

THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE PODCAST

EPISODE 6: POST-16 OPTIONS

Episode 6 of The Parent Perspective Podcast is all about post-16 options. Here we share information about apprenticeships, T Levels and full-time school or college options.

	FULL- TIME SCHOOL / COLLEGE	T LEVELS	APPRENTICESHIPS
DESCRIPTION	Typically classroom based learning in a school, sixth form or further education college, studying towards A-levels or a Level 2 or 3 BTEC qualification.	A Level 3 technical qualification delivered through a mix of classroom-based learning (80%) and industry placement experience (20%) equivalent to 45 days.	Full time paid employment while gaining knowledge, skills and behaviours relevant to the role. Mainly based in the workplace with around 6 hours per week off-the-job training.
AGE RANGE	16+ (no upper age limit but funding options vary according to age).	16-19 (after Year 11).	16+ (no upper age limit).
DURATION	1 year / 2 years (dependent on qualification and level).	2 years (there is also an optional 1-year T Level Foundation Programme).	All apprenticeships are for a minimum of 12 months. The duration will depend on the level, the experience of the apprentice and the delivery model.
WHEN CAN YOU START?	Usually a September intake.	Usually a September intake.	Throughout the year.
LEVELS	Most schools will offer a range of different subjects and qualifications at level 2 and 3. Some colleges will also offer level 1 programmes.	Equivalent to a level 3 qualification or 3 A levels.	From level 2 through to level 7 (equivalent to Master's level).



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ENGLISH, MATHS AND DIGITAL SKILLS	<p>Entry requirements vary according to institution and the subjects taken.</p> <p>Some establishments and programmes may require GCSE at grade 4 or above in maths and English.</p>	<p>Students will be required to work towards the attainment of maths and English if they have not already achieved grade 4 at GCSE. However, it is not required that they achieve either a grade 4 in English and maths GCSE or level 2 in functional skills to pass their programme.</p>	<p>If grade 4 at GCSE has not been achieved, then functional skills at the appropriate level will be incorporated into the apprenticeship. There are also exceptions for learners holding an EHCP.</p>
ADDITIONAL SKILLS GAINED	<p>Transferable skills such as independence and organisation.</p>	<p>Industry recognised certification and workplace experience.</p>	<p>Industry knowledge, skills and behaviours, plus sector recognised certification and qualifications.</p>
WORK EXPERIENCE	<p>None as part of course – learning is entirely classroom based.</p>	<p>Minimum of 315 hours industry placement unpaid.</p>	<p>Full-time paid employment (with paid off-the-job time too).</p>
HOW ARE THEY ASSESSED?	<p>A-levels – externally marked exam taken at the end of two years, there may also be a practical element depending on the course (e.g. music and art).</p> <p>Other qualifications may include a mix of teacher assessed assignments throughout the course, practical assessments that are externally marked, exams and portfolios.</p>	<p>T Level students will be assessed through exams and a project related to the subject they are studying. The project will be set by the awarding organisation. Students will then gain a nationally recognised certificate which will show their overall grade and a breakdown of what they achieved.</p>	<p>Throughout the apprenticeship, the apprentice will be observed, hold discussions and complete portfolio work with the training provider who will grade the work. At the end of the apprenticeship, the apprentice will be required to complete an End Point Assessment.</p>



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HOW ARE THEY GRADED?	A-levels – graded A* to E Other qualifications such as BTECs might include Pass, Merit or Distinction with Distinction* being awarded to students who perform strongly across the qualification as a whole.	Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction* If not all of the elements are met, the student will receive a statement of achievement.	Pass, Merit, Distinction Some apprenticeships will also include eligibility for professional recognition by an authorised body.
SALARY	Unpaid.	Unpaid.	Paid at least the National Minimum Wage for apprentices.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	The government's 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation so they can remain in education. Students should contact their institution for advice and to apply.	The provider may provide discretionary financial support.	Apprentice will receive the company's rewards and annual leave. If an apprentice has additional needs, the training provider can apply for additional funding towards the support costs.
ARE THEY INCLUDED ON THE UCAS TARIFF?	A-levels – yes Level 3 BTEC - yes	Yes	It will depend on the qualifications included within the apprenticeship standard.
HOW TO FIND...	A-levels and BTECs https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course 	T Levels https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/find 	Apprenticeships https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship 



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