



TALKING FUTURES KEY STAGE 4 PARENTS' and CARERS' CAREERS INFORMATION



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What you need to know

- Introduction to education and careers options – including post 16 options and an overview of the support we offer to help you and your child make decisions
 - How you can help your child make decisions that are right for them
 - Where you can find further information and support and who to contact if you have questions
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EDUCATION AND CAREERS OPTIONS AN OVERVIEW



What's next?

- Young people in England are required by law to stay in education or training until age 18.
- There are a range of options available including traineeships, apprenticeships, vocational qualifications, A-levels and the new T-level qualification
- There is a lot to consider when making this decision - here is an overview of the options and things to think about.



What is your next move? Post-16 options

Qualification	Description	Length of time	Assessment	Level of Study	Awards UCAS Points	What does it lead to?
Apprenticeships	A real job with training and a salary.	1 Yr. min	Apprenticeship dependant	2 or 3	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher level or degree apprenticeship - University/ College - Work
A-Levels	An academic qualification, similar in style to GCSEs, that prepares you for further study.	2 Yr.	Mostly exams	3	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apprenticeship - University/ College - Work
T-Levels	A technical study programme, equivalent to 3 A-levels, with 20% being an industrial placement.	2 Yr.	Exams, projects, practical assignment	3	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apprenticeship - University/ College - Work
Technical/ Vocational Qual.	Courses specifically link to industry and the role you want to be in.	Course dependant	Course dependant (coursework & exams)	1+	Some courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apprenticeship - College - Work
Applied Qual.	Prepare you for further study by academic learning and practical skill.	Course dependant	Course dependant (coursework & exams)	3	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apprenticeship - University/ College - Work
Traineeships	A work focused study programme that prepares you for an apprenticeship or work.	6 weeks - 6 months	A formal job of exit interview with feedback.	N/A	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apprenticeship - Work

Levels of Educations

The Parents' Guide to
www.theparentsguideto.co.uk

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Level	Qualification / educational route				
8	Doctorate (PhD)		NVQ 8		
7	Masters degree (MA)		Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7		
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)			
4	Higher National Certificate (HNC)		Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4		
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3
2	GCSE Grades 4- 9 (C, B, A or A*)		BTEC first diploma		Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2
1	GCSE Grades 1- 3 (D,E,F or G)		Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications		Traineeship / NVQ 1
	Academic route		Vocational route		Applied / work route

What we offer

Using Unifrog to explore your options

You should all have your log in to Unifrog. There are two ways you can use this to help you choose your GCSE options

Careers library

✓ Careers favourited

Go to tool >

Method 1

*I know the job
or industry I
want to work in
after school.*



Method 2

*I have no idea
what I want to
do after school!*



Interests profile

✓ Quiz last taken 23 Nov 21: A and E and S

Start >

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- Unifrog believe that destinations - where students end up after school - is even more important than their academic performance. They partner with schools to support students to progress into the best opportunity for them.
- Unifrog do this by providing a one-stop-shop where students can explore their interests, then find and successfully choose their next steps at each transition.

What we offer in Year 10

Continued use of Unifrog including opportunity to access the Careers Library, Subject Library and Webinars.

Tutor time Careers activities - see curriculum plan for content
Careers assemblies with guest speakers

Student Ambassadors from local Post 16 provider

A 1:1 careers guidance meeting with a qualified careers advisor

Post 16 provider visits
Assembly from Springwood High School and College of West Anglia.

Sixth form or college taster day. Experience life as a student studying post-16.

Mock interview day with employers and employees from local businesses.

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Completion of Post 16 applications

Sixth form transitions

Most sixth forms or colleges offer transition days post-GCSE examinations. They will contact the students directly to inform them of these days.

What we offer

Most students will have had the opportunity to meet the West Norfolk Academies Trust Careers Advisor 1:1. Should they need further support they can request a follow up appointment by discussing this with Mrs Whitehouse.

Your appointment can help you with

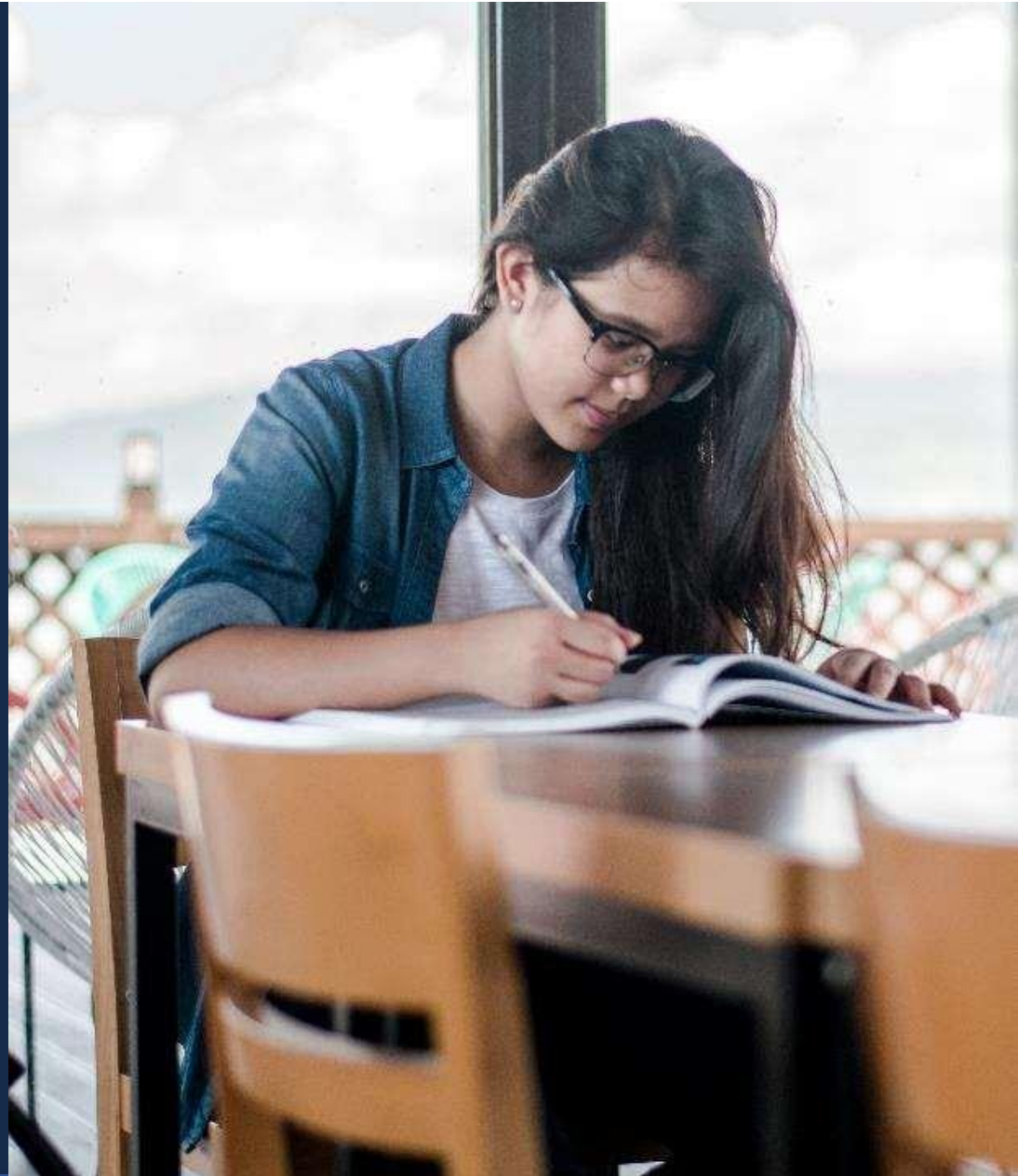
- Exploring options available to you
 - Researching where to look for information and supporting decision making
 - Managing setbacks and strategies to move forward
 - Plan your career ideas and help you realise them
 - Decide on an action plan for you to work on with the support that is needed
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What we offer

To make the most of your careers appointment

- Write down what you want to discuss before you come to the interview, include any specific questions
 - Discuss your ideas with significant people around you – family, carers, friends
 - Make a list of things that you are really good at, think about both academic areas and skills, include things in and out of school
 - Use internet resources such as Unifrog, Skills Builder, UCAS or take the National Careers Quiz to discover your skills
 - Talk to your tutor or your subject teachers
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CAREERS DECISION-MAKING HOW CAN YOU HELP?



How can you help?

As parents and carers, you will have the opportunity to support your child's decision making at several points in their education, and these decisions will impact their future career choices.

So how can you help them make decisions that are right for them?

- Talk regularly about careers, aspirations and interests as part of everyday conversation, not just at key decision-making points.
 - Share your experiences, the choices you made and your skills with your child, whether you currently are in work, you are a full-time parent, you are seeking work or you are retraining.
 - Encourage your child to be curious and work with them to research their options even if you don't know the answers yourself.
 - Use the links on the school website to support researching careers, pathways and qualifications.
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- Monitor the Careers Google Classrooms for useful and up-to-date links and information about up coming activities that are optional.
 - Consider work experience options.

Voluntary work experience

- Voluntary work experience supports in building many general employability skills such as:
 - Communication
 - Time keeping
 - Problem solving
 - Commercial awareness
 - Team working
 - Practical skills
- Voluntary work experience can help with CV writing and provides opportunity for discussion during interview.
- Voluntary work experience can be based in a work place relevant to future career aspirations for first hand experience, but does not have to be to build the necessary skills.
- Many large local companies advertise holiday work experience opportunity with Marshland high School, we provide access to these through the careers Google classrooms.

Virtual work experience

- Many organisations provide virtual work experience opportunities. Some are opportunities that are available at any time, with modules to complete building key employability skills whilst learning about a specific environment. Others are live events so the student needs to join live to complete the modules learning about a specific career sector.
- Virtual work experience usually involves the completion of activities or a project and a certificate is awarded for this.
- Virtual work experience builds skills such as:
 - digital skills
 - Team working
 - Communication
- Virtual work experience can be found at:
 - Speakers for Schools <https://www.speakersforschools.org/experience-2/vwex/>
 - Barclay's Life Skills <https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school/virtual-work-experience/>
 - Springpod <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search>

OPTIONS AND CAREERS FINDING FURTHER INFORMATION



Using Talking Futures

- Talking Futures has a range of resources to help you do further research and develop your careers conversations:
- Activities to try at home include:
 - Creating a family action plan to map out what you will do to explore the different options.
 - Supporting your child to complete a pathway planner to help them to consider all the decisions they need to make and who they need support from.
 - A conversation starter activity to prompt your discussions with your child.
- Resources and information including the films and more information on the routes available and external sites that can provide more detail.

www.talkingfutures.org.uk/parents/

Useful sites

- unifrog.org
- skillsbuilder.org/benchmark
- parentalguidance.org.uk
- icanbea....
- ucas.com/careers-advice
- nationalcareers.service.gov.uk
- apprenticeships.gov.uk
- tlevels.gov.uk

You can contact

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