

# The Options Available Post 16 Introduction



# Aim of this presentation:

- To help you understand the different options available after Year 11.
- To ensure that you know what your child needs to be doing and by when.
- To feel equipped to help your child in making these decisions.

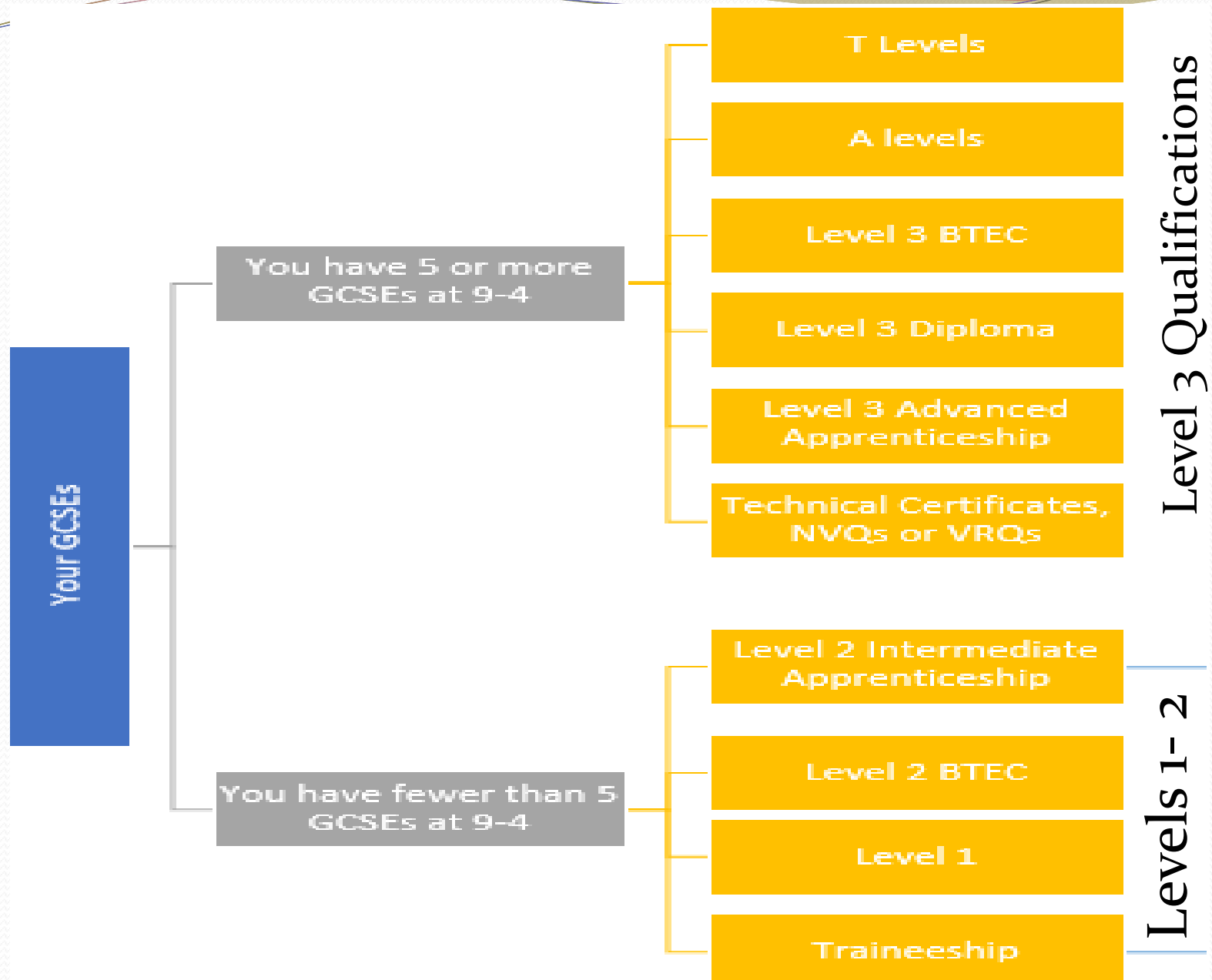
# How do students start to make the choice?

**Student's options/choices do depend on the results they achieve in their GCSE's.**

- 5 or more GCSE's at 9-4 will enable students to move into most Level 3 qualifications (*A 'levels, L3 vocational courses, advanced apprenticeships*)
- Students with lower results will be able to move into Level 2 or 1 qualifications (*vocational courses, intermediate apprenticeships, traineeships etc*)

Students will also consider the type of place they wish to study: **college**, a **sixth form** or **on the job** (an apprenticeship, T levels)

# Choices available based on GCSE results



# What and where to study?

## **3 key choices of where to study**

- 1. Further Education (College)**
- 2. Sixth Form**
- 3. Apprenticeships and Training**

# What and where to study?

## Sixth Form

These are usually based at a school.

Mostly offer A 'level courses  
(Level 3 qualifications)

Entry requirements are usually grade 6 for the subject you wish to study (plus English and Maths at grade 5 – check the entry requirements at place of study).

## Apprenticeships

On the job training  
Level depends on the  
Apprenticeship provider and  
entry requirements.

## College

Derby, Burton and South East Derbyshire college,  
Chesterfield, New college Nottingham, Confetti etc

### Can offer A levels

i.e. Joseph Wright Centre at Derby College

### Offer vocational courses

i.e. The Roundhouse at Derby College  
(BTec, NVQ, Diplomas, T-levels)

*Courses such as Bricklaying, Construction, Hair and Beauty, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Health and Social Care*

A Level courses are a level 3 (same entry as for sixth form)

Vocational courses can be at a level 1,  
2 or 3

Depends on entry requirements – check with the place of study

# What is the best place to study?

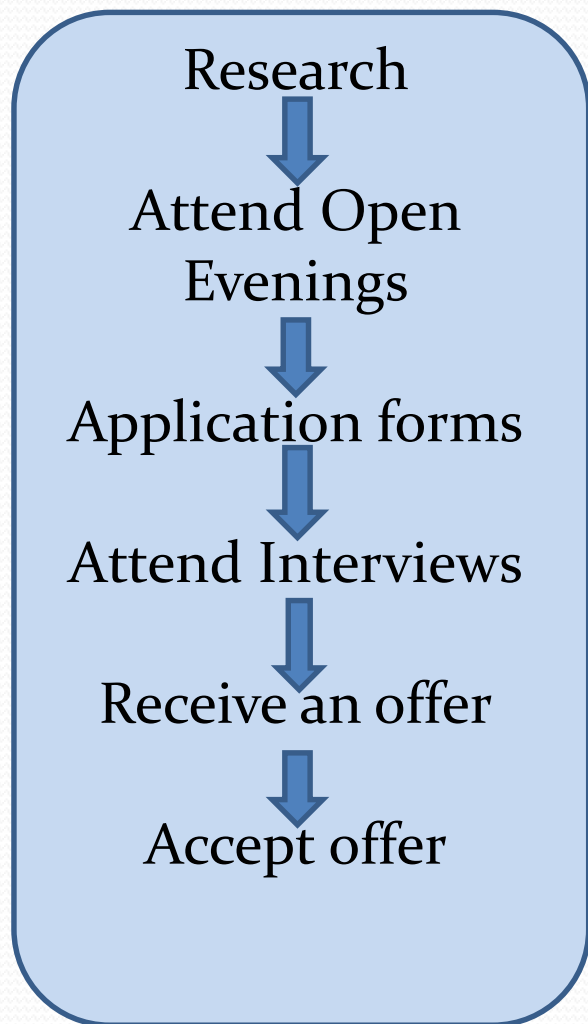
This depends on what the student wants to study and the type of learning they wish to undertake.

- **A levels are highly academic with the highest entry requirements.** You can study at a school or college environment. Both places of study require a high level of study and commitment and have exams at the end of the 2 year course.
- **Vocational courses can be more practical in nature** and sometimes have a work based placement included (i.e. Childcare, Health and Social Care). Assessment is done on a continuous basis with coursework and end of unit assessments. These courses are usually only offered at college due to the specialist facilities needed.
- **Apprenticeships can often be the hardest option.** Students will need to work (usually for 4 days a week) and then attend a college or training provider once a week to complete the theory and written aspects of the course. Assignments will be set and assessments are usually on a continuous basis.

Your workshops will give more details of these choices

# How do students apply?

All information is on-line (Colleges: Derby/Burton, Sixth Form Centres, Apprenticeships)



## Application Deadlines

LCS Sixth Form – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

College – No specific deadline at most places

Apprenticeships - as advertised

**Attend Open Evenings** – see providers websites

All students should make full time education applications (even if apprenticeships are their first choice).

Students provide grades achieved in their Year 10 report

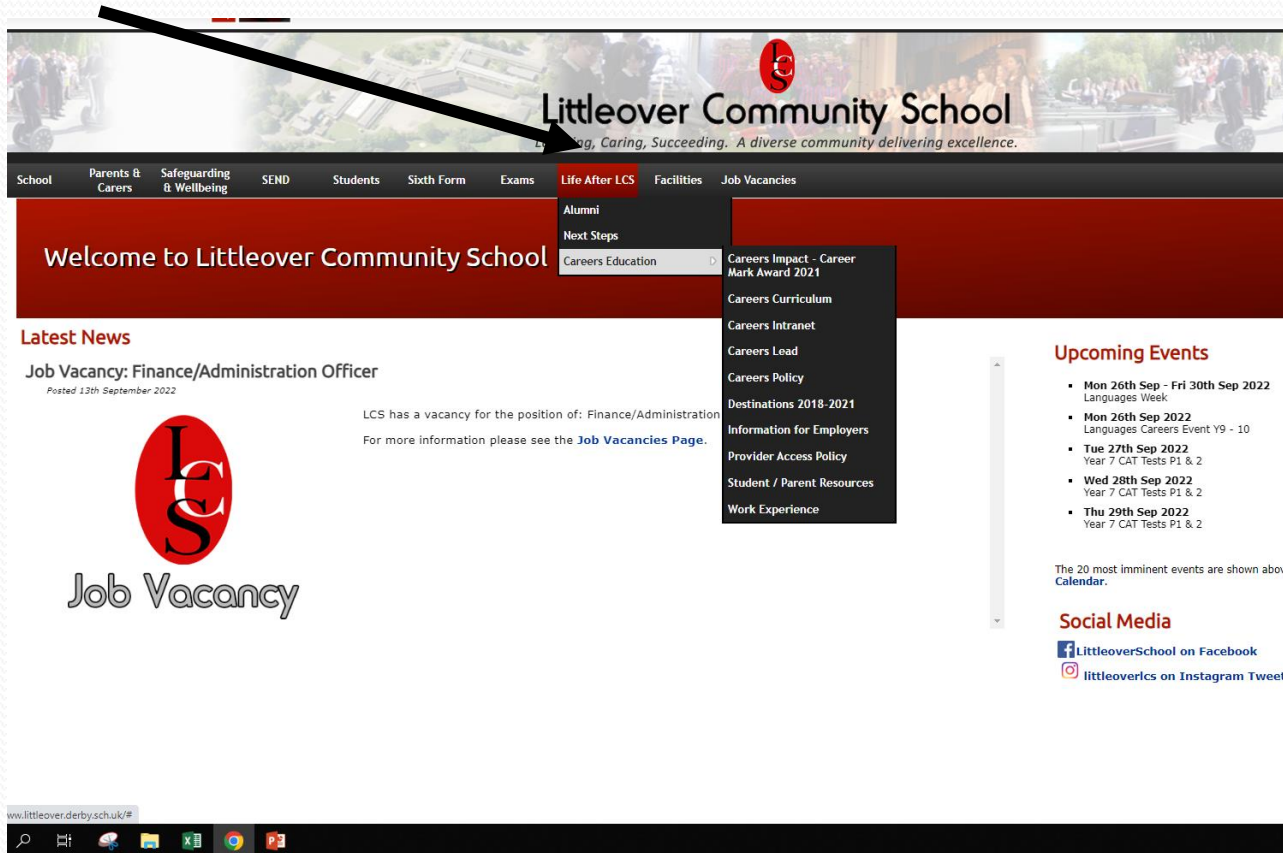
All students need a back up plan



# LCS website – Careers information

We are regularly updating our website to include information to parents/carers.

The 'Life after LCS' tab is where to find careers resources



The screenshot shows the homepage of Littleover Community School. The header features the school's name and tagline, "Learning, Caring, Succeeding. A diverse community delivering excellence." Below this is a navigation bar with tabs for School, Parents & Carers, Safeguarding & Wellbeing, SEND, Students, Sixth Form, Exams, Life After LCS, Facilities, and Job Vacancies. The "Life After LCS" tab is highlighted, and its dropdown menu is open, showing options like Alumni, Next Steps, Careers Education, and a list of career-related resources. A black arrow points from the text "The 'Life after LCS' tab is where to find careers resources" to the "Life After LCS" tab. The main content area includes a "Welcome to Littleover Community School" banner, a "Latest News" section with a job vacancy announcement, and an "Upcoming Events" section with a list of dates and events. The footer shows social media links for Facebook and Instagram.

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Alumni  
Next Steps  
Careers Education

Careers Impact - Career Mark Award 2021  
Careers Curriculum  
Careers Intranet  
Careers Lead  
Careers Policy  
Destinations 2018-2021  
Information for Employers  
Provider Access Policy  
Student / Parent Resources  
Work Experience

Welcome to Littleover Community School

**Latest News**  
Job Vacancy: Finance/Administration Officer  
Posted 13th September 2022

LCS has a vacancy for the position of: Finance/Administration Officer  
For more information please see the [Job Vacancies Page](#).

**Upcoming Events**

- Mon 26th Sep - Fri 30th Sep 2022  
Languages Week
- Mon 26th Sep 2022  
Languages Careers Event Y9 - 10
- Tue 27th Sep 2022  
Year 7 CAT Tests P1 & 2
- Wed 28th Sep 2022  
Year 7 CAT Tests P1 & 2
- Thu 29th Sep 2022  
Year 7 CAT Tests P1 & 2

The 20 most imminent events are shown above [Calendar](#).

**Social Media**  
[LittleoverSchool on Facebook](#)  
[littleoverlcs on Instagram Tweets](#)

All providers of Post 16 education also have their own websites



[Careers Resources](#)

[Careers Intranet](#)

## Careers Resources

Click any of the headings below to find out more information.

[Start In D2N2 \(Inc. Derby\)](#)

[Labour Market Information](#)

[External Providers And Alumni - Deliver Information To LCS Students](#)

[Careers Video Resources](#)

[LCS Careers Library](#)

[Post 16/Post 18 Pathways](#)

[Student Careers Entitlement](#)

[What Are Unifrog And Kudos?](#)

[Work Experience](#)

[Other Useful Website Addresses](#)

### Introduction

- [Post-16 Introduction Presentation](#) - A Post 16 Guidance Presentation for Parents/Carers of Year 11 students. General options information for Post 16 and beyond.

After you have viewed the Post 16 Introduction Presentation, click a link below to navigate to the specific pathway information you require.

- [Apprenticeships, Local Training Providers and Connexions Service](#)
- [College](#)
- [Sixth Form](#)
- [Luminate and Careers Derby](#)
- [School Toolkit Post 16](#)



### Apprenticeships, Local Training Providers And Connexions Service

Apprenticeships offer a great alternative to full time higher education, allowing you to learn a trade whilst earning money.

There are local Training Providers who can help young people connect to specific apprenticeships. Click the image below:

**Connexions & Derby  
Training Providers  
Network Services Guide**



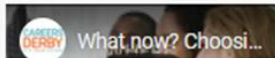
# SCHOOL TOOLKIT

## Post 16

### Resources



Choosing your next steps



Find out who Space@Connexions are, what careers education and guidance they offer and how to get in touch.



Derby College - Find out about what courses are available and new ones in response to Covid 19.



Do you know about T Levels? What are they, what subjects and how to apply.



Is it okay to change my mind? Explore your option choices, why you might want to change them, how you can do that and who can help.



Now what? Tips on how to make decisions. Lots to think about? Get some suggestions on how to make decisions.



Local Training Providers

Click here to meet a range of Derby based Training Providers and find out what they offer and where they are.



# The Guidance Process at Littleover

## **What each student receives in and out of lessons?**

- **Careers lessons** (Y10 – students had approx. 20 hours and Y11 – Autumn term focus).
- **Careers Library** – open Tues and Weds lunchtime for students to get help and advice
- **Opportunity for 1 to 1 Careers guidance Interviews**
- **Unifrog – Careers platform** (Key documents such as CVs, Personal Statements)
- **Interview skills and preparation** (Mock Interviews week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November)
- **Application help and practise**

# What to do next

- Talk to your child about what they want to do
- Encourage your child to attend Open Evenings
- Encourage your child to seek help in school if needed
- Support them in making their decision
- Ensure that they have a back up plan
- Ask us if you need any further help or advice.

# What is the Post 16 Bursary and why should students apply?

- The Post 16 Bursary provides financial assistance to help students carry on learning next year and the year after that.
- The funds should be used to support studies (e.g. buying course materials, transport to and from school/college, fieldwork and trips).



# How much should students get?

- It depends how many people in each year are eligible. Each sixth form has a set amount of money to divide equally among those who qualify.
- Most providers will use the fund to purchase supplies, resources, bus passes etc. directly for students rather than giving the students money.



# Who Is Eligible to apply?

## **Age**

- Students need to be 16, 17 or 18 and have left – or be about to leave – compulsory education.

## **Course**

Students need to be enrolled on a course in England which is one of the following:

- a full-time further education course at a college or school
- a Diploma or a course that leads to an Apprenticeship
- Basically – any student who continues in full time education or training with a recognised provider.

# Household Income

- Taxable household income below approx. £20,000 - £25,000 (varies slightly from place to place)
- If the student has a part-time job – any money *they earn* isn't included in your overall household income.

# Other Criteria

If the young person is.....

- In care or a care leaver
- Receiving income support
- Disabled and in receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

All the above qualify for £1200 a year

# How to apply?

- All applications are processed by the provider (i.e. school sixth form, college etc)
- Check with individual providers when they would like applications submitted
- Most will be the end of September
- Documentary evidence of income etc. will be required with the application.
- **Students will need their own bank account.**

# Things to remember

- **Ask your post 16 provider for a copy of their policy and application form if you believe you may qualify.**
- **Make sure the students have their own bank accounts when they start their post 16 studies.**
- **Make sure you have appropriate documentary evidence of your income etc.**

# Moving to your workshops

Please follow the instructions given - to enable us to make the groupings as equal and as safe as possible.

Parents/Carers sat on this side of the hall

If you would like to attend the Sixth Form workshop – please remain seated.

You will attend the Sixth Form workshop first and then your second choice of workshop:

- College or apprenticeships (in S Block).

If you have selected only college and apprenticeships, please go to S Block for these two workshops.

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We ask that you please attend the college or apprenticeships workshop first (in S Block).

Please then return to the hall for the Sixth Form workshop - or your second choice of college or apprenticeships (if you did not select Sixth Form).