements in September 2023. This year we are excited to be launching our second Project SEARCH programme with NHS England, and in 2024 we will be partnering with SLAM for the next project! These employers are working in partnership with Lambeth College, Unity Works, Kaleidoscope and Lambeth Council's SEND and Economic Inclusion Teams.

You can read more about the partnership here: https://www.kch.nhs.uk/news/project-search-proves-to-be-a-success-at-kings/



# **Going To University**





Deciding whether to go onto higher education, what and where to study, could be some of the most important decisions you ever make.

University can be a chance to study a subject you are passionate about as some professions (eg architecture, teaching or medicine) will require you to have a degree. You should choose a university and course based on what is important to you. More information can be found on the UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) website https://goo.gl/ZCe7TY

#### **UCAS**

Applications to full-time higher education courses in the UK must be made through UCAS. There are many guides to applying online, including:

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university

#### Student finance

For information about tuition fees and student loans see the UCAS guide at https://goo.gl/zyzRSb and the MoneySavingExpert.com myth busting guide at https://goo.gl/1BQBb4

#### Open days

Open days are designed to give you a real feel for how you will be studying, giving you the chance to see facilities as well as meeting staff and current students first hand. Events are advertised on a university's website and there is more information at open days, other events and virtual tours at https://goo.gl/z1TY3D

#### **Gap years**

Going straight from college or sixth form to university might not be for everyone, so gap years can give you time to focus on what you want to do next and can enhance your CV or university application. Some people travel or work on projects abroad and others might do voluntary work and develop new skills. More information can be found at https://goo.gl/4epZmY



# **London South Bank University**

London South Bank University (LSBU) graduates are the highest paid amongst all London Modern universities on year after completing their course (LEO 2022).

LSBU provide opportunities for you to be involved with free activities offered by the university throughout the year, including subject taster sessions and Open Days.

The LSBU Group comprises of South Bank Academies, South Bank Colleges, South Bank Enterprises and London South Bank University. Working to one vision, the Group seeks to deliver the educational needs of communities and business locally and globally. In addition, South Bank Technical College will provide training opportunities to the next generation of engineers and scientists.

#### **Degree and course offers**

- Applied Sciences
- Arts and Creative Industries
- The Built Environment and Architecture
- Business
- Engineering
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Allied and Community Health
- Law and Social Science

Explore LSBU courses: lsbu.ac.uk/study/study-at-lsbu/ subjects

#### **Short course offers**

- Architecture and Construction
- Baking
- Blockchain
- Business and Management
- · Creative Arts and Media
- Engineering

Contact course enquiries at: course.enquiry@lsbu.ac.uk or call 0800 923 8888

Admissions: admissions@lsbu.ac.uk

#### **LSBU**

London South Bank University 103 Borough Road, SE1 0AA For more information visit: Isbu.ac.uk

#### **Apprenticeships**

- · Arts and Creative Industries
- Applied Sciences
- The Built Environment and Architecture
- Business
- Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- Law and Social Sciences

You'll get access to work-based learning programmes with the perfect mix of on-the-job practical training and academic teaching. You can choose opportunities from Civil Engineering to Early Years and Business Administration programmes. You'll be able to find something that's just right for you. Contact the apprenticeship team for more information: apprenticeships@lsbu.ac.uk







# **Thinking About Starting Your Own Business?**

If you have good business ideas and are determined and ambitious, working for yourself can be very rewarding. It will not be easy though as you are likely to face lots of challenges, particularly in the early stages.

There are opportunities in Lambeth to help you to develop business ideas and start-up:

The Prince's Trust, based in Kennington supports young people aged 18-30 who want to start a business https://goo.gl/Em5YwV

Tree Shepherd and Hatch
Enterprise are local organisations
offering enterprise support to
people of all ages.
www.treeshepherd.org.uk

https://hatchenterprise.org

**Shell**, a multi-national organisation with a base in Lambeth (the Shell Centre), provides free online business advice and funding to

young entrepreneurs through Shell LiveWIRE

https://www.livewire.shell/

The London Growth Hub offers a comprehensive list of support available to people starting or growing a business in London. https://goo.gl/bVdftV

Lambeth College has range of qualifications in business and finance https://www.southbankcolleges.ac.uk/courses/business-and-accounting

**Green Man Skills Zone**, based in Coldharbour Lane, offers employment and enterprise support to young people

https://pathwaygroup.co.uk/

Help and advice for local business from Lambeth Council at https://goo.gl/EVdV31

#### **Social Enterprises** are

businesses that aim to improve communities or the environment. What makes them different from other businesses is that tackling social issues is as important as making money. One benefit of setting up a social enterprise is that you may be able to apply for grants and funding. You can find more information at www.socialenterprise.org.uk

# Ways To Access Financial Support

If you are under the age of 19 you will not have to pay course fees regarding your post-16 options, whether that is if you choose to continue with education or training. However, based on what you decide to do, there could be additional financial support available depending on you or your family circumstances.

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund aims to help young people remain in education or training by providing them with financial support to overcome barriers that may prevent this, such as transport or course equipment costs.

This fund falls under two types of 16-19 bursaries: vulnerable and discretionary. Each will have their own criteria to meet. For more information visit: https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

Care to Learn is a scheme that supports you with the cost of childcare while studying. To be eligible, you must be aged under 20 at the start of your course. For more information visit: https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

The Residential Bursary
Fund offers the opportunity to
receive help with the cost of
accommodation during term time if
you are in further education and the
course you are studying is far from
where you live. You would need to
meet the criteria before applying,
for more information visit:
https://www.gov.uk/residentialsupport-scheme/residentialbursary-fund

Further information and advice can be found at Lambeth Education
Awards and Benefits page

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/ education-awards-benefits, where you can see more details on other avenues for financial support. Or visit the government's 16-19 guidance for financial support at: https://www.gov.uk/ guidance/16-to-19-educationfinancial-support-for-students

Education Health and Care (EHC) Plan – if you have one in place you will receive funding for further education up to age 25 for support in choosing your next steps and extra help when you are in education, training or work. https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/ehcp

# **Volunteering and Work Experience**

Volunteering is a great option for developing skills and gaining valuable experience. It involves doing an activity that requires spending time (unpaid) doing something that aims to benefit the environment or someone/ organisations.

Volunteering can be done at any age but can be particularly useful for young people who are thinking ahead for their future, especially when considering personal statements, CVs, and making career choices.

# Where can you find opportunities

#### **Team Lambeth**

There are several organisations and community networks that are active throughout the borough. https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/your-community/get-involved/volunteering

#### **NHS Youth Volunteering**

NHS organisations are opening up volunteer roles for young people from the age of 16, and some now offer youth volunteering programmes for 16 and 17-year-olds.

https://www.england.nhs.uk/ get-involved/get-involved/ volunteering/

# The National Citizen Service (NCS)

A programme open to all 16 and 17 year olds in England. It helps you to build skills for work and life, while taking on new challenges and meeting new friends.

These programmes can normally be found during the summer and autumn period. Visit https://wearencs.com/

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When deciding what to study or even a career path after finishing your GCSEs, it remains important to understand how the qualifications you choose can affect what you want to do in the future. Below are example of how possible study routes can lead to different industries and jobs.

Key To Possible Study Routes		1 = Secondary School 2 = Sixth Form/College	3 = University/Higher Apprenticeships 4 = Postgraduate qualifications
Industries	Job title and starting salary	Possible study route	
Health and Social Care	Paramedic Average starting salary £24,907–£30,615	1 Five GCSEs, including English language, science, and maths at Grade 4 or above 2 Two or three A Levels, including a science subject 3 University paramedic science course at BSc Honours degree level or a degree apprenticeship – student paramedic apprenticeships are very competitive, and each NHS ambulance service trust may have its own individual entry requirements for posts.	
	Family support worker Average starting salary £18,000–£24,000	1 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent for a level 3 course 2 A minimum of a level 3 qualification in one of the following: Advice and Guidance, Childcare, Community Work, Counselling, Education, Health, Social Care, Youth work (check course providers entry requirements). Or a Level 3 apprenticeship in Early Intervention Practitioner or Children, Young People and Families Practitioner.	
Teacher Training and Education	Secondary school teacher Average starting salary £25,714–£36,961	1 A minimum of a GCSE grade 4 in 2 A Levels preferable in subject area 3 A degree or equivalent in a subject teaching 4 Completion of initial teacher training status (QTS). There are also available that include QTS (check providers because and providers because of the providers of the provider	as you would like to teach ct relevant to your chosen area of ng to achieve qualified teacher le undergraduate BA/BSc Hons pefore applying) Postgraduate Certificate in ed teacher training route.
	Teaching assistant Average starting salary £17,364–£20,000	<ol> <li>A minimum of a GCSE grade 4 of and experience of working with child</li> <li>It could be useful to gain the follow</li> <li>Level 1 Award in Preparing to W</li> <li>Level 2 Award in Support Work</li> <li>Level 3 Award in Supporting Tea</li> <li>An intermediate or advanced apport train to be a teaching assistant.</li> </ol>	dren wing qualifications: /ork in Schools in Schools aching and Learning in Schools

Job Profiles, Prospects / Explore Careers, National Career Service

Industries	Job title and starting salary	Possible study route
Creative and Digital	Web Content Editor Average Salary £22,000–£40,000	<ul> <li>1 A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent</li> <li>2 In college or sixth form it can be useful to look at courses like: <ul> <li>A level English</li> <li>Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Digital Media</li> <li>Level 3 Diploma in Digital Marketing</li> </ul> </li> <li>3 You can also have an advantage by completing a university degree in: Journalism, English, Digital media or Marketing.</li> </ul>
	Social Media Manager Average Salary £25,000-£60,000	<ul> <li>1 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, and A levels or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship and university degree</li> <li>2 You could do an apprenticeship and complete a Digital Marketer advanced or degree apprenticeship, or a Digital Community manager higher apprenticeship</li> <li>3 An employer may require you to have a university degree in a relevant subject: Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations, Digital and Social Media Marketing, Internet Design, Journalism.</li> </ul>
Green Skills	Environmental (Eco) Consultant Average salary Average Salary £23,000-£43,000	<ul> <li>1 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 and A levels or equivalent for a degree apprenticeship or university degree</li> <li>2 Preferable at least one A Level in a Science subject area</li> <li>3 You would likely require a university degree in environmental science, environmental studies or a related subject like;</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Geoscience</li> <li>Ecology</li> <li>Agricultural Science</li> <li>4 Employers may desire a postgraduate qualification and work experience in an environmental setting.</li> </ul>
	Recycling Engagement Officer Average Salary £22,000 – £35,000	<ol> <li>4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent for a level 3 course</li> <li>Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Sustainable Resource         Management</li> <li>Employers may desire a Higher National Diploma or degree that         is accredited by the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management         (CIWM). Subjects can include: Waste Management and Environmental         Sciences.</li> </ol>
Computing and Technology	Software Developer/ Programmer Average Salary £24,000–£70,000	<ol> <li>4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent, including English, maths</li> <li>A Level in Computing, T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development</li> <li>A degree or higher apprenticeship in Computer Science, Information Technology or Software Development.</li> </ol>
	IT Support Technician Average Salary £18,000–£35,000	1 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3, or equivalent, for a level 2 course. 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent, including maths and English, for a level 3 course  2 Level 2 Certificate in ICT Systems Support, Level 3 Diploma in ICT Professional Competence, T Level in Digital Support Services  3 Advance apprenticeships in IT solutions technician or IT communications technician.

To find out more around careers and other study routes, visit: https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers

# **Labour Market Information Explained**

The graph below reflects a snapshot of the Lambeth Labour Market in 2020 and 2021, showing demand increases and decreases in different industries.

#### What Is LMI?

LMI stands for Labour Market Information and can be any type of information that helps you in making informed decisions about the Labour Market.

#### LMI can include:

- Information around the industries and businesses that operate in specific locations
- The different kinds of jobs that exist and what they do
- How many of those jobs there are
- The skills that are currently or will be in high demand
- Salary details
- Career progression opportunities.

**Jobs by Industry in Lambeth** 

#### Why is LMI important?

Using LMI can help you understand the job market and give you a better oversight to what you want to do as a future career option. LMI is important as it removes the uncertainty around planning for your future career by providing you with key information that helps you be informed.

#### How can I use LMI?

By researching LMI, you can:

- Look at job opportunities where you live
- Find out the difference in pay for your future career and what you want to earn
- See how competitive different industries are and if this will

impact what your future career will be in

 Discover the best pathway that suits you, either going to college or university, an apprenticeship, or going straight into work.

#### Where to research LMI

Use the resources below to help you:

#### Start - London LMI:

https://london-lmi.startprofile.com/page/home-page

#### **The National Career Service:**

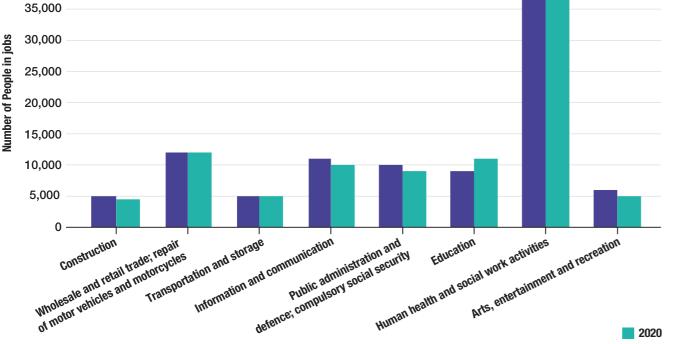
https://nationalcareers.service. gov.uk/explore-careers

#### Prospects:

Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Market Profile

https://www.prospects.ac.uk/





Industries

# **FAQs**

## What happens if I don't get the right GCSEs?

Many A Levels and other Level 3 courses in sixth forms and at college require you to have at least 5 GCSE's or more at grades 9–4.

If you have grades at 3–1, or less than 5 GCSE passes, there are still many options for you to choose from:

- Studying Level 2 courses at college for a year to gain the necessary equivalent qualifications to GCSEs to then allow you to progress to Level 3 courses
- Re-sit your GCSEs and begin a Level 3 course after gaining the necessary qualification
- Start an apprenticeship at Level 2

## Can I still go to university if I choose to do a T Level course?

Yes, universities welcome T Level qualifications, although it is likely that the degree course chosen will be directly linked to your T Level course subject, with the understanding that you must have achieved a Level 3 in your course.

# Do I have to stay with the sixth form that I went to school with?

No. It is good to think about what you would like to do next after taking your GCSEs. There are a range of options that you can choose from, and this includes looking at courses from different sixth forms and colleges.

### What does the Labour Market mean?

The Labour Market explains the availability of employment and labour, in relation to supply and demand.

#### What are UCAS points?

UCAS points convert your qualifications and grades into a numerical value. Many qualifications (but not all) have a UCAS value, which will vary dependent on the qualification size, and the grade you achieved. This numerical value is used by Higher Education course providers to assess whether you meet their entry requirements for a particular course.

## Where can I get advice about what to do after my GCSEs?

Your school should offer informed and impartial advice about your next steps after GSCEs. You can also visit our Lambeth Youth Hubs for information advice and guidance on next steps: https://lambethmade.org/lambeth-youth-hub/ or the National Career Service https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices

# Where can I find out about local apprenticeship opportunities?

You can visit our Opportunity
Lambeth page (https://
opportunity.lambeth.gov.uk/)
to discover more about
apprenticeships around Lambeth.
You can also make an appointment
at LDN Apprenticeships to find
out more around apprenticeship
progression. Email hello@
Idnapprenticeships.com or visit
www.ldnapprenticeships.com/
or call 020 3884 8816
Address: 278-280 South Lambeth
Road Stockwell, SW8 1UJ



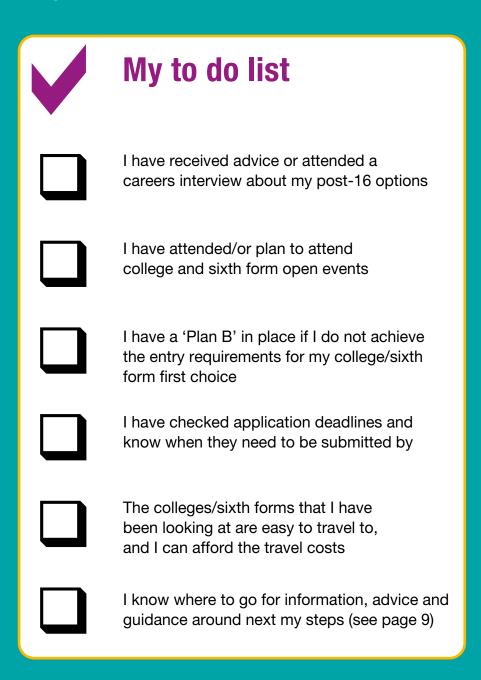
Greens Skills provide you with the knowledge, abilities, and attitude to live in an environmentally sustainable society. These types of skills can help and support the reduction of pollution and saving natural resources. Many UK corporations are adapting the way they do business to help lead a better green economy and we see this with the increase and improvement in jobs in the Green Skill Industry.

To find out more about Green Skills, visit Start Profile's Green Careers:

https://d2n2.startprofile.com/page/green-careers

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# Planning next steps after Year 11, have you completed the activities on the list below?





For more information about Lambeth next steps after Year 11 scan the QR code or visit: https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-education