

# Year 9 Options

The next  
stage of your  
Education  
starts here!



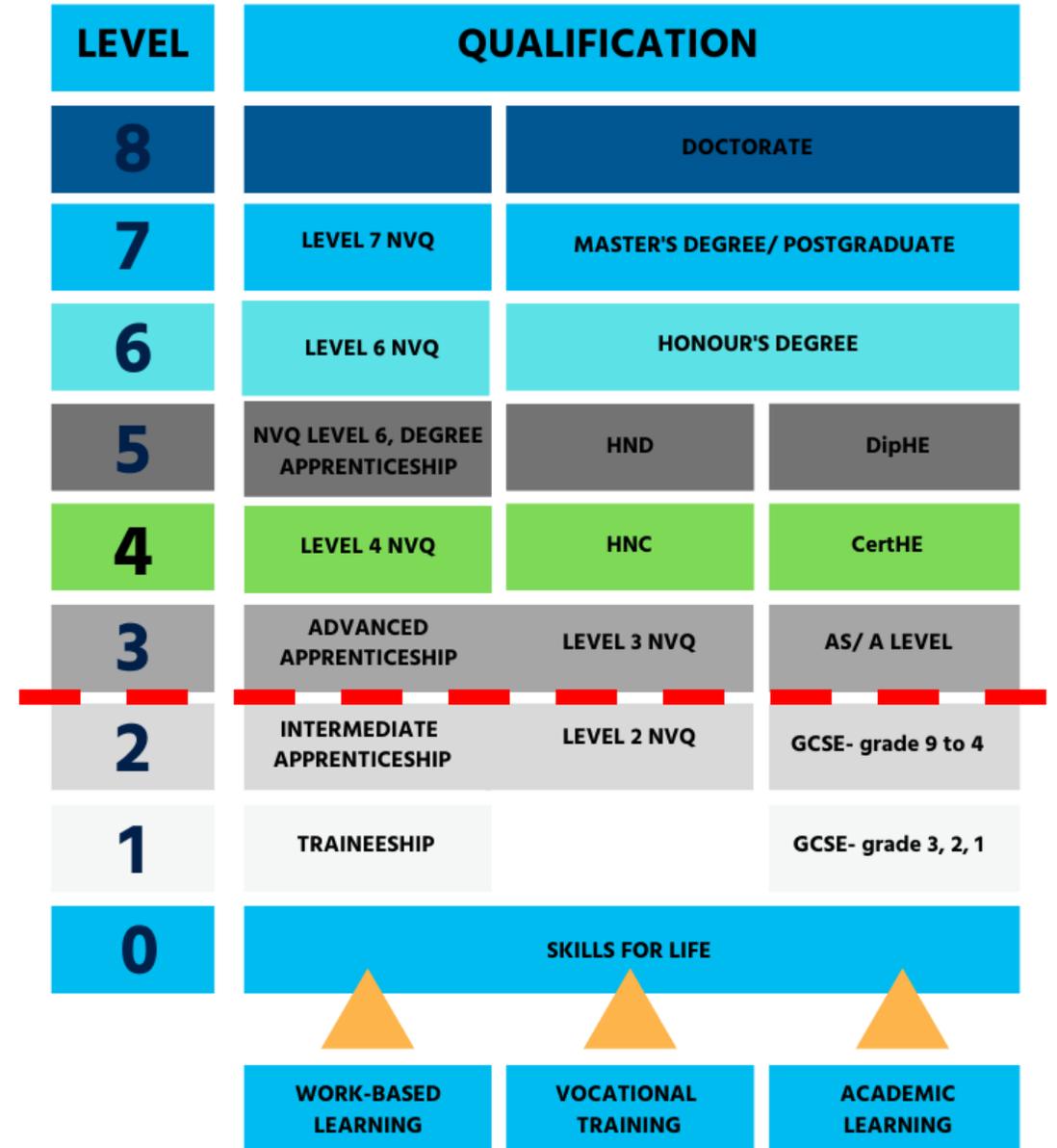
Students now  
have a choice  
about what they  
want to learn!



# Welcome to Key Stage 4

From September 2026, until the time students finish their education at Castle View Academy, they will be working towards and completing Level 2 qualifications

These will form the foundation for what they choose to do later in life.



# College Options – What do you aspire to?



**City of  
Portsmouth  
College**



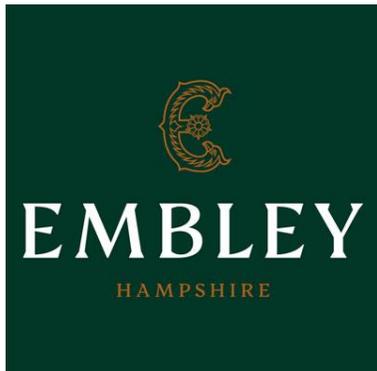
**ALTON  
HAVANT  
SOUTH DOWNS**



**South  
Hampshire  
College Group**



King's Academy  
Bay House



# Apprenticeship Options – there are hundreds...

## Light Vehicle Technician Apprenticeship

Mercedes-Benz of Portsmouth  
Portsmouth (PO3 5FH)

**Distance** 2.0 miles

**Training course** Motor vehicle service and maintenance technician - light vehicle (level 3)

**Wage** £15,704 a year

Closes on Wednesday 13 August 2025  
Posted 19 February

## RAF Air & Ground Steward - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship

Royal Air Force  
Portsmouth (PO1 2EN)

**Distance** 3.9 miles

**Training course** Cabin crew (level 3)

**Wage** £25,200 a year

Closes on Saturday 30 August 2025  
Posted 28 August

## The Royal Navy - Physical Training Specialisation Direct Entry - Personal Trainer Apprenticeship

Royal Navy  
Hampshire (PO2 8BY)

**Distance** 2.6 miles

**Training course** Personal trainer (level 3)

**Wage** £33,000 a year

Closes on Tuesday 2 June 2026  
Posted 4 June

## Apprentice Travel Consultant - Portsmouth

HAYS TRAVEL LIMITED  
29 Cascades, Portsmouth (PO1 4LR)

**Distance** 2.8 miles

**Training course** Travel consultant (level 3)

**Wage** Competitive

Closes in 17 days (Friday 14 March)  
Posted 6 February

# What Are Entry Requirements?

- 5 good GCSEs including English and Maths are needed for all Level 3 courses – Level 3 qualifications lead on to university and higher level apprenticeships and better future prospects.
- Level 3 qualifications such as A Levels, T-Levels and apprenticeships require a **minimum** of 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above **including Maths and English**
- Level 3 core subject qualifications usually require higher grades, depending on the college – grades 6, 7, 8+

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# What subjects do students have to study at Key Stage 4?

- Mathematics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Science (Combined) (2 GCSEs)
  
- Core PE – non-qualification
- Citizenship – non-qualification

# What options subjects are available at CVA?

- **Geography\***
- **History\***
- Spanish
- Ethics
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- 3D Design (Design and Technology)
- Textiles
- Sociology
- BTEC Art and Design
- BTEC Drama
- BTEC Sport
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# Students get FOUR choices

History OR  
Geography

**\*One of these\***

Spanish

Ethics

History\*

Geography\*

Food Preparation and Nutrition

**3D Design OR Textiles OR BTEC Art and  
Design**

Sociology

BTEC Drama

BTEC Sport

BTEC Dance

BTEC Media

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# Why do students need a reserve choice?

- We only have limited number of teachers/classes and some courses are very popular and will fill up.
- All courses need a minimum number of students for them to run effectively.
- Some courses have very specialised teachers and they need to be here for the courses to run.

The reserve choice is as important as the other four choices. Consider it VERY carefully!!!

# What happens now?

- Options Evening - talk to subject leaders/teachers and ask them about the courses you are interested in. Two colleges will also be represented for you to speak to.
- Students will receive an email at 6pm on tonight with a link to an online form. Click on it and follow the instructions.
- Don't rush, take your time, but it does need to be completed by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9pm. If it is late, students risk a course being full and not getting their first choice.

# Making the decision

## Students should aim to choose subjects that they:

- Like or that make them happy
- are good at or feel most confident in
- are particularly interested in or that give them a sense of achievement
- feel might help them in the general career area that they are interested in

## Students should not choose subjects because:

- they like the teacher – as they may have a different one next year
- their friends have chosen it as they may be in a different group

# What happens now?

- Students must be committed to the subjects they choose.
- If they change their mind, we may be able to change their choices, but as this will have been after the deadline we cannot guarantee the subject won't be full.
- Changing option courses once Year 10 has started is very difficult as subject content will have already been missed which is hard to catch up on.

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