

YEAR 10 INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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Now you are in Year 10 it is time to start thinking about your future and starting to think about your plans for when you leave school at the end of Year 11. Your options include **College, Apprenticeship, or other employment.**

How do you decide what to study?

-  Subjects you enjoy and you are good at
-  Subjects you might need for your career ideas
-  Think about your learning style: do you enjoy academic study, are you more 'hands on'?
-  Grades you expect to get in Year 11

What qualifications can you study if you go to College?

You can study full time qualifications such as:

-  BTECs
-  T Levels
-  A levels

You can study different levels of qualification so that you find the level of learning to suit you.

	<p><i>What are Vocational Courses such as BTEC/T Levels?</i></p>
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If you are learning a skill that could lead you to a specific job, for example, how to repair cars, how to be a chef, work in Beauty, Business, or I.T., you are getting **vocational** training.

You will learn the specialist skills needed in these sectors in the class room as well as attending work placements. They are available at different levels depending on your GCSE results. Many BTECs are available as Level 3, Level 2 and Level 1.

	<p><i>What are 'A' Levels?</i></p>
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A Levels are studied and assessed in a similar way to GCSEs, with exams and coursework where appropriate. Students normally choose to study three A Level subjects over 2 years at College.

A Levels are Level 3 qualifications and you normally need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above, including English Language and Maths (check each college for specific grades required for individual subjects as some, like Science and Maths, will ask for higher grades at GCSE).

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. An Apprenticeship means you are working for a company and are an employee. You will need to apply for a position with a company and have an interview.

As an apprentice you will work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills and earn a wage. You will get time for study related to your role (usually one day a week).

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level (there are different levels available depending on your GCSE results).

You can start to apply for an Apprenticeship when you are in Year 11, but you won't be able to start until you officially leave school at the end of year 11 and are 16 years old.

Whether or not you have a plan for your future yet, a great place to start is Flying Start, Portsmouth (see below) which is designed to help young people from Portsmouth schools to plan and prepare for life, study and work after school. It gives you the resources you need when considering a course at college, apprenticeship or other employment and will help you fulfil your potential.

Over the next few weeks Flying Start, Portsmouth will be adding more resources and links to help you, so make sure you check out the page regularly.

You can contact your careers adviser for support with your next steps using their details at the beginning of this flyer.

GENERAL WEBSITES

	<p>Flying Start, Portsmouth Dedicated to students affected by school closures. The site offers help to plan and prepare when considering a college course, apprenticeship or other employment</p>
	<p>National Careers Service Has a large range of jobs to explore under the job profile search and useful website links</p>
	<p>Careerpilot Offers careers information, tools, activities and explores different careers</p>
	<p>Startprofile This has a quiz that you can use to see what jobs you may match. Also has career information that you can explore - ideal if you don't know what you want to do</p>
	<p>Icould This has mainly short video clips about careers</p>



[Prospects](#)

This is actually aimed at university students but is a really easy-to-use website with a lot of general careers information

UNIVERSITY WEBSITES



[UCAS](#)

Anyone thinking of University can find out more about entry requirements and admission processes



[Which?University](#)

This site looks at what to study, where to go and how to get there

APPRENTICESHIP WEBSITES



[Find an Apprenticeship Service](#)

This is a website with most of the local apprenticeship vacancies. Please come and see the careers adviser in school if you need help with this