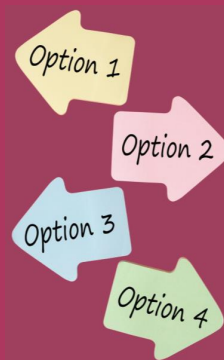
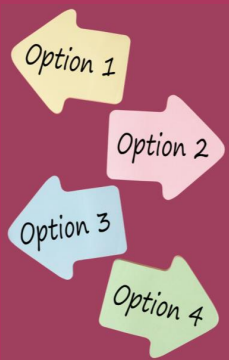


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Deputy Headteacher
Director of 6th Form



Miss Jackson
Careers Leader

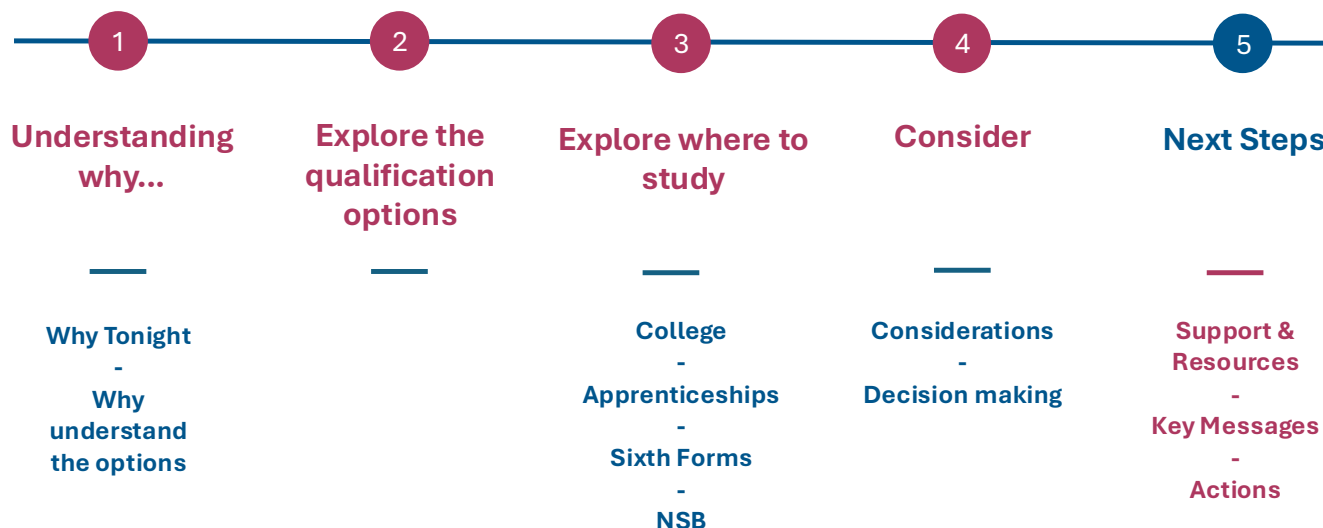


Mrs Arber
Careers Adviser



Mrs Howard
Careers Adviser

Outline of the Evening



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Understanding why...

Why Tonight

Why understand the options

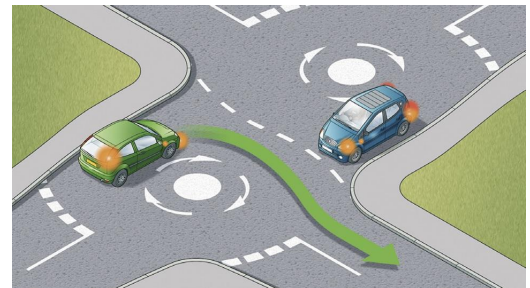
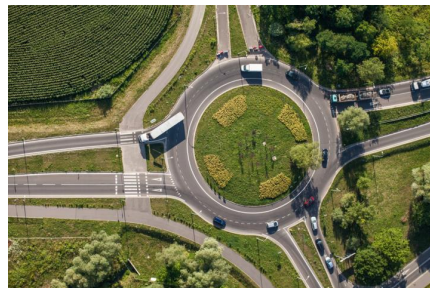
Why is tonight important for...

- Students
- Parents & Carers
- Northampton School for Boys



Statements made by students

True or false?



Why is it important to explore the options, make informed choices & have a back up?



- **On track** with MAG/TAG throughout Y11
- **Worked really hard** for exams – **model NSB** student through and through
- Exam period was “hard and relentless” (his words)
- Was **1-2 marks off in each of his subjects** so didn’t get into NSB
- Had **never considered he wouldn’t be coming back** because he had always been on target
- School sent his papers back for remarks, but no extra marks were found
- Went to appeal but outcome did not change
- Currently studying his 3rd choice course

Why is it important to explore the options, make informed choices & have a back up?



- **Confident of grades throughout year 11** & that would be joining NSB Sixth Form
- **Never considered the need to have back ups** – assumed NSB would be more lenient as a current student of NSB
- **Met the Subject and English requirements for 2 out of 3 of his desired subjects**
- **Maths grade was a 3** (2 marks off a 4) – need a 4 for 2 of his desired subjects, 5 for the 3rd subject.
- **Options:**
 - Explored moving to BTEC Sport at NSB – Did not meet the requirements (4 in Maths and Foundation player in Rugby)
 - Applied for BTEC Sport at Moulton (despite not being chosen pathway)
 - Eventually found a Sixth Form place at an alternative Sixth Form but not in all his desired subjects (some subjects full)

Why is it important to explore the options, make informed choices & have a back up?



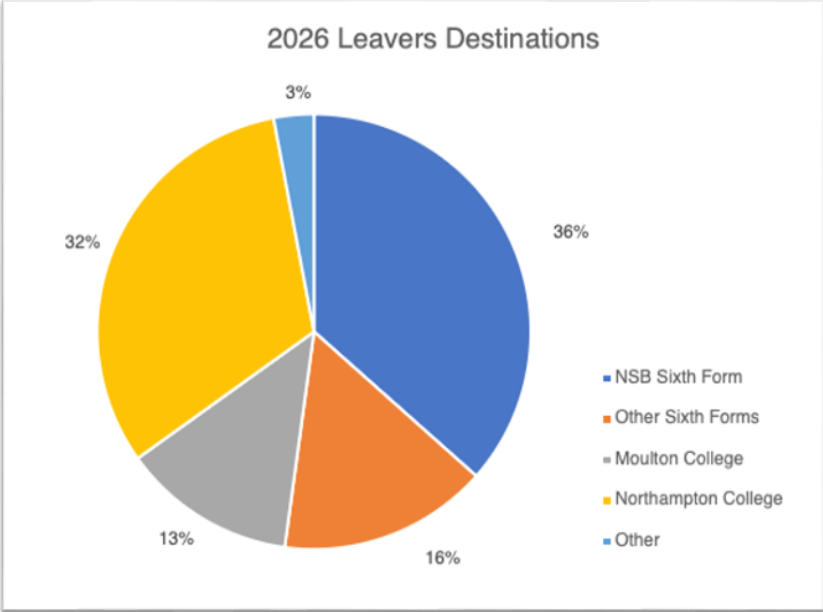
- **Aspiring Engineer** wanting to go on to study at **University**
- Most universities want Maths + science. **Most require Physics**, others accept Chemistry as an alternative
- **Did not achieve the grades for Physics at NSB**
- **More important to remain at NSB despite the potential consequences of not studying Physics**
- Would have been **able to study preferred A levels** at alternative Sixth Forms and Northampton College Sixth Form
- In year 12 as started to explore universities, realised that the majority of Universities he wanted to study at required Physics
- Had to look at different courses at universities and considered apprenticeships

Why is it important to explore the options, make informed choices & have a back up?



- Predicted grades (TAGs) **met entry requirements for Maths, Biology & Chemistry at NSB**
- Hoping to study **medicine at University**
- **Achieved a grade 7 in Maths, 6 in Chemistry and 6 in Biology (couple marks off 7s) and 6 in English**
- **NSB = X**
 - Met Step 1 (3 x grade 6s; 2 x grade 5s)
 - OK for Maths (7) but not Chemistry & Biology (needed 7s)
- **Had applied elsewhere:**
 - **Northampton Academy = X** (same entry requirements as NSB)
 - **Caroline Chisholm = ✓** (Maths 7; Chemistry & Biology 6. Biology also required a 6 in English (NSB English grade for Biology = 5))
- **Confirmed place on results day with Caroline Chisholm**

Why is it important to explore the options, make informed choices & have a back up?



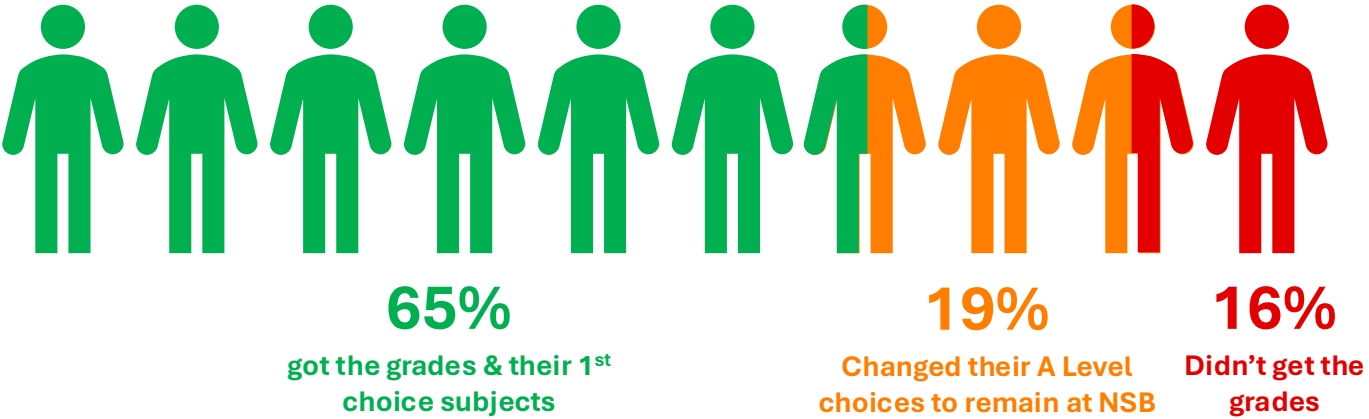
2025 - 20%
2026 - 8%*

of year 11 students who have gone to alternative Sixth Forms or College, hadn't made a contingency plan just in case their exams didn't go to plan!

**reduction perceived to be as a result of this evening first held in Sept 2025*

Why is it important to explore the options, make informed choices & have a back up?

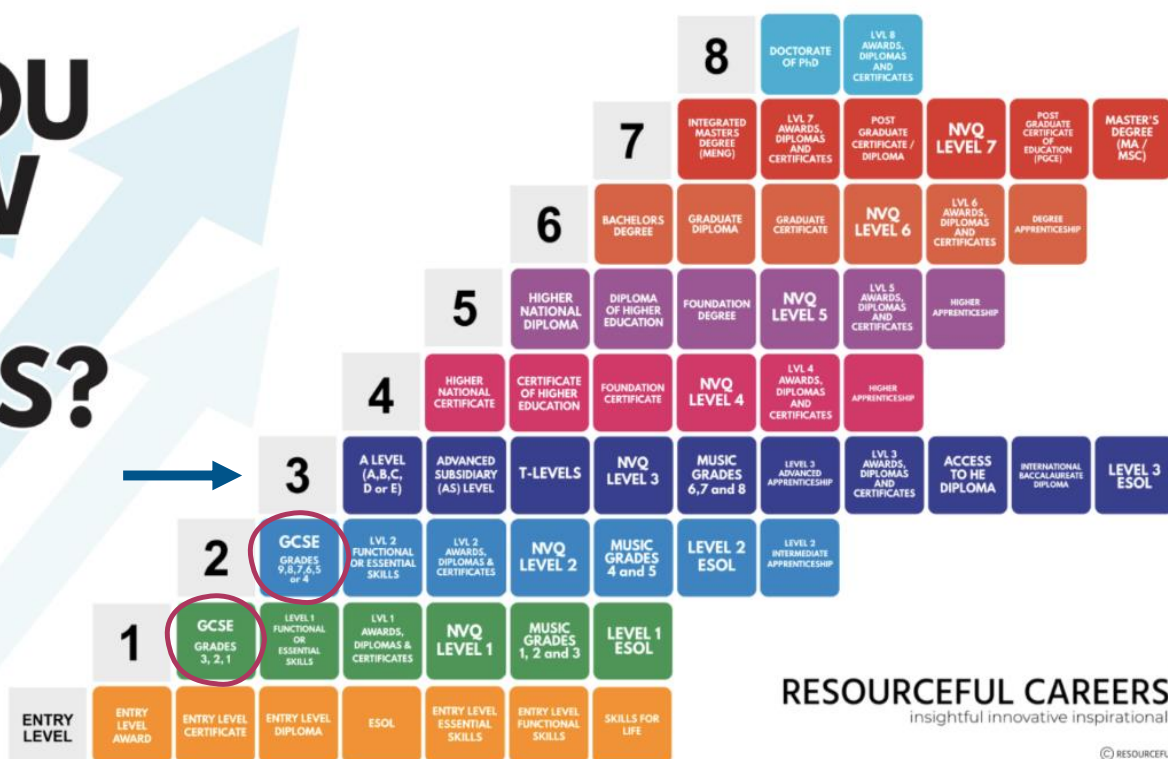
Of students that wanted to remain at NSB & join the Sixth Form...



NSB students joining our Sixth Form: 2024 = 140; 2025 = 120; 2026 = 110

Explore the qualification options

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LEVELS?



What are the options?



Level 3 A levels

- Subject based qualifications
- Study over 2 years
- Assessment: Usually, exam based but some subjects have coursework too
- Typically choose 3 subjects
- Results range: A* - E

Normally need:

- At least five GCSEs : grades 5-9
- At least grade 6 in the specific subject(s) you want to study

Lead to

- University
- Higher Technical Qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- Work
- Gap Year

- Mainly offered by Sixth Forms but some colleges also offer A levels
- Each Sixth Form offers different subjects and curriculum (exam boards)
- Some Sixth Forms allow students to study mixed qualifications eg A levels & BTECs
- Sixth Form Entry & subject requirements vary across Sixth Forms & Colleges
- Some Sixth Forms start their Sixth Form application process from October!

Level 3

T levels

- Related to a specialist sector or occupation/ job
- Study over 2 years
- Assessment: mix of exams and project/ course work
- Results range: Distinction*, Distinction, Merit & Pass
- 45 days of work experience (unpaid)

Normally need:

- At least five GCSEs : grades 4-9 (some require grades 5-9)
- Some require at least Grade 5 in Maths & English

Lead to

- University
- Higher Technical Qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- Work
- Gap Year

- Equivalent to 3 A levels
- Sector/ Occupation focused: for example; Health, Education, Legal, Finance, Childcare, IT, Engineering etc
- Mainly offered by Colleges but some Sixth Forms offer them too
- Some colleges offer a broader range of T Levels whilst others currently limited
- Specific entry requirements vary across Colleges

Level 3

T levels

Accounting

Building services engineering for construction

Design and development for engineering and manufacturing

Design, surveying and planning for construction

Digital business services

Digital production, design and development

Digital support services

Education and childcare

Engineering, manufacturing, processing and control

Finance

Health

Healthcare science

Maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing

Management and administration

Onsite construction

Science

And expanding!

Level 3

BTEC

- Related to a specialist sector or occupation/ job
- Study over 1-2 years depending on level
- Assessment: mainly assignments, some have internally assessed tasks
- Results range: Distinction*, Distinction, Merit & Pass

Normally need:

- Level 1 BTEC : 3 x grades 2+
- Level 2 BTEC : 4 x grades 3+
- Level 3 BTEC : 5 x grades 4+
- English & Maths requirements vary

Lead to

- University
- Higher Technical Qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- Work
- Gap Year

- Level 3 BTECs are equivalent to A levels: Certificate = 1 ; Diploma = 2 ; Extended Diploma = 3
- Some BTECs require you to do a level 2 before progressing to level 3 or work/ apprenticeship
- Mainly offered by Colleges but some Sixth Forms offer them too
- Specific entry requirements vary across Colleges
- Some courses require English & Maths grade 4+. College can support retaking English & Maths

Level 3

BTEC subjects



Agriculture



Animal Management



Applied Human Biology



Applied Science



Children's Play, Learning and Development



Computing



Construction



Countryside Management



Applied Psychology



Applied Law



Art and Design



Business



Creative Digital Media Production



Engineering



Enterprise and Entrepreneurship



Equine Management



Information Technology



Music



Music Technology



Performing Arts



Forestry and Arboriculture



Forensic and Criminal Investigation



Health and Social Care



Horticulture



Uniformed Protective Service



Sport



Sport and Exercise Science



Travel and Tourism

Level 3

V Levels

From
September
2027

- Broad and hands on - an introduction to an industry sector (sample different sectors)
- Study over 2 years
- Can combined with A levels
- Assessment: Coursework and practical assessments
- Results range: A* to E

Normally need:

- 5 x grade 4+ (still being finalised)
- Some subjects may have higher requirements
eg Accounting and Finance may request grade 5 or higher in relevant subjects like mathematics
- English & Maths requirements vary

Lead to

- University
- Higher Technical Qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- Work
- Gap Year

- Each V Level is equal in size to One A level programme to suit student interests and ambitions
- Likely to be offered by Colleges but some Sixth Forms
- May require English & Maths grade 4+. College can support retaking English & Maths

Level 3

V Level subjects

2027

- Accounting & Finance
- Digital Systems & Data
- Education & Early Years

2028

onwards

Expansion to include up to 30 subjects

- Agriculture
- Environment & Animal Care
- Catering & Hospitality
- Hair & Beauty
- And more!
- Protective Services
- Art & Performing Arts
- Creative & Design
- Travel & Tourism

Level 2 & 3

Apprenticeships

- Related to a specialist sector or occupation/ job
- Study over 1-5 years depending on level
- On the job 80%; learning with training provider 20%
- Assessment: assignments and on the job assessment of tasks

Normally need:

- Varies by employer and apprenticeship job
- English & Maths requirements vary

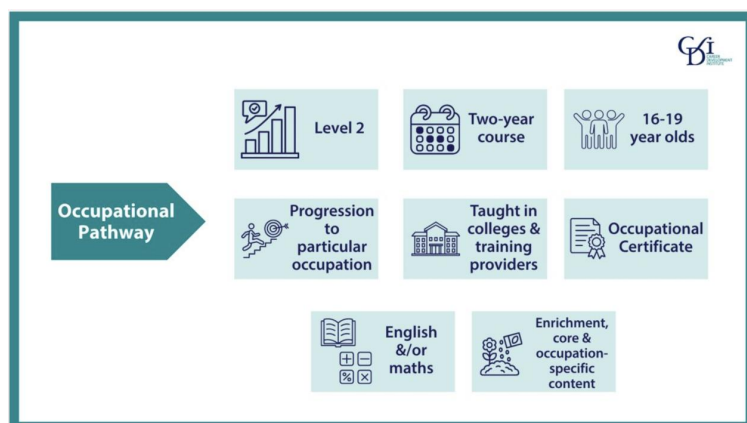
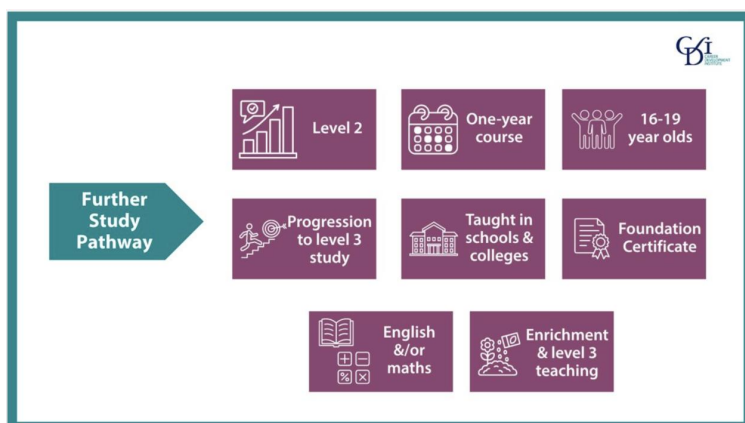
Lead to

- Next level Apprenticeship
- Higher Technical Qualifications
- Work
- Gap Year
- University

Typical post GCSEs:

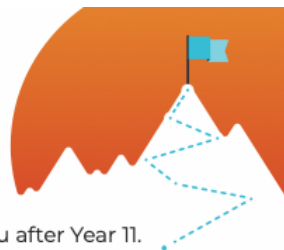
- Level 2 Apprenticeships (equivalent to GCSEs) or
- Level 3 Apprenticeships (equivalent to A levels)
- Training Providers: Specialist companies & Colleges
- Training providers can normally support retaking English & Maths if required

Level 2



POST 16 OPTIONS MADE SIMPLE

Use the information below to help you understand the options available to you after Year 11.



Speak to your Careers Adviser to help you explore the options in more detail.

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Enabling well informed decisions that are the best choices for you

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Explore where to study

College
-
Apprenticeships
-
Sixth Forms
-
NSB



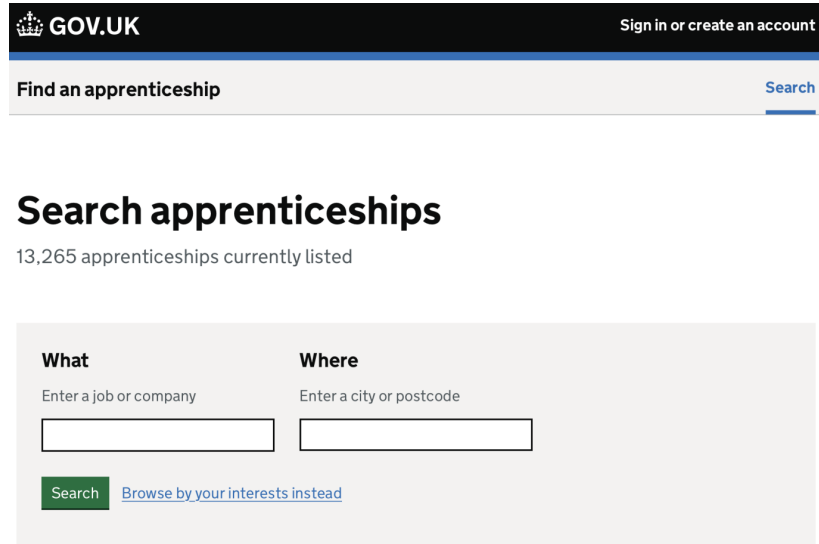
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Where? Apprenticeships

- Colleges and Training Providers often advertise opportunities from their employer partners
- Best sources:
 - Government website
 - Employers' website
 - Training providers websites
- For level 2 & 3 Apprenticeships – typically advertised 6-12 weeks before you start
- Apply to employers
- NSB Apprenticeship Club for year 11s



The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website header with a 'Sign in or create an account' link. Below is a search bar labeled 'Find an apprenticeship' with a 'Search' button. The main heading is 'Search apprenticeships' with a subtext '13,265 apprenticeships currently listed'. Below this is a search form with two columns: 'What' (Enter a job or company) and 'Where' (Enter a city or postcode). There are input fields for both, a 'Search' button, and a link 'Browse by your interests instead'.

Where? Colleges

- Northampton College
- Moulton College
- Bedford College Group
 - Tresham Colleges (Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough)
 - National Motorsport College (Silverstone)
 - National Logistics College (Lutterworth)
 - Bedford College & Bedford Central College
 - Shuttleworth College
- Silvestone UTC
- Milton Keynes College



- Open events throughout the year
- Apply throughout the year
- Secure your place throughout the year

Where? Other Sixth Forms

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11 Y12 Y13 All tools

The screenshot shows the Unifrog website interface with various tool categories. The 'College / Sixth Form' option under the 'Searching' section is highlighted with a red circle.

- Your local government web site
- Unifrog College/ Sixth Form tool
- South Midlands Careers Hub Booklet (Unifrog Locker) & will be emailed to parents
- Review the Sixth Forms website
 - Subjects & qualifications on offer
 - Entry requirements
 - Their timescales for open evenings and applications



- Open evenings take place between October & January
- Deadlines for applications vary from November to January

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Where? Other Sixth Forms

Northampton

- Abbeyfield
- Caroline Chisholm
- Duston
- Malcolm Arnold
- Moulton School
- Northampton Academy
- Northampton College
- Northampton International Academy
- Northampton School for Boys (NSB)
- Northampton School for Girls (NSG)
- Thomas Beckett
- Weston Favell
- Wootton Park

Northamptonshire

- Brooke Weston
- Danetre
- Elizabeth Woodville
- Friars Academy
- Guilsborough
- Kettering Buccleuch Academy (KBA)
- Latimer Arts
- Manor
- Rushen Academy
- Sir Christopher Hatton
- Sponne
- Weavers
- Wollaston
- Wrenn

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Where? NSB



‘To inspire and empower all students to meet their potential both in and out of the classroom’

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NSB Sixth Form Results 2026

A tradition of excellence ...

15% of all entries **A***
36% of all entries **A*/ A**
72% of all entries **A*-B (nationally 56%)**

Academic success at A level ...

50 students achieved **AAA** minimum
11 students achieved **A*A*A*** minimum
2 students achieved **A*A*A*A***
38% of cohort achieved **AAB** minimum
Average Points Score Grade per entry = **B**

Academic success at BTEC Sport...

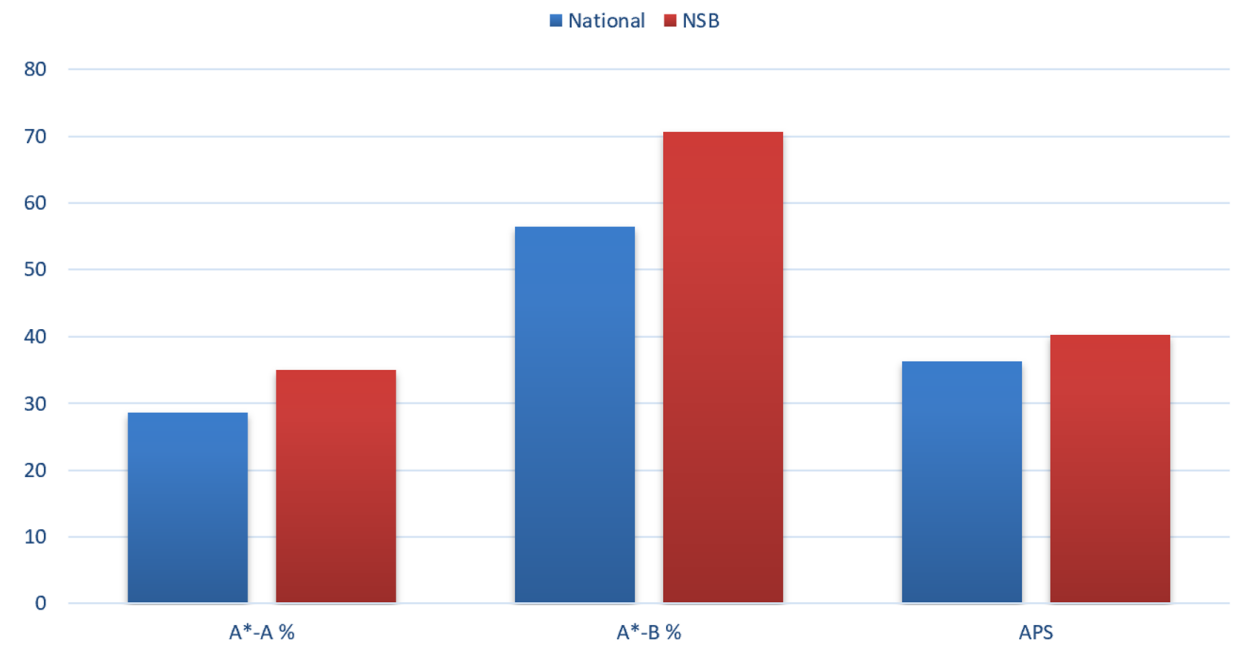
Average Grade – **D*D*D** (equiv. **A*A*A**)

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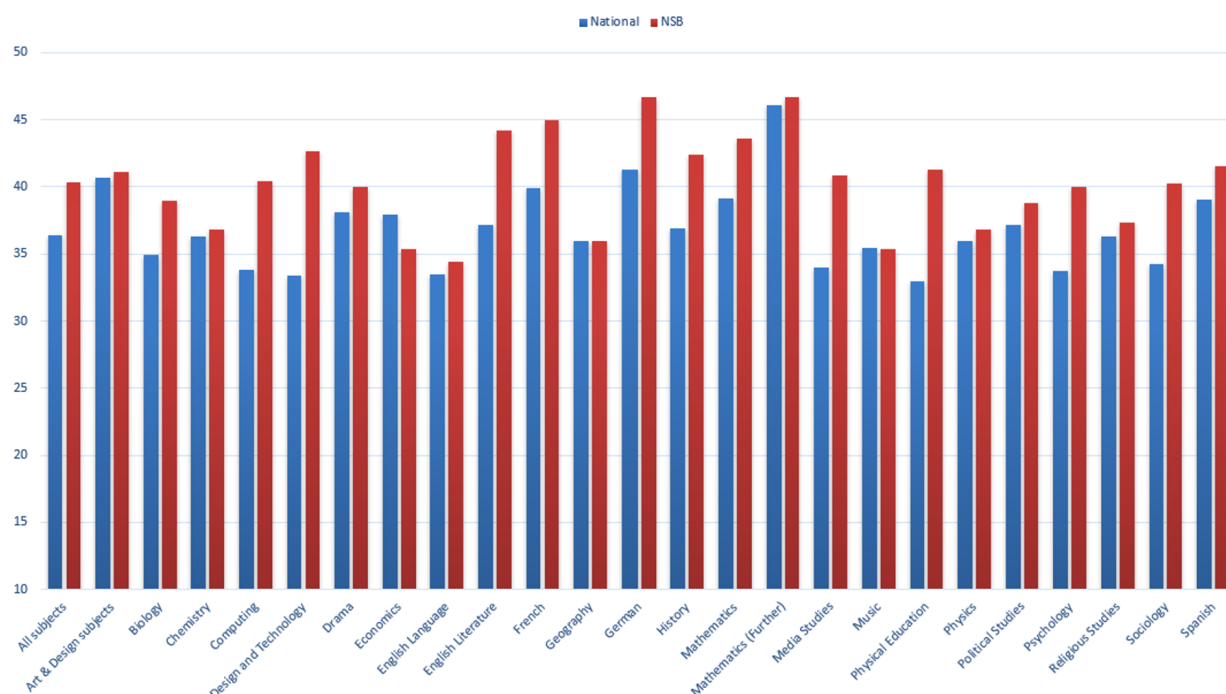
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2026 A-Level NSB v National All subjects



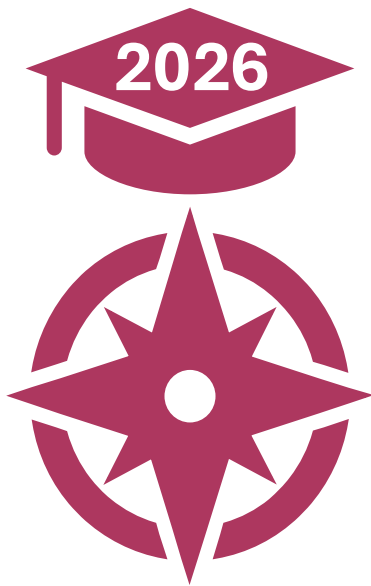
Note APS range is 0-60 whereas A/A and A*/B ranges are 0-100.

2026 A-level Subject APS NSB v National



Northampton School for Boys Sixth Form





- **250+** students apply each year
- **70%** of students into their firm choice University in 2026
- **53%** of students go to Russell Group Universities
- **4** students secured places at Oxbridge (34 between 2020-2026)
- **10** students have started Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science courses
- **41** students have gone on to leading music conservatoires from 2020-2026





Class of 2026

- Multiple degree apprenticeship offers for 3 of our students
- One student's apprenticeship on hold due to A level grades (pending resit of exams)
- 6 students taking a gap year to apply for apprenticeships



Mrs Greenaway
Head of Personal Development
Senior Leadership Team



Miss Jackson
Careers Leader



Mrs Tilley
Careers Coordinator



Mrs Arber
Careers Adviser



Mrs Hinton
Careers Adviser



Mrs Howard
Careers Adviser

Studying at NSB

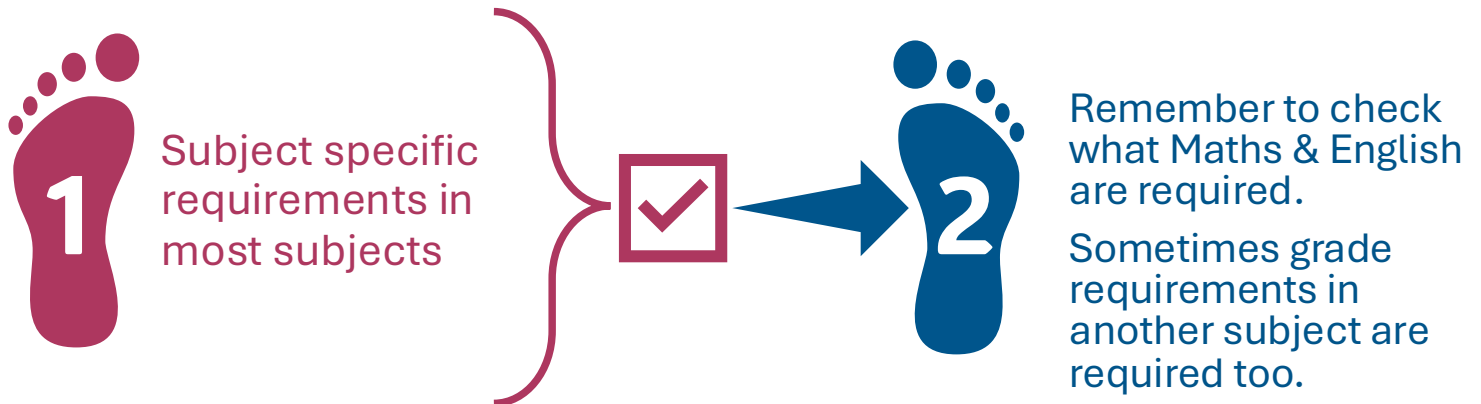
As current NSB students, you will all receive a **conditional offer** for a place in the Sixth Form.

26 different A levels

BTEC Sport Level 3 in Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Netball, Football and Rugby

Studying at NSB

A levels



Minimum Mathematics grade required ...

Grade 4

Art (Fine)
Dance
Drama
English Literature
French
History
Media Studies
Music
Politics
Religious Studies
Spanish
Sociology

Grade 5

English Language
Geography
Physical Education
Product Design
Psychology

Grade 6

Biology
Chemistry

Grade 7

Computer Science
(if previously studied)
Economics
Mathematics
Physics

Grade 8

Computer Science
(if **NOT** previously studied)
Further Mathematics

Minimum English grade required ...

Grade 4

Language or Literature
Further Mathematics
Mathematics

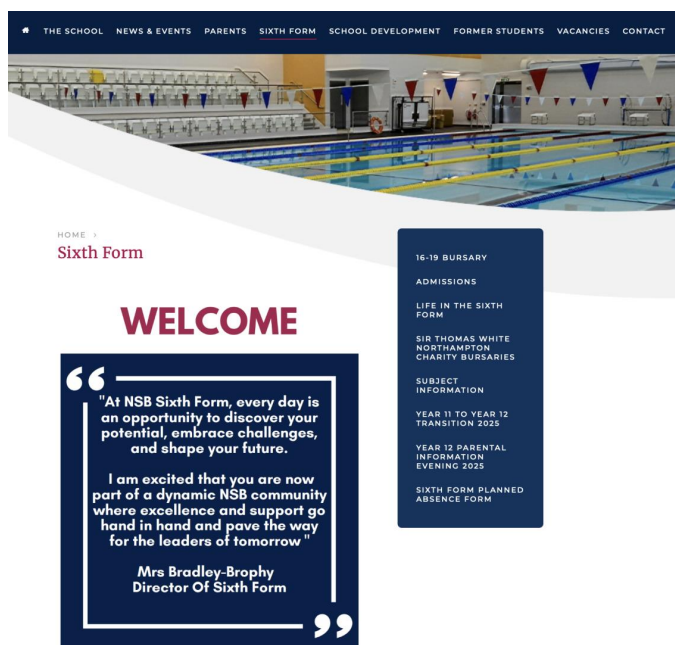
Grade 5

Language or Literature
Art (Fine) Music
Biology Physical Education
Chemistry Politics
Computer Science Product Design
Dance Spanish
French

Grade 6

Language or Literature Language & Literature
Drama English Language
Economics English Literature
Geography Media Studies
History (if **NOT** previously studied)
Media Studies
(if previously studied)
Politics
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology

Entry Requirements – A Level



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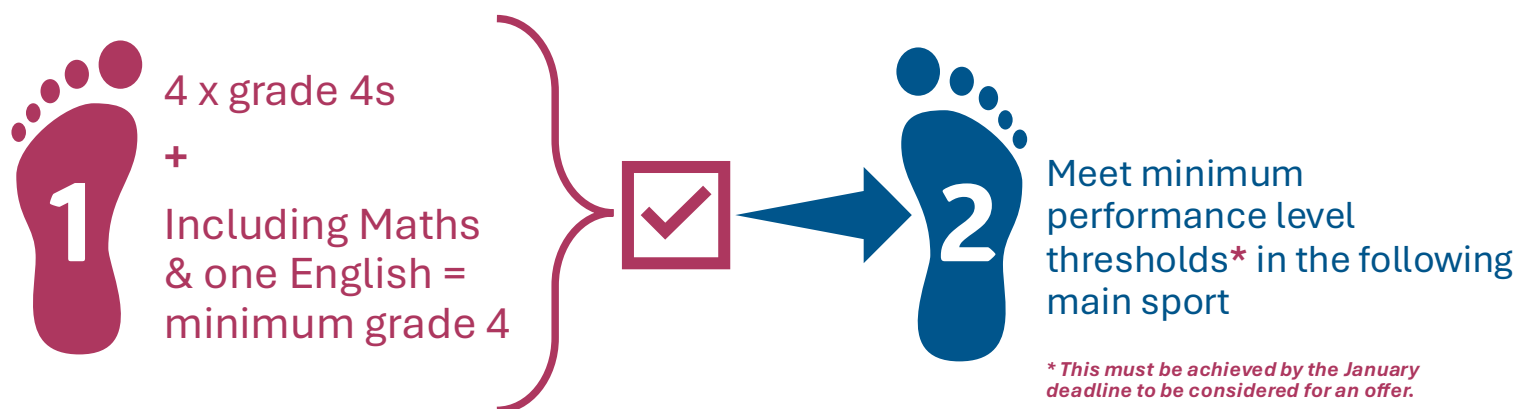
A Level Subject	Minimum Subject Grade at GCSE where studied	Minimum Maths Grade	Additional minimum requirements and information (Please note all require subjects require a minimum of a Grade 5 English Language or English Literature unless otherwise stated)
Fine Art	7	4	Grade 7 in GCSE Art (inc. Fine Art, Art Craft and Design, Textiles).
Biology	7	6	For Double Science students minimum Grade 77 is required.
Economics **		7	Minimum Grade 6 is required in either English Language OR Literature.
English Language	6	5	Minimum Grade 6 in both English Language AND English Literature is required.
French	7	4	
Geography	6	5	Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature OR English Language is required.
Mathematics	7	7	Minimum Grade 4 in either English Literature OR English Language is required

Entry Requirements – A Level

A Level Subject	Minimum Subject Grade at GCSE where studied	Minimum Maths Grade	Additional minimum requirements and information (Please note all require subjects require a minimum of a Grade 5 English Language or English Literature unless otherwise stated)
Physical Education **	6	5	GCSE Biology Grade 6 OR GCSE Double Science minimum Grade 6 is required. If a Grade 7 or better is achieved in GCSE PE, then Biology/Double Science Grade 6 is not required. Please be aware that you must have a practical sport (see link on website for a full list) to undertake this course.
Psychology **	6	5	GCSE Biology Grade 6 OR GCSE Double Science minimum Grade 6 is required regardless of whether Psychology has been studied at GCSE. Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature OR English Language is required.

Studying at NSB

BTEC Sport



Studying at NSB

MUST meet minimum performance level thresholds* in the following main sport:

- **Athletics** – Has achieved the ESAA English Schools Qualifying standard at U15/U16 age level for their event
- **Basketball** – Plays in the National League
- **Cricket** – Has been selected for the County age group squad in the YDP at any of U14/U15/U16 levels or has represented the MCC Hub for the Northamptonshire Region at U15 level or has played at least 6 games at Division 4 level in the Northamptonshire Summer Cricket league
- **Football** – Has been selected for U14-U16 YDP and/or U18 All Counties Premier Youth League
- **Netball** – Plays at a Performance Clubs (Northants Storm / MK Dons)
- **Rugby** – Has been selected for at least one of the U15/U16 Premiership Professional Club Foundation Phases or for Girls Rugby at the East Midlands / Foundation Phase
- **Water Polo** – Represented East Midlands Regional Water Polo at U15/U16 age group

** This must be achieved by the January deadline to be considered for an offer.*

Admissions Process Launches December

- Using Applica as an application platform this year
- **Sunday 24th Jan 2027:** Deadline for submission of application form (23:45)
- Must complete the Applica application form **AND** the Course Guidance form. Both links will be live on website in **December**
- **Throughout February 2027:** Course Guidance Process takes place to finalise subject choices
- **Friday 5th March 2027:** Notification sent offering conditional place and agreed course

6th Form Open Evening

Thursday 7th January 2027
5-6pm

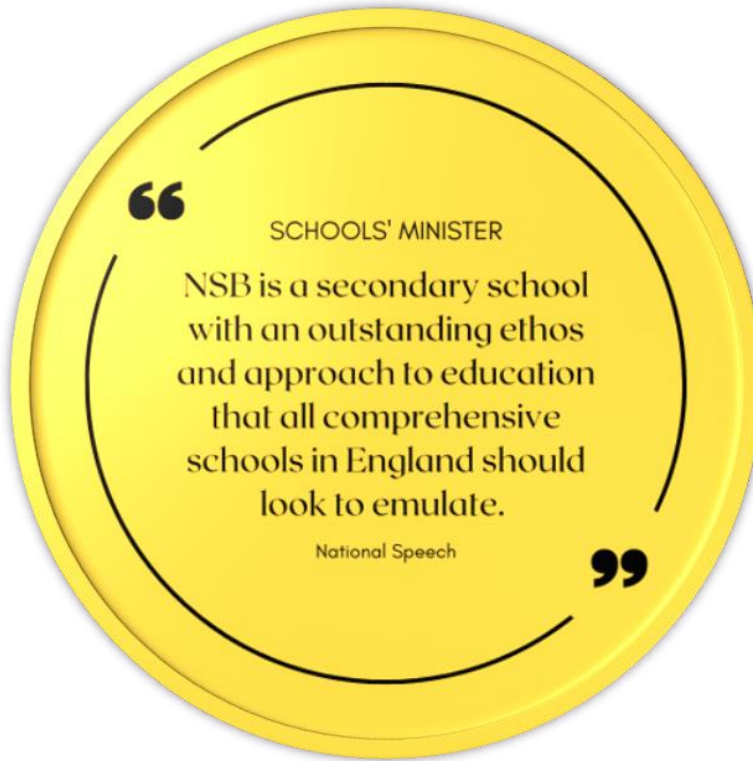
You will have the opportunity to visit subject stalls

Speak to expert teachers and Year 12 students

Visit the SEND, Wellbeing and Careers stalls

What happens on results day?

- **Got the grades for preferred choice - congratulations**
 - NSB – nothing
 - Other – follow their guidelines for when and how to advise of your grades
- **Not got the right grades for preferred subjects**
 - NSB – speak to one of the teachers &/ or a Careers Advisor to explore the options (and the implications of changing subjects)
 - Other – Contact the Sixth Form or College and you can also talk to our Careers Advisor will be able to help you
- **Not got the grades for your preferred Choice / Didn't have a back up plan just in case**
 - Think about the Sixth Forms or Colleges within travelling distance from your home
 - Contact them as soon as possible
 - You may not be able to choose your subjects – it will depend on spaces
 - You can also talk to our Careers Advisor to support you exploring the options



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SCHOOLS' MINISTER

NSB is a secondary school
with an outstanding ethos
and approach to education
that all comprehensive
schools in England should
look to emulate.

National Speech

”

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Considerations - Decision making

What to consider?

Typical plans

Grades 1-5

College or Apprenticeships

Grades 4-6

NSB & other Sixth Forms, College or
Apprenticeships
Plan B & C recommended

Grades 6-9

NSB & other Sixth Forms. Some
choose college or apprenticeships

What to consider?

Your GCSE grades

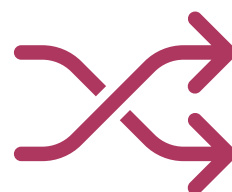
The subjects / specialism you want to study

How you learn & achieve best

Your study & work ideas & aspirations – post 18 & beyond!

Interesting, enjoy, good at & important to you

What to consider?



What to consider? : Decision making



How have I made decisions in the past ...



What was good & not so good about deciding that way?

How would I do it different to decide my next steps?

How might I make this decision...



What does
MY success
look like?

What are the
best option(s)
for me?

Where will I do
my best?

Or give me opportunities
in the future?

How will this move
me towards my
goals & aspirations?

What actions do
I need to take?



"Success is a journey, both in terms of how your definitions of success change through life and in terms of the steps you must take to achieve success" Forbes

Success

[ah-cum-plish] noun



Success is measured against achieving your own goals and ambitions. Always do your best in everything and you will achieve success. If you believe you can, you will succeed

Accomplish

[ah-cum-plish] verb

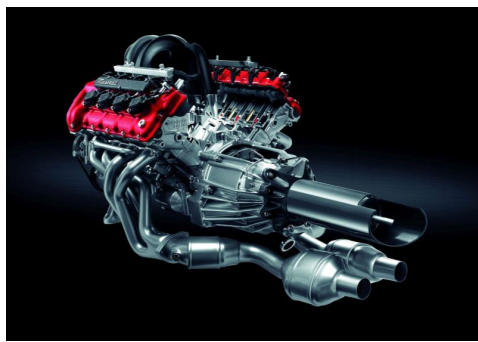
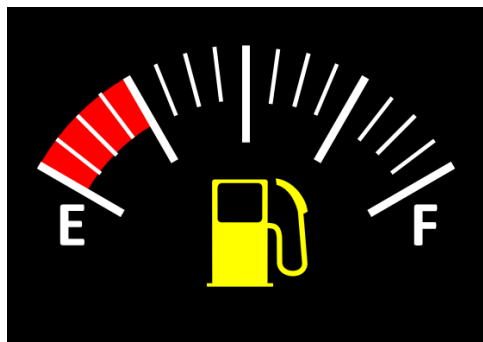


To achieve or complete something successfully. If you believe you can & work hard enough, then there is almost nothing you cannot accomplish



Statements made by students

True or false?



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Support & Resources

-

Key Messages

-

Actions

Using Unifrog to help me

Quizzes

Interests profile

✓ Quiz last taken 31 May 24: S and C and I



Personality profile

✓ Quiz last taken 31 May 24: INFJ



Work environments profile

✓ Quiz last taken 31 May 24



Skills profile

✓ Quiz last taken 31 May 24



Quiz profile

✓ 4 of 4 quizzes complete



Exploring

Careers library

✓ Careers favoured



Subjects library

✓ Subjects favoured



Know-how library

✓ Guides favoured



Searching

Apprenticeships

13 shortlists



College / Sixth Form

0 shortlists



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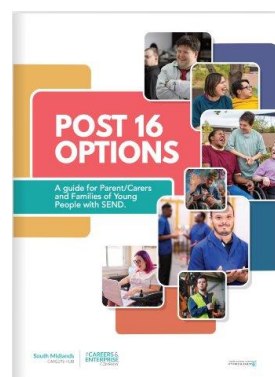
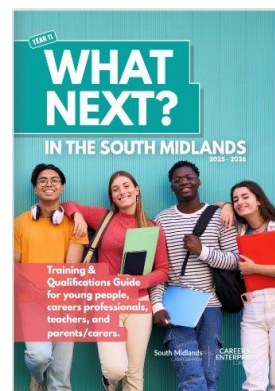
Help & Support

Students

- **Unifrog Lockers** – KS4 Careers Handout; Year 11 To do, Tonight's Presentation & South Midlands Booklets
- Your careers meeting – think about how the meeting can be helpful to you and exploring & understanding your options
- Unifrog Careers Platform
- Your Tutor
- The Careers Team

Parents

- Email with tonight's presentation, South Midlands booklets, Handout with useful links
- Unifrog Careers Platform (parent access)
- Your child's form tutor
- Parents Evening
- The Careers Team



Northampton School for Boys
Post 16 Evening



Understanding the choices available
Enabling well informed decisions that are the best choices for you

When do I need to explore & take action?

- From now onwards
- Some Sixth Forms start holding their open events from October and close applications before Christmas
- Colleges hold open events and accept applications all year round but
- Consider what subjects or qualifications do you want to take
- Be realistic about your grades and the potential options (NSB and elsewhere)



Next Steps ...

- Conversations at home
- Access the resources in your unifrog locker
- Use Unifrog to help you explore (parent and student accounts)
- Think about what you want to get from your Careers meeting
- Explore the options
 - What qualifications would best suit you?
 - What other Sixth Forms or Colleges offer the subjects you are interested in?
 - When do they hold open events and when do you have to apply for
 - Do you need a Plan A, Plan B, Plan C ...
- Email careers@nsb.northants.sch.uk if you have questions



Has your confidence in understanding & navigating post 16 improved?

Key messages...

Easier to turn down places than find them on results day

NSB will not flex the entry requirements

Other Sixth Forms & Colleges offer different subjects, qualifications and have different entry requirements

Processes & timelines vary

Makes choices for YOU. Not your friends!

Think about what you want to get out of your careers appointment

NSB has highest entry requirements

You can apply for places at multiple places

You accept or decline places on results day depending on your results

GCSE grades can impact post 16 & 18 choices



