

Post 16 Research

Sixth Form

Sixth Form is an option available to you 16-18. You can still access college and apprenticeships after Sixth Form. You will need to choose 3 A Level 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

Make sure you are comfortable with the entry requirements for Sixth Form overall, and for the subjects that you are interested in studying. Refer to the prospectus The Associated Sixth Form prospectus which can be found [here](#) and the online subject videos [Individual subject videos - St Aidan's](#) for more information. Visit each school's own website to view their Sixth Form prospectuses and to check entry requirements and course details.

College

Colleges offers alternative, flexible progression paths which enable you to advance through different academic levels whether you choose to continue your studies through a vocational course, [T Level](#) or apprenticeship. Both York and Leeds City colleges also offer A Level courses.

[York College](#)

[Harrogate College](#)

[Askham Bryan College](#)

[Leeds City College](#)

[Leeds College of Building](#)

[Leeds University Technical College](#)

They have some great resources to help with their application process, and FAQs can be accessed on their websites. If you are considering making an application to college, it is important to visit on their open events which are held throughout the year and then to follow this up by attending any available taster events which enable you to experience a typical day in college.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study and are available to all from 16 years of age. Apprenticeships are a way to gain on the job experience while studying towards an industry-recognised qualification and earning a wage.

There are 3 different ways to find an apprenticeship:

- Register with a local training provider such as a college.
- Apply directly to an employer.
- Register with apprenticeship search websites such as www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

More detailed information can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-apprenticeships

[Apprenticeships \(staidans.co.uk\)](http://staidans.co.uk/apprenticeships)

Work Experience

Work experience can be helpful in considering your future study and career choices. This can be in-person, through the work experience programme or through undertaking a virtual work experience. These are being offered all the time - keep an eye on the school website for updates:

<https://www.staidans.co.uk/careers-st-aidans/work-experience/> If you would like to discuss virtual work experience opportunities in more detail, please email careersstaff@staidans.co.uk and we can organise an appointment with Mrs Farrar, our work experience coordinator.

Useful Digital Resources

Below are some websites which you may find helpful in considering the opportunities that your post-16 choices could open to you:

- <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/> Plug in possible A Level subject combination to discover the undergraduate degree subject areas that you could apply for post-18. Follow the links to the UCAS website <https://www.ucas.com/> which enables you to search through degree courses, the different degree titles within subject areas and the associated entry requirements.
- <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/> which has information on entry routes for 1400+ jobs together with links to other areas of research. You can search by individual occupation and job group and this can help you to discover all the available options. **Speak to the Careers Department for the password for this resource.**
- [Log in to Indigo \(trotman.co.uk\)](https://www.trotman.co.uk/) Indigo Careers is another way you can explore your potential future by investigating careers using the search, filter and compare functions. You can also read employer profiles and watch job employee videos. **Speak to the Careers Department for the username and password.**
[home - icould](#) Another useful website with tips on apprenticeships, university, seeking employment and much more. Again, you can explore real-life career videos by job type or subject, or take the Buzz Quiz to discover your strengths, consider how others may see you and explore potential career opportunities. No log in details are required.