



# After Year 11:

# A guide to planning your future 2025/26



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# Foreword



## **Your Future Starts Here.**

**In Lambeth, we've got big plans for 2030 – and you're a huge part of them. Our borough's future depends on the success of its young people. That's why we're working hard to make sure every one of you gets the best start in life, feels safe, supported, and has chance to thrive and achieve.**

Education and learning are a powerful and transformative part of this. We want you to have access to opportunities that build your confidence, develop new skills, and help you gain the qualifications you need to succeed – while also making a positive impact in your community.

This guide is here to help you figure out your next steps after Year 11 – whether that's staying on at school, starting college, beginning an apprenticeship, or exploring other training or job opportunities. Lambeth is full of schools and colleges ready to support you and your ambitions.

The world of work is changing fast, and we want you to be ready for what's ahead. That means gaining skills now for the jobs of the future – in areas like engineering, science, creative arts, and digital tech. From South Bank Colleges to local sixth forms, you'll find exciting pathways, including T Levels, apprenticeships, and more.

We're also committed to making sure young people with special educational needs and disabilities have equal access to opportunities, including supported internships that are tailored to your goals, with more and more providers offering these each year.

Lambeth has been the launchpad for many young people who've gone on to do amazing things – and you can too. We believe in your potential and we're here to help guide and support you every step of the way.

Here's to the next stage of your journey. We can't wait to see what you do next.

### **Sophie Garner**

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

# Your Year 11 Timeline 2025/26

This timeline is here to help you plan and prepare with making decisions about your future. With support from your school, parents/carers, and professionals this can support you in managing your time effectively and making sure you stay on track throughout the year.

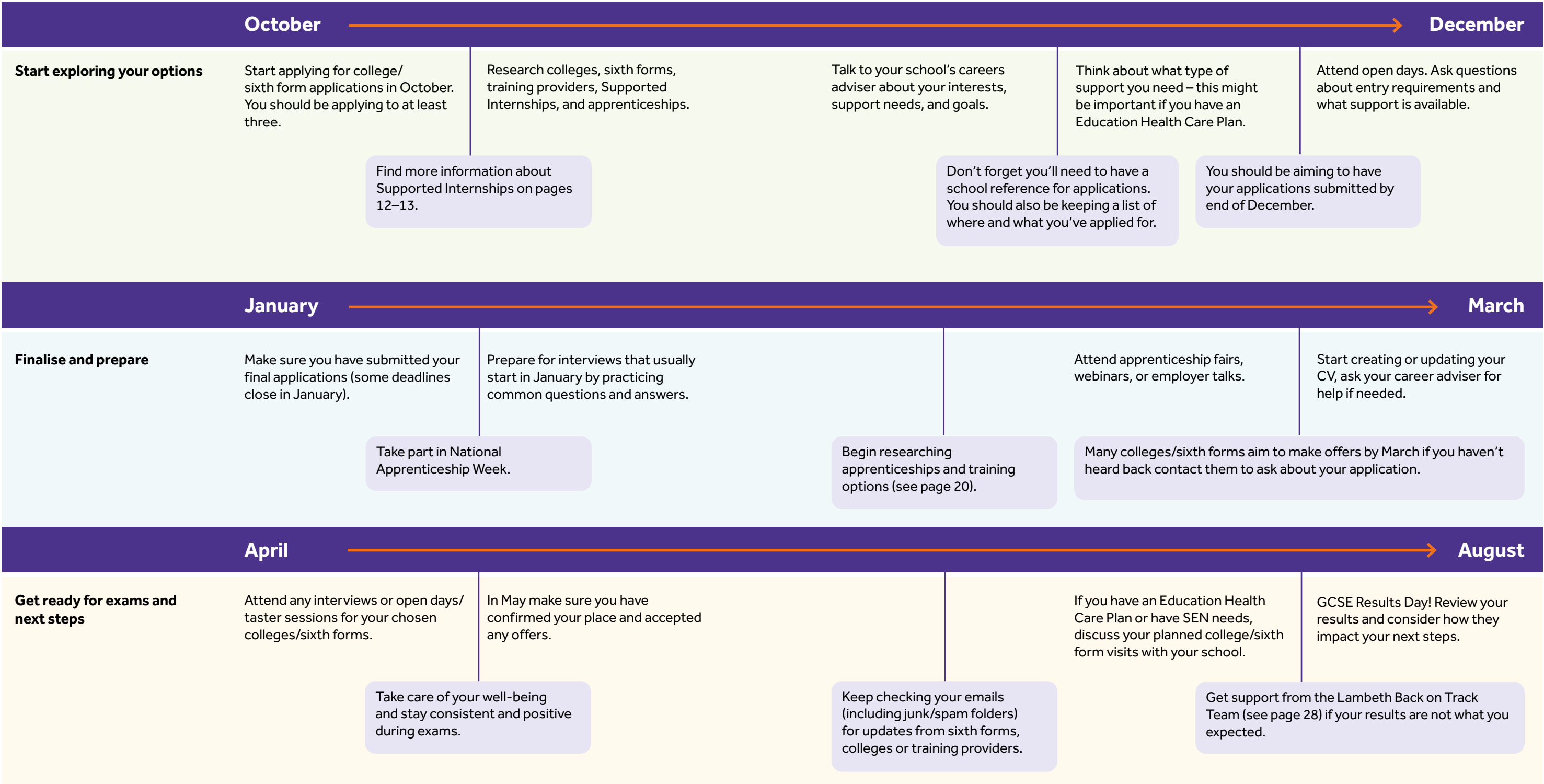
## Key Dates

**National Apprenticeship Week:**  
9–15 February 2026

**National Careers Week:**  
2–7 March 2026

**National Supported Internship Day:**  
March 2026

**A Levels and GCSE exams:**  
Start at beginning of May and end June 2026.





# Academic Qualifications: A Levels

A Levels are courses you can take at school or college when you are 16-18 years old. They usually take two years to complete. A Levels are important if you want to go to university or start a professional career.

## How A Levels are graded?

A Levels are graded from A\* (the highest grade) to E. Your grades are based on exams and sometimes coursework. Getting good grades in your A Levels can help you get into university and improve your career options.



## Subject choices

You can choose from a wide range of subjects based on your interests and career goals. It's common to take three to four A Levels. Here are some popular options and what they can lead to:

Subject	Careers opportunities
<b>Mathematics</b>	Great for careers in engineering, finance, and technology. Develops analytical and problem-solving skills.
<b>English Literature</b>	Ideal for careers in writing, journalism, media, or teaching. Improves critical thinking and communication skills.
<b>Biology</b>	Ideal if you're interested in medicine, environmental science, biotechnology, or research. It covers topics such as human biology, ecosystems, and genetics.
<b>Chemistry</b>	Essential for aspiring doctors, pharmacists, chemical engineers, and laboratory scientists. Involves studying chemicals, reactions, and the properties of substances.
<b>Psychology</b>	Useful for careers in mental health, counselling, social work, and human resources. Explores human behaviour, mental processes, and social interactions.
<b>Art and Design</b>	Perfect for creative careers in fashion, graphic design, fine arts, and architecture. Focuses on developing artistic skills and understanding visual communication.
<b>Economics</b>	Great for careers in business, finance, government, and international relations. Involves studying how economies operate, market behaviours, and economic policies.

## Choosing the right A Levels can shape your future. Here are some tips:

**Consider your strengths:** Pick subjects you enjoy and are good at. This makes studying more engaging and helps you achieve high grades.

**Career aspirations:** Research the subjects needed for your desired careers. Talk to career advisors and teachers to understand the impact of your choices.

**University requirements:** Check what A Levels are needed for the university courses you are

interested in. For example, you might need Biology to study Microbiology.

**Remember,** your A Level journey is not just about exams. It's about exploring your interests, developing new skills, and setting the foundation for your future.

# Vocational Qualifications

Vocational qualifications are designed to prepare you for a particular career or type of work. They are hands-on, practical, and often include work experience to help you gain skills that employers really value. If you enjoy learning by doing, want to develop skills for a specific job or industry, or are keen to get real-world experience while studying, then a vocational qualification could be the perfect route for you after GCSEs. See the different types of qualifications below:

## BTECs

**Levels:** Available at different levels (e.g., Level 2 or Level 3).

**Assessment:** Often assessment-based with practical assignments and some exams.

**Grading:** Graded using Pass (P), Merit (M), Distinction (D), and Distinction\* (D\*).

**Popular subjects:** Business, Health and Social Care, Engineering.

**Benefits:** Ideal for students who prefer practical learning and want to gain skills that are directly applicable to the workplace.

## NVQs

**Levels:** Flexible levels based on job requirements.

**Assessment:** Based on on-the-job assessment – showing you can do tasks to a required standard.

**Work-based:** Often taken while working or as part of an apprenticeship.

**Popular sectors:** Construction, Hospitality, Hairdressing, Childcare.

**Benefits:** Perfect for those who want to learn while working and gain qualifications that are highly valued by employers.

## T Levels

**Equivalent:** Equal to 3 A Levels.

**Age group:** For students aged 16–19.

**Industry collaboration:** Created with employers to meet modern industry needs.

**Assessment:** 80% classroom-based learning on your chosen subject. 20% industry placement (around 45 days) with an employer. Includes exams, coursework, and practical assessments.

**Benefits:** Direct route into skilled employment, higher apprenticeships, or university. Ideal for hands-on experience and real-world learning.

## Where can you take them in Lambeth?

### La Retraite 6

- Digital Software Development
- Health Midwifery or Nursing
- Legal Services
- Education and Childcare
- Construction Design Surveying and Planning with Civil Engineering
- Media Broadcast and Production.

### Lilian Baylis Technology School

- Education and Early Years
- Management and Administration
- Digital Support Services.

### South Bank University Sixth Form

- Engineering (Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing)
- Health
  - Finance
  - T Level Foundation Year.



# Understanding Your Qualifications

In Year 11, you'll need to make some important decisions about your future. Understanding the different routes can be challenging, but the table below will help you see where you are now, what qualifications are available, and what your next steps could be.

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 (e.g. functional skills) as a condition of enrolment onto an academic or vocational course.

Level	Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8
Where am I now?	Foundation learning	Completing GCSEs, School leaver	Completing GCSEs, School leaver	Sixth Form or College	First step into higher education	Undergraduate (non-degree) level	University / Graduate level	Postgraduate / Masters level	Doctoral / Research level
Qualifications I can consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry Level Certificates (Entry 1, 2, 3)</li> <li>Functional Skills (Entry)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCSEs (Grades 1–3)</li> <li>Level 1 NVQs</li> <li>Functional Skills (L1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCSEs (Grades 4–9)</li> <li>Level 2 BTECs</li> <li>Intermediate Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Levels</li> <li>T Levels</li> <li>Level 3 BTECs</li> <li>Advanced Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HNC (Higher National Certificate)</li> <li>Level 4 NVQs</li> <li>Foundation Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HND (Higher National Diploma)</li> <li>Foundation Degree</li> <li>Level 5 NVQs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's Degree (BA, BSc)</li> <li>Degree Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master's Degree (MA, MSc)</li> <li>Postgrad Diplomas -Level 7 NVQs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doctorate (PhD)</li> <li>Professional Doctorates</li> </ul>
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry Level Certificate in English</li> <li>Functional Skills in Maths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level 1 NVQ in Customer Service</li> <li>Functional Skills in ICT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCSEs in subjects like Maths, English, Science</li> <li>Level 2 BTEC in Business</li> <li>Intermediate Apprenticeship in Retail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Levels in subjects like Maths, Biology, History</li> <li>T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development</li> <li>Level 3 BTEC in Health and Social Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HNC in Business Management</li> <li>Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management</li> <li>Foundation Apprenticeship in IT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation Degree</li> <li>Level 5 NVQs - HND in Graphic Design</li> <li>Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BA in English Literature</li> <li>BSc in Computer Science</li> <li>Degree Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MA in Psychology</li> <li>MSc in Environmental Science</li> <li>Level 7 NVQ in Strategic Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD in Physics</li> <li>Professional Doctorate in Education</li> </ul>
Average salary range per year	£25,000 - £32,000	£25,000 - £32,000	£30,000 - £38,000	£35,000 - £42,000	£40,000 - £45,000	£45,000 - £50,000	£50,000 to £60,000	£60,000 to £70,000	£70,000 +

“According to the Office for National Statistics, the median full-time annual salary in London was £47,455 in 2024.”

(ONS, 2024),

“Those who perform just one GCSE grade better than their counterparts across nine subjects have been shown to earn on average over £200,000 more throughout their lives”

Department for Education

# Lambeth's SEND Local Offer

**Your future matters – aim high and feel confident. If you have special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND), there's extra support in Lambeth to help you succeed. Whether you're thinking about college, training or work, the Local Offer can help you reach your goals.**

## What is the Local Offer?

It's a website with lots of useful information you might need. It's about school, college, work, health, travel and more. Visit [lambeth.gov.uk/SEND](https://lambeth.gov.uk/SEND) to find out more.

## Who is it for?

The Local Offer is for children and young people with SEND (aged 0–25) in Lambeth, their parents and carers, and the professionals who support them.

## How can it help you?

- Find local support
- Know your rights
- Choose the services that are right for you
- Have your say and help make things better.

Subject	What can you find on the Local Offer?
Education	School and college options
Training and work	Supported internships, volunteering, apprenticeships
Health	Mental health support and local NHS services
Getting around	Travel training, transport help
Things to do	Youth clubs, sports, fun activities
Advice and help	Benefits, finding a job, life skills

## Need help or have questions?

Explore Lambeth's SEND Local Offer at [lambeth.gov.uk/SEND](https://lambeth.gov.uk/SEND) or email [localoffer@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@lambeth.gov.uk)

If you want to speak to someone from the Lambeth SEND team, you can call **020 7926 9460** or email [sendsupport@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:sendsupport@lambeth.gov.uk)

For free, confidential advice about SEND and education, contact

Lambeth Information, Advice and Support Service (LIASS) at [lambethiass.org.uk](https://lambethiass.org.uk), email [lambethiass@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lambethiass@lambeth.gov.uk) or call **020 7926 1831**.



## Did you know

If you have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, you might be able to get help travelling to school or college. This could include:

- learning to travel on your own
- free travel passes or help with travel costs
- a school minibus or taxi.

Contact [transport@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:transport@lambeth.gov.uk) to find out more.





# Vocational Profiling

**Vocational profiling helps you learn what you're good at, what you enjoy, and what kind of work or study might suit you. It matches your skills and interests with different career and education options.**

## How can it help you?

Vocational profiling is a self-assessment and planning tool that helps you figure out:

- Your skills and strengths
- Your interests and values
- Careers that suit you
- Goals to set and track
- Next steps like qualifications, training, or experiences.

## Why is it important?

- Recognise your strengths and goals
- Match your skills and personality with job areas
- Make smart choices about courses, training, or careers
- Get extra help if you have special educational needs or challenges
- Boost your confidence by showing your progress.



## Profile: know yourself

Take a few minutes to fill in this quick self-assessment:

### My strengths (tick your top 3)

- ☐ Working with others
- ☐ Solving problems
- ☐ Being creative
- ☐ Staying organised
- ☐ Helping people
- ☐ Using technology
- ☐ Working with my hands
- ☐ Staying calm under pressure

### I learn best by:

- ☐ Doing things hands-on
- ☐ Watching and copying
- ☐ Reading and writing
- ☐ Talking it through with others

### I'm most interested in:

- ☐ Health and care
- ☐ Engineering or construction
- ☐ Business or law
- ☐ Arts or design
- ☐ Technology or gaming
- ☐ Nature or the environment
- ☐ Education or working with children

## My Goals Are: (e.g. go to college, get an apprenticeship, start a job, build confidence)

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## Next steps

Now that you've started to explore your profile, you can:

- Talk it through with a teacher or careers adviser
- Use it to explore careers on National Careers Service
- Match your strengths to options like college courses, apprenticeships or supported internships

# Supported Internships

If you're aged 16–24 and have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, a Supported Internship could be a great next step. These one-year programmes are designed for young people with a learning disability and/or autism who want to gain real work experience and move towards paid employment.

You'll be supported throughout by a College Tutor and a Job Coach. They'll help you:

- Settle into the role during your work placements (called rotations)
- Build confidence and skills in the workplace
- Prepare for future paid employment

It's a great way to get hands-on experience, grow your independence, and take steps toward a job you enjoy.

## What a day looks like

- 9am – 10am: Classroom time with Tutor
- 10am – 3pm: Time spent on Rotation, including lunch break
- 3pm – 4pm: End of the day reflection with Tutor and Job Coach

## What the year looks like

The programme runs during term-time, Monday-Friday.

- **Induction** – September (3 weeks)
- **First Rotation** – October to December (10 weeks)
- **Second Rotation** – January to March (10 weeks)
- **Third Rotation** – April to June (10 weeks)
- **Graduation** – July

Each rotation gives you the chance to try something new, build skills, and get ready for paid work.



## Where can I do a Supported Internship?

You can take part in a Supported Internship at:

- King's College Hospital
- Lambeth Council

These internships follow the DFN Project SEARCH model—a national programme that helps young people with a learning disability or autism get real work experience and move into paid employment.

Find out more:



[dfnprojectsearch.org](https://dfnprojectsearch.org)

### How to Apply:

You can apply at any time for the programme starting in September. If your application is successful, you'll be invited to an Assessment Day usually between March and May to make sure it's the right fit for you.

Want to know more?

Email: [InclusiveEmployment@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:InclusiveEmployment@lambeth.gov.uk)



### King's College Hospital

The Supported Internship programme King's College Hospital started in 2021.

Rotations available include:

- Children's Outpatients
- Chest Unit and Lung Function
- Day Surgery
- Therapies
- Security
- Post Room
- Pharmacy
- Staff Restaurant
- Housekeeping
- Warehouse and Delivery

The King's College Hospital programme is delivered in partnership with Unity Works and Lambeth College (South Bank Colleges).

### Lambeth Council

The Lambeth Council Supported Internship programme started in 2024. Lambeth work with local employers to secure a range of rotations for our interns.

Rotations in the first year of the programme has included:

- Hospitality at Travelodge
- Customer Service at our leisure centres Active Lambeth
- Childcare at LEYF Nurseries

Interns have also had rotations within different departments at the council, such as Adult Social Care and Neighbourhood Regeneration.

The Lambeth Council programme is delivered in partnership with Unity Works and Orchard Hill College.

## Next steps

Check out the BeLambeth website for everything you need to get started, including:

**Easy-Read Guide** – What is a Supported Internship?

**Application Form** – Apply for a place on the DFN Project SEARCH programme

**Event Updates** – Info sessions, Assessment Days, and more

BeLambeth is a platform from Lambeth Council that helps local residents find jobs, support, and advice.

[Be.Lambeth.gov.uk](https://Be.Lambeth.gov.uk)

**“The programme helps people with disabilities get a paid job and if you do Project SEARCH you will learn a lot of new skills.**

Sam, a former intern who then secured a full-time role in the cardiac department at King's College Hospital.”

# Sixth Forms and Colleges in Lambeth

## Sixth forms

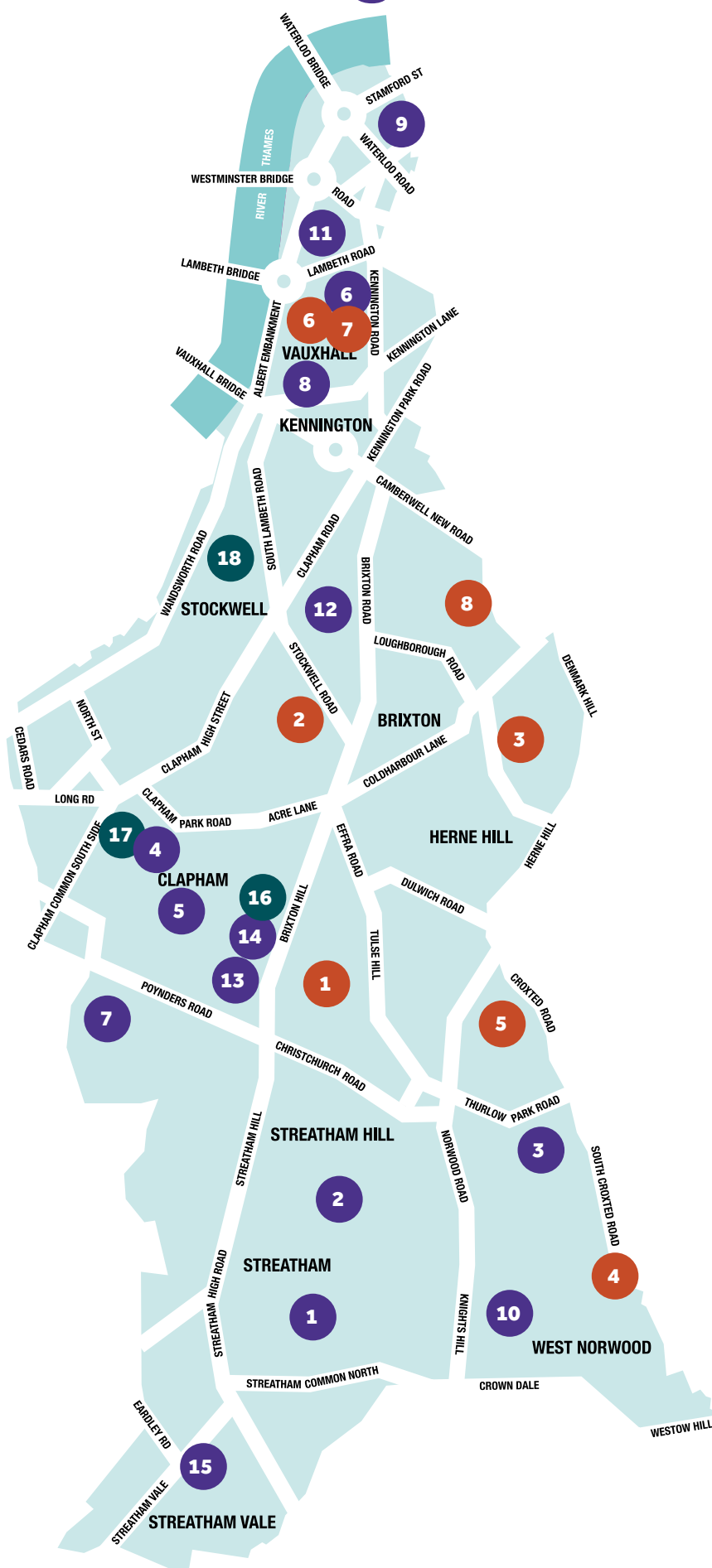
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- 2 Dunraven School
- 3 The Elmgreen School
- 4 The Elms Academy
- 5 Harris Clapham Sixth Form
- 6 King's Math School
- 7 La Retraite 6
- 8 Lilian Baylis Technology School
- 9 London Nautical, City of London Academy
- 10 The Norwood School
- 11 Oasis Academy
- 12 Platanos College
- 13 South Bank University Sixth Form
- 14 Trinity Academy
- 15 Woodmansterne School and Sixth Form

## 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
- 7 Roots and Shoots
- 8 Orchard Hill College





# Where You Can Attend Sixth Form



## **Bishop Thomas Grant School**

Belltrees Grove, SW16 2HY

020 8769 3294

[btg.ac](http://btg.ac)

X: @BTGSixthForm



## **King's Math School**

80 Kennington Rd, SE11 6NJ

020 7848 7346

[kingsmathsschool.com](http://kingsmathsschool.com)

X: @kingsmathschool



## **The Norwood School**

Crown Dale, SE19 3NY

020 8670 9382

[thenorwoodschool.org](http://thenorwoodschool.org)

X: @NorwoodLambeth



## **Dunraven School**

94/98 Leigham Court Rd, SW16 5SR

020 8696 5600

[dunraven.org.uk](http://dunraven.org.uk)

X: @Dunraven\_School



## **La Retraite 6 (Mixed Sixth Form)**

Atkins Road, SW12 0AB

020 8673 5644

[sixthform.laretraite.co.uk/](http://sixthform.laretraite.co.uk/)

X: @LaRetraite6



## **Oasis Academy**

75 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7HS

020 7921 4200

[oasisacademysouthbank.org/](http://oasisacademysouthbank.org/)

X: @OasisSouthBank



## **The Elmgreen School**

Elmcourt Road, SE27 9BZ

020 8766 5020

[the-elmgreen-school.org.uk/](http://the-elmgreen-school.org.uk/)

X: @elmgreenschool



## **Lilian Bayliss Technology School**

323 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY

020 7091 9500

[lilianbaylis.com](http://lilianbaylis.com)

X: @LBTS\_SCHOOL



## **Platanos College**

Clapham Road, SW9 0AL

0207 733 6156

[platanoscollege.com/](http://platanoscollege.com/)

X: @platanoscollege



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The best in everyone™  
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## **The Elms Academy**

Elms Road, SW4 9ET

020 7819 4700

[theelmsacademy.org.uk](http://theelmsacademy.org.uk)

X: @TheElmsAcademy



## **Trinity Academy**

57 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS

020 3126 4993

[trinity.futureacademies.org](http://trinity.futureacademies.org)

X: @TrinityAcad



## **South Bank University Sixth Form**

**56 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS**

020 7738 6115

[sbusixth.ac.uk](http://sbusixth.ac.uk)

X: @SBUSixth



**HARRIS CLAPHAM**  
SIXTH FORM

## **Harris Clapham Sixth Form**

73 Kings Avenue, SW4 8DX

0204 542 4900

[harrisclapham.org.uk/](http://harrisclapham.org.uk/)

X: @HAClaphamSixth



## **London Nautical, City of London Academy**

61 Stamford Street, SE1 9NA

020 7928 6801

[lins.org.uk](http://lins.org.uk)

X: @londonnautical



## **Woodmansterne School and Sixth Form**

Woodmansterne Road, SW16 5UQ

020 87641825

[woodmansterne.london](http://woodmansterne.london)

X: @WoodySchool

# Special Schools

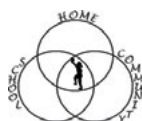


## Elm Court School

Sixth Form students follow a personalised programme to achieve accredited awards in a range of academic, vocational and practical subjects, for some this includes GCSE qualifications.

Our curriculum is creative, practical, and provides many opportunities for personal development. Our students gain the Duke of Edinburgh's Award which supports their growing independence through an array of opportunities beyond the classroom. One day a week is dedicated to developing employability skills, including a broad range of employer engagement opportunities and life enhancing educational visits.

Elm Park, SW2 2EF  
020 8674 3412  
[elmcourt.lambeth.sch.uk](http://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  
[lansdowneschool.co.uk](http://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](http://Heron.LSEAT.org.uk)



## Roots And Shoots

Offers practical and flexible vocational courses for young people aged 16-24 with an EHCP. Tailored to the needs and aspirations of each individual student, the Study Programme (1-3 years for 16-24 year olds) is a supportive course which includes a bespoke mix of accreditation in a chosen Vocational Subject (Horticulture, Customer Service, Hospitality and Floristry), English, Maths, Employability and work placements, as well as life and independence skills, enrichment and holistic support.

The Pre-Supported Internship (1 year for 18-24 year olds) is a practical path-to-work course focusing on job coaching and local work placement opportunities in a range of vocational areas.

Roots and Shoots also offers an alternative provision School Links Programme aimed at in-school pupils (14-18), with an emphasis on community, teamwork and environmental education.

Roots and Shoots, Walnut Tree Walk, Kennington, SE11 6DN  
020 7587 1131  
[office@rootsandshoots.org.uk](mailto:office@rootsandshoots.org.uk)  
[rootsandshoots.org.uk](http://rootsandshoots.org.uk)



## 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  
[lambethcollege.ac.uk](http://lambethcollege.ac.uk)





### Orchard Hill College

Offers life-changing learning opportunities to students across four regions in London and Surrey. We provide Functional Skills in English and Maths up to Level 2, and offers accredited Skills for Employment through the Ascentis Award ranging from Entry 2 to Level 2. Additionally, the college works on strategies to support emotional and mental health, ensuring overall well-being for its students.

292 and 294 Camberwell Road,  
London, SE5 0DL  
0345 402 0453  
Email: [enquiries@orchardhill.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@orchardhill.ac.uk)  
[orchardhill.ac.uk/](http://orchardhill.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  
[turneyschool.co.uk](http://turneyschool.co.uk)



### Vanguard School

A specialist institution for autistic pupils aged 11 to 19. Our curriculum supports students in achieving qualifications from Entry level to A-levels and prepares them for successful transitions into adulthood, including independent living and employment.

We are dedicated to providing a learning experience that enables our students to achieve the best outcomes. Our specialist staff team, including Key Workers, Teachers, Learning Mentors, Therapists, and Leaders, create a safe, friendly, and supportive environment for young people to thrive.

Lollard Street, Kennington  
SE11 6QH  
0208 0596 310  
[vanguardschool.org.uk](http://vanguardschool.org.uk)



### Nido Volans Lambeth Lambeth Campus

We provide at Lambeth include an accessible independent living kitchen, a manufacturing workshop, an art and enterprise studio, a bespoke classroom for our learners with complex needs, and general ICT rooms. At Lambeth, learners develop both employability and independent living skills. Students on the Personal Progression Pathways course benefit from a personalised curriculum. All learners actively use the local community to increase confidence and independence. The facilities are fully accessible and offer dedicated spaces for SaLT, physio and occupational therapy.

55 Gipsy Road, West Norwood,  
SE27 9NP  
0203 954 4450  
[lsec.ac.uk/your-college/our-campuses/lambeth](http://lsec.ac.uk/your-college/our-campuses/lambeth)

## 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.

**London Nautical, City of London Academy** has additional provision for students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as the primary need.

**Lambeth South Bank Technical College** provides Additional Learning Support for students who want to go on to a mainstream course at the college.

For a full list of institutions approved to offer SEND provision in and out of the borough go to [lambeth.gov.uk/post-16](http://lambeth.gov.uk/post-16)



# Study Routes

**Thinking about what to do next? What you pick now can shape your future options. Take some time to explore what fits your interests and strengths so you can make choices that work for you.**

## What are growth sectors?

A growth sector is an area of work that's growing faster than others – like Creative and Cultural Industries, Health and Life Sciences, and Green Skills or Net Zero jobs.

### Creative and Cultural Industries

is an umbrella term that covers a range of disciplines with creativity as the focus. For example, Gaming, Music, Photography and videography, Craft, VFX and Animation, Publishing, Advertising, Marketing and PR.

### Health and Life Sciences

is a broad sector which includes research and innovation in medical science, including the development of medical technology.

### Green Skills/Net Zero

These are jobs that help protect the environment, like reducing pollution, using clean energy, or helping people and places adapt to climate change.

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

## Key to possible study routes

- 1 = Secondary School
- 2 = Sixth Form/College
- 3 = University/Higher Apprenticeships
- 4 = Postgraduate qualifications

Industries	Job title and average salary	Possible study route
Creative and Cultural Industries	Web Designer £18,000- £40,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent</li> <li>1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma. 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree In college or sixth form it can be useful to look at courses like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level 3 Certificate in Web Design and Development</li> <li>T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development</li> <li>Level 4 Diploma in IT Web Design</li> </ul> </li> <li>You can complete a Higher National Diploma or Degree in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Web Design and Development</li> <li>Multimedia Design</li> <li>Digital Media Development.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	TV/Film Sound Technician £24,000 - £45,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent</li> <li>1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma. 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree In college or sixth form it can be useful to look at courses like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level 3 Extended Certificate in Sound Engineering</li> <li>Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production</li> <li>T Level in Media, Broadcast and Production</li> </ul> </li> <li>You could do a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sound Engineering</li> </ul> </li> </ol>



Industries	Job title and average salary	Possible study route
Life Sciences	Microbiologist £23,000 – £45,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 including English, maths and science</li> <li>2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology for a degree.</li> <li>To become a microbiologist, you could do a degree in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Microbiology</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>Life Sciences</li> </ul> Some degree courses include an integrated master's qualification like MBiol or MSci. Or you can complete a Scientist Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship. </li> <li>If you want to work in the NHS as a microbiologist, you could apply to the Scientist Training Programme (STP) after your degree. You'll train on the job, get paid a salary and receive a master's degree at the end.</li> </ol>
	Dental Technician £22,000 – £35,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent, including English, maths and science</li> <li>Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Technology approved by the General Dental Council. Alternatively, 1 A level, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree</li> <li>Dental Technician Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship or Clinical Dental Technician Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship. Also, you could do a foundation degree or degree in dental technology approved by the General Dental Council.</li> </ol>
Green Skills/Net Zero	Recycling Engagement Officer £22,000 – £35,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
	Environmental (Eco) Consultant £23,000 – £43,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, and A levels or equivalent, for a degree apprenticeship or university degree</li> <li>Preferable at least one A Level in a Science subject area</li> <li>You would likely require a university degree in environmental science, environmental studies or a related subjects like: Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience, Ecology, Agricultural Science</li> <li>Employers may desire a postgraduate qualification and work experience in an environmental setting.</li> </ol>

Source: Explore Career/National Careers Service



# Apprenticeships

If you want to earn while you learn, get real-world experience, and start your career straight after school, an apprenticeship could be the perfect path for you. An apprenticeship is a paid job with training. You'll spend most of your time working alongside experienced professionals and some time each week studying (usually at a college or with a training provider). At the end, you'll gain a recognised qualification and valuable work experience.

## What is an apprenticeship?

- A real job in a company with a contract, salary, and holiday pay
- You'll work at least 30 hours a week (including any training time)
- You'll receive on-the-job training plus off-the-job learning (at least 20% of your time)
- You'll gain a nationally recognised qualification
- Apprenticeships last from 8 months to 5 years, depending on the level and subject
- You'll need to have at least a GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths to apply.

## Apprenticeship levels

Here's a breakdown of the different levels of apprenticeships and what they're equivalent to:

Level	Equivalent to	Who it's for
Level 2	GCSEs (5 passes at grades 4–9)	A great starting point if you're leaving school and want to build basic skills.
Level 3	A Levels	Ideal if you've completed GCSEs and want a more advanced, career-focused route.
Level 4 and 5	Higher National Certificate/ Diploma (HNC/D), Foundation Degree	Suitable for post-18 or experienced apprentices looking for specialist skills.
Level 6 and 7	Bachelor's or Master's Degree	Degree apprenticeships – work and study at university level.

## Types of apprenticeships available

There are apprenticeships in hundreds of industries, including:

- Business and Administration
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Digital and IT
- Construction
- Health and Social Care
- Hair and Beauty
- Creative and Media
- Hospitality and Catering

## Next steps

- 1 Think about your interests and strengths – What jobs or industries excite you?
- 2 Search for local training providers and colleges – Many offer help finding placements.
- 3 Use the **GOV.UK** apprenticeship search to look at current openings.
- 4 Speak to a careers adviser at school or college for guidance.
- 5 Create a strong CV and be ready to apply – you may need to attend an interview.

### Helpful Links:

Find an apprenticeship: [gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

UCAS Apprenticeships: [ucas.com/apprenticeships](https://ucas.com/apprenticeships)

National Careers Service: [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/)

# Developing Soft Skills for Your Future

## What are soft skills?

Soft skills are the personal attributes and qualities that help you work well with others, manage your time, communicate effectively, and adapt to new situations. Unlike academic or technical skills, soft skills aren't tied to specific subjects – but they're just as important, especially as you prepare for life after Year 11.

Whether you continue in education, start an apprenticeship, or move

into the world of work, soft skills are what help you succeed in different environments. Employers and colleges often look for them just as much as qualifications because they show how well you can work in a team, solve problems, or lead others.

## Why are soft skills important?

**Employability:** Employers value people who are reliable, adaptable, and communicate well.

### Support career progression:

Leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving can help you stand out and grow in a role.

**Learning:** Skills like time management, organisation, and resilience help you succeed in school, college, or training.

**Build confidence:** Developing soft skills helps you feel more prepared and capable in new situations.

Skill	Why it matters	How you can use and develop
Communication	Helps you express ideas clearly and work well with others.	Practice active listening, join debates or presentations.
Teamwork	Essential for group projects, sports, and the workplace.	Join a club or team, volunteer, or take part in group tasks.
Problem Solving	Shows you can think critically and find solutions.	Try puzzles, strategy games, or help solve real-life issues.
Time Management	Keeps you organised and on top of tasks.	Use planners, set goals, and stick to deadlines.
Adaptability	Important for handling change or unexpected challenges.	Try new things, take on new roles, and reflect on feedback.
Resilience	Helps you cope with setbacks and keep going	Set challenges, learn from mistakes, and ask for support.
Leadership	Shows initiative and the ability to guide others.	Lead a group project, mentor a peer, or help organise events.

## Pick one soft skill you'd like to improve

Set a small goal – for example, “I will contribute at least once in every group discussion” to build communication skills. At the end of the week, reflect: What went well? What could you try differently?

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# 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: [gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](https://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: [gov.uk/care-to-learn](https://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: [gov.uk/residential-support-scheme/residential-bursary-fund](https://gov.uk/residential-support-scheme/residential-bursary-fund)

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

[lambeth.gov.uk/Education-awards-benefits](https://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: [gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-education-financial-support-for-students](https://gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-education-financial-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. [lambeth.gov.uk/ehcp](https://lambeth.gov.uk/ehcp)

## Volunteering and Work Experience

Volunteering is a great way to build skills, gain experience, and support your community. It's unpaid, but the benefits are huge – from boosting your CV and personal statement to helping you explore career options. You can volunteer at any age, and it's especially useful if you're planning your next steps after school or college.

### Where can you find opportunities

#### Team Lambeth

There are several organisations and community networks that are active throughout the borough. [lambeth.gov.uk/your-community/get-involved/volunteering](https://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. [england.nhs.uk/get-involved/get-involved/volunteering/](https://england.nhs.uk/get-involved/get-involved/volunteering/)

#### Youth Employment UK

A national organisation supporting young people aged 14–24 with volunteering, skills development, and career advice. Become a Youth Ambassador, access free resources, and build your confidence and CV through flexible, youth-led opportunities. [youthemployment.org.uk](https://youthemployment.org.uk) [volunteermatters.org.uk/](https://volunteermatters.org.uk/)



# Thinking About Starting Your Own Business?

Running your own business can be exciting, creative, and rewarding. It's a chance to turn your ideas into something real. You don't need to have it all figured out – just the motivation to start, try things out, and keep learning along the way.

## Getting started

### Learn the basics of business:

Even if you're not ready to launch yet, learning about how businesses work gives you a strong foundation.

- Take a course in business or enterprise at school or college.
- Look into online courses or workshops (free and paid).

### Start small

You don't need to invest loads of money or have a huge plan from day one. Start with a small version of your idea – sell to friends, online, or at local events (and learn as you go!)

### Gain real-life experience

- Volunteer or do work experience with a small business.
- Get a part-time job to learn customer service or money management.
- Join a local enterprise club or young entrepreneur group.

### Build key skills

Running a business takes more than just a great idea – it also means building key soft skills like:

- Communication
- Problem solving
- Financial awareness
- Organisation
- Self-motivation

### Know your support options

There's a lot of help available to young people who want to become entrepreneurs. From free advice to funding and mentoring, don't be afraid to reach out and ask questions.

## Useful links

### The King's Trust Enterprise Programme

Free support, mentoring, and funding for 18–30-year-olds looking to start a business. (If you're under 18, you can still explore and prepare.)

[kingstrust.org.uk/](https://kingstrust.org.uk/)

### Young Enterprise UK

Offers enterprise education, company programmes, and opportunities to build your business skills while still in education.

[young-enterprise.org.uk/](https://young-enterprise.org.uk/)

### GOV.UK: Set up a business

Official government step-by-step guide to starting a business in the UK.

### National Careers Service

Becoming Self-Employed Advice on the skills and steps needed to become self-employed.

[nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/)

## Next steps

- Talk to a teacher, career adviser, or local business mentor about your ideas.
- Start researching successful businesses or entrepreneurs in areas you're interested in.
- Try out a business-related project or start a simple venture to build confidence.
- Explore study options like college courses in enterprise, business, or marketing.



# Further Education College Options

**Starting college opens up a world of opportunities. It's more than just lessons and textbooks – it's a chance to grow, discover your interests, and prepare for your future. Whether you're aiming for a career or further study, college gives you the skills, confidence, and experience to take your next step.**

## South Bank Colleges

South Bank Colleges – including Lambeth College and London South Bank Technical College – deliver high-quality technical and professional courses that prepare you for real careers.

With strong links to industry and hands-on learning, students leave ready to succeed in a fast-changing world. Whether you're aiming for a job, apprenticeship, or further study, you'll gain the practical skills, confidence, and experience to stand out.

Visit [southbankcolleges.ac.uk](https://southbankcolleges.ac.uk) or call 020 7501 5010.

## Lambeth College



Choose from a broad selection of career-focused courses, including Art, Business and Accounting, Beauty Therapy, Early Years, Sport, and more. These are real pathways to real professions with hands-on, practical learning that equips you with a well-rounded skill set for the workplace. Experienced teachers will support you, helping you grow in confidence and aim high.

If you didn't achieve a grade 4 in English or maths, you'll also have the opportunity to re-sit your GCSEs as part of your study programme.

### Clapham Centre

45 Clapham Common South Side  
SW4 9BL

## London South Bank Technical College



A cutting-edge, future-facing college that's redefining technical education and career preparation. With industry-standard facilities and expert teaching, to develop tomorrow's professionals. Courses include innovative and in-demand options like E-sports, Game Design, Health and Social Care, Film and TV Production, Robotics, Engineering, Forensic Science, and Software Development. You can also explore the new T Levels in Construction, Digital Production, Health, and Science – designed in collaboration with employers to prepare you for the world of work.

### London South Bank Technical College

Belmore Street  
Wandsworth Road, SW8 2JY



# Going To University

If you're entering further education and already thinking about your next steps, university could be an exciting path. Whether you're passionate about a subject, aiming for a specific career, or simply want to keep learning at a higher level, university offers a wide range of opportunities.

## Why consider university?

- Gain a degree qualification that can improve your career prospects
- Study a subject you're passionate about in-depth
- Access a wide range of careers (some professions require a degree)
- Build independence, confidence, and transferable life skills
- Meet new people and have new experiences.

## Attend 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.

You should start planning:

- Visit campuses, speak to tutors and students, and explore accommodation
- Check university websites for open day dates or explore virtual open days
- Start attending in Year 12 so you have time to make informed decisions.

## Student finance

University can be expensive, but financial support is available.

Apply through Student Finance England for:

- Tuition Fee Loan: covers the cost of your course
- Maintenance Loan: helps with living costs (amount depends on your household income and location)
- **You don't repay anything until you earn over a certain income.**

**Also check for:**

- Scholarships or bursaries offered by individual universities
- Support for care leavers, estranged students, or students with disabilities.

## The UCAS Application Process

All university applications in the UK are made through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Here's how it works:

### 1. Research courses and universities

Start early – explore courses using the UCAS Course Finder or university websites. Think about:

- Subjects that interest you
- Entry requirements (usually A Levels, T Levels, BTECs, etc.)
- Location (city or campus, close to home or far)
- Career pathways linked to the course.

### 2. Register and apply on UCAS

- You apply through [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- Choose up to five courses (you don't have to rank them)
- You'll write a personal statement explaining why you want to study the subject.

### 3. Get a reference and predicted grades. Your school or college will support your application and include:

- A reference from a teacher
- Your predicted grades (used by universities to assess your application).

### 4. Track and respond to offers

- Universities may offer places based on your predicted grades (conditional offers) or without conditions
- You'll choose one firm and one insurance choice.



# London South Bank University

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

- Business
- Law
- Education
- Arts and Social Sciences
- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Construction, Property and Surveying
- Architecture
- Applied and Health Sciences
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Allied and Community Health.

Explore LSBU courses:  
[lsbu.ac.uk/study/study-at-lsbu/subjects](https://lsbu.ac.uk/study/study-at-lsbu/subjects)

## Apprenticeships at LSBU Group

Earn a salary, Learn on the job, Graduate with zero tuition fees. Why choose an LSBU Apprenticeship?

**Earn while you learn** – Get paid from day one.

**No tuition fees** – Your employer covers the cost.

**Professional qualifications** – Many programmes include industry-recognised accreditations.

**Career-ready skills** – Gain real experience alongside academic study.

### Sectors we offer (Levels 2–7):

- Early Years
- Applied Sciences
- Arts and Creative Industries
- Built Environment and Architecture
- Law and Social Sciences
- Engineering
- Business
- Health and Social Care.

### How it works

**Apply** – Find vacancies at [gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

**Interview** – Show your potential

**Study** – Learn with LSBU or at our Technical College

**Qualify** – Complete your programme (1–5 years)

Ready to launch your career?

Contact our Apprenticeships Team  
[apprenticeships@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@lsbu.ac.uk)  
or visit [lsbu.ac.uk/apprenticeships](https://lsbu.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

## 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](mailto:course.enquiry@lsbu.ac.uk)

or call 0800 923 8888 Admissions:

[admissions@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@lsbu.ac.uk)

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For more information visit:

[lsbu.ac.uk](https://lsbu.ac.uk)

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LEO, 2024.





# Understanding Labour Market Information

Starting your journey after Year 11 can feel like a big step, so it helps to have the right tools to guide you. One of the best resources to help you make smart choices about your future is Labour Market Information.

## What is Labour Market Information (LMI)?

It refers to data about jobs, industries, and skills that employers are looking for, now or in the future. It helps you understand:

- What jobs are growing or declining
- Which industries are in demand
- What skills and qualifications employers need
- How much different roles typically pay
- Where jobs are located (locally, regionally, nationally)

### Why is it important for you?

Understanding LMI can help you:

- Choose the right course or qualification linked to job demand.
- Explore career paths that match your interests and strengths.
- Plan ahead for further education, training, or apprenticeships.
- Make informed choices about where to study or work.
- Identify skills that are valuable across different careers (e.g., digital, communication, problem-solving).



### How to use LMI

When deciding what to do after your GCSEs, ask:

- What types of jobs are available in my area?
- Are these jobs part of a growing industry?
- What qualifications do I need to get into these roles?
- What are the average salaries?

Using this information alongside your interests, strengths, and goals can help you choose between:

- A Levels
- Vocational qualifications (like BTECs or T Levels)
- Apprenticeships
- Starting your own business.

### Where to Find LMI and Career Insights

Here are some resources below to help you:

**Start – London LMI:**  
[london-lmi.startprofile.com/page/home-page](https://london-lmi.startprofile.com/page/home-page)

**The National Career Service:**  
[nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers)

**Prospects:**  
[prospects.ac.uk/](https://prospects.ac.uk/)

## Next steps

- Match your skills plus interests with industry demand
- Don't just follow trends – look for opportunities that interest you
- Revisit LMI regularly – job markets change over time
- Talk to teachers, careers advisers, or use school platforms like Unifrog and Start.

# Employment, Education and Training Support



Lambeth Back on Track offers support for young people after Year 11. If you are not sure what to do after school, Back on Track is here to help. We support 16–18-year-olds in Lambeth who aren't in education, employment or training. If you've left school and feel stuck or unsure, we'll help you explore your options and take your next steps.

## What we offer

- Friendly, one-to-one information, advice and guidance to help you plan your future
- Links to training, support services or job opportunities

## Why it matters

You must stay in education or training until you're 18. Lambeth Council helps make sure all young people are supported and on the right path.

## Who we work with

We work with schools, colleges and other councils to keep in touch and offer help when needed. If you live in Lambeth but study elsewhere, we'll still make sure you're supported.

## Still in Year 11?

Talk to your Careers Adviser, Head of Year or tutor. Not in school or already left? Contact us directly: **020 7926 1402** or **BackOnTrack@lambeth.gov.uk**

## Staying in Touch

To make sure you're getting the support you need, we might get in touch with you or your parent/carer after Year 11. Councils do this to help every young person stay in education, training or work.

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**BeLambeth** is all about opportunities, skills, and connections. If you are a young person who is looking for information about what to do next, we can connect you with opportunities and provide advice and support to help you make your next step. Our BeLambeth employment service can provide 1-1 support and access to training.

For more information go to [be.lambeth.co.uk](http://be.lambeth.co.uk) or email [belambeth@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:belambeth@lambeth.gov.uk) to sign up or refer someone for their support.



**Lambeth Made** supports Lambeth's young people to reach their full potential through developing their skills, increasing their confidence, and connecting them to inspiring opportunities. We fund programmes to support young people in exploring how they can achieve their aspirations and be equipped with

the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in life.

Want to find out about live opportunities? Follow us at [instagram.com/lambeth\\_made/](https://www.instagram.com/lambeth_made/) or to find out more information on what we do go to [lambethmade.org.uk/](http://lambethmade.org.uk/)

high trees

**High Trees** is a multidisciplinary charity based in Tulse Hill. Their Employment and Careers team supports young people to progress into or towards meaningful employment, through one-to-one support with an allocated advisor. Their specialist employment support programme can include:

- Career planning
- Application support
- CV workshops
- Interview techniques
- Job links
- Confidence and resilience building.

Email: [support@high-trees.org](mailto:support@high-trees.org)  
Tel: 0208 671 3132  
Location: High Trees Hub,  
220 Upper Tulse Hill, SW2 2NS





**Orange Bow** support young people between the ages of 16-24 to gain new skills and build the confidence to get into work, enterprise, or further study. They curate engaging learning experiences and provide a safe space where young people can learn, adopt new skills, and explore their creativity. Their programmes are delivered by credible experts and professionals, which include accredited training courses with project-based work experience in digital media, marketing and creative subjects, as well as Functional Skills programmes.

Email: [info@orangebow.org](mailto:info@orangebow.org)  
Phone: 02045 688036  
[orangebow.org](http://orangebow.org)



**Find Your Feet** is an organisation that specialises in upskilling the next generation in the digital world. They work with charities, local boroughs, educational institutions, and the government to provide young people with digital marketing, social media marketing and content creation workshops and mentorship. They also support young people with employability and securing a job in their chosen industry.

Email: [info@findyourfeetcic.org.uk](mailto:info@findyourfeetcic.org.uk)  
Location: 5th Floor, 234 Stockwell Rd, SW9 9SP  
[findyourfeetcic.org.uk/](http://findyourfeetcic.org.uk/)



**Spiral Skills** offer a specialist post-16 employment support service for young people across Lambeth who are looking to move into work, work experience, or return to education

and training. Our team of relatable, experienced Employment Advisors understand the barriers young people face and provides tailored one-to-one support focused on building confidence, identifying goals, and opening up meaningful opportunities.

Whether you're applying for your first job, preparing for interviews, or looking for the right course, we're here to help. We also offer access to a network of employers, paid placements, and mentoring to ensure young people are supported not just into work, but to thrive once there.

Email: [Luna@spiralskills.co.uk](mailto:Luna@spiralskills.co.uk)  
Oasis St Martin's Village, SW2, 3UP  
[spiralskills.co.uk](http://spiralskills.co.uk)



**Start To Elevate People NOW**

**STEP NOW** is a youth focused organisation supporting 11-25-year-olds across London, particularly in Lambeth to unlock their full potential and step well prepared into adulthood. Through a dynamic mix of mentoring, education, and real-world experiences, STEP NOW equips young people with the tools to lead, thrive, and succeed.

Rooted in four transformative well-being pillars, career awareness, financial literacy, physical and mental health, and relationships, STEP NOW delivers high-impact group and one-to-one mentoring, alongside innovative employability programmes.

Email: [Info@stepnow.co.uk](mailto:Info@stepnow.co.uk)  
International House  
6 Canterbury Crescent, Brixton  
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## UNITY WORKS

**Unity Works** offers a range of different employment services for people with learning disabilities living in Lambeth including, Unity Futures – a programme supporting young people (16-25) with learning disabilities and autistic people with high levels of additional needs across London, including Lambeth. The programme blends personalised wellbeing and employment support to achieve progression.

To find out more about their supported employment services in Lambeth visit Unity Works Supported Employment ([thera.co.uk](http://thera.co.uk))







## Your future starts at Oasis St Martin's Village

We're committed to making sure no young person is left behind. We bring together local organisations to offer a wide range of services for young people, families, and schools – all in one place. With the right support, every young person can find their path to success, fulfilment, and a hopeful future.

### What's on offer?

- Mentoring through music
- Youth work for students at risk of exclusion
- Film and digital media training
- Extra learning support for younger students
- Mental and sexual health advice at our Well Centre
- Football for minority groups
- Food and clothes bank
- Cooking and gardening programmes.

### Coming soon

We're launching a community farm opening in 2026 to support students who need extra help but don't have an EHCP.

### Careers and employment

From retail and hospitality to green tech and healthcare, we help you

explore real job opportunities. Our careers fairs, workshops, and employer partnerships give you the tools and confidence to succeed.

### Support that makes a difference

we believe no young person should be left behind. That's why we offer:

- 1:1 Careers advice
- Work experience placements
- Mentoring and wellbeing support
- Family support services.

To start a conversation or make a referral, email us at:

[enquiries@oasisstmartins.org](mailto:enquiries@oasisstmartins.org)

Visit [oasisstmartins.org](https://oasisstmartins.org) to explore everything we offer.





# 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 five 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.

## Do I have to stay in education?

Yes – by law, all young people must stay in education or training until age 18.

But that doesn't mean you have to stay in school. You can choose from different options, like, college, apprenticeships, Work with training (like a job that includes studying for a qualification)

## What are UCAS points?

UCAS points turn your qualifications and grades into a number. Most, but not all, have a points value which depends on the type of course and grade you get. Universities use these points to check if you meet their entry requirements for the course you want to study.

## 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 GCSEs. You can also visit our BeLambeth website for information, advice and guidance on next steps: [be.lambeth.co.uk](https://be.lambeth.co.uk) or the National Career Service [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/)

## Where can I find out about local apprenticeship opportunities?

You can visit our BeLambeth website 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@ldnapprenticeships.com](mailto:hello@ldnapprenticeships.com) or visit [ldnapprenticeships.com/](https://ldnapprenticeships.com/) or call **020 3884 8816**  
Address: 278–280 South Lambeth Road Stockwell, SW8 1UJ



## Did you know

- There are over 600 different apprenticeships in the UK, from animal care and gaming to engineering and finance
- T Levels include real work experience, with a 45-day placement built into your course.
- Many college courses are free if you're under 19, and you may get help with travel or equipment.
- You can go to university with BTECs, T Levels, or an apprenticeship, not just A levels.
- The UK labour market is changing – jobs in green energy, life science and creative/digital are growing
- You can start your own business at 16 and get support from organisations like Kings Trust.

# Checklist

Use this list to stay on track as you plan your next steps.

## Explore your options

- ☐ I know the difference between A levels, BTECs, T Levels, and Apprenticeships
- ☐ I've looked into sixth form, college, and training providers
- ☐ I've checked what qualifications or grades I'll need
- ☐ I've thought about full-time learning, apprenticeships, or a mix of work and training

## What i'm going to do

- ☐ I've attended (or plan to attend) open days
- ☐ I've applied (or am applying) to at least one post-16 provider
- ☐ I've written a personal statement or prepared for interviews
- ☐ I've spoken to a teacher or careers adviser about my plans

## Keep your options open

- ☐ I have a backup plan just in case
- ☐ I know how to change my course or pathway if it's not right for me
- ☐ I'm open to learning about new careers and pathways
- ☐ I've saved useful websites or contacts to help me later



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