

Exploring College

So you are thinking about College. 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



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Exploring Sixth Form



Exploring Apprenticeships



Colleges typically offer BTECs, T Levels and provide the training element for Apprenticeships.

(Northampton College also offers A levels from September 2024).

It is important to explore the courses available at the colleges fully to find good options for you. You may want to look at:

- what the course covers/ the curriculum
- the entry requirements
- how it is assessed
- where that course could lead to

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). You can book a place on their websites
- evaluate the different options and make a decision that feels a good choice for you.

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

The common destinations locally when choosing college are:

Moulton College: [Website](#) & [Open Events](#)

Northampton College: [Website](#) & [Open Events](#)

Bedford College Group: [Website](#) & [Open Events](#)

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.



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