

# Post 16 Options (2024-2025)

**Start an  
Apprenticeship**

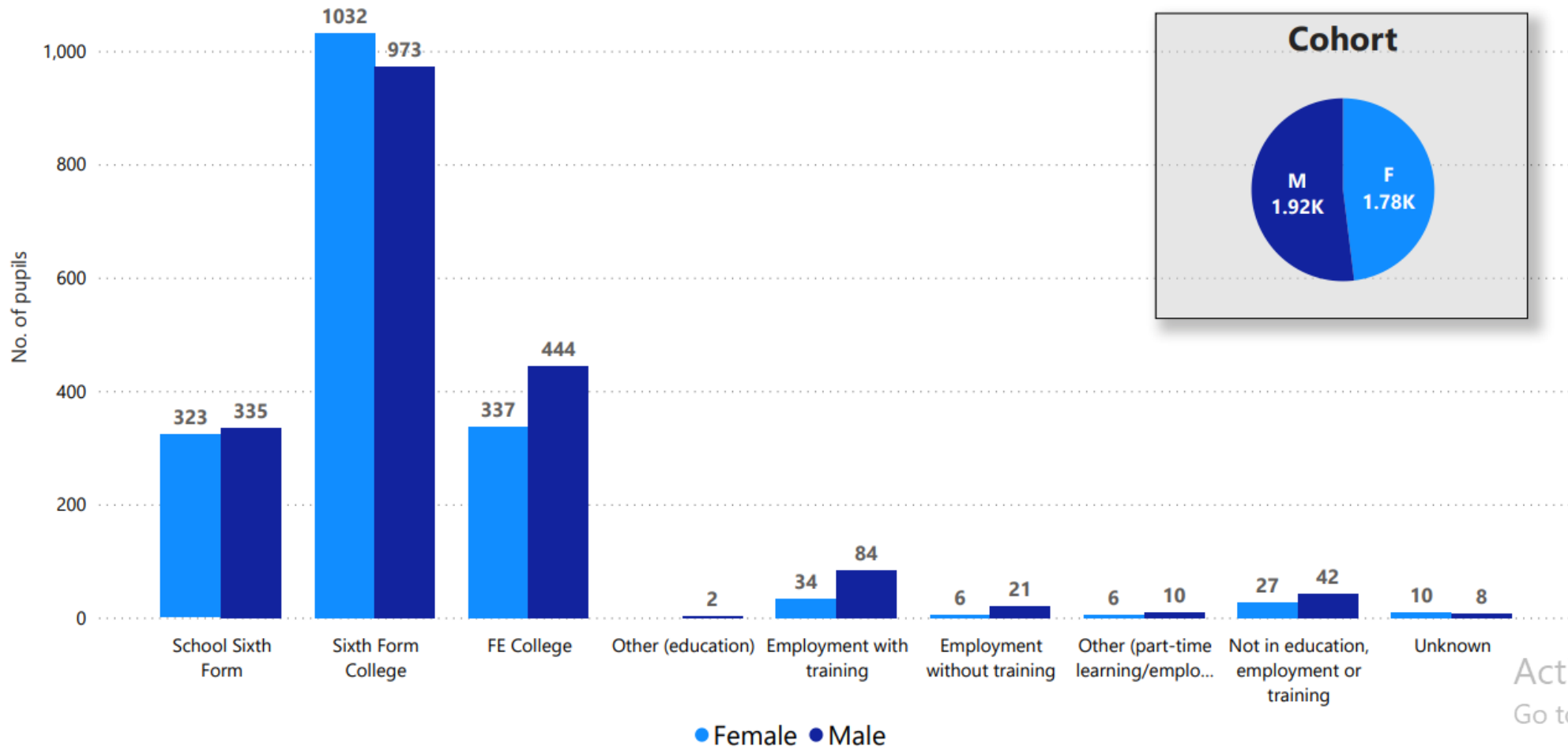
**Study at college  
or  
sixth form**

**Employment  
with training**

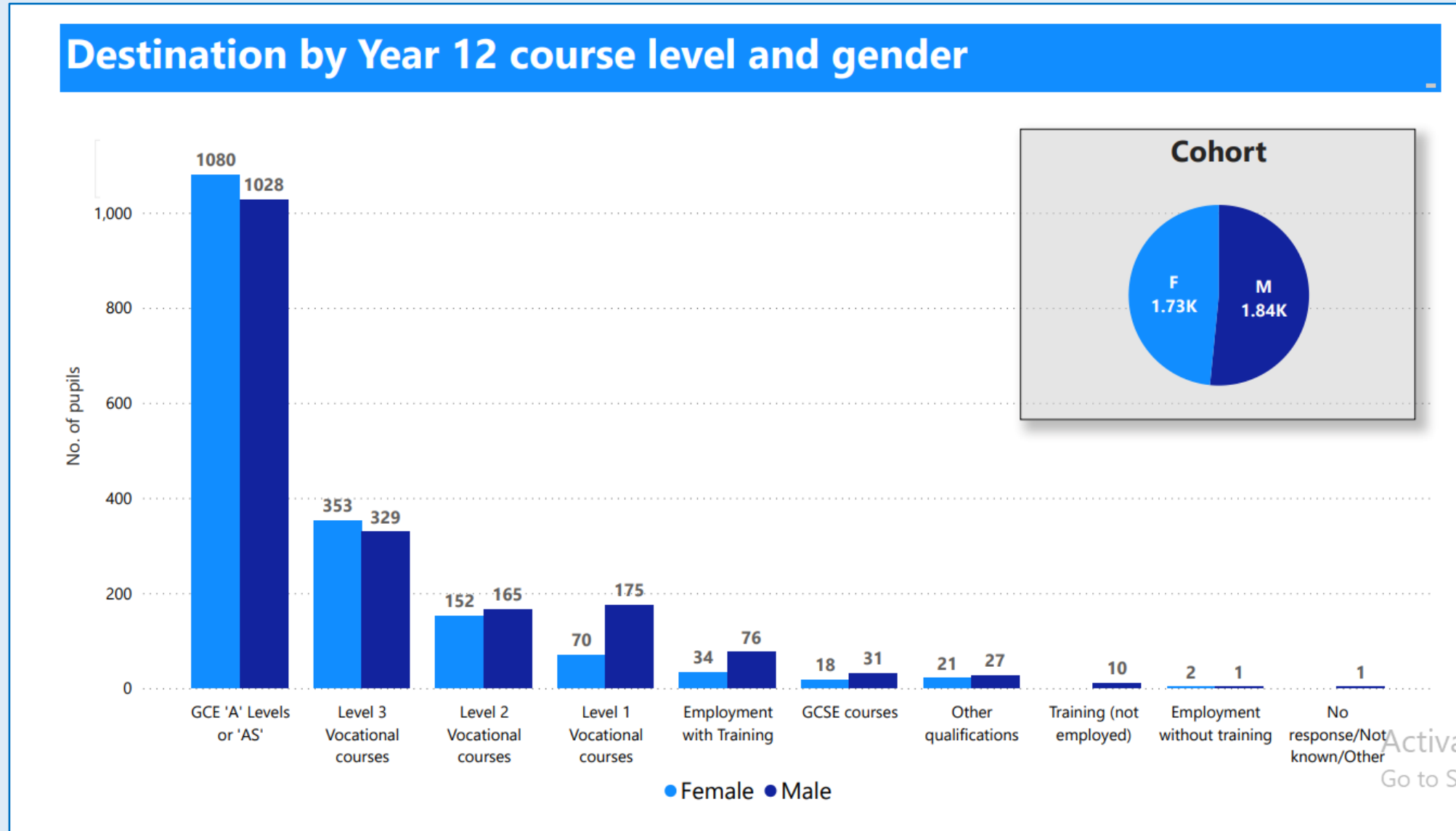
**Traineeship  
Volunteering**

# Destination of Year 11 leavers in CAP schools in 2022 by gender

## Education, Employment and Training destinations by gender



# Course destination of Year 11 leavers in CAP schools in 2022 by gender



# Courses, Training & Qualifications

|                | <b>Academic</b><br><i>Mostly exams</i>  | <b>Applied</b><br><i>Some coursework</i> | <b>Technical Vocational</b><br><i>Mainly coursework based</i> | <b>T Levels</b><br><i>Some coursework, industry placement</i> | <b>Apprenticeship</b><br><b>Traineeship</b><br><b>Supported Internship</b><br><i>Employment/ training</i> |
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| <b>Level 3</b> | A levels<br>International Baccalaureate | BTEC/OCR L3                              | NVQ/C&G L3  | T Level   | Advanced apprenticeship   |
| <b>Level 2</b> | GCSEs<br>(Grades 4-9)                   | BTEC/OCR L2                              | NVQ/C&G L2  |   | Intermediate apprenticeship and traineeship   |
| <b>Level 1</b> | GCSEs<br>(Grades 1-3)                   | BTEC/OCR L1                              | NVQ/C&G L1  |   | Traineeship and pre-employment schemes  |

It is possible to combine Academic and Applied General route at some providers

# Maths and English for Full Time Students

- Students who achieve grade 3 or below in English and/or Maths will need to continue working towards their GCSE. Those with grade 3 need to retake GCSE, those with 2 and below can take qualifications that lead to GCSE or take GCSE. Students at CRC will retake GCSE English and/or maths if they have achieved a grade 2 or 3
- Students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, may be exempt from the above, but will still need to study Maths and/or English

# Where can I study?

| A Levels   | IB Careers Programme                                 | Applied courses   | Technical Vocational courses   |
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| Bishop Laney Sixth Form<br>Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology<br>Cambridge Maths School                                      | Impington International Sixth Form                   | Cambridge Regional College<br>Bishop Laney Sixth Form<br>College of West Anglia (Cambridge) | Cambridge Regional College<br>College of West Anglia (Cambridge)             |
| Cambourne Sixth Form<br>Comberton Sixth Form   | <b>IB Diploma Programme</b>                          | College of West Anglia (Cambridge)<br>Long Road Sixth Form College                          | <b>T Levels</b>  |
| Chesterton Sixth Form<br>Hills Road Sixth Form College<br>Long Road Sixth Form College<br>Northstowe Sixth form<br>The Oakes College | Impington International Sixth Form<br>Parkside Sixth | Cambourne Sixth Form<br>Comberton Sixth Form<br>Northstowe Sixth Form<br>The Oakes College  | Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology<br><br>Cambridge Regional College |

There may be other local non-CAP post 16 centers

# What do qualifications lead to?

| Qualification        | Leads to  |
|----------------------|---|
| A Level/IB           | University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work             |
| T Levels             | University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work             |
| Technical/Vocational | Apprenticeship, work, college or university                             |
| Applied              | University/college, apprenticeship, work                                |
| Traineeship          | Apprenticeship, further education, work                                 |
| Supported Internship | Work, traineeship, apprenticeship                                       |
| Apprenticeship       | Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education |

# A general guide to entry requirements

| A Level /IB  | T Levels   | Applied general (Level 3)  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centres require a range of GCSEs including Maths and English.</li> <li>Some subjects need specific subjects and grades</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 5 grade 4 GCSEs including Maths and English.</li> <li>Some require GCSE grade 4 or above in specific subjects</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English</li> <li>Some require 5 GCSEs grade 4</li> <li>Some require specific subjects</li> </ul> |
| GCSE   | Technical vocational   | Applied general (Level 2)  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 3 grade 4 GCSEs including Maths and English.</li> <li>Some subjects need specific subjects and grades</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You start most courses at Level 1, progressing to Level 2 and Level 3 as your skills develop</li> <li>For some courses you can enter at Level 2 or 3 depending on skill level</li> <li>Some courses need specific subjects</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English</li> <li>Some require specific subjects</li> </ul>  |

To confirm entry requirements and specific subject requirements please contact post 16 centres you are considering



# Minimum entry requirements for 2024 entry

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| <b>Bishop Laney Sixth</b>                             | Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject.  |
| <b>Cambridge Academy for Science &amp; Technology</b> | At least 7 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including two Sciences (either double award or specific subjects) at grade 6, Maths grade 6 and English grade 4.  |
| <b>Cambridge Maths School</b>                         | Be predicted seven GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE Maths grade 8 or 9, GCSE Combined Science 8-8 or higher (or separate science grade 8 or higher in the subject you wish to study) and GCSE English grade 5 or higher. All students with these predicted grades will be invited to an aptitude test. Students passing the aptitude test will be invited to an interview. |

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

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| <b>Comberton Sixth</b>  | <p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths and English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p> <p>All information is available on our website and in the 2024 prospectus.</p> |
| <b>Chesterton Sixth</b> | <p>Students need at least 5 grade 6s including Maths and English (either Lang or Lit) as well as subject specific requirements as detailed on our website and in our prospectus.</p>   |
| <b>Cambourne Sixth</b>  | <p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths &amp; English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p>  |

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| <b>Hills Road Sixth</b> | <p>To be invited to an informal guidance meeting about your course, you will need to place Hills Road as your first choice A level centre, or second choice behind a CAP school sixth form, achieve our Minimum Entry Admissions Score of 58 and be qualified for at least two subjects you are applying for.</p> <p>Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent).<br/>Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject</p> |
| <b>Long Road Sixth</b>  | <p>To study A Levels, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 5 in a range of subjects, usually including Maths and English. To study Level 3 Applied courses, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 4, usually including Maths and/or English. Additional requirements for each course are specified on our website. To study our Level 2 programme, we require three GCSEs at grade 4, with at least grade 3 in both Maths and English.</p>     |
| <b>Northstowe Sixth</b> | <p>Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent).<br/>Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject</p>   |
| <b>Oakes Sixth Form</b> | <p>Students require 7 GCSE grades 9-4 or in an appropriate range of subjects, including Maths and English grade 4. A minimum grade 6 is advised where a course is continued from GCSE</p>   |

# Minimum IB profiles for 2024 entry

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| <p><b>Impington International College</b></p> | <p><b>International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme:</b> at least seven GCSEs with Grade 6 or above, including English Language and Maths. For subjects you wish to take at higher level you will need at least a grade 7.</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate Career Programme:</b> at least five subjects at GCSE grade 5 or above, ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 6 in your area of specialism.</p> |
| <p><b>Parkside Sixth</b></p>                  | <p>At least 5 GCSEs, or equivalent, at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths. At least 3 grade 6 or above for all Higher Level subjects. These are minimum requirements; some IB subjects require higher GCSE grades than those specified above. We particularly welcome applications from students with very strong GCSE (or equivalent) results.</p>  |

Refer to post-16 centres for current entry criteria, specific subject requirements and how subject combination and putting a centre first when applying may affect your chances of success.

# Vocational Courses

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| <b>Bishop Laney Sixth</b>                             | <p>Level 3: Sport, Business, Media, Performing Arts, Applied Science, Hair, Beauty, Health and Social Care, AAT Accounting, Criminology Level 2: Catering, Hairdressing, Beauty, Barbering, Sport Coaching, Business Administration. Norwich City Football Regional Development programme available to students at all levels.</p>  |
| <b>Cambridge Regional College</b>                     | <p>Art &amp; Design, Beauty Therapy, Business &amp; Law, Childcare &amp; Early Education, Catering &amp; Hospitality, Computing, Construction &amp; Trades, Engineering, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Hairdressing, Health &amp; Social Care, Media &amp; Games Development, Media Make-Up, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Science &amp; Forensic &amp; Criminal Investigation Sports, Supported Learning, Travel &amp; Tourism, Uniform Public Services<br/>Technology, Some full time courses have 45 days work experience</p> |
| <b>Cambridge Academy for Science &amp; Technology</b> | <p>T Levels in Science and Healthcare Science</p>   |
| <b>Comberton Sixth</b>                                | <p>Sport, Business, Science, Health and Social Care</p>   |

# Vocational Courses

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| <b>College of West Anglia (Cambridge)</b> | Animal Care, Equine and Dog Grooming. We also offer Apprenticeships in Agriculture and Horticulture.   |
| <b>Impington International College</b>    | Business, Media, Performing Arts, Sports, Health & Social Care and Art and Design  |
| <b>Long Road Sixth</b>                    | Level 3 courses in Art & Design, Business, Criminology, Graphics, Health & Social Care, IT, Media, Musical Theatre, Sport, Science, Psychology and Music.<br>Level 2 Applied Courses: Media, Health and Social Care, Art and IT<br>. |
| <b>Northstowe Sixth</b>                   | Forensic Science, Business, Sport, Music performance, Health and social care   |
| <b>The Oakes College</b>                  | Level 3 courses in Health and social care, Media, Psychology, ICT, Criminology   |

# Employment options

| <b>Apprenticeship</b>                          | <b>Employment with training</b>          | <b>Traineeship</b>   |
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| Employer and Training Provider must be secured | Equivalent of 1 day per week of training | For those just short of the skills and qualifications required for apprenticeship or further study |

# Apprenticeships

| Name         | Level       | Equivalent Educational Level  | Entry Requirements  |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Intermediate | 2           | GCSE                          | English and GCSE at 3 or above  |
| Advanced     | 3           | A Level                       | English & maths at 4 or above (other specialist L2 qualifications also might be required) |
| Higher       | 4,5,6 and 7 | Foundation degree and above   | Entry requirements may vary dependant on subject area                                     |
| Degree       | 6 and 7     | Bachelor's or master's degree |   |



# How do I decide?

| Things to consider  | More advice or information needed?  |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future plans/aspirations</li><li>• Subjects you enjoy</li><li>• Entry requirements v projected grades</li><li>• Learning style</li><li>• Assessment methods</li><li>• Transport</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School careers/transition advisors</li><li>• Post 16 open evenings/days</li><li>• Post 16 centre websites/prospectuses</li><li>• <a href="https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/">https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/</a></li><li>• Family and Friends</li><li>• Local job vacancies with training</li><li>• <a href="http://camblearntogether.co.uk">Local Job Vacancies for 16+ and Apprenticeships Information - Learn Together (camblearntogether.co.uk)</a></li></ul> |

# How do I Apply?

## College or Sixth Form courses

- Use the online application process for centres in CAP <https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- For centres outside CAP, approach the centre directly

## Apprenticeship

- National Apprenticeship website  
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- Not Going to Uni website <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- In CAP area express an interest in an Apprenticeship area on  
<https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- Companies own websites
- Contact colleges and training providers that offer apprenticeships.