



Options After Year 11 – September 2025 Admission

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

There are a variety 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.

- **Vocational qualifications**

GCSEs don't have to lead to A-Levels. You might find that Level 3 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 but still allow students to progress to university or further study.

Colleges offer a range of courses at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3; however, all T-Levels are Level 3 courses. Students study one course at college. Level 1 and Level 2 courses each take one year to complete and 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 Level 1 or Level 2 study alongside their one college course.

Level 3 courses at college and T-Levels take 2 years to complete.

- **A-Levels**

A-Levels and Level 3 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 Forms offer a small range of Level 2 BTEC courses.

- **Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

Apprenticeships are a way to combine earning a salary, 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:

Level and Course Options	A Guide to Entry Requirements
Level 1: Entry Level Courses	A range of GCSE grades at 2 or 3
Level 2: BTEC, GCSE and Level 2 Apprenticeships	A range of GCSE grades at 3 or 4
Level 3: BTEC, T-Level, A-Level and Level 3 Apprenticeships	Typically, 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 4 or higher for college courses and apprenticeships and T-Levels. Sixth Forms set their own individual entry requirements

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

Provider	Open Evening	Phone / Email	Entry Requirements
Denbigh School Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes MK5 6EX	Wednesday 15 January 2025	01908 505030	www.denbigh.net
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 points = 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.			

The Denbigh Football Academy Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes MK5 6EX	Wednesday 15 January 2025	01908 505030	Denbigh Football Academy, Milton Keynes
5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English.			

The Hazeley Academy Emperor Drive, Hazeley, Milton Keynes MK8 0PT	Thursday 7 November 2024	01908 555620 sixthform@haz5d.com	www.thehazeleyacademy.com
A-Levels and BTECs: entry requirements for A-Levels are 8 GCSEs at grade 4 and above, plus subject specific entry requirements. Routes B and C: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above. Please check the Sixth Form prospectus at www.thehazeleyacademy.com for full details.			



Shenley Brook End School Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End, Milton Keynes MK5 7ZT	Thursday 14 November 2024	01908 520264	www.sbeschool.org.uk
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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.

Lord Grey Academy Rickley Lane, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6EW	TBC	01908 626110 sixthform@lordgrey.org.uk	https://www.lordgrey.org.uk/
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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.

Stantonbury International School Stantonbury Campus, Stantonbury MK14 6BN	Thursday 21 November 2024	01908 324400	Home (stantonbury-tove.org.uk)
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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.

Walton High School Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes MK7 7WH	Thursday 21 November 2024	01908 677954	https://www.waltonhigh.org.uk/post-16
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A-Level and Applied General/Technical: minimum grade 4 in Maths and English Language, with some subjects requiring grade 5. Individual subjects have additional grade requirements ranging from grade 4-7.

Oakgrove Sixth Form Venturer Gate, Middleton, Milton Keynes MK10 9JQ	Monday 25 November 2024	01908 545300	https://www.oakgrove.school/
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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.



Radcliffe School Aylesbury Street West, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5BT	Thursday 28 November 2024	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.			
St Paul's Catholic School Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes MK6 5EN	Thursday 28 November 2024	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.			
Ousedale School The Grove, Newport Pagnell, Milton Keynes MK16 OBJ	Thursday 9 January 2025	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 grade 6, and Further Maths requiring grade 7.			
Milton Keynes College Woughton Campus West, Chaffron Way, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes MK6 5LP Bletchley Campus, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6DR	Please check college website	01908 684551 01908 684444	https://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/
A wide range of courses at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 including Level 3 T-Levels, apprenticeship opportunities and A-Level courses. A range of A-Level subjects. Please see website for specific course requirements and application deadlines.			
Moulton College West Street, Moulton, Northampton NN3 7RR	Please check college website	01604 491131	https://www.moulton.ac.uk/
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. Transport to Moulton College runs from Milton Keynes with a fee.			



Varsity Nine Academy (formerly Soccer Assist) Tattenhoe Sports Pavilion, Tattenhoe, Milton Keynes MK4 3EQ	Please check college website	01908 103086	www.varsitynine.com
A two-year football education programme offering a Level 3 extended diploma in Sports and Physical Activity. Please see website for full details.			
Arts 1 The Box Studios, Sunrise Parkway, Milton Keynes MK14 6LS	Please check college website	01908 604756	Sixth Form Courses Sixth Form Performing Arts Arts1
Two-year courses in Musical Theatre, Acting and Dance. Please see website for full details.			

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 in to Unifrog by using their school email address as their username. Passwords are created individually by each student.
- [Apprenticeships - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
The Amazing Apprenticeships website contains valuable information regarding both apprenticeships and traineeships and allows students to search for opportunities by sector and location.
- [Browse apprenticeships before you apply](#)
- [Apprenticeships, School Leaver Jobs & Reviews | RateMyApprenticeship | Apprenticeships | RateMyApprenticeship](#)
- [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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