

## Post 16 Options

During Year 10 you will need to make some decisions about what you would like to do after Year 11 and GCSEs. There are many different options available and the Careers Department are available to work with you in providing impartial information, advice and guidance. You will have an individual 30-minute career guidance interview during Year 11, which will be scheduled for you sometime between the October and February half terms but before this time our fact sheet will help you to make realistic and informed decisions about your future plans.

You are legally obliged to remain in education or training until you are 18. This means that you must be enrolled with one of the following:

- A Sixth Form School
- A College of Further Education
- Employment with Training such as an Apprenticeship or Traineeship

### The Associated Sixth Form

Studying A Levels and Level 3 Applied Courses in the Associated Sixth Form enables you to continue your GCSE subjects in greater depth and/or discover new subjects that are only offered after Year 11. You will choose to study 3 subjects and it is important to consider subjects that:

- You enjoy
- You believe you can do well in
- You may need to enable you to access opportunities in the future

The Associated Sixth Form offers a broad range of courses to suit students of different abilities and aspirations:

<b>GCE A Levels</b>	Ancient History	Drama & Theatre	Mathematics - Further
	Art & Design (Fine Art)	Economics	Media Studies
	Art & Design (Graphics)	English Language	Music
	Art & Design (Photography)	English Literature	Music Technology
	Biology	English Lang & Lit	Physical Education
	Business	French	Physics
	Chemistry	Geography	Psychology
	Computer Science	German	Religious Studies
	Dance	Government & Politics	Sociology
	DT: Fashion & Textiles	History	Spanish
	DT: Product Design (3D)	Mathematics	

<b>Level 3 Applied Courses</b>	Applied Business	Certificate & Extended Certificate
	Food Science and Nutrition	Certificate & Extended Certificate
	Health & Social Care	Certificate & Extended Certificate
	IT	Introductory Diploma
	Performing Arts	Certificate & Extended Certificate
	Applied Science	Certificate & Extended Certificate
	Sport	Subsidiary Diploma & Diploma (Double Award)
	Travel & Tourism	Extended Certificate

<b>Other Courses</b>	AS Maths	Core Maths
	GCSE Maths	GCSE English Language
	EPQ	

To ensure that each student has the best opportunity to succeed in his or her chosen curriculum the Associate Sixth Form has general entry criteria and individual subjects also have their own specific requirements for each course. Please refer to the Associated Sixth Form prospectus for more information.

Prospectus: <https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/St-Aidans-Sixth-Form-2020.pdf>

Sixth Form Induction Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inVzgnYgGjE>

## OVERALL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIXTH FORM ENTRY

A Level courses	A minimum of five GCSE subjects at grade 5 including Mathematics and English Language depending on individual course requirements.
Combination of A Level courses and Applied courses	From two GCSE subjects at grade 5 plus three subjects at grade 4, to five subjects at grade 4 including Mathematics and English Language depending on individual course requirements.
Applied courses	Four GCSE subjects at grade 4 including Mathematics and English Language.

### Further Education Colleges

Some colleges offer a range of A Level subjects such as York College and Leeds City College, however all offer vocational and practical courses. These are related to a broad employment area such as business, engineering, IT and health and social care and provide the opportunity to gain relevant qualifications and train for a specific career. Most courses are either 1 or 2 years in length.

If you are considering making an application to college it is important to research courses and entry requirements on individual college websites and sign up to attend open/taster days.

Local colleges include:

Harrogate College	<a href="https://harrogate-college.ac.uk/">https://harrogate-college.ac.uk/</a>
York College	<a href="https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/">https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/</a>
Askham Bryan College	<a href="https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/">https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/</a>
Leeds City College	<a href="https://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk/">https://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk/</a>
Leeds College of Building	<a href="https://www.lcb.ac.uk/">https://www.lcb.ac.uk/</a>
Leeds Arts University	<a href="https://www.leeds-art.ac.uk/">https://www.leeds-art.ac.uk/</a>

### Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships provide the opportunity to:

- Gain an insight into the realities of working in a particular job/sector of industry
- Develop the skills required to work in that employment
- Study for nationally recognised qualifications such as NVQs
- Get paid at least the National Apprenticeship wage of £4.15 per hour

Apprenticeships are available across many different sectors of industry. Training can take between 1 and 2 years before you are fully qualified and as a rule you will spend 80% of your working week with your employer and 20% with your training provider.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-apprenticeships>

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/real-stories/apprentice>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/apprenticeships-and-traineeships/post-16-apprenticeships>

### Traineeships

If you do not feel ready for an apprenticeship you could consider a traineeship. This will enable you to further develop your skills and experience on a course which includes a work placement before you apply for your first apprenticeship or job. Traineeships can last from 6 weeks to 6 months.

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/apprenticeships-and-traineeships/traineeships-and-school-leaver-programmes>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/traineeship-information-for-trainees>

## Further Reading

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/> - information for students considering university on A Level course choice

<https://mc.successatschool.org/parents-ebook> - a parents/carers guide to their child's career journey, covering work experience, gap years, university and apprenticeships

<https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/> - information on entry routes for 1400+ jobs together with links to other areas of research. Login with the school password **beachu02**

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles> - Profiles for 100's of different occupations including entry routes

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school/virtual-work-experience/> - an opportunity to gain an insight into what Year 11 Work Experience may look like

**Remember...** when school resumes in Year 11, you will be very welcome to visit the Careers Department during break, lunchtimes and after school to book your own careers appointment, speak to someone about work experience, or to use the careers library. The library has a wide range of resources on universities, colleges, further education courses, apprenticeships and employers.

***Please contact the Careers Department at [careersstaff@staidans.co.uk](mailto:careersstaff@staidans.co.uk) if you would like individual information, advice and guidance.***

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