

USEFUL WEBSITE LINKS:

SMB GROUP

<https://www.smbcollegigroup.ac.uk/apply>

Loughborough College

<https://www.loucoll.ac.uk/how-to-apply>

LEICESTER COLLEGE

<https://leicestercollege.ac.uk/study/how-to-apply/>

RAWLINS ACADEMY

<https://www.rawlins.embracemat.org/sixth-form.html>

CEDARS MARTIN SIXTH FORM

<https://www.thecedarsacademy.org.uk/current-students/post-16/cedars-martin-sixth-form-introduction/>

WQE FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGE

<https://wqe.ac.uk/apply-to-wqe/>

BEAUCHAMP CITY SIXTH FORM

<https://www.beauchampcity.org.uk/prospective-students/sixth-form/admissions/>



Post 16 Information Evening.

A Brief Guide.



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SIXTH FORM**



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Advanced Levels.

Advanced level qualifications (known as A levels) are subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work. You can normally study three or more A levels over two years. They are usually assessed by a series of examinations.

What GCSE grades do I need to take A levels?

You normally need:

- **at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 5**
- **at least grade 6 in the specific subject(s) you want to study**

However, the specific requirements needed to study A levels will vary across schools and colleges. It's important to check what you will need with the school or college you are looking to study at.

Advanced Levels (A Levels) are available at a wide range of local Post-16 providers. All Sixth Forms offer A Levels as well as Loughborough College, SMB Group and WQE.

Some providers ask students to choose their A Level subjects when they initially apply but changing subjects up to date of admission is normally possible.

For all providers except WQE, Beauchamp City Sixth Form and Cedars Martin Academy, application can be done directly from the website.

WQE, Beauchamp City Sixth Form and Cedars Martin require applications via the **PS16 system** which Miss Greenall can help your child to set up.

BTEC.

BTEC stands for the Business and Technology Education Council. BTECs are specialist work-related qualifications.

They combine practical learning with subject and theory content. There are over 2,000 BTEC qualifications across 16 sectors – they are available from entry level through to professional qualifications at level 7 (equivalent to postgraduate study).

Who are they for?

BTECs are designed for young people interested in a particular sector or industry but who are not yet sure what job they'd like to do.

You could study a BTEC at Level 1, 2 or 3, either alongside academic qualifications or as part of a wider programme (such as an apprenticeship). You can also study a BTEC as a standalone course.

What GCSE grades do I need to take BTECs?

It depends on the Level of BTEC you are applying for.

- **L2 is normally L3+ at GCSE depending on the specialism.**
- **L3 is normally L4+ at GCSE depending on the specialism.**

BTECs and other vocational courses are mostly accessible through Loughborough College, Leicester College, the SMB Group and WQE.

Some Sixth Forms and Further Education Colleges offer a selection of Level 3 BTEC courses and you may be able to combine a Level 3 BTEC with A Level.

Applications are through provider websites *unless PS16 is required as above.*

TECHNICAL LEVELS.

Technical Levels, (T Levels) are an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses.

They are equivalent in size to 3 A levels.

A T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships .

Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

T Level students spend 80% of the course in their learning environment, gaining the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action.

What GCSE grades do I need to take T levels?

You normally need:

- **At least five GCSEs at levels 5 +**
- **Some T Levels may require higher GCSE level passes depending on the specialism.**

T Levels are only available at Loughborough College, Leicester College and the SMB Group.

In all cases, applications are through the providers website.

APPRENTICESHIPS.

You can start an apprenticeship if you're:

- 16 or over – there's no upper age limit
- Not in education (full or part-time)
- You can have a previous qualification, like a degree, and still start an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice you'll:

Be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay
work alongside experienced staff
gain job-specific skills

get time for training and study related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours)

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels.

	Level	Equivalent Educational Level	Typical Entry Requirement
Intermediate	2	GCSE	GCSE L3+
Advanced	3	A Level	GCSE L4/5+
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation Degree and Above	Level 3 (BTEC or A Levels)
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelors or Masters Degree	Level 3 (BTEC or A Levels)

Apprenticeships require students to apply directly to employers for positions. The main apprenticeship application tool is through Gov.uk but some employers run their own application systems.

Heart of England Training and Colleges can provide links to employers for apprenticeships.

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LOUGHBOROUGH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

<https://lsf.org/grammar/admissions/admissions-timeline-sixth-form/>

RATCLIFFE COLLEGE

<https://www.ratcliffecollege.com/sixth-form/>

EAST LEAKE ACADEMY

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

DELISLE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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

HEART OF ENGLAND TRAINING

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

APPRENTICESHIPS

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

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>

UNIVERSITIES

www.ucas.com

**LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE
BUSINESS AND SKILLS ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP:**

"80.75% of students say their parents help them to make key careers decisions"

LLEP Parental survey 2023.

The purpose of the LLBSP is to lead and drive economic prosperity across the Leicester and Leicestershire area through strong partnerships, robust intelligence and innovation. **The LLBSP is a strategic body led by a Board made up of local government and business leaders as well as senior education and third sector representatives.** They support schools and parents in securing young people's future decisions. They give key advice in supporting and developing young people's employability skills.

Please follow this link Below you will find three helpful sections; information about education options, types of jobs and local opportunities. [TALKING FUTURES](#) provide free resources, activities and practical guidance to help you support your child's careers and education choices.

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE FOR NOTES:

