

'Pupils think hard, work hard and take pride in their work'

Finding out about Post 16 courses

- **How is this next step different?**
- **Aim high!**
- **What courses are available to me?**
- **How can I find out what sort of course is most suitable for me?**



Ambition Community Respect Perseverance Responsibility Kindness

'Pupils think hard, work hard and take pride in their work'

How is this next stage different?

This is the first choice in where you will be learning for 5 years (when you chose your secondary school).

Up until now, you have mainly taken qualifications chosen for you by your school.

Now you have more choice – you have the opportunity to make choices about your own learning and the qualifications that go with it. This can influence your options for future education or employment.

You will be able to choose from a vast number of different courses and qualifications



Ambition Community Respect Perseverance Responsibility Kindness

'Pupils think hard, work hard and take pride in their work'

Aiming high:

The key when applying is to **aim high**. Everyone should aim to leave Year 11 with a level 2 qualification so should aim for a Level 3 qualification at college or Sixth Form.

Remember, you can apply for as many courses as you want but only have to take the ones you eventually decide on. **So be ambitious!**



Ambition Community Respect Perseverance Responsibility Kindness

What courses are available to me?

- **A Levels:** Traditional courses. Exam assessed. Students take 3 or 4
- **BTEC:** Many qualifications at Level 3. Mainly coursework based. Practical/creative skills. Can be worth up to 3 A levels
- **Technical qualifications:** Practical. Mix of practical, coursework and examined. Worth up to 3 A levels
- **Apprenticeships:** Many level 3 available. On the job training (80%) with college learning (20%).
- **T Levels** - new this year. Examined and coursework. College based (80%) with work experience placements (20%). Worth 3 A levels



How can I find out what sort of course is most suitable for me?

Every student will have the opportunity for a careers interview with an independent advisor. They can also speak with staff at school. Aim to attend Post 16 Open events - linked on our website

Online resources:

- **Fledgeline:** <https://fledglink.com/>
- **UCAS:** <https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/what-qualifications-are-there-16-18-year-olds>
- **Start Careers:** <https://www.startprofile.com/>

