

POST 16 OPTIONS: WHAT CAN I DO AT THE END OF YEAR 11?

The Raising of the Participation Age means at the end of year 11 you will need to continue in education or training until at least your 18th birthday.



FULL-TIME EDUCATION

Full-time courses can be described as:

General academic courses (e.g. A Levels): A Levels are level 3 qualifications. Good GCSE grades are needed to show you can cope with the level of study required. A Levels normally last for two years and students normally study 3 or 4 subjects. A wide range of subjects can be studied. You can progress onto Higher Education courses or Advanced Apprenticeships.

Vocational (work-related) courses (e.g. BTEC): Level 1 to 3 courses are available to year 11 leavers. Level 1 and 2 courses often last one year and Level 3 two years. A wide variety of vocational areas are available. BTEC Level 3 enables you to progress onto Higher Education or Advanced Apprenticeships.

You can choose to continue your education at:

College There are a range of colleges across Birmingham and it's surroundings (e.g Solihull and Walsall)

School Sixth Forms

APPRENTICESHIPS

Give you the opportunity to combine on the job training with studying for a qualification. Apprenticeships are available from Intermediate (Level 2), Advanced (Level 3) up to Higher & Degree (Levels 4, 5, 6 & 7). It usually takes between one and four years to complete an apprenticeship depending on the level taken.

Apprenticeships are available across a wide range of industries and many prestigious companies offer them (popular examples include: Jaguar Land Rover; Virgin Media; Specsavers, etc.)

TRAINEESHIPS

Are for young people who want to get an apprenticeship but need to develop their skills and experience. They offer work experience and help (if needed) with English and maths.

Apply direct to training providers. You can progress onto an Apprenticeship following the completion of a Traineeship.

STUDY PROGRAMMES (PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS)

Are for young people who are not sure what job area they want to do. They offer the chance to try out different job areas, gain practical qualification and support with your English and maths.

You can progress onto a Traineeship following the completion of a Study Programme.

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