

OPTIONS AFTER YEAR 11 – SEPTEMBER 2024 ADMISSION

Students are legally required to be in some form of recognised study or training until they are 18. Students can apply for Apprenticeships and Traineeships, for example, but couldn't go straight into a full-time job.

There are plenty of options to choose from when it comes to education and training after GCSEs and the details below provide information regarding providers in our local area.

- All applications are made directly to the individual Sixth Form, college or apprenticeship providers.
- Students who have not obtained a GCSE grade 4 pass in English Language and or Maths are required to retake these exams as they continue their post-16 education and training.

Qualification Options

GCSEs don't have to lead to A Levels. You might find that vocational qualifications offered at local colleges or T-levels are a better option because they offer a practical springboard into a career that involves hands-on learning. Colleges offer a range of courses at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 with Level 1 and 2 courses lasting for one year and Level 3 courses taking 2 years to complete. All T Levels are Level 3 courses.

A Levels and BTEC courses are available in all local Sixth Forms. Students typically study 3 subjects for a two-year period, and these are Level 3 courses, however, both St Pauls and Lord Grey Sixth Form's offer a small range of Level 2 BTEC courses.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Apprenticeships are a way to combine earning a salary, building work experience, and gaining a qualification. Apprenticeships are available at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

The following table demonstrates how qualification levels link to A Levels, BTECs, T Levels and apprenticeship opportunities. Each level will have its own entry requirements which are determined by the education and training provider:

Level 1	Level 1 college courses and Level 1 apprenticeships.
Level 2	Level 2 BTECs, Level 2 college courses, GCSEs and Level 2 apprenticeships.
Level 3	Level 3 college courses, Level 3 BTECs, T-Levels and A Levels and Level 3 apprenticeships.

Please find below a list of local post-16 education and training providers, along with their entry requirements, address, and website details, which I hope you will find useful.

Provider	Address	Phone email	Website	Entry Requirements
<p>Milton Keynes College Open Events: Please check college website.</p>	<p>Woughton Campus West, Chaffron Way, Leadenhall, MK6 5LP</p> <p>Bletchley Campus Sherwood Drive Bletchley MK3 6DR</p>	<p>01908 684551</p> <p>01908 684444</p>	<p>https://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/</p>	<p>A wide range of courses at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 including Level 3 T Levels, Apprenticeship opportunities. A range of A Level subjects. Please see website for specific course requirements and application deadlines.</p>
<p>Denbigh School Open Evening: Wednesday 17 January 2024</p>	<p>Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes, MK5 6EX</p>	<p>01908 505030</p>	<p>www.denbigh.net</p>	<p>Route 1: 48 points or more from best 8 GCSEs. 3 or 4 courses. Option to study EPQ plus enrichment. Route 2: 32 points from best 8 GCSEs (including grade 4s in BOTH English language and maths). 3 courses – certain subjects are only available with a grade 6. 40+ points = 3 courses and EPQ option or enrichment, 32-39 = 3 courses no EPQ, but with enrichment. Route 3: At least 5 subjects at grade 4 or above, including at least 1 of English language or maths. 3 courses – certain subjects are only available with a grade 6. GCSE resit in English or maths. Plus enrichment.</p>

<p>The Denbigh Football Academy Open Evening: Wednesday 17 January 2024</p>	<p>Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes, MK5 6EX</p>	<p>01908 505030</p>	<p>Denbigh Football Academy, Milton Keynes</p>	<p>5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English.</p>
<p>The Hazeley Academy Open Evening: Thursday 2 November 2023</p>	<p>Emperor Drive Hazeley Milton Keynes MK8 0PT</p>	<p>01908 555620 ext 668 or sixthform@thehazeleyacademy.com</p>	<p>www.thehazeleyacademy.com</p>	<p>A Levels and BTECS Entry requirements for A Levels are: 8 GCSEs at grade 4 and above plus subject specific entry requirements. Entry requirements for Route B and C are 5 GCSEs are grade 4 and above, please check the Sixth Form prospectus at www.thehazeleyacademy.com for full details.</p>
<p>Lord Grey Academy Open Evening: Thursday 25 January 2024</p>	<p>Rickley Lane, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6EW</p>	<p>01908 626110 sixthform@lordgrey.org.uk</p>	<p>https://www.lordgrey.org.uk/</p>	<p>A Levels Typically require 5 GCSEs at grade 5+ including maths and English. Some courses (e.g. sciences) require a 6 in specific subjects. EPQ and enrichment also offered. BTECs Level 3 vocational courses – a mixture of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and 4 will be considered. Must include maths and English. Level 2 A small number of Level 2 vocational courses are also offered. These are 12-month courses that are taken alongside English and maths resits.</p>

Oakgrove Sixth Form Open Evening: Monday 27 November 2023	Venturer Gate, Middleton, MK10 9JQ	01908 545300	https://www.oakgrove.school/	A Levels 7 Level 2 qualifications at a grade 4 or above, including English language and maths. Individual subjects have different entrance criteria which are available from the website.
Ousedale School Open Evening: Thursday 11 January 2024	The Grove, Newport Pagnell MK16 OBJ	01908 210203	Ousedale School - Sixth Form	A Levels and BTECs GCSE grade 5s are required as minimum for entry into the sixth form. There are also subject specific requirements, with various subjects requesting a grade 6, and further maths a grade 7.
Radcliffe School Open Evening: Thursday 23 November 2023	Aylesbury Street West Wolverton, MK12 5BT	01908 682222	https://www.radcliffeschool.org.uk/	A Levels and BTECS 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above plus subject specific entry requirements, please check the school website for full details
Shenley Brook End School Open Evening: Thursday 9 November 2023	Walbank Grove Shenley Brook End MK5 7ZT	01908 520264	www.sbeschool.org.uk	A Levels and BTECS 7 GCSEs at grade 4 and above plus subject specific entry requirements, please check the Sixth Form prospectus for full details.
Stantonbury International School Open Evening: Thursday 18 January 2024	Stantonbury Campus MK14 6BN	01908 324400	Home (stantonbury-tove.org.uk)	A Levels and Applied A Levels Minimum of 5 Level 2 qualifications ranging from 9-4, including English language and maths. A minimum grade 4 in English language and maths is required for admission to the sixth form, however, students not achieving this can be supported through a retake course alongside any enrichment programme. BTEC National Diploma

				Available in performing arts, media or sports, equivalent to 3 A Levels. Minimum of 4 Level 2 qualifications (e.g., 9-4 at GCSE or BTEC equivalent). Specific qualifications may be required for subjects. Please see online prospectus.
St Paul's Catholic School Open Evening: Tuesday 21 November 2023	Phoenix Drive Leadenhall MK6 5EN	01908 669735	https://www.st-pauls.org.uk/sixth-form/the-prospectus-and-how-to-apply	An open access sixth form providing education for all young people regardless of faith. A Levels, BTECs and study programme for apprenticeship preparation. The following points are needed from Level 2 qualifications to access courses: 34 points to study 3 A Levels and the EPQ. 28-33 points to study A Level/BTEC blended pathway. 24-27 points to study BTEC Diploma. 23 or less to study BTEC Bridging Programme and maths and English retakes.
Walton High School Open Evening: Brooklands - Wednesday 22 and Walnut Tree 23 Thursday November 2023	Fyfield Barrow Walnut Tree MK7 7WH	01908 677954	https://www.waltonhigh.org.uk/post-16	A Level and Applied General/Technical routes. Minimum grade 4 in maths and English language, with some subjects requiring grade 5. Individual subjects have additional grade requirements ranging from grade 4-6.

<p>Moulton College Open Events: Please check college website.</p>	<p>West Street, Moulton, Northampton. NN3 7RR</p>	<p>01604 491131</p>	<p>https://www.moulton.ac.uk/</p>	<p>A wide range of courses at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 and Apprenticeship opportunities. Please see website for specific course requirements and application deadlines</p> <p>Transport to Moulton College runs from Milton Keynes with a fee.</p>
<p>Varsity Nine Academy (Formally Soccer Assist) Open Events: Please check college website.</p>	<p>Tattenhoe Sports Pavilion, Tattenhoe, Milton Keynes MK4 3EQ</p>	<p>01908 103086</p>	<p>www.varsitynine.com</p>	<p>A two-year football education programme offering a Level 3 extended diploma in Sports and Physical Activity. Please see website for full details.</p>
<p>Arts 1 Open Events: Please check college website.</p>	<p>The Box Studios Sunrise Parkway Milton Keynes MK14 6LS</p>	<p>01908604756</p>	<p>Sixth Form Courses Sixth Form Performing Arts Arts1</p>	<p>Two-year courses in Musical Theatre, Acting and Dance. Please see website for full details.</p>

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

If your child/children would like to obtain an apprenticeship the following websites are useful when searching for opportunities:

www.unifrog.org

The Unifrog website includes an Apprenticeship Search Tool, which is updated every 24 hours and allows students to search for apprenticeship opportunities via sector and location. Students can log on to Unifrog by using their school email address as their username. Passwords are created individually by each student.

[Apprenticeships - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Browse apprenticeships before you apply](#)

[Apprenticeships, School Leaver Jobs & Reviews | RateMyApprenticeship | Apprenticeships | RateMyApprenticeship](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Amazing Apprenticeship website contains valuable information regarding both Apprenticeships and Traineeships and allows students to search for opportunities by sector and location.

Students can request a 1:1 guidance meeting with Mrs Harris, Pathways and Employability Lead, to support their apprenticeship search, application, CV building and preparing for interview.