



After Year 11:

A guide to planning your future



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Foreword



Your Future Starts Here – In Lambeth.

Lambeth is a borough full of ambition, creativity and opportunity and young people are at the heart of its future. As we look ahead to 2030 and beyond, we are committed to helping every young person in Lambeth feel confident, supported and ready to succeed in a fast-changing world.

We believe that education, training and personal development can transform lives. That's why we continue to invest in opportunities that help you build skills, gain qualifications, discover your talents and prepare for exciting careers. Whether your next step after Year 11 is sixth form, college, an apprenticeship, training or employment, this guide is here to help you explore your options and make informed choices about your future.

Lambeth is home to a wide range of excellent schools, colleges and training providers, all offering pathways designed to match different interests, strengths and ambitions. From A Levels and T Levels to apprenticeships, vocational courses and supported internships, there are more opportunities than ever before to learn in ways that work for you.

The world of work is evolving rapidly, with growing demand for skills in areas such as digital technology, health and care, engineering, construction, green industries, science and the creative sector. We want every young person in Lambeth to be equipped for the careers of tomorrow by developing the confidence, resilience and practical experience employers are looking for today.

We are also committed to ensuring that young people with special educational needs and disabilities can access high-quality support and meaningful opportunities. More providers across Lambeth are offering inclusive programmes, tailored learning and supported internships that help young people progress towards independent living, further education and employment.

Lambeth has a proud history of young people achieving incredible things in education, business, sport, the arts and public service. Your journey can start here too. Whatever your goals, there are people, services and opportunities across the borough ready to support you every step of the way.

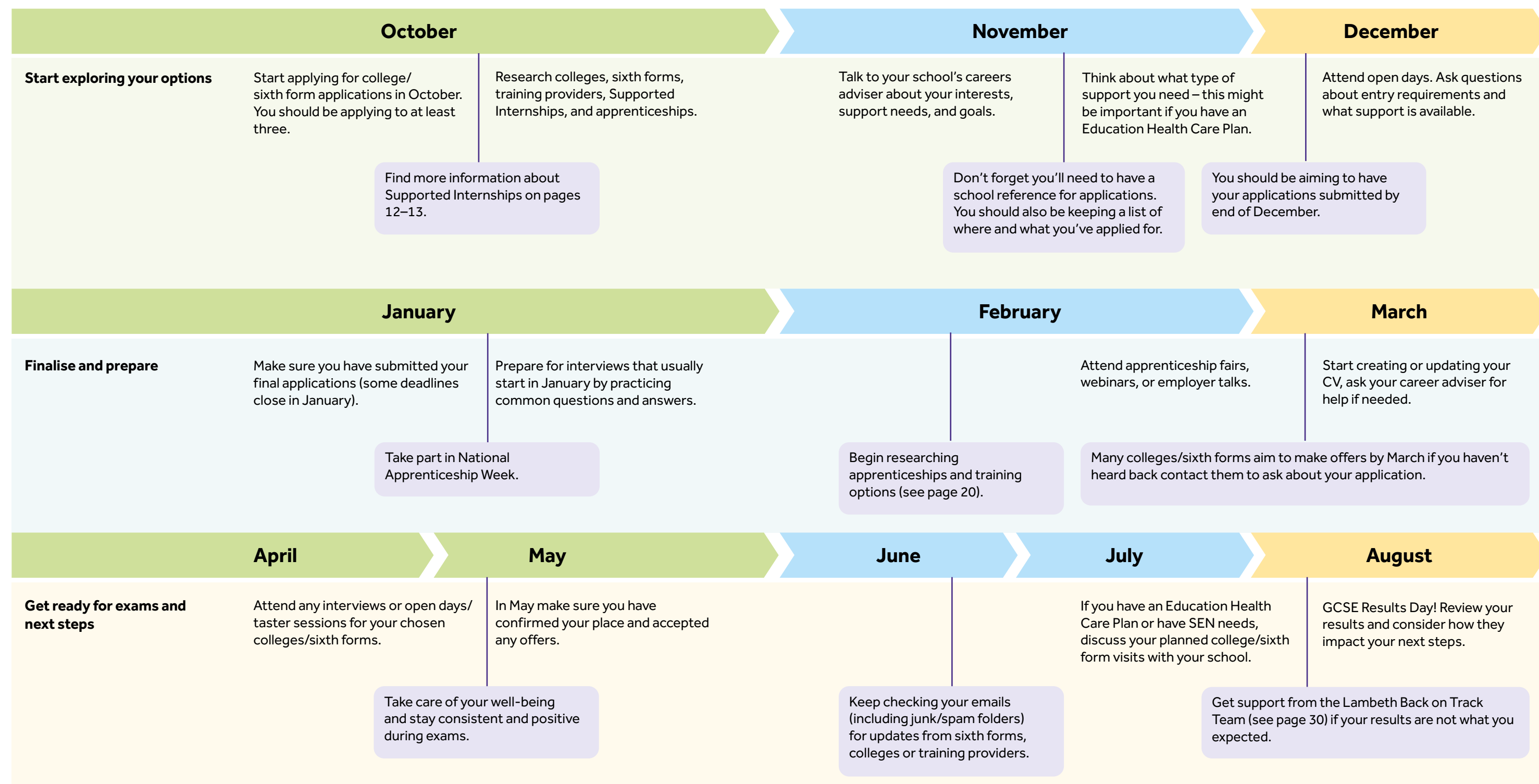
Your future starts now — and we are excited to see what you will achieve.

Sophie Garner

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

Looking at Your Year 11 Timeline

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.



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

The DfE has plans to defund Level 3 BTECs, with Level 1 and 2 Tech awards being extended through 2030.

There will be new vocational Level 3 qualification, V Levels, which has a planned phased roll-out in 2027.

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
- T Level Marketing.

South Bank University Sixth Form

- Engineering
- Health
- Science
- Business, Finance and Accounting
- T Level and Level 2 & 3 BTEC.



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	- Entry Level Certificates (Entry 1, 2, 3) - Functional Skills (Entry) - Supported Internships	- GCSEs (Grades 1–3) - Level 1 NVQs - Functional Skills (L1)	- GCSEs (Grades 4–9) - Level 2 BTECs - Intermediate Apprenticeship	- A Levels - T Levels - Level 3 BTECs - Advanced Apprenticeship	- HNC (Higher National Certificate) - Level 4 NVQs - Foundation Apprenticeship	- HND (Higher National Diploma) - Foundation Degree - Level 5 NVQs	- Bachelor's Degree (BA, BSc) - Degree Apprenticeship	- Master's Degree (MA, MSc) - Postgrad Diplomas -Level 7 NVQs	- Doctorate (PhD) - Professional Doctorates
Examples	- Entry Level Certificate in English - Functional Skills in Maths	- Level 1 NVQ in Customer Service - Functional Skills in ICT	- GCSEs in subjects like Maths, English, Science - Level 2 BTEC in Business - Intermediate Apprenticeship in Retail	- A Levels in subjects like Maths, Biology, History - T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development - Level 3 BTEC in Health and Social Care	- HNC in Business Management - Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management - Foundation Apprenticeship in IT	- Foundation Degree - Level 5 NVQs - HND in Graphic Design - Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies	- BA in English Literature - BSc in Computer Science - Degree Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering	- MA in Psychology - MSc in Environmental Science - Level 7 NVQ in Strategic Management	- PhD in Physics - Professional Doctorate in Education
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 - £60,000	£60,000 - £70,000	£70,000 +

Thinking about myself

Where am I now?

What career interests me?

Thinking about my future

What qualification(s) will I need?

My next step is...

Preparing for Adulthood: Planning Your Next Steps With SEND

Leaving Year 11 is a big moment. If you have special educational needs or a disability (SEND), there is extra help in Lambeth.

This is called **preparing for adulthood**. It is about going to college and about building the life you want. There are four areas to plan for:

- **Learning and work** — college, training, a supported internship, an apprenticeship, higher education and a job that fits you
- **Being independent** — cooking, travelling, looking after money, and one day maybe your own place.
- **Friends and community** — meeting people, joining clubs, sports and activities you enjoy.
- **Staying healthy** — looking after your body and your mind.

Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, Who is it for?

- For all children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities who are placed in special school settings
- Can be requested if the child or young person is in a mainstream setting and their needs require a high level of support to allow them to access the curriculum

Lambeth's SEND Local Offer

Is a website to find out about services and support for children and young people, aged 0 to 25, with SEND. You can use it to find local services, learn about your rights, choose what is right for you, and have your say.

Visit:

[Lambeth.gov.uk/SEND](https://lambeth.gov.uk/SEND) 



Need more help or have questions?

- Lambeth SEND team:
020 7926 9460 or sendsupport@lambeth.gov.uk
- Free, confidential advice (LIASS):
lambethiass.org.uk, lambethiass@lambeth.gov.uk or 020 7926 1831

Pathways

After Year 11, there are different pathways you can take depending on your interests, learning style, and future goals. It's important to choose an option that supports your development, builds your confidence, and prepares you for adulthood.

Many colleges provide additional support for students with SEND, including smaller class sizes and specialist staff. A vocational profile can help support the development of progression pathway.

Every person's journey may look different, for example:



CHOICES COLLEGE
STEPS TO SUCCESS

Choices College

Is part of a national NHS scheme. Locally, it is based at Guys and St Tomas' Hospital. They work with the hospital, local organisations and businesses to provide real work experience for young people with SEND.

Supported Internship

Support: Choices College finds and organises up to three, 12-week placements over the academic year. The team will meet with you before you start the course to discuss interests and what you would like to learn. You attend a two-week induction to prepare for first work placements.

You have education days on one day a week. You work towards an Employability Certificate and continue to study maths and English skills if you need it.

Apprenticeships and Alumni

Support: Once you have finished the supported internship course, you are able to get support to apply for jobs, apprenticeships or any additional support you might need to succeed.

For more information visit:

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/choices-college-supported-internships>

Supported Internships

If you're aged 16–24 and have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, a Project SEARCH 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

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



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:

- Travelodge and Nandos
- Active Lambeth leisure centres
- Childcare, Art Galleries, and Facilities Assistant Roles

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

“Staff I worked with supported me whenever I was confused or learning something new. I'm excited about my first salary.”

Lola from King's College Hospital.”

Sixth Forms and Colleges in Lambeth

Sixth forms

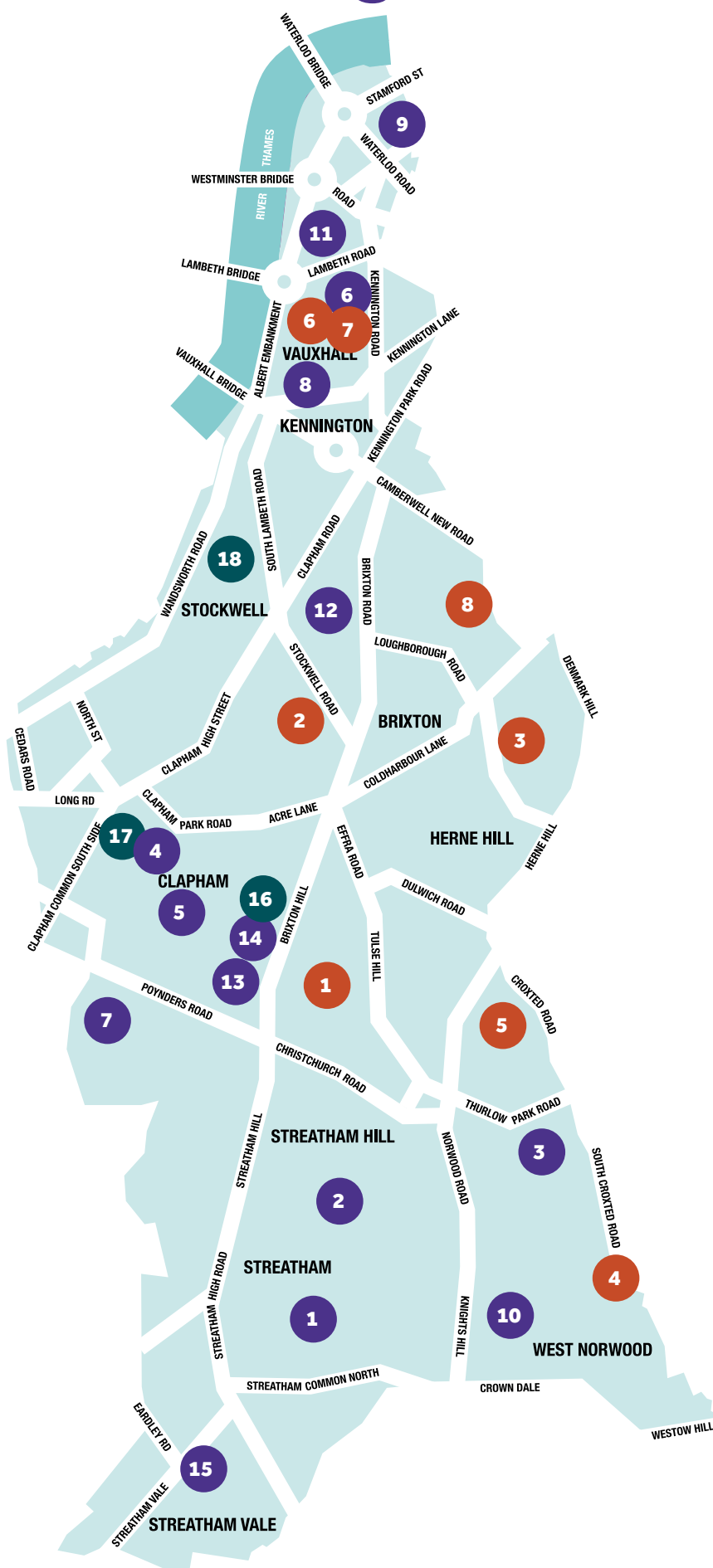
- 1 Bishop Thomas Grant School
- 2 Dunraven School
- 3 The Elmgreen School
- 4 The Elms Academy
- 5 Harris Clapham Sixth Form
- 6 King's Math School
- 7 La Retraite 6
- 8 Lilian Baylis Technology School
- 9 London Nautical, City of London Academy
- 10 The Norwood School
- 11 Oasis Academy
- 12 Platanos 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

X: @BTGSixthForm



King's Maths School

80 Kennington Rd, SE11 6NJ

020 7848 7346

kingsmathsschool.com

X: @kingsmathschool



The Norwood School

Crown Dale, SE19 3NY

020 8670 9382

thenorwoodschool.org

X: @NorwoodLambeth



Dunraven School

94/98 Leigham Court Rd, SW16 5SR

020 8696 5600

dunraven.org.uk

Instagram: @dunraven_school



La Retraite 6 (Mixed Sixth Form)

Atkins Road, SW12 0AB

020 8673 5644

sixthform.laretraite.co.uk/

X: @LaRetraite6



Oasis Academy South Bank Sixth Form

75 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7HS

020 7921 4200

oasisacademysouthbank.org/

X: @OasisSouthBank



The Elmgreen School

Elmcourt Road, SE27 9BZ

020 8766 5020

the-elmgreen-school.org.uk/

X: @elmgreenschool



Lilian Bayliss Technology School

323 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY

020 7091 9500

lilianbaylis.com

X: @LBTS_SCHOOL



Platanos College

Clapham Road, SW9 0AL

0207 733 6156

platanoscollege.com/

X: @platanoscollege



The Elms Academy
The best in everyone™
Part of United Learning

The Elms Academy

Elms Road, SW4 9ET

020 7819 4700

theelmsacademy.org.uk

X: @TheElmsAcademy



Trinity Academy

57 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS

020 3126 4993

trinity.futureacademies.org

X: @TrinityAcad



South Bank University Sixth Form 56 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS

020 7738 6115

sbusixth.ac.uk

X: @SBUSixth



HARRIS CLAPHAM
SIXTH FORM

Harris Clapham Sixth Form

73 Kings Avenue, SW4 8DX

0204 542 4900

harrisclapham.org.uk/

X: @HAClaphamSixth



London Nautical, City of London Academy

61 Stamford Street, SE1 9NA

020 7928 6801

lins.org.uk

X: @londonnautical



Woodmansterne School and Sixth Form

Woodmansterne Road, SW16 5UQ

020 87641825

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



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



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

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
rootsandshoots.org.uk



Lambeth College

Offers Entry Level 1-3 courses designed to prepare students for greater independence and future employment, helping build confidence and essential life skills as they learn. Pathways include:

- Learning for Community
- Progression to Community
- Entry Level Vocational Tasters
- Creative Industries and Creative Media
- Business and Retail
- Hospitality and Catering
- Essential Digital Skills
- Preparation for Employment.

Each Inclusive Learning pathway is personalised to meet individual needs. Students learn in small, supportive groups with specialist teaching staff and Learning Support Practitioners.

Brixton Centre,
56 Brixton Hill, SW2 1QS

Clapham Centre
45 Clapham Common South Side
SW4 9BL
020 7501 5010
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.

WorkStart is a **supported employment programme** designed to help young people get ready for work. It is suitable for students who:

- Need support to move into employment
- Want to build confidence and independence
- Prefer practical, hands-on learning.

WorkStart is a flexible and personalised pathway, where your programme is tailored to your skills, interests, and goals, helping you take your next step towards employment.

Visit the [WorkStart website](#).

292 and 294 Camberwell Road,
London, SE5 0DL
0345 402 0453
Email: enquiries@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



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



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

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.

South Bank Colleges and SBU6 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



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 Artificial Intelligence, Creative and Cultural Industries, Health and Life Sciences, and Green Skills or Net Zero jobs.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is recognised as a key growth sector, creating new opportunities across a wide range of industries. AI is increasingly being used in healthcare, finance, engineering, education, and the creative sector to improve efficiency and support innovation.

As demand for digital and technology skills continues to grow, pathways into AI-related careers can be accessed through A Levels, T Levels, vocational qualifications, apprenticeships, and higher education. Developing skills in technology, data, and problem-solving can help prepare students for careers in this rapidly evolving field.

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



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	4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent 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: - Level 3 Certificate in Web Design and Development - T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development - Level 4 Diploma in IT Web Design - You can complete a Higher National Diploma or Degree in: - Web Design and Development - Multimedia Design - Digital Media Development.
Life Sciences	Microbiologist £23,000 – £45,000	4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 including English, maths and science 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology for a degree. - To become a microbiologist, you could do a degree in: - Microbiology - Biology - Life Sciences Some degree courses include an integrated master's qualification like MBiol or MSci. Or you can complete a Scientist Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship. - 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.
	Dental Technician £22,000 – £35,000	5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent, including English, maths and science - 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 - 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.
Green Skills/Net Zero	Recycling Engagement Officer £22,000 – £35,000	4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent for a level 3 course - Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Sustainable Resource Management - 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.

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 eight months to five years, depending on the level and subject
- You'll need to have at least a GSCE 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

National Careers Service: 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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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/

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 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/

Young Enterprise UK

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

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/

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

Including Lambeth College and London South Bank Technical College, South Bank Colleges offers exciting, career-focused courses designed to help you build skills, confidence, and a future you're proud of.

From creative industries to cutting-edge technology, students learn through hands-on experiences, expert teaching, and real industry connections. Whether your next step is university, an apprenticeship, or straight into work, you'll gain the practical knowledge employers are looking for. With supportive staff, modern facilities, and opportunities to grow both personally and professionally, South Bank Colleges helps students discover their strengths and achieve their ambitions.

Visit southbankcolleges.ac.uk or call 020 7501 5000.

Lambeth College



Discover a wide range of career-focused courses in subjects including Art & Design, Business, Accounting, Early Years, Travel & Tourism, Sport, and more. Lambeth College's Gateway 16–18 English & Maths Study Programme is designed to help students strengthen their English and maths skills while building confidence, employability, and personal development skills. Alongside this, students can explore a vocational subject that supports their future career goals and next steps.

Learning is practical, engaging, and focused on preparing students for real careers. With support from experienced tutors, students are encouraged to develop new skills, grow in confidence, and achieve their ambitions.

Clapham Centre

45 Clapham Common South Side
SW4 9BL

London South Bank Technical College



A modern college built for the careers of the future. Study exciting, in-demand subjects such as E-sports, Game Design, Film & TV Production, Robotics, Engineering, Software Development, Health & Social Care, and Forensic Science and more, all taught in industry-standard facilities by expert staff. Students can also choose from a range of T Levels in Construction, Business, Digital Production, Early Years, Health, and Science, developed with employers to give you real workplace experience and a head start in your career.

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.

Did you know

Some university courses require admissions tests in addition to A-levels. King's College Maths School+ offers free support to students planning to sit these tests. Visit <https://www.kingsmathsschool.com/outreach/outreach-for-students> for more information.

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
- 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.

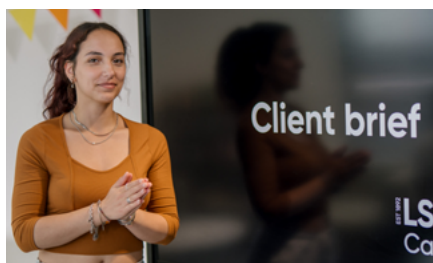
3. Get a reference and predicted grades. Your school or college will support your application and include:

- 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:

- Allied and Community Health
- Applied and Health Sciences

- Architecture and Planning
- Arts and Social Sciences
- Business
- Computer Science and Digital Technologies
- Construction, Property and Surveying
- Education
- Engineering and Design
- Law
- Nursing and Midwifery

LSBU Group Apprenticeships: start work, build skills, shape your future

LSBU Group offers apprenticeship pathways from Level 2 through to degree and postgraduate level. You can start with practical technical training, progress into higher-level study, and build a career in sectors such as construction, engineering, green skills, health, care, education, digital, AI, business and finance.

Why choose an LSBU Group apprenticeship?

- Earn while you learn – get paid while gaining real workplace experience.

- No tuition fee debt – apprenticeship training is funded through your employer and the apprenticeship system.
- Learn with industry – study programmes designed around the skills employers need.
- Progress further – move from technical and professional apprenticeships into higher and degree-level routes.
- Build a career with purpose – work in sectors that are changing lives, building communities and shaping the future.

Ready to explore your future?

Search for apprenticeship vacancies at gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
Find out more about LSBU Group apprenticeships at lsbu.ac.uk/apprenticeships
Contact the Apprenticeships Team: apprenticeships@lsbu.ac.uk

EST 1872 **LSBU**

103 Borough Road, SE1 0AA
For more information visit:
lsbu.ac.uk

Career area	Apprenticeship pathways can include
Built Environment, Construction and Green Skills	Architectural Assistant; Building Services Engineer; Building Services Engineering Technician; Chartered Surveyor
Engineering, Rail and Advanced Manufacturing	Embedded Electronic Systems Design and Development Engineer; Rail and Rail Systems Senior Engineer
Digital, AI, Data and Business Analysis	Artificial Intelligence and Automation Practitioner; AI Leadership; Business Analyst; Data Analyst;
Health, Care and Allied Health	Dental Technician; Diagnostic Radiographer; Occupational Therapist; Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship
Education, Early Years and Teaching	Early Years Practitioner; Early Years Educator; Teaching Assistant; Learning and Skills Teacher
Business, Administration and Finance	Accounts or Finance Assistant; Assistant Accountant; Business Administrator

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

The National Career Service:

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers

Prospects:

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

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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 or email 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/



Oasis St Martin's Village brings 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?

- Coaching and mentoring
- Youth work for students at risk of exclusion
- Film and digital media training
- Extra therapeutic learning support for younger students
- Mental and sexual health advice at our Well Centre
- Football for minority group
- Food and clothes bank
- Cooking and gardening programmes
- Employability support
- Parents empowerment .

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 welling support
- Family support services.

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

enquiries@oasisstmartins.org

Visit oasisstmartins.org to explore everything we offer.



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

Tel: 0208 671 3132

Location: High Trees Hub,
220 Upper Tulse Hill, SW2 2NS

CONNECT TO WORK

Funded by UK Government

Connect to Work is an employment support offer designed to help young people and adults with additional needs move into paid work.

Through Connect to Work, you can:

- Get **one-to-one support** from an Employment Adviser
- Receive help with **job searching, applications, and interviews**
- Access **in-work support** once you start a job
- Build confidence, independence, and workplace skills

Support is tailored to you and can include:

- Job matching based on your strengths and interests
- Support with travel training and workplace routines
- Ongoing coaching to help you succeed in your role.

To find out more and how to get involved visit: <https://be.lambeth.gov.uk/for-residents/connect-to-work>



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
Phone: 02045 688036
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
Location: 5th Floor, 234 Stockwell Rd, SW9 9SP
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: opportunities@spiralskills.co.uk
Oasis St Martin's Village, SW2, 3UP
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
International House
6 Canterbury Crescent, Brixton
SW9 7QE
stepnow.co.uk

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)



Lambeth Back on Track

**Not sure what's next?
We'll help you figure it out.**

If you're coming to the end of Year 11 and still deciding what to do, or your plans don't go as expected, Back on Track is here to support you.

We work with young people across Lambeth to help you explore your options, make a plan, and take your next step with confidence.

We can support you to:

- Figure out your next step – college, sixth form, apprenticeships, training or work
- Explore your options – and find what's right for you
- Get job-ready – CVs, applications and interviews
- Find opportunities – linking you to local providers and employers
- Get back on track – if things haven't gone to plan
- We'll give you clear, impartial advice so you can make the right decision for you.

Here when it matters most

We're available all year round, including at key times like GCSE results day, when you might need quick support or guidance.

If your place falls through, you change your mind, or you're not sure what to do next, you don't have to figure it out on your own.

Support you can access:

- Weekly drop-in sessions at Lambeth Civic Centre
- One-to-one support tailored to you.

Find out more at www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeth-back-on-track-service

Email: BackOnTrack@lambeth.gov.uk

Tel: 020 7926 1402

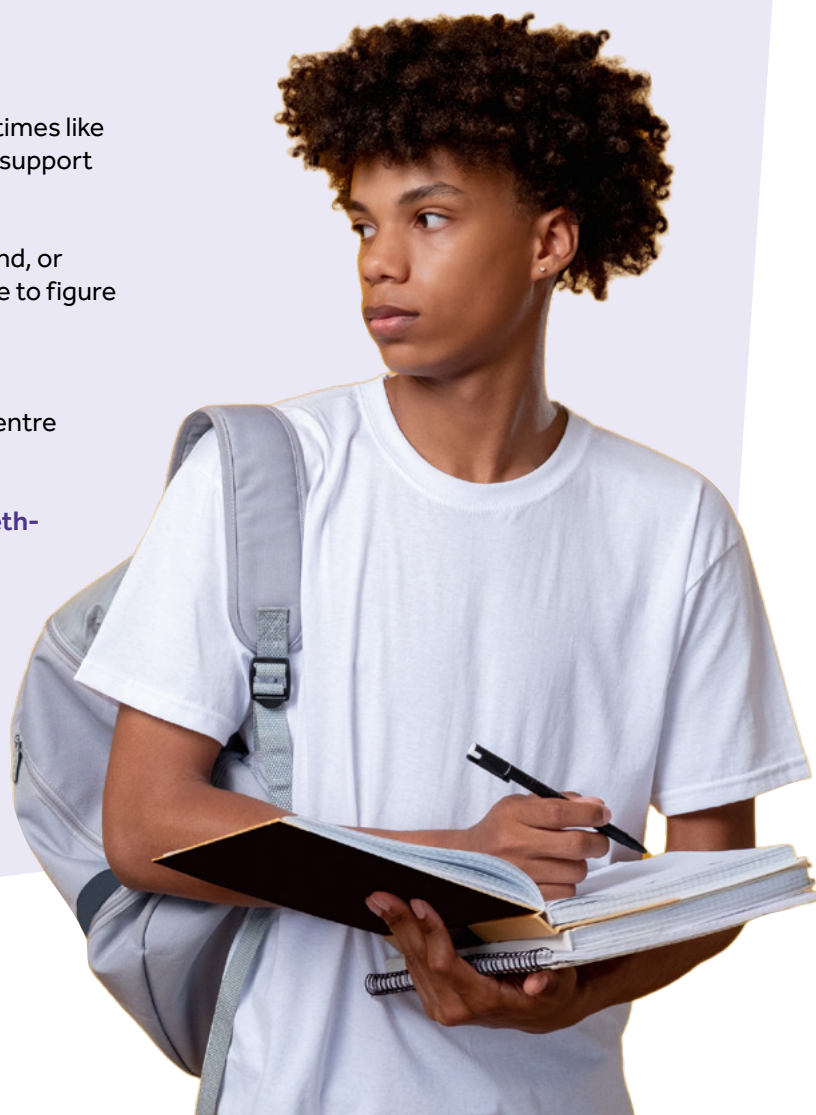


Did you know

It's a legal requirement for all young people to stay in education, employment or training until age 18.

Back on Track may contact you after Year 11 to check what you're doing next and offer support if needed.

This is part of making sure you have a clear plan and the right support in place for your next step.



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 or the National Career Service 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 or visit ldnapprenticeships.com/ or call **020 3884 8816**

Address: 278–280 South Lambeth Road Stockwell, SW8 1UJ



Did you know

- Some apprenticeships can lead all the way to a degree-level qualification.
- Colleges often offer a mix of academic and practical courses.
- Employers increasingly use online applications and digital interviews during recruitment.
- Developing digital skills can benefit almost every career sector.
- Careers education isn't just about jobs – it's about helping you understand your strengths, interests, and future opportunities.

Your Next Steps

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

For more information about Lambeth post-16 education and training scan or click the QR code.

