

QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

We all like to learn in different ways. Do you like English and Drama because you get to talk and listen? Or perhaps you like woodwork because you can get stuck in and learn with your hands? Working out how you like to learn can help you to choose the right subjects

**Options
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GCSE

**Vocational
Qualifications**

Apprenticeships

Traineeships

**Employment with
training**

There are several different qualifications, and qualification levels to consider, which can be confusing.

Higher Education qualifications are Level 4 and above and are studied at College or University and can now be achieved via Higher and Degree Level Apprenticeships

Qualifications from entry to Level 3 can be obtained in School, Sixth Form, College or through an Apprenticeship.

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GCSE

Vocational Qualifications
e.g. BTEC, City & Guilds
and OCR Nationals

A good place to start planning your Post-16 options is to think of these three questions:

- **Where am I now?** (What qualifications, skills and interests do I have?)
- **Where do I want to get to?** (What would I like to be doing in the future?)
- **How will I get there?** (What course or training is likely to get you where you want to go?)

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Further Education

Higher Education

Apprenticeships

Traineeships

**Employment with
training**