

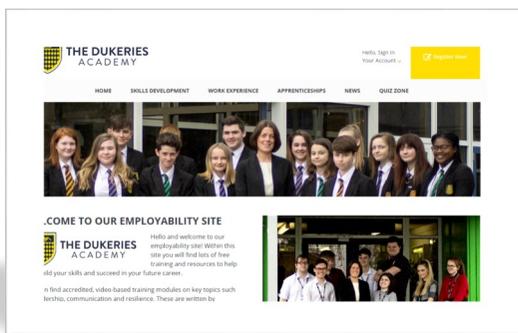
Dukeries Employability

How can we help?

The “Dukeries Employability” section of our website has sections on apprenticeships, work experience and skills development. There are 13 different micro learning modules to choose from and numerous links to relevant skills, apprenticeship and employability websites. Please take a look at what we can offer.

CV writing

When looking at applying for apprenticeships or courses, we believe all students should have a CV, including a personal statement. Again, please take a look at our website for guidance on how to do this.



Careers guidance

All students in Years 9—13 will receive a careers interview.

If additional help is needed, students can ask their tutor to request an appointment with our careers adviser. Please contact using the details below.

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Whether you are in Year 9 or Year 11, options at Post-16 can be confusing for both students and parents alike.

But fear not! This brief guide will help you to make informed choices about your future.

Post 16 Choices— Some key questions: Why are they important?

- The choices you make at Post 16 are important because they form the basis for your chosen career path. That's why it's important you give them consideration in advance,.

How many places can I apply for?

- You can apply for as many places as you want.

When do I have to make a decision?

- You don't need to make a decision on which place to accept until after you get your results.

What happens if I don't get in?

- Talk to the school or college about your results. You may be suitable for an alternative course or study at a different level

Frequently Asked Questions:

Below are some questions you might have about Post 16 options. If there is anything that we haven't covered here, or any further questions you might have, please talk to your form tutor and we will endeavour to find you an answer!

Your GCSE grades will help decide which level of qualification you will

What qualifications do I need for 6th Form? College?

access, Schools and colleges differ on their requirements but typically, Level 3 qualifications (A level or Level 3 BTECS), require five grade 4 or above GCSEs, including Maths & English.

What is the difference between level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications?

Level 1 ~ GCSE grades 1-3

Level 2 GCSE grades ~ 4-9

Level 3 ~ A level, BTEC level 3

What is the difference between A levels & BTEC?

BTEC:

Gives a way to learn through practical work as well as study. You can take BTEC qualifications at different levels. At The Dukeries Sixth Form we deliver BTEC level 3 qualifications. Most colleges provide BTEC from level 1 upwards. At college you can study BTEC Diplomas at level 3. This means you can study one subject, but get 3 grades. You can use the qualifications to apply for University or Apprenticeships. Most schools, including The Dukeries Academy, offer BTEC certificates at level 3. The certificates provide 1 grade and can be taken with other BTEC certificates or with A levels.

A level

These courses follow a more traditional academic route, and typically consist of more written study and exams. A levels are level 3 qualifications.

Typically, students choose 3 subjects, these being all A levels, or all BTEC certificates, or a mixture of both.

Can I go to University with BTECS?

YES,. You can go to University with BTEC qualifications, A levels or a mix of both. However, if you have aspirations to go to Oxford or Cambridge you should follow an A level path. If you wish to study at a Russell Group University, you will need to check the course requirements on the University website. If you wish to study a vocational course such as nursing, you can opt for BTEC qualifications and this won't stop you from entering a Russell Group University.

What are UCAS points?

Many universities , degree and higher apprenticeships often ask for UCAS points. These are points gained from level 3 qualifications.

A Level A=48, B=40, C=32, D=24, E=16. or BTEC Distinction =A, Merit= C Pass=16

If a course asks for 120 UCAS points, these can be achieved by gaining 3 grade B A levels or any combination adding up to 120.

What are the different levels of apprenticeships?

Name	Level	Equivalent Level
Intermediate apprenticeship	2	GCSE
Advanced apprenticeship	3	A Level
Higher apprenticeship	4,5,6 and 7	Degree and above
Degree apprenticeship	6 and 7	Bachelor's or Master's degree

This means you can apply for apprenticeships at different levels depending on you qualifications. For example, you could apply for an advanced apprenticeship with 5 GCSE grade 4 or above passes. This means you will be learning at the same level as A level, and earning at the same time.