



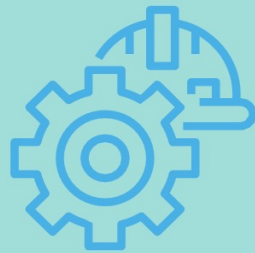
Education Charity

Navigating Exams and Career Options

An Overview of the System



STEM



Construction



Mentoring



Research



Employability



Complicated and confusing
Many options
Many recent changes
GCSE grades and Post-16 options

Academy or School?



- Academies are funded directly by Government rather than by Local Authorities. Run by an academy trust
- More freedom than LA control (curriculum?)
- Still OFSTED inspected
- MAT – Multi Academy Trust – on rise

GCSEs

- In most cases a student will need a pass at grade 4 (a pass grade C) in English and Maths in order to progress to further education and / or many jobs.
- Double (combined Science) or triple science?
- College day release

How the new grades compare with the old ones

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Source: Ofqual

BBC

Post 16

Can leave school on last Friday in June if 16 by end of summer holidays, but legally obliged to do one of three things until they are 18:



<p>Stay in FT education 6th form FE college University Technical College</p>	<p>Start an apprenticeship or traineeship</p>	<p>Spend 20+ hours per week working or volunteering while also in PT education or training</p>
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...and if they don't? Technically unlawful, although no sanctions

Full Time Education



PURELY ACADEMIC

- A levels
- International Baccalaurate
- Pre-Us

MORE VOCATIONALLY BASED

- T levels
- BTEC
- Cambridge Nationals
- Cambridge Technicals

RETAKES

Most jobs, courses, apprenticeship etc require a GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths or English

A Levels



- More familiar
- You normally need: **at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4/A* to C** and at least grade 6 in the specific subject(s) you want to study.
- **AS-levels will still exist**, and you can continue to take a separate AS-level qualification at the end of Year 12 before dropping the subject or going on to take the full A-level in Year 13; but unlike before, your AS results won't count towards your A-level grade. Depends on the school .

T Levels

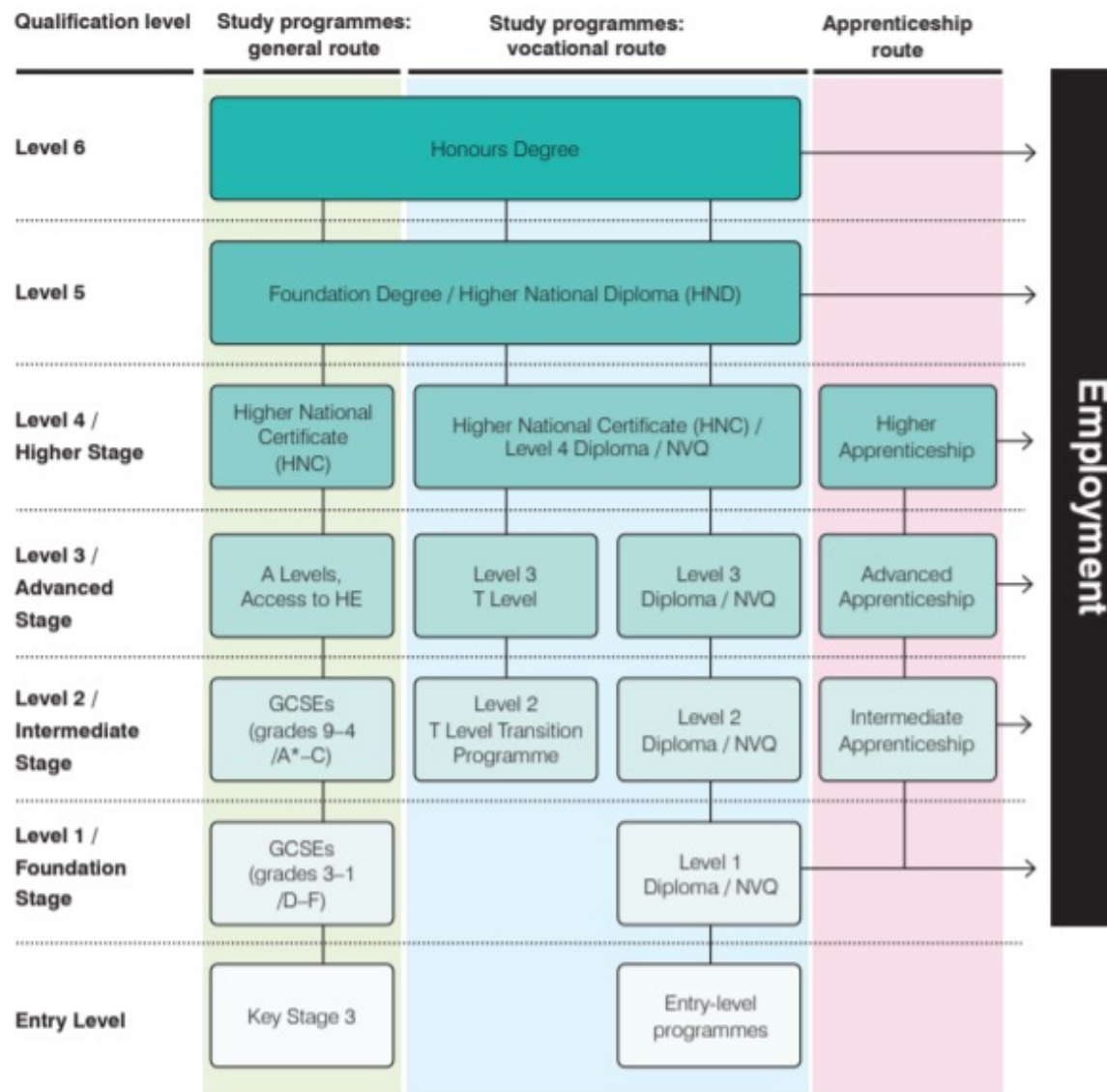


- First started in September 2020.
- For 16 - 19 year olds
- Two years
- Each is equivalent to 3 A levels.
- Available in selected schools, colleges and other providers
- Original list of subjects was 10 (including digital, science, construction and health) . More will be available in September 2022. Aim for 24 (full range) by 2023
- 80% in classroom, 20% minimum 9 week placement with employer
- Currently available in 70 schools/colleges . 400 by 2024?

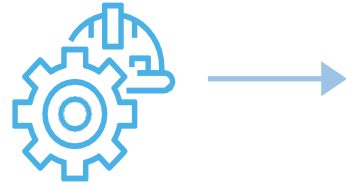
BTECs



- Business and Technology Education Council
- 2,000 over 16 sectors
- More practical – hands-on
- Entry level (1), Level 2 = GCSE, Level 3 (A level) to professional qualification (7), which is equivalent to postgraduate study
- BTEC extended diploma = 3 A levels (but only one subject so narrower)
- Can go onto university after BTEC level 3 (but not always straightforward)



APPRENTICESHIP or TRAINEESHIP



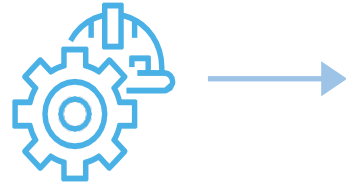
Apprenticeship

- Paid
- In work experience
- Job with contract/holiday pay etc
- Can apply at any age
- Can last between 1 – 6 years

Traineeship

- Unpaid
- Course with work experience – stepping-stone for work or apprenticeship
- Aged 16-24 (or up to 25 if SEND)
- Can last from 6 weeks to 1 year (most 6 months)

Apprenticeship levels



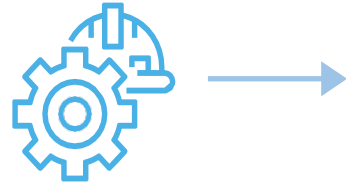
	Level	Equivalent Education Level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation Degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

VOLUNTEERING + PART-TIME EDUCATION/TRAINING



Spending 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering while also doing part-time education or training.

16-19 Bursary Fund



- Many options
- Schools /colleges able to assist students in navigating
- SATRO Website



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