



Education, training and employment opportunities for 16-19 year olds

(up to 25 for young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)



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A great place to study



LAMBETH IS A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY FOR ALL OUR YOUNG RESIDENTS AS YOU CONTINUE ON YOUR EDUCATION, TRAINING AND CAREER PATHWAYS POST 16 YEARS OF AGE.

Welcome to the 2016/17 edition of Post 16 education, training and employment opportunities. We hope that you will find this a helpful guide as you consider your next steps for study in Sixth Form, college or as you progress to the world of work. We hope that you, as well as parents or carers, teachers and advisers will find this prospectus a useful tool especially as it is now compulsory for all young people to stay in education, training or work through to the age of 18.

This booklet is intended to help you understand more about what is on offer in Lambeth, a starting point for you to begin to think about the next phase of your learning journey.

You can choose from the very exciting range of courses of academic or vocational courses that are offered in Lambeth's sixth forms and college to help those of you who will eventually go to university. In addition with new opportunities in traineeships and apprenticeships, we have included information on where young people can find information and vacancies in the

world of work whilst studying. We have also included a section on enterprise to support young people with the ambition of starting their own business.

Every young person is extremely important to us and we are committed to helping you achieve your educational goals. If you are a young person with SEND we have included details of our Local Offer which is a dedicated website for Young People with Special Educational and Disability needs.

We are extremely proud of the achievements of all our young people in Lambeth and are delighted to welcome you into this next phase of your learning journey.

We wish you every success in achieving your career aspirations through Post 16 education, learning and employment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy Twist". The script is cursive and fluid.

Cathy Twist

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London Borough of Lambeth.*

Post-16 learning pathways in Lambeth

Students now have to stay in education or training until they are 18. The good news is, there is more choice than ever about **where** you can study or train. This booklet offers you this impartial guidance which will help you to make your correct choice.

Ofsted has judged all of our sixth forms as good or outstanding across the borough. As a 16+ learner, you can choose to remain at your current school sixth form if they have the relevant courses you wish to study. Alternatively you have the choice of other sixth forms and colleges in and out of borough.

If you have a Special Education Needs or a disability you can find how you can be supported on your chosen pathway on Page 16-17.

The pathway you choose will be based on the following:

- The GCSE grades (and equivalents) you have achieved
- How you like to learn
- Where and what you would like to study later
- What career you would like in the future

The borough of Lambeth has an excellent range of educational and work based provision to suit all needs and abilities including:

- Sixth Forms (predominantly academic A Levels)
- Lambeth College, a Further Education College (Careers related qualifications)
- Southbank University Technical College with specialism in Building and Medical Engineering (New in Lambeth 2016/17)
- Kings College London Maths School (for those who excel in maths and/or physics)
- Work Based Learning Provision (including traineeships and apprenticeship opportunities)
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Provision and support
- Opportunities for those interested in starting your own business (Entrepreneurship)

It is important that you carefully consider your options. It is also important to visit educational establishments and ask questions. Please visit websites provided for information of provider open days and for information on entry requirements to different types and levels of courses.

Post-16 qualifications explained

After GCSEs there are three main learning and career pathways to choose from. Making the correct decision for you requires careful consideration.

1. General academic e.g. **A Levels** offered at sixth forms (may include some vocational provision)
2. Work and job-related courses (**Vocational Qualifications**): NVQs, BTECs, TechBacs are good

qualifications to take if you want to combine hands on, practical learning with studying subjects and technical skills.

3. Work-based: e.g. **Traineeships and Apprenticeships** (learning on the job but also with a learning provider/ college). Supported internships also offer young people with special needs or disabilities unpaid experience in the work place.

Levels of qualifications explained:

LEVEL 8	Doctorate PhD					
LEVEL 7	Masters Degree MS, MSc, Mphil					
LEVEL 6	Bachelor Degree BA, BSc					
LEVEL 5			Foundation Degree FdA, FdSc	HND	Higher Apprenticeship	
LEVEL 4				HNC		
LEVEL 3	A Level	A2	L3 Diploma (National)	L3 Certificate (National)	Advanced Apprenticeship	
		A1 (As Level)				Extended Diploma
LEVEL 2	GCSE Grades A*-C		L2 Award/Certificate/Diploma (First)		Intermediate Apprenticeship	
LEVEL 1	GCSE Grades D-G		L1 Award/Certificate/Diploma (Foundation)			
	Academic		Vocational			

Which level should I consider?

To help find your next level, we have divided learning pathways into three general levels:

FOUNDATION

Some learners, for a variety of reasons, may not achieve minimum 5 good GCSEs including maths and English during compulsory secondary school years. Do not worry. Post 16 education offers the opportunity to start again and learn new techniques to help you progress through upward educational programmes of study.

If you have achieved:

GCSE grades E, F, G (or equivalent)

Apply for: (1 year programme of study)

Further GCSEs (if Grade D achieved)

BTEC Diploma Level 1

BTEC Diploma Level 2 (usual entry requirement 4 GCSEs grade D and above)

Functional Skills (maths, English and ICT) at Level 1 or 2 with a view to progress to re-takes GCSE maths and English

Traineeships

Apprenticeships

INTERMEDIATE (Level 3 Qualifications)

If you have achieved:

5 GCSEs (A*-Cs) including maths and English then you should be aiming for level 3 advanced courses

Apply for: (2 year programme of study)

- **A Levels** – the traditional pathway to Higher Education (University)
- **Applied General Qualifications** for students wishing to continue their general education at advanced level through vocational applied learning.
- **Technical Level Qualifications** (vocational) for students wishing to specialise in technical jobs which may lead to exemption from lower level Professional studies eg accountancy and other chartered routes
- **Apprenticeships**

ADVANCED (Post successful completion of Level 3 Qualifications)

Once you have finished your Level 3 studies (2 year programme of study) with adequate grades, you will be on your journey to Higher Education (University) or work.

If you have achieved:

Entry required A Levels (check with University)

L3 **Extended** Diploma (equiv. to 3 A Levels)

Apply for:

University (Undergraduate Degrees)

Apprenticeships

Financial Support

The Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is no longer available for Young People. This was a Central Government decision. Please visit the 14-25 education section of www.younglambeth.org for details of Bursary Fund available for some vulnerable and disadvantaged families. Details of student loans for Higher Education can also be found here.

Maths and English in Post-16 education

GCSES IN MATHS AND ENGLISH ARE VERY IMPORTANT AS THEY WILL OFTEN BE AN ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN JOBS AND HIGHER EDUCATION ENTRY.

It is now **mandatory** that students enrolling on a 16-19 pathway who have not achieved both maths and English GCSE grades A*–C must continue to study GCSE or approved ‘stepping stone’ qualifications in maths and/or English (e.g. **functional skills**) as a condition of enrolment onto their full time chosen academic or vocational course.

Functional Skills

If your individual grades were between E – U in your maths and English GCSEs, at post 16 you will need to study towards functional skills qualifications which are level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications in English, maths and ICT which equip learners with practical applied skills needed to live, learn and work successfully. They are stepping stone qualifications for young people who have not achieved Grades A*–D in English and/or maths. Generally once Level 2 functional skills is passed (equivalent to half a GCSE at grade B), young people can and should progress to achieve A*–C in GCSEs in maths and English. Functional skills are part of apprenticeship frameworks but apprentices will not need to study further

maths and English if Grades A*–C have been achieved.

If you have achieved a grade D in English and/or maths

From August 2015 any students who have achieved a Grade D in maths and/or English will need to re-sit GCSEs in maths and English in Post 16 education. They will not need to sit functional skills as a stepping stone qualification.

A Level options for those who have achieved higher grades in GCSE maths and English

A Level Mathematics

Primarily for those wanting to study mathematics, computing, engineering, economics and the sciences at university or for university courses which require maths as an entry qualification to university.

A Level English Language

A Level English Literature

A Level English Language and Literature

Academic qualifications

SOME YOUNG PEOPLE WILL CHOOSE TO STUDY A LEVELS AS A TRADITIONAL POST 16 PATHWAY DEPENDANT ON GRADES ACHIEVED AT GCSE. SOME SIXTH FORMS WILL ALSO OFFER VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AS AN ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY.

What are A Levels?

In the UK, A Levels are **Level 3** qualifications usually started straight after your GCSEs. A levels are available in a wide range of academic and applied (work-related vocational) subjects, and are often used as entry into higher education. The entry requirements for studying your A Levels will vary. A Levels are very challenging courses. Individual schools will be able to advise you on what grades are acceptable for sixth form entry as this may vary from one school to the next. Often sixth forms will require four or more GCSEs with grade C or above (including grade C in English and maths).

How A Levels are graded

A Levels are graded A*-E and these are all regarded as pass grades and gain UCAS points towards university entrance. From September 2015, A Levels and AS qualifications are in a process of transformation through what is known as the education reform. The main changes are as follows:

- New syllabuses in AS and A Levels are being introduced from September 2015 (with the remainder changing in 2016 and 2017). Find out which subjects are changing and when from course specific tutors.
- New AS Levels will now be a separate qualification and no longer count towards the A level grade (but some schools might teach them alongside A Levels). Individual AS Levels will now earn 40% of UCAS points of an A Level rather than 50%, as with the old A Levels.
- Assessment will be mostly be through exams (with little or no coursework contributing to A Level Grade, these are called linear exams).

Please check with your subject leaders to understand how these changes affect your choices and progression to university.

A Level Top 10 choices

THE TOP 10 MOST POPULAR A-LEVELS IN 2014 (LATEST NATIONAL DATA) ARE LISTED BELOW. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS INFORMATION LIMIT YOUR CHOICES. CHECK WITH YOUR SIXTH FORM AND UNIVERSITY ENTRY CRITERIA TO TAILOR AND INFORM YOUR A LEVEL CHOICES. CHOOSE A LEVELS WHICH YOU WILL ENJOY STUDYING COMBINED WITH ENTRY CRITERIA TO UNIVERSITY IF THIS IS YOUR CHOSEN PATHWAY TO FURTHER YOUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS.

Please do not let this information limit your choices. Check with Sixth Form and University Entry Criteria to tailor and inform your A Level choices and base your choice on what is of interest to you to further your chances of success.

1. Maths
2. English
3. Biology
4. Psychology
5. Chemistry
6. History
7. Art and design
8. Physics
9. Geography
10. Sociology

It is important to note that different universities entry criteria will vary. You will be given substantial advice about this whilst on your sixth form programme of study.

Facilitating subjects

'Facilitating subjects' are the academic subjects most commonly required or preferred by universities to get on to a range of degree courses. They can help students keep their options open when choosing a degree and many of the top universities will ask you to have at least one A Level in a facilitating subject when you apply.

The Russell Group, which represents 24 leading UK universities, has defined facilitating subjects as:

- English literature
- History
- Modern Languages – e.g. French, German, Spanish etc.
- Classical languages – e.g. Latin, Ancient Greek
- Maths & Further Maths
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography

16-19 vocational qualifications

Vocational qualifications are designed to give learners the skills and knowledge to do a particular job, work in a particular industry, or acquire more general skills to do a variety of jobs. All Further Educational Colleges and some sixth forms will offer vocational qualifications as an alternative pathway to higher learning including Level 2 BTECs qualifications (equivalent to 5 GCSEs) or Level 3 qualifications (e.g. BTEC extended Diploma, equivalent to 3 x A Levels) which will give access to Higher Education (university).

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

Applied General qualifications

Applied General Qualifications are a new way to categorise a range of existing Level 3 (advanced) vocational qualifications, such as BTECs and OCR Cambridge. Applied General Qualifications are available in a variety of vocational areas:

- Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care
- Arts, Media and Publishing
- Business, Administration and Law
- Construction, Planning and the Built Environment
- Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies

- Health, Public Services and Care
- Information & Communication Technology
- Leisure, Travel and Tourism
- Preparation for Life and Work
- Retail and Commercial Enterprise
- Science
- Social Sciences

Technical Level qualifications

Technical level 3 qualifications (tech levels) are for 16-year-old students who have a **clear idea** about the occupation they wish to pursue. They are vocational and equip students with the specialist knowledge they need to for a specific recognised occupation, for example, engineering, computing, accounting or hospitality. In some cases they can provide a **'licence to practise'** or **exemption from lower level professional exams**.

Students who take 1 or more level 3 tech qualifications, a maths qualification at level 3, and undertake an extended project will achieve the new **Technical Baccalaureate** or **TechBacc** standard. The Techbacc will give bright young people aspiring to a vocational career a first-class alternative to the more traditional A level route, ensuring they have the technical ability that future employers want.



Sixth form provision in Lambeth

THE MAJORITY OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN LAMBETH HAVE CURRENT OR PLANNED SIXTH FORM PROVISION OPENING IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

Sixth forms as at 16/17 academic year:

ARCHBISHOP TENISON'S SCHOOL

55 Kennington Oval
London
SE11 5SR
020 7735 3771
<http://www.tenisons.com>



BISHOP THOMAS GRANT SCHOOL

Belltrees Grove
Streatham
London
SW16 2HY
020 8769 3294
<http://www.btg.ac/>



DUNRAVEN SCHOOL

94/98 Leigham Court Road
London
SW16 2QB
020 8696 5600
www.dunraven.org.uk



THE ELMGREEN SCHOOL

Elmcourt Road
London
SE27 9BZ
020 8766 5020
<http://www.the-elmgreen-school.org.uk/>



EVELYN GRACE ACADEMY

255 Shakespeare Road
London
SE24 0QN
020 7737 9520
<http://evelyngraceacademy.org/>



Sixth form provision

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LAMBETH ACADEMY

Elms Road
London
SW4 9ET
020 7819 4700

<http://www.lambeth-academy.org/>



Lambeth Academy
The best in everyone™
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LA RETRAITE ROMAN CATHOLIC GIRLS' SCHOOL

(Mixed Sixth Form – boys up to 25% of the total year groups)

Atkins Road
Clapham Park
London
SW12 0AB
020 8673 5644

<http://www.lairetraite.lambeth.sch.uk/>



LILIAN BAYLIS TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

323 Kennington Lane
London
SE11 5QY
020 7091 9500

<http://www.lilianbaylis.com/>



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

61 Stamford Street
London
SE1 9NA
020 7928 6801

<http://www.lns.org.uk/>



THE NORWOOD SCHOOL

Crown Dale
London
SE19 3NY
020 8670 9382

<http://www.thenorwoodschool.org/>



ST MARTIN-IN-THE FIELDS

155 Tulse Hill
London
SW2 3UP
020 8674 5594

<http://www.stmartins.academy>



KINGS COLLEGE LONDON MATHS SCHOOL

80 Kennington Road
London
SE11 6NJ
020 7848 7346

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/mathsschool/>



SOUTH BANK ENGINEERING UTC

For students aged 14 – 19 years of age

University Technical College opening September 2016 Year with 10 and Year 12 intake.

56 Brixton Hill,
London
SW2 1QS
<http://www.sb-utc.co.uk/>



For details of open days and how to apply to Lambeth's sixth forms and colleges, please visit websites above.

For out of borough colleges and sixth forms, please visit www.clcbuildingfutures.org/Education/EnrolmentInformation.aspx

Further education

LAMBETH COLLEGE

Please refer to website
www.lambethcollege.ac.uk
for further information.



Further Education offers a range of different courses from those that do not need any specific GCSE grades such as Level 1 courses through to Level 3 qualifications, apprenticeships, foundation degrees (L4), and professional qualifications.

Many young people choose to leave school after 16 and go to Further Education College so they can develop their skills and qualifications before they progress to work or university from college.

Lambeth College offers the following courses for 16 year old + learners:

Vocational subjects – Technical (career specific) or Applied (general) qualifications at BTEC Level 1 – 3. The Level 3 Extended Diploma (a two year programme) will lead to university progression.



- **Courses for young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities**
- **Apprenticeships**
- **Courses that prepare people for Higher Education**, such as Foundation Degrees and technical qualifications eg teaching, counselling, science (generally for learners aged 19+)
- **Entry and foundation Courses** to develop skills of students who have not achieved well in school. These courses can give students the confidence to develop skills to enable progression to further learning or work and provide young people with a good basis to 'start again'.
- **Courses aimed at overseas students** such as English Language Courses or additional support for young people with language barriers to prepare them for further study
- **Uniformed Public Services**

Please refer to website
www.lambethcollege.ac.uk for
further information.

Work-based learning routes

Traineeships

Traineeships are an ideal opportunity if you are motivated to get a job but lack the skills and experience that employers are looking for. If you have been unsuccessful when applying for an apprenticeship or other jobs due to lack of qualifications or experience, then you might be a good candidate for a traineeship. A traineeship offers invaluable work experience and qualifications that gets you ready for work or an apprenticeship. It can last up to 6 months with progression routes into apprenticeships. Traineeships will be unpaid but expenses eg travel may be covered.

Apprenticeships are offered at four levels:

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer the chance to work for an employer, earn a salary and gain qualifications at the same time. They are a good way to gain the skills and experience to progress into many careers or Higher Education. There are over 280 types of apprenticeship and cover 1500 job roles – anything from engineering and hospitality, to construction, office based work, nursing and accountancy as examples. They are usually for 16-24 year olds.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP	Equivalent to five GCSE passes (Level 2)
ADVANCED LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP	Equivalent to two A level passes (Level 3)
HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP	Level 4+ qualifications
DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP	A new type of higher apprenticeship which can lead to a full undergraduate degree as part of the apprenticeship(Level 5+)

For a full fact sheet on apprenticeships including where to find vacancies please visit www.younglambeth.org (Young People, education and careers section)

Lambeth Working (a division of Lambeth Council) can also support you with finding a local apprenticeship in various types of jobs. Please visit www.lambethworking.com or email apprenticeships@lambeth.gov.uk

Lambeth College will also provide good links with employers offering apprenticeships <http://www.lambethcollege.ac.uk/courses/category/apprenticeships/>

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision in Lambeth

The Children and Families Act 2014 sets out a new Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice requiring local authorities to publish in one place a 'Local Offer'-- information about provision and support for children and young people with SEND and advice for their families. At Lambeth we are proud of our Local Offer, which includes local advice, guidance and provision for families with children and Young People requiring SEND support from birth to 25 years.

Our Local Offer can be found here:
www.younglambeth.org.uk/local-offer/

Lambeth has a dedicated team responsible for overseeing post 16 – 25 education for those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. This team can be contacted about:

- Support and advice for young people with SEND to achieve their aspirations
- These aspirations might be further studies, employment and/or training
- Post 16 Careers, education, information, advice and guidance for specialist and mainstream college applications (in and out of borough)
- Work based learning routes for SEND (supported internships)
- Information and support on Statements and transition to Educational Health Care Plans
- Advice on additional learning support which should be offered to ensure correct levels of support at establishment of learning
- Arrangements for travel support to enable young people to attend sixth forms and colleges
- Health services and charities that support young people with SEND
- Social Care services, including short breaks

To be directed to a team member who can help you, please contact:

For support for young people and families with SEND, please call 020 7926 7754 or 020 7926 9460 or email: sendsupport@lambeth.gov.uk

SEND Post 16 Provision in Lambeth

THE MICHAEL TIPPETT SCHOOL

The Michael Tippett School supports young people aged 16–19 with Profound and Multiple Learning Needs and Severe Learning Needs.

Heron Road, London SE24 OHZ

020 7326 5898

<http://tmts.me.uk/>



TURNEY SCHOOL

Turney School caters for young people aged 16 – 18 with Learning Difficulties with associated Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Turney Road, London SE21 8LX

020 8766 7588

<http://turneyschool.co.uk/>



LAMBETH COLLEGE

Programmes are offered that have been specially created for young people with SEND in order to provide pathways to employment, independence and being a full member of the community.

Lambeth College Clapham Centre

45 Clapham Common South Side, London SW4 9BL

020 7501 5010

www.lambethcollege.ac.uk/courses_category/learning-support/



ROOTS AND SHOOTS

A charity and educational establishment offering 16 – 18 and up to 25 qualifications for young people with a Statement of Educational Need (SEND).

Walnut Tree Walk, Kennington, London SE11 6DN

020 7587 1131

www.rootsandshoots.org.uk/



ORCHARD HILL COLLEGE

Orchard Hill is a specialist college that supports young people aged 19 – 25 with high level special educational needs.

Orchard Hill College, Old Town Hall, Woodcote Road,
Wallington, Surrey, SM6 0NB.

0345 402 0453

The majority of Lambeth young people attend at:

Orchard Hill, Lomond House, 50 Camberwell Green, London SE5 7AL



Mainstream schools with specialist SEND Provision in Lambeth

Our sixth forms in Lambeth provide inclusive education to meet the moderate needs and aspirations of young people with SEND. In Lambeth we also have mainstream schools who offer additional learning support as detailed below:

The Elmgreen School

The Elmgreen School has additional provision to support young people with Hearing Impairment within the Hearing Support Department (HSD).

Dunraven School

Dunraven School has additional provision to support young people aged 16–18 with Speech and Language and Communication Needs.

City Heights E-ACT Academy

City Heights E-Act Academy has additional provision to support young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This will support young people aged 16-18 as the current intakes reach that age.

For a full list of the approved institutions who offer SEND provision in and out of borough, please follow this link this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/section-41-secretary-of-state-approved-list>



Post 18 Pathways

At age 18+ (or if you have left college at the end of Year 12) you will need to seek advice from your education or training establishment which is the correct pathway for you:

FURTHER EDUCATION	If you have left sixth form at end of Year 12 without sufficient grades to continue A Level study and require support with future study choices.
HIGHER EDUCATION	Undergraduate Degree (L5+) You will receive support from your current sixth form/college re Higher Education University Degrees (L5+). For a guide explaining tuition fees and the cost of going to university go to: www.clcbuildingfutures.org/Education/HE.aspx and click on Student Finance For further advice regarding university admissions and UCAS System, please visit: https://www.ucas.com
APPRENTICESHIPS	Intermediate (L2) Advanced (L3) Higher (L4) or degree apprenticeships (L5+) Please visit www.younglambeth.org Lambeth Working Apprenticeships can offer you advice and support in finding and applying for an apprenticeship. To find out more, and contact the team please email: apprenticeships@lambeth.gov.uk
EMPLOYMENT (OR FACING EMPLOYMENT DIFFICULTIES?)	If you are a Lambeth young person aged 16-19 and currently not in education, employment or training, help is available for you. The Lambeth Get Connected team may help you to access opportunities within education, employment and training and put you on the right track. Tel: 020 7926 9630 Email: getconnected@lambeth.gov.uk You can also refer to the Young Lambeth Website for guidance on applying for jobs with links to live vacancies. www.younglambeth.org (young people careers section)
STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS	If you are interested in starting your own business and have a good business idea you would like to develop, Lambeth has a range of organisations who can offer support. For full details please visit www.younglambeth.org
GAP YEAR	A gap year can be great for your CV – many employers value the experiences students have gained if they've actively managed their time, set themselves goals and stretched themselves. Gap years can be taken before or during university study. For further guidance and safety tips visit: https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/alternatives-higher-education/gap-years

Higher Education - University

How should I choose a University?

Many 18 or 19 year olds do choose to go on to university (higher education) after sixth form or college. The proportion of young people going onto higher education has increased from one in eight in 1980 to well over one in three now. Although there was a dip in applications following the increase in fees, the number of applicants is on the rise again.

You should choose a university based on what is important to you – researching future careers which are of interest to you is a great start. The University application system is managed through UCAS.

A brief guide to UCAS

Name: The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

What is it?: Ucas is the online system which processes UK university applications. It has a database of all courses with their entry requirements and what else the university is looking for – useful information for the personal statement you will need to complete to explain why the university should make them an offer.

Key features? The Ucas website has a step-by-step application guide with accompanying videos for students. Parents and students should register for Ucas e-newsletters, which will keep them up-to-date with important deadlines and other key information.

You will be given extensive support on the UCAS admissions procedure at your Post-16 place of study.

How open days can help

Ultimately there is no substitute for seeing a university for yourself. Open days advertised on a University's website 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.

London South Bank University

Lambeth Council has strong working relationships with our local University. London South Bank University works closely with our schools and has special programmes throughout the year to give our young Lambeth residents ‘tasters’ in University life through a variety of ‘in year’ and summer holiday programmes.

LSBU offers degrees and courses in the following schools/departments:

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

For further details, please contact the University.

London South Bank University

103 Borough Road
London SE1 0AA

General enquiries: **020 7815 7815**

Course enquiries: **0800 923 8888**

course.enquiry@lsbu.ac.uk



Young London Working

Young London Working is a Mayor's Fund for London project which aims to provide young Londoners with opportunities to apply for good quality jobs. Vacancies are sent to a network of training and employability providers across London including Lambeth Working (a division of Lambeth Council).

To find out about these vacancies, please email our staff at apprenticeships@lambeth.gov.uk or visit website www.younglondonworking.org

Lambeth Working Apprenticeships

Lambeth Working Apprenticeships can offer you advice and support in finding and applying for apprenticeships. The Lambeth Working Apprenticeships team works with employers to create apprenticeship vacancies for local young people. We recruit for apprenticeship vacancies within Lambeth Council and

with companies who deliver services for the Council.

To find out more, and contact the team please email: apprenticeships@lambeth.gov.uk



Starting your own business

If you are determined and ambitious and want to start your own business, then entrepreneurship may be for you. To help you to develop your business idea and start-up, there are opportunities in Lambeth to support you on this journey:

- **The Prince's Trust**, based in Kennington supports young people aged 18-30 who want to start a business: www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/enterprise_programme.aspx
- **Advance 360** (www.advance360.co.uk), **Tree Shepherd** (www.treeshepherd.org.uk) and **One Planet Ventures** (www.oneplanetventures.org) are Lambeth based organisations offering enterprise support to people of all ages.
- **Shell**, a multi-national organisation with a base in Lambeth (the Shell Centre) provides free online business advice and funding to young entrepreneurs through Shell LiveWIRE: www.shell-livewire.org
- **The London Enterprise Panel's Business Growth Hub** offers the most comprehensive list of support available to people starting or growing a business in London: www.lep.london/growthhub/business-support
- **Lambeth College** deliver a range of qualifications relating to business and enterprise, more information can be found here: www.lambethcollege.ac.uk/life-at-lambeth/creative-arts-and-media/business-and-enterprise/
- **Green Man Skills Zone**, based in Coldharbour Lane offers employment and enterprise support to young people: www.greenmanskillszone.com

Social Enterprises

Social enterprises are businesses that aim to improve communities or the environment. What makes them different from other enterprise is that tackling social problems is as important to its business objective as making money. A benefit of setting up a social enterprise is that with proven track record you may be able to apply for grants and funding. You can find more information here: www.socialenterprise.org.uk

Useful websites and contacts

Young Lambeth

Young Lambeth is an online directory of services including education and careers, activities, events and information including our Local Offer (SEND) for all children, young people, families and practitioners in Lambeth.

<http://www.younglambeth.org/>

Lambeth Working

Lambeth Working is a division of Lambeth Council. They offer a job brokerage service that matches local people with employment and work related training opportunities.

www.lambethworking.com

National Apprenticeship Service

Information from the National Apprenticeship Service about what apprenticeships are, different types of apprenticeships, how to apply and live vacancies.

<http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

CLC Building Futures

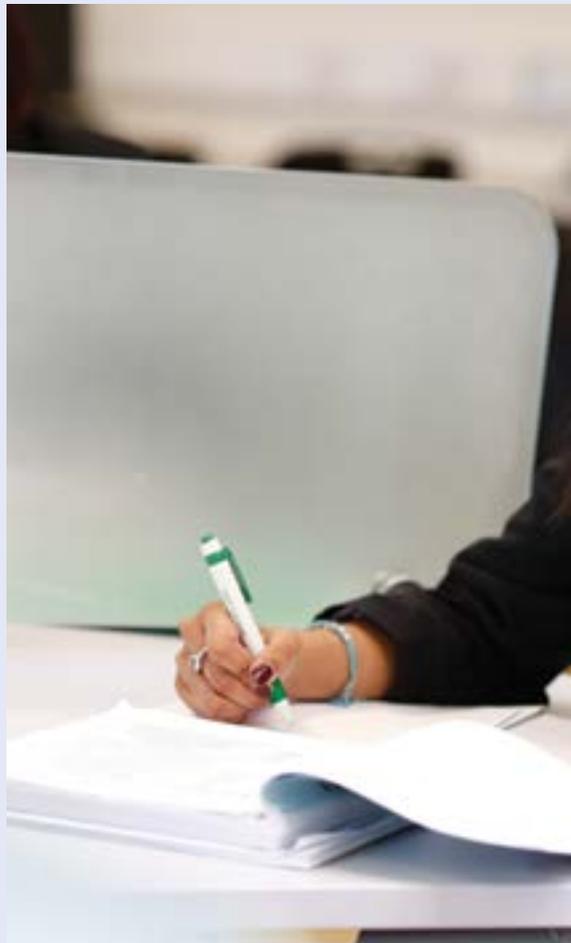
This website includes resources and information about post 16 options and careers education. You can sign up for regular email newsletters and search live vacancies including traineeships and apprenticeships across London.

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

National Careers Service

On-line and over the telephone advice on all aspects of careers research and next steps action planning. This websites gives career and learning pathways advice for 13 to 19 year olds.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>



UCAS

UCAS (The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) processes applications for a range of subject areas and modes of study for UK higher education providers and provides 16-18 options advice through UCAS Progress.
<https://www.ucas.com/>



Lambeth Virtual School - For support and advice for young people in care or leaving care

If you are aged 16 – 21 (up to 25 if you have any special needs and/or disabilities) and you feel that you would like additional support or advice in securing your next steps in education or employment, please contact our consultants:

Prasad Sothinathan

(for young people aged 16 – 18)

Tel: 020 7926 0113/07785 694 807

Rose-Marie Morgan

(for young people aged 19 – 25)

Tel : 020 7926 1763/07710 026 463

or email:

lambethvirtuelschool@lambeth.gov.uk

14-25 Education:

Your school and college will be able to give advice re education and careers choices in the first instance.

For other enquires please contact:

Education:

14to25education@lambeth.gov.uk

Employment support:

Lambethworking@lambeth.gov.uk



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