

Exploring Sixth Form

So you are thinking about Sixth Form. Remember to think about your predicted grades, how you best learn, your career ideas and what you want to study as these will influence your post 16 options & choices.

Reflect on how realistic your predicted grades are? How likely are you going to achieve them? Think about whether you need a plan B – this could be different subjects or courses, colleges or sixth forms and pathways. Looking at alternatives can help you make an informed choice about your next steps, and may create the motivation to achieve those grades for where you want to go.

Not sure about the post 16 options or want to explore other careers ideas, look at the other guides to help you make good choices for you.

Other guides

Options after GCSEs



Exploring options after GCSEs



Exploring College



Exploring Apprenticeships



Whilst all Sixth Forms offer A levels, many also offer other Level 3 qualifications, and may allow you to mix and match.

Different Sixth Forms offer different subjects and qualifications, as well as have different entry requirements and may specify different grades required in particular subjects.

Explore their websites fully. You may want to look at:

- subjects & qualifications offered
- what the courses cover/ the curriculum
- the entry requirements - to Sixth Form and per subject
- how the qualifications are assessed
- what other extra curricular they offer

to help you make an informed choice that feels right for your next steps.

It is important to:

- visit their website to explore the courses, subjects and entry requirements, how to apply and any deadlines
- go to Open Days or Open Evenings to help inform your decisions. (Open days start in November).
- evaluate the different options and make a decision that feels a good choice for you.

Not sure what to study? Look at where your favourite [subjects](#) could lead or alternatively use this [A level Explorer](#) to find out what other students went on to do with different combinations of A levels.

Have a specific pathway in mind? Look at this [guide](#) to help you make choices. Are they the subjects that play to your strengths? How does that influence your choices?

You can apply for several Sixth Forms and Colleges, and only make a final decision on results day.

Remember to discuss your ideas and plans at home, with friends, your tutor and teachers.

If you are unsure what to do next, you may want to book a Careers Appointment.

(Northampton College offers A levels from September 2024).



Exploring: Post 16 - Sixth Form

EXPLORING
Beniam Ltd
CAREERS WITH

