

Your Post 16 Qualification Options – A brief description

A Levels - Choose subjects you took at GCSE to study in more depth or pick subjects you may not have done before economics, law or psychology. You could take 3 very different subjects you are interested in to keep your career options open or choose more closely related subjects if you need them for a specific career.

International Baccalaureates - This is an academically challenging programme with final examinations that prepare students for university and working life. You choose one subject from each of five groups – including two languages, social sciences, experimental sciences, and mathematics. You also choose either an arts subject from a sixth group, or another subject from groups one to five. The IB is the equivalent of 5 A Levels in UCAS points and a well-respected qualification by top universities and employers. To take part in the IB we recommend that students have a minimum of grade 5 at GCSE (or equivalent) in their chosen subjects

T Levels - Designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. You'll combine classroom learning with real work placements which will last at least 45 days. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels (although some university and colleges will rate these differently) Due to the practical nature, it can often provide valuable work experience ahead of a future course)

BTECS - These courses teach you the practical skills and knowledge for a particular area of employment. They can prepare you for a broad employment sector, like engineering or travel and tourism, or for a specific job like a chef or a hairdresser. Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be involved in.

Apprenticeships - Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary. Start at a level to suit you, with support if you have special needs or a disability. You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college, training centre or Institute of Technology (IoT).