



# 2024-2025



## Post-16 Options

**1. Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst- Sixth Form**

<https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/>

**2. Another school with a sixth form**

**3. Sixth Form College**

**4. FE College (Further Education)**

**5. Apprenticeship**

**6. Grammar School**

**7. Independent School**

**8. Training Provider Programme e.g. Barnardo's Study Programme**

**9. Other Provision e.g. Prince's Trust Programme**

**10. Specialist Academy e.g. WMG (Engineering)**



## Birmingham and Solihull Colleges:

### BMET (Birmingham Metropolitan College)

- (i) Matthew Boulton College
- (ii) Sutton Coldfield College
- (iii) James Watt College
- (iv) Erdington Skills Centre

<https://www.bmet.ac.uk/>

<https://www.bmet.ac.uk/our-locations/james-watt/erdington-skills-centre/>

### Solihull College

- (i) Blossomfield Campus
- (ii) Woodlands Campus

<https://www.solihull.ac.uk/>

### Solihull Sixth Form College

<https://www.solihullsf.ac.uk/>

### UCB (University College Birmingham)

<https://www.ucb.ac.uk/study/courses/college/>

### UCB Sixth Form Centre

<https://www.ucb.ac.uk/study/sixth-form-centre/>

### Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College

<https://www.jcc.ac.uk/>

### South and City College

<https://www.sccb.ac.uk/> Campuses include:

Bordesley Green, Digbeth, Bournville

### Cadbury College

<https://www.cadcol.ac.uk/>

### Birmingham Secondary Schools directory :

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/24/birmingham\\_schools/category/318](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/24/birmingham_schools/category/318) Also see 'My Way' directory on the TGAK/ Careers web page.

## Examples of Specialist Colleges:

### BOA- Performing Arts

<https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/>

### WMG Solihull- Engineering

<https://solihull.wmgacademy.org.uk/>

### AUEA Aston University Engineering Academy

<https://auea.co.uk/>

### Access Creative, Birmingham Multi- Media

<https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/courses/>

## Solihull Schools with Sixth Forms

*Please see individual Sixth Form Admissions policies*

### Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst

<https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/>

### John Henry Newman Sixth Form

<https://www.johnhenrynewmancatholiccollege.org.uk/sixth-form-home-page/>

### Park Hall Sixth Form

<https://www.parkhallschool.org.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=113>

### Grace Academy

<https://solihull.graceacademy.org.uk/post-16-courses/>

Others listed here: Arden, Alderbrook, St. Peter's Heart of England

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Sixth-forms>



## Examples of Colleges in other Areas:

**South Staffordshire College**

<https://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/>

**Walsall College**

<https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/>

**Sandwell College**

<https://www.sandwell.ac.uk/>

**Tamworth Sixth Form**

<https://fatsf.org.uk/>

**Warwickshire College Group ( WCG)**

<https://wcg.ac.uk/>

**North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College**

<https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/>

**Stratford Upon Avon College**

<https://www.stratford.ac.uk/>

**University Sixth Forms** University of Birmingham School Sixth Form <https://uobschool.org.uk/our-sixth-form/>

Aston University Sixth Form <https://auea.co.uk/sixth-form/courses>

## Grammar School Sixth Forms :

KE VI Handsworth School for Girls <https://kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk/>

Camp Hill Grammar School <https://www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk/sixth-form>

<https://www.kechg.org.uk/sixth-form>

Bishop Vesey's Grammar School <https://bvgs.co.uk/sixth-form/>

Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls <https://www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk/sixthform>



## Course options: What's the difference?

### A Levels

### BTECs

### T-Levels

BTEC qualifications and T-Levels start to prepare you for **one subject** or vocational area, whereas A levels aim to give you a specific academic grounding in **several subjects** (usually 3, sometimes 4).

- **BTECs centre** around a mixture of internal and external assessments and, often a work placement or work- based visits. A **BTEC Extended Diploma** is **equivalent to 3 A Levels**
- **A levels** are much more classroom-based and tend to be assessed largely via final exams (depending on the subject e.g. Art will have more practical assessment).
- **T- Levels** will generally offer 20% Work Placement -based learning with the other 80% of your time learning in College. One T-Level is **equivalent to 3 A Levels.** <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/subjects>
- **Check the % exam and course work** for each A Level, T-Level and BTEC of interest to support your research.
- A **BTEC Diploma** is equivalent to **2 A Levels** so some colleges offer the option of a **Diploma plus 1 A Level.**
- Research **the entry requirements for individual Post-18 degree courses** before finalising your T- Level or BTEC and/ or A Level choice.
- **Research Post-18 Degree and Higher Apprenticeships.** They will also specify T- Level/ BTEC and/ or A Level **subject** requirements. **Post- 16 Open Events and other links:** Please see each **individual college or sixth form website to register to attend an open event.**

Please note- most colleges will run several open events throughout the year whereas School Sixth Forms may only have **one set date.**

If you require **further information about Apprenticeships**, a school or college not listed above, please email: [JRobinson@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:JRobinson@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk)

### Apprenticeship information for parents and carers :

[https://assets.ctfassets.net/8kbr1n52z8s2/3DBS7LRTsL4M6jllxmoisQ/fe9121043a5825d1f1ace07d884e624f/Parents\\_and\\_Carers- Pack\\_June\\_2024.pdf](https://assets.ctfassets.net/8kbr1n52z8s2/3DBS7LRTsL4M6jllxmoisQ/fe9121043a5825d1f1ace07d884e624f/Parents_and_Carers- Pack_June_2024.pdf)

Explore apprenticeship vacancies: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

**\*Post-16 planning is supported by individual career guidance appointments\***

# Guide to Career Pathways

Options after GCSE:	Options after Sixth Form:	Options after Higher Education:
Full time study	Full time study	Full time study
A levels (level 3)	University (levels 4,5,6,7)	Postgraduate study e.g Masters degree or PHD (levels 7,8)
T Levels (level 3)	Higher technical skill courses (levels 4,5)	Work / Work and study
BTECs (levels 1,2,3)	Work and study	Graduate jobs or paid employment
Other technical qualifications (levels 1,2,3)	Apprenticeships (levels 3,4,5,6,7)	Apprenticeships (levels 6,7)
Exam retakes	School leaver programmes / Internships	Internships / work experience
Work and study	Work	Non-paid employment / volunteering
Apprenticeships (levels 2,3)	Employment	Start a business
Supported internships	Start a business	Other
Study Programme	Other	Gap Year / travel
	Gap Year	
	Exam retakes	

## Strengthen job applications with:

Work experience	Volunteering
Academic enrichment opportunities	Travel/gap years
Hobbies and interests demonstrating soft skills e.g. communication, organisation, teamwork, problem-solving	Testimonials and references <a href="https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/how-to-develop-your-soft-skills">https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/how-to-develop-your-soft-skills</a>

# Levels of Education

Level	Qualification / educational routes				
8	Doctorate (PhD)			NVQ 8	
7	Masters degree (MA)			Degree Apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7	
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc		Higher National Diploma (HND)	Higher Apprenticeship / NVQ 4	
4			Higher National Certificate (HNC)		
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC (extended) diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced Apprenticeship / NVQ 3
2	GCSE Grades 4- 9 (C, B, A or A*)			BTEC first diploma	Intermediate Apprenticeship / NVQ 2
1	GCSE Grades 1- 3 (D, E, F or G)			Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	Traineeship / NVQ 1

Academic Route	Vocational Route	Applied / Work Route
<b>Assessment method:</b> Mostly 80%-100% exam-based, depending on subject	<b>Assessment method:</b> Combination of exams/ tests and coursework/ assignments	<b>Assessment methods:</b> Assessment in the workplace; may include coursework, exams/tests/ assignments

## Levels of Education

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland there are 8 qualification levels (1 - 8) plus an entry level qualification for those just starting. Generally, the higher the level, the more difficult the qualification is. Levels 1-3 are typically taught in schools and colleges.

With so many different qualifications, it can be hard to know what they mean and where they might lead to next. To help you understand, we've created a summary of what the levels mean comparing the different routes to higher education.