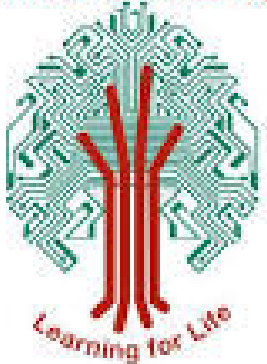


# Post 16 options A levels, BTEC and Apprenticeships Explained

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# What the Law says.

If you were born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 1997 then you must stay in education or training until the end of the academic year when you turn 18. Your options are:

- ▶ Full time education either at:
  - ▶ Sixth Form College
  - ▶ School Sixth Form
  - ▶ Further Education College
- ▶ Apprenticeship or traineeship
- ▶ Part time education or training alongside 20 hours of employment or volunteering.

# A levels

- ▶ Since 2015 the AS/A2 study pathway has been phased out
- ▶ 3 or 4 options depending on the college and extension subjects
- ▶ 5 GCSE subjects grades A\* - C or 9 - 4 as a minimum entry requirement
- ▶ Colleges request 'points' or grades requirements for entry
- ▶ You will need a B at GCSE to study the subject for A level
- ▶ Over 100 subjects to choose from!
- ▶ Progression to university, higher education, work or higher level apprenticeships
- ▶ Keeps your options open for longer
- ▶ Mainly exam based

# BTEC

- ▶ Technical and vocational qualifications
- ▶ Studied at a range of levels and size of qualification
- ▶ Subjects are industry specific for example art and design, business, sport
- ▶ Over 2000 different subjects
- ▶ Assessed through exams, practical assessment and coursework
- ▶ Often includes a period of work experience
- ▶ Progression to university, higher education, apprenticeships or employment

Name of BTEC	Level	Credits	Value
BTEC Extended Diploma	Level 3	180	3 A levels
BTEC Diploma	Level 3	120	2 A levels
BTEC 90 Credit Diploma	Level 3	90	1.5 A levels
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	Level 3	60	1 A level
BTEC Certificate	Level 3	30	0.5 A level

# Vocational Qualifications

- ▶ NVQ
- ▶ Often the qualification that is studied through an apprenticeship but can also be studied full time at college
- ▶ Subjects include catering, construction trades and hair and beauty
- ▶ Progression is usually on to employment within the trade or an apprenticeship

# Apprenticeships

- ▶ Over 400 subject areas with over 1500 different job roles
- ▶ Range in level from intermediate right up to higher level apprenticeships
- ▶ Some can be studied as an alternative to university after A levels
- ▶ Work in a job, learning on the job
- ▶ Complete nationally recognised qualifications
- ▶ Minimum wage of £3.70 per hour
- ▶ Higher level apprenticeships pay between £10,000 and £20,000!
- ▶ New Apprenticeship levy will increase apprenticeships



# Degree Level Apprenticeships

- ▶ Degree apprenticeships are a new development for vocational higher education in England
- ▶ They combine full time paid work with free part time university study
- ▶ Participants work for a leading graduate recruiter while studying for a full Bachelors or Masters degree at a top university
- ▶ Programmes last between one and 5 years and are co designed by partnership employers and higher education institutions to ensure that apprentices graduate with the **career boosting practical skills their industry needs.**
- ▶ Apprenticeships are primarily targeted at 18-19 year old school leavers as an alternative route to gaining a degree especially those deterred from studying a traditional full time programme that has high tuition fees and student debt.

# Degree Apprenticeships at DMU

- ✗ Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship
- ✗ Electronic Systems Design and Engineering Degree Apprenticeship
- ✗ Cyber Security Technical Professional Degree Apprenticeship
- ✗ Digital & Technology Solutions Professional Degree Apprenticeship
- ✗ Building Services Design Engineer Degree Apprenticeship

# Employment

- ▶ Minimum wage for under 18 year olds is £4.20 per hour
- ▶ You must not work more than 8 hours a day
- ▶ You must have 12 hours rest between each working day and 48 hours rest a week (minimum)
- ▶ You cannot work at night (22:00 - 06:00)
- ▶ If you choose employment over education it must be in conjunction with 12 hours of training or education.

# Colleges

## ▶ Further Education Colleges

- ▶ Brooksby and Melton College
- ▶ Leicester College
- ▶ Loughborough College
- ▶ Moulton College
- ▶ Northampton College
- ▶ Tresham College
- ▶ South Leicester College
- ▶ Stephenson College

## ▶ Sixth Form Colleges

- ▶ Gateway College
- ▶ Regent College
- ▶ Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> College

## ▶ School Sixth Form Colleges

- ▶ Beauchamp College
- ▶ City of Leicester
- ▶ English Martyr's Catholic School
- ▶ Guthlaxton
- ▶ New College
- ▶ Robert Smyth
- ▶ St Paul's Catholic School

# Work Experience

- ▶ Employers are looking for employees who have:
  - ▶ Communication and conversation skills
  - ▶ Business or sector knowledge
  - ▶ Realistic expectations of work
  - ▶ Resilience
  - ▶ A good work ethic
  - ▶ Ability to manage your time (Skills for the future findings)
- ▶ Only 1/3 of employers in Leicestershire felt students leaving school had these skills!  
Now is time to change that!

# Work Experience

- ▶ Welland Park Academy partners with LEBC to offer this service
- ▶ Amazing opportunity to improve skills, try out a career and experience work!
- ▶ Year 9 start thinking about what you want to try
- ▶ Year 10 start thinking about how to get the most out of it

# Questions

- ▶ Any questions?
- ▶ Further help and support
- ▶ All this information can also be find in the student guide available this evening.