



Parent and Carer Information Sessions

**Session 1:
Post 16 Pathways
10.10.23**



Welcome and Housekeeping

- Michelle & Ellen



- Q&A function
- Recording session
- Follow up after session

Help!



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- I want to help - but how?
- Well done!
- Structured way through
- Great First Step to exploring Next Steps
- National Careers Service
- Talking Futures
- Correct at time of delivery!

Agenda

- **Careers Hub help on offer**
- **Overview of Post 16 Pathways**
- **Introduction to:**
 - Higher Education
 - Apprenticeships
 - T Levels
 - Vocational Technical Qualifications
 - Supported Internships
- **Q&A and Future Sessions**

Next Steps

Parents and Carers Newsletter



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Next Steps

ENABLING PARENTS AND CARERS TO SUPPORT THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH POST-16 PATHWAYS

Welcome to our first Next Steps newsletter!

Over the coming year, we're going to be providing a range of information and online sessions for parents and carers to help you support your young person to make the post-16 education or training choices that are right for them. Termly newsletters will explore the different pathways that are available to students post-16, including Higher Education, Apprenticeships and T Levels, and signpost you to useful information and resources. Four online sessions will then give you the opportunity to learn more about each pathway, hear from relevant organisations and ask any questions you might have. This is in addition to all the careers information, guidance, activities and events already being provided by your young person's school or college. Their Careers Leader is always on hand to answer questions or offer support. Read on to find out more!

Exploring Post 16 Options

By law, young people are required to continue in education, employment or training until the age of 18. Between their [school leaving age](#) and 18, a young person in England must do one of the following:

- Stay in full-time education, for example at a college
- Start an [apprenticeship](#) or [traineeship](#)
- Spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training

We'll be exploring the different options in the online sessions. Use the links provided later in the newsletter to book a place. In the meantime, the [National Careers Service website](#) provides lots of helpful information about different post-16 options available for your young person, including [advice for young people with SEND](#).

APPRENTICESHIPS

Format: Working alongside experienced staff to learn whilst earning a wage and studying

Leads to: Higher education, another apprenticeship or a job

Might be for you if: You want to have a real job while you gain a qualification

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

T LEVELS

Format: A mix of learning in the classroom and on the job

Leads to: Higher education, an apprenticeship, or a job

Might be for you if: You'd like to know what a career is like while you continue your studies

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

A LEVELS

Format: Studying several subjects enjoyed at school, college or sixth form

Leads to: Higher education, an apprenticeship or a job

Might be for you if: You prefer learning in a classroom

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS (VTQs)

Format: Studying to gain skills and experience in a specific sector

Leads to: Further study (including higher education), an apprenticeship or getting a job

Might be for you if: You'd really like to work in a particular job or industry

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS (IF YOU HAVE AN EDUCATION HEALTH CARE PLAN)

Format: Spend time in the workplace while you follow a study plan designed especially for you

Leads to: A paid job

Might be for you if: If you'd like support and training to get a paid job

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Parents and Carers Online Sessions



Still to come...

- Session 2
Thurs 16th Nov, 6pm
Higher Education Pathways
- Session 3
Mon 5th February, 6pm
Apprenticeship Pathways
- Session 4
Weds 17th April, 6pm
T Level Pathways

An Introduction to Post 16 Pathways



Potential Pathways



National Careers Service – Get the Jump

- Higher Education
- Apprenticeships
- T Levels
- Vocational Technical Qualifications
- Supported Internships

An Introduction to Higher Education



Higher Education Overview



Higher Education

Different types of HE qualifications

- Diplomas
- Bachelor degrees
- Foundation degrees and foundation years
- Higher Technical Qualifications
- Degree level apprenticeships

Pathways to Higher Education



Level 3 qualifications

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Advanced apprenticeship
- Vocational Technical Qualifications

Exploring Higher Education



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Sources of Information

- UCAS
- University Websites/Open Days
- Uni Connect
- Higher Horizons

An Introduction to Apprenticeships



Apprenticeships Overview



An apprenticeship is a job where you will:

- Earn a wage and get holiday pay
- Work alongside experienced staff
- Gain job-specific skills
- Get time for training and study related to your role (in work, at college, with a training provider or online)

Apprenticeship Levels



Apprenticeships have equivalent qualification levels.

e.g. An Advanced Level 3 apprenticeship is considered the same level as 2 or 3 A Levels

The 4 different apprenticeship levels are:

- Intermediate (Level 2)
- Advanced (Level 3)
- Higher (Level 4 or 5)
- Degree (Level 6 or 7)

Exploring Apprenticeships



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Sources of Information

- ASK Programme (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools)
- Amazing Apprenticeships website
- Cheshire and Warrington Opportunities Portal

An Introduction to T Levels



T Levels Overview



A T Level is a nationally recognised qualification for 16–19 year-olds that:

- Takes 2 years to complete
- Leading businesses and employers helped to design
- Provides 80% classroom time & 20% (minimum 9 weeks) work placement
- Is equivalent to 3 A Levels

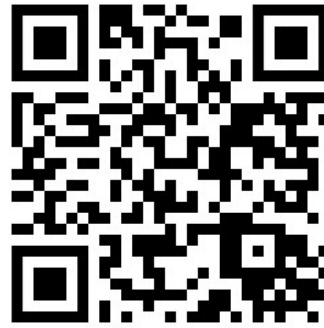
T Level Subjects



There are now over 20 T level subjects to choose from including:

- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Education and Early Years
- Health
- Management and Administration
- Science

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- Business and administration
- Catering and hospitality
- Construction
- Creative and design
- Digital
- Education and early years
- Engineering and manufacturing
- Hair and beauty
- Health and science
- Legal, finance and accounting
- Sales, marketing and procurement

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- Amazing Apprenticeships website
- HM Government website
www.tlevels.gov.uk

An Introduction to Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

VTQs Overview



VTQs

- Focus on a specific job or broad employment area such as childcare, engineering or IT
- Are usually taken at school or college
- Cover different qualification levels so entry grades vary across courses
- Might be of interest if you have a strong interest in working in a particular industry



Types of VTQs

There are different types and levels of VTQs including:

- BTECs (Level 1-7)
- Cambridge Nationals (Level 1 and 2)
- Cambridge Technicals (Level 2 and 3)
- T Levels (Level 3)

The minimum length of a VTQ is one year.

Exploring VTQs



Sources of Information

- Search the National Careers Service [website](#)
- Speak direct to colleges and training providers

An Introduction to Supported Internships



Supported Internships Overview



To start a Supported Internship, you need to:

- Be aged 16-24
- Have an education, health care plan (EHCP)

A Supported Internship

- Is an unpaid work-based study programme
- Facilitated by a learning provider (school or college)
- Usually lasts a year
- Usually includes a work placement lasting at least 6 months, supported by a job coach

Aims of Supported Internships



The aim of a Supported Internship is to support young people with an EHCP to gain paid employment by:

- Supporting them to develop skills valued by employers
- Enabling them to demonstrate their value in the workplace
- Developing their own confidence in their abilities to perform successfully at work

Exploring Supported Internships



Sources of Information

- Cheshire and Warrington Your Futures
- CEC My Skills My Future Posters
- **National Careers Service**
 - Education advice if you have special needs or a disability
 - Career and job support for people with a disability

Q&A

*And book while
we chat!*

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