






YEAR 11 INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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Now you are in Year 11 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. I am here to support you with any questions you have, discuss careers you may be interested in, or you may not be sure what you want to do and I can also support you with this. Your options mainly include going to **College** or applying for an **Apprenticeship**.

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).

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.



During this term you will have opportunities to visit colleges on their open evenings, you can have a look around the many different departments and speak to tutors and students about courses you may be interested in.

Below is a selection of careers resource sites that you may find useful when researching your career ideas.

GENERAL WEBSITES

	Flying Start, Portsmouth The site offers help to plan and prepare when considering a college course, apprenticeship or other employment
	National Careers Service Has a large range of jobs to explore under the job profile search and useful website links
	Careerpilot Offers careers information, tools, activities and explores different careers
	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
	Icould This has mainly short video clips about careers
	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

	<p>UCAS</p> <p>Anyone thinking of University can find out more about entry requirements and admission processes</p>
	<p>Which?University</p> <p>This site looks at what to study, where to go and how to get there</p>

APPRENTICESHIP WEBSITES

<p><u>Find an apprenticeship</u></p>	<p>Find an Apprenticeship Service</p> <p>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</p>
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