



## Supporting your child with their Post 16 options

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You can get in touch with the Careers Department at Bristol Met by emailing [careers@bma.clf.uk](mailto:careers@bma.clf.uk)

All students in year 11 will have a 1:1 guidance meeting with a careers advisor to talk about their future plans and to create a personal action plan.

## What options does my child have for post 16?

There are a range of options available to your child once they leave Bristol Metropolitan Academy. What they go on to do depends on their achievements, interests, values, and preferences.

We recommend the following websites for information on the options available:

- [Bristol.gov.uk - Your choices after 16](http://Bristol.gov.uk)
- [National Careers Service - Post 16 options](#)
- [CareerPilot Parents zone – Choices at 16](#)

The main options are also summarised below:

| Vocational Qualification – BTEC   | Apprenticeships  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available at Level 1, 2 or 3.</li> <li>• Can be taken alongside A Levels or as an extended qualification on their own.</li> <li>• Offer practical learning programmes that relate to specific job roles or employment sectors.</li> <li>• They suit people who prefer coursework to exams.</li> <li>• Normally they use a range of different assessment methods (E.g., observations, and work-based assessment) instead of final exams.</li> <li>• BTEC Extended Certificate level 3 is equivalent to 1 A-level.</li> <li>• BTEC Diploma level 3 is equivalent to 2 A-levels.</li> <li>• BTEC Extended Diploma level 3 is equivalent to 3 A-levels.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work based learning, available at Level 2 or Level 3 qualifications.</li> <li>• 80% industry placement, 20% classroom learning.</li> <li>• Students need to have a clear idea of what they want to do, as the qualification is job specific.</li> <li>• You must find and apply to them in a similar way to applying for a job.</li> <li>• They can be very competitive, so students must be resilient and able to show what sets them apart from others.</li> <li>• Application processes vary but it is a good idea to have a CV prepared before applying.</li> </ul> |
| Vocational Qualification – T Levels   | A-levels   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fairly new level 3 qualification, which is equivalent to 3 A levels.</li> <li>• 80% classroom learning, 20% industry placement</li> <li>• Suits people who have an interest in a particular job area/role.</li> <li>• Only a small number of subjects offered in Bristol currently.</li> <li>• The current government plan is that these will gradually take over from all other vocational courses.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A level 3 qualification. You usually take 3 or 4 different A-Level subjects.</li> <li>• Choose a subject you enjoy at GCSE or try a new subject such as Law or Psychology.</li> <li>• Usually assessed at the end of two years by final exams - you need to be good at independent study, revision, and exams.</li> <li>• If students want to go to university in the future, there are still some courses and institutions that only accept A levels (and you may need specific A-level subjects too).</li> </ul>  |

### For students on track to achieve five GCSEs between grades 9-4:

If your child achieves a minimum of five GCSEs grade 9-4, including English and Maths, they should be able to progress on to a Level 3. This gives the greatest amount of choice for post 16 and includes A-levels, vocational qualifications, and apprenticeships. However, you should check with each provider as some may ask for higher grades. Level 3 courses usually take 2 years, and all options lead to higher education options.

### For students who may achieve fewer than 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4:

If your child does not achieve five GCSEs grade 9-4 then they will be unable to study A levels. However, there are a range of level 2 and level 1 vocational qualifications they can study. These qualifications typically last 1 year, after which your child will be able to move onto higher level courses.

**If your child doesn't achieve a grade 4 in English and Maths by the end of year 11, they will need to continue to study this alongside their main course at post 16.**

## Post 16 providers in the local area

There are a wide range of providers in Bristol and the surrounding area that your child can apply to. The below list summarises some of the most popular post 16 providers with our previous students.

**For a full list of the post 16 options available this year you can look at the Bristol Post 16 directory. The directory for this year is available online here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/4992-bristol-post-16-directory-2023/file>**

You can find out information about each provider on their website or by visiting at an open day or evening.

| Name  | Website   | About us snapshot (in their own words)   |
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| <b>Colleges</b>   |   |  |
| <b>City of Bristol College</b><br>(7 centres across Bristol)                | <a href="https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk">https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk</a>   | City of Bristol College is one of the South West's largest further and higher education colleges. At City of Bristol College, we offer something for everyone in an inclusive and friendly learning environment. Our courses include A Levels, technical and vocational courses, apprenticeships, and pre-entry level courses  |
| <b>SGS College</b><br>(Closest to Bristol are the Wise and Filton campuses) | <a href="https://www.sgscol.ac.uk">https://www.sgscol.ac.uk</a>   | SGS has six main campuses spread across Gloucestershire, Bristol and South Gloucestershire with over 4000 full-time 16–18-year-old learners. Filton and WISE campuses are within easy reach of the centre of Bristol. We offer a vast range of courses in an even wider range of subjects from business to sport, performing arts to media so whatever you want to study, there's bound to be something for you.   |
| <b>Sixth Form Colleges</b>  |   |  |
| <b>St Brendan's</b>   | <a href="https://www.stbrn.ac.uk/">https://www.stbrn.ac.uk/</a>   | St Brendan's is the only specialist Sixth Form College in the Bristol, Bath, South Gloucestershire, and North Somerset area. We offer A-levels and BTECs in over 60 different subjects at Level 3, and a varied selection at Level 2. St Brendan's is a Catholic college for the community, and we welcome students from all faiths, beliefs, backgrounds, or none. We are especially proud of our vibrant and diverse college community.  |
| <b>Sixth Forms</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Areté Sixth Form</b><br>(St Bede's Catholic College)                     | <a href="https://www.stbedesc.org/page/?title=6th+Form&amp;pid=10">https://www.stbedesc.org/page/?title=6th+Form&amp;pid=10</a> | A great education within a Christian community where every student is valued. At Arété we strive for academic excellence by enabling students to achieve their full potential. Combining academic work with an extensive co-curricular programme prepares each individual for a full and rewarding life.<br><b>Closing date for applications: 8th January 2024</b>   |
| <b>Bristol Cathedral Choir School (BCCS) sixth form</b>                     | <a href="https://bccs.bristol.sch.uk/sixth-form/">https://bccs.bristol.sch.uk/sixth-form/</a>                                   | The community at BCCS Sixth Form is warm, friendly, and inclusive. Our first priority is to ensure that all students are valued and supported. Central to our identity is diversity, and as a church school underpinned by a Christian Ethos, we welcome those of all faiths and none. We offer more than 20 A-levels, providing students with a broad and balanced menu to choose from.<br><b>Applications open: Friday 3rd November 2023.</b><br><b>Closing date for applications: 12 Noon Friday 5th January 2024</b> |

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| <b>Bristol Free School (BFS) Sixth Form</b>               | <a href="https://www.bristolfreescbool.org.uk/sixth-form-welcome">https://www.bristolfreescbool.org.uk/sixth-form-welcome</a> | <p>Our sixth form is small enough for every student to be known, supported, and championed. At BFS, we set the highest expectations and academic ambitions for all of our students. Students are also heavily involved in supporting the lower school through mentoring, reading support, sports leadership, in-lesson support and involvement in the house system.</p> <p><b>Closing date for applications: 1st December 2023.</b></p>   |
| <b>CLF Post 16</b>  | <a href="https://post16.clf.uk">https://post16.clf.uk</a>   | <p>We are a centre of education for ages 16-19 offering a range of level 2 and level 3 vocational courses and full breadth of A Level qualifications. Our curriculum aims to develop a deep connection with subjects which becomes part of a student's identity, increasing their self-agency and opening doors to their future. Our investment in each individual develops a sense of belonging and achievement so that they fulfil their potential.</p>   |
| <b>Digitech</b>   | <a href="https://digitechstudioschool.co.uk/">https://digitechstudioschool.co.uk/</a>   | <p>If you are passionate about digital, technical or creative subjects then Digitech could be the perfect choice for you.</p> <p>We offer some amazing courses in year 12 and 13 which are delivered in partnership with Boomsatsuma, The Robins Foundation and The Bristol School of Acting. Our courses give you the opportunity to work with industry professionals, and in locations that immerse you right at the centre of the creative industries that are putting Bristol on the map.</p>   |
| <b>MA.16 (Merchant's Academy)</b>                         | <a href="https://www.merchantsacademy.org/221/welcome-to-ma16">https://www.merchantsacademy.org/221/welcome-to-ma16</a>       | <p>MA.16. a modern, dynamic, student centred sixth form provider, allowing you the freedom and independence to follow a personalised academic pathway towards your goals and aspirations, whilst offering the pastoral support and care fundamental to student wellbeing and achievement.</p>   |
| <b>North Bristol Post 16 (Cotham and Redland centres)</b> | <a href="https://www.nbp16c.org.uk/">https://www.nbp16c.org.uk/</a>   | <p>The North Bristol Post 16 Centre is a highly successful collaboration between Cotham and Redland Green Schools. We welcome students from schools all over Bristol and the surrounding areas into our vibrant, diverse, and industrious community. At NBP16, we are proud to offer a large range of courses including A Levels, AS Levels, BTECs and the Cambridge Pre-U. These are offered, alongside our Level 2 Foundation Programme, to ensure that every student can find a pathway of courses that will allow them to reach their full potential.</p> |
| <b>St Mary Redcliffe and Temple Sixth Form</b>            | <a href="https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/sixth-form">https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/sixth-form</a>                           | <p>St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School Sixth Form Centre is a specialist A Level centre, offering nearly 40 different options. We draw students from across Bristol and beyond with around two-thirds of our students joining us in Year 12 new to the school. It is very important to us to build a strong sense of community in which young people are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities and challenged to fulfil their academic potential.</p>   |

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| <b>Trinity Academy</b>                            | <a href="http://www.trinityacademybristol.org/sixth-form/">http://www.trinityacademybristol.org/sixth-form/</a>               | If you want to be academically challenged, pastorally supported, and have access to the richest of co-curricular experiences, Trinity 6th Form is the place for you to develop Head, Heart and Soul. We are the sister school of the oversubscribed Bristol Cathedral Choir School. We offer over 20 A level courses and encourage our students to take an EPQ. Alongside our outstanding offer of traditional A levels, the school specialises in Music and the Performing Arts. |
| <b>V6</b>   | <a href="https://www.v6bristol.org/">https://www.v6bristol.org/</a>   | V6 is co-educational Sixth Form providing an inspirational environment that enables students to flourish and achieve their personal ambitions. V6 Sixth Form provides a unique blend of traditional academic standards combined with innovative, enriching experiences. Our diverse community is united by the drive of every student and teacher to make exceptional progress, grasp opportunities and achieve ambitions.  |
| <b>Training Providers and Specialist Colleges</b> |   |   |
| <b>Access Creative College</b>                    | <a href="https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/bristol/">https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/bristol/</a>         | For the last 30 years, we have been focused on delivering the best possible education and training. Empowering young people with the skills, knowledge, and experience to forge meaningful careers within the creative industries. Students can forge careers in new, cutting-edge industries, from games and gaming to eSports, music, events and programming.   |
| <b>Boomsatsuma</b>                                | <a href="https://www.boomsatsuma.education/">https://www.boomsatsuma.education/</a>   | Take your first step towards a creative career. All boomsatsuma's courses aim to maximise our students' chances of getting jobs in the creative industries. Our courses aim to grow the creative talent for the UK's biggest market. Courses include Creative and Digital Media, Film and Television, Sports Media Production, Games, VR and VFX, and Photography.  |
| <b>Bristol City Robins Foundation</b>             | <a href="https://www.bcfco.uk/robins-foundation/post-16-courses/">https://www.bcfco.uk/robins-foundation/post-16-courses/</a> | Each of our courses combine academic studies with real world practical experience and students have the opportunity to gain invaluable work experience with Bristol City Football Club as well as partner organisations across the Bristol Sport Group. Offer courses in Sport, Sports Coaching and Development, and Esports.   |
| <b>Bristol Rovers Community College</b>           | <a href="https://www.bristolroverscommunity.org.uk/education">https://www.bristolroverscommunity.org.uk/education</a>         | Our BTEC Level 3 in Sport offers an excellent opportunity for males and females, aged 16–19, to continue their education in a truly special and unique environment. We combine both our exceptional classroom delivery and our fantastic football programme to provide a positive, inspiring learning environment for all.  |
| <b>Bristol School of Acting</b>                   | <a href="https://bristolschoolofacting.com/">https://bristolschoolofacting.com/</a>   | Bristol School of Acting is the UK's newest drama school founded on the experience of some of the country's most experienced acting teachers. Our mission is to re-imagine actor training for the 21st century; to challenge the status quo and to offer training of the highest quality. Courses in Bristol: Acting and Dance  |

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| <b>Military Preparation College Training</b>   | <a href="http://www.mpct.co.uk">www.mpct.co.uk</a>  | Our courses are designed to give Learners the skills needed to start their journey towards a rewarding career in the British Armed Forces or to progress on to further education or training. The MPCT curriculum has been designed to develop our student's physical fitness, essential skills, and self-confidence. |
| <b>MUTI</b><br>(Apprenticeship provider)       | <a href="https://www.muti.live/">https://www.muti.live/</a>                               | MUTI is a Southwest-based apprenticeship and training provider for the live arts and events sector. We provide accessible pathways into dynamic careers in Events and Live Arts through paid apprenticeships training with top-end employers in our region.   |
| <b>Next Level</b><br>(Apprenticeship provider) | <a href="https://www.nextleveltraining.uk.com/">https://www.nextleveltraining.uk.com/</a> | We offer Apprenticeships in Business Administration, Customer Service, Marketing, and Management Qualifications. With over 30 years in the Business Training Industry, we have gained a wealth of knowledge and experience that has resulted in us being market leaders within the training sector.                   |
| <b>On Site</b><br>(Apprenticeship provider)    | <a href="http://www.onsitebristol.co.uk">www.onsitebristol.co.uk</a>                      | On Site Bristol have been supporting the construction industry in Bristol with their apprenticeship needs since 1996. We offer construction apprenticeship training programmes in 7 key 'On Site' trades.   |
| <b>Reflections Hair Academy</b>                | <a href="http://www.reflectionstraining.co.uk">www.reflectionstraining.co.uk</a>          | Reflections offer a range of high-quality Hairdressing and Barbering Apprenticeships, study programmes and traineeships. We offer work-based learning which means learners are based in a salon, earning money whilst attending training sessions at Reflections on a regular basis.                                  |

## Our advice to students when choosing their post 16 options.

When thinking about their post 16 options, we recommend students think about:

- **Their preferences**
  - What subjects do they enjoy? What are they good at?
  - How do they learn best? E.g., in a classroom or practically?
  - What type of environment is going to suit them? Will they thrive in a big busy environment, or will a smaller environment suit them better?
  
- **Their future ideas**
  - Have they thought about what they want to do in the future and looked at what is going to get them there?
  - Have they looked at all the routes they can take to get there?
  - Is there anything that they **need** to continue along their chosen path (e.g., do they have to take particular subjects at A-level, or choose particular units in their BTEC). If your child has a clear idea of what they want to do after Post 16, we recommend looking at the entry requirements or criteria for this and then working backwards to post 16 options.
  - If they don't know what they want to do in the future, have they looked at what others who have studied the course they are looking at have gone on to do? Does it sound interesting to them? Most courses give information about what their students have gone on to do after they have completed their course.
  
- **Practical matters**
  - What are the entry requirements? How does that compare to their predicted grades?
  - Where are places located? How long does it take to get there and how will they make the journey.

## What can you and your child be doing now to prepare?

1. Use websites and other resources to start to research your child's career interests and journey. Good websites to look at are:
  - <https://careerpilot.org.uk/>
  - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>.
2. Check provider websites and attend open events for any options your child is considering. Attending these events allows them to get a feel for the place, meet tutors and ask any questions they have.
3. We recommend all students try to make at least 2 applications for post 16 before we break up for Christmas. Students can attend the careers after school sessions for help with applications.
4. Some sixth forms in Bristol close their applications around December, so check provider websites to ensure they're not disappointed.
5. If your child is considering an apprenticeship, they should start to think about creating a CV. We also recommend that all students considering an apprenticeship also make an application to at least one sixth form or college to act as a back-up.
6. It is a good idea to apply to multiple places. Your child can then wait to see where they get offers for, attend additional open events and taster days, and then decide once they get their results in August.

## Post 16 Open Events

Current known dates for open events are listed below, but for the most up to date information it is best to check each providers website as they may add more dates.

Most providers ask you to book ahead on their website before attending open events. For providers with more than one centre, check you book for the correct location.

| Date                            | Post 16   | Additional Info  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 19/09/2023                      | Digitech  | From 4:00 – 6:30pm   |
| 21/09/2023                      | Bristol Rovers Community College                    | From 7pm. Book online via their website.   |
| 28/09/2023                      | SGS – Filton Campus                                 | <b>Filton and A-Levels only.</b> From 5.30pm-8.00pm. Book online via their website.    |
| Week of 2 <sup>nd</sup> October | Boomsatsuma   | Check the website for additional information.  |
| 03/10/2023                      | Bristol Robins Foundation                           | From 6:30pm. Check the website for additional information.                             |
| 03/10/2023                      | Bristol School of Acting (BSA)                      | Book online via their website.   |
| 07/10/2023                      | St Brendan’s  | Saturday from 9:30am. Book online via their website.                                   |
| 07/10/2023                      | SGS – All campuses                                  | Saturday, from 10:00am-1:00pm.. Find out more and book online via their website.       |
| 07/10/2023                      | City of Bristol - All centres                       | From 10:00am-1:00pm.   |
| 10/10/2023                      | CLF Post 16   | Check the website to book online.  |
| 11/10/2023                      | Trinity Academy                                     | Find out more and book online via their website.                                       |
| 11/10/2023                      | Weston College                                      | From 5:00-8:00pm. Register online via their website.                                   |
| 12/10/2023                      | North Bristol P16 - Cotham                          | Check the website for additional information.  |
| 17/10/2023                      | Bristol Free School                                 | From 4.30pm-6.30pm. Find out more and book online via their website.                   |
| 18/10/2023                      | St Brendan’s  | Open evening. Booking opens 9th October.   |
| 18/10/2023                      | Bath College – City centre campus                   | From 4:00-7:00pm. Register online via their website.                                   |
| 19/10/2023                      | North Bristol P16 – Redland                         | Check the website for additional information.  |
| 19/10/2023                      | V6 6 <sup>th</sup> Form                             | From 5.45 – 8:00pm.  |
| 19/10/2023                      | St Mary Redcliffe                                   | Doors open 6pm. Open evening 6:30-8:15pm. Book your place on a talk via their website. |
| 19/10/2023                      | Bristol Rovers Community College                    | From 7pm. Book online via their website.   |
| 27/10/2023                      | Next Level Training                                 | Check the website for additional information.  |
| 27/10/2023                      | Reflections Training Academy                        | Check the website for additional information.  |
| 31/10/2023                      | Abbeywood Community School P16                      | From 5:30-7:00pm.  |
| 01/11/2023                      | Bradley Stoke Community School P16                  | From 5:30-7:00pm.  |
| 02/11/2023                      | Winterbourne Academy P16                            | From 5:30-7:00pm.  |
| 02/11/2023                      | St Bede’s Catholic College                          | Check the website for additional information.  |
| 02/11/2023                      | Bristol Cathedral Choir School 6 <sup>th</sup> form | Find out more and book online via their website.                                       |
| 04/11/2023                      | Access Creative College                             | Saturday, 11am–2pm. Book online via their website.                                     |



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| 04/11/2023                       | Circomedia   | Saturday, 10am-1pm. Email <a href="mailto:admissions@circomedia.com">admissions@circomedia.com</a> to book. Include your name, phone number, and any special requirements. |
| 07/11/2023                       | Trinity Academy  | Find out more and book online via their website.   |
| 08/11/2023                       | St Mary Redcliffe  | Doors open 6pm. Open evening 6:30-8:15pm. Book your place on a talk via their website.   |
| 13/11/2023                       | Bristol Robins Foundation                                | From 6:30pm. Check the website for additional information.   |
| 15/11/2023                       | Weston College   | From 5:00-8:00pm. Register online via their website.   |
| 16/11/2023                       | St Brendan's   | Open evening. Booking opens 19 <sup>th</sup> October.  |
| 18/11/2023                       | SGS – All campuses (all courses)                         | Saturday, from 10am-1pm. Each campus will cover a specific range of subjects on the day. Find out more and book online via their website.                                  |
| 23/11/2023                       | Bristol Rovers Community College                         | From 7pm. Book online via their website.   |
| 23/11/2023                       | City of Bristol – All centres <b>except Ashley Down.</b> | From 5:00pm-7:30pm   |
| 25/11/2023                       | Bath College – City centre campus                        | From 10:00am-1:00pm. Register online via their website.  |
| 02/12/2023                       | Access Creative College                                  | Saturday, 11am–2pm. Book online via their website.   |
| Week of 4 <sup>th</sup> December | Boomsatsuma  | Check the website for additional information.  |
| 04/12/2023                       | Bristol Robins Foundation                                | <b>Online live Q&amp;A event.</b> Check the website for additional information.  |
| 17/01/2024                       | Weston College   | From 5:00-8:00pm. Register online via their website.   |
| 20/01/2024                       | City of Bristol - All centres                            | From 10:00am-1:00pm.   |
| 25/01/2024                       | Bristol Rovers Community College                         | From 7pm. Book online via their website.   |
| 27/01/2024                       | SGS – All campuses (all courses)                         | Saturday, from 10am-1pm. Each campus will cover a specific range of subjects on the day. Find out more and book online via their website.                                  |
| 30/01/2024                       | CLF Post 16  | Check the website to book online.  |
| 30/01/2024                       | Bristol Robins Foundation                                | From 6:30pm. Check the website for additional information.   |
| 06/02/2024                       | St Brendan's   | Open evening. Booking opens 17 <sup>th</sup> November.   |
| 16/02/2024                       | Reflections Training Academy                             | Check the website for additional information.  |
| 13/03/2024                       | City of Bristol - All centres                            | From 5:00pm-7:30pm.  |
| 14/03/2024                       | Bristol Rovers Community College                         | From 7pm. Book online via their website.   |
| 19/03/2024                       | City of Bristol - All centres                            | <b>A level only open event.</b><br>From 5:00pm-7:30pm.   |
| 25/04/2024                       | SGS – All campuses (all courses)                         | Saturday, from 10am-1pm. Each campus will cover a specific range of subjects on the day. Find out more and book online via their website.                                  |
| 01/05/2024                       | Bristol Robins Foundation                                | From 6:30pm. Check the website for additional information.   |
| 08/06/2024                       | City of Bristol - All centres                            | From 10:00am-1:00pm.   |

Guide to the different qualification levels:

| LEVEL | QUALIFICATION   |   |  |
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|       | Work-based  | Vocational  | Academic   |
| 8     | Level 8 NVQ   | Level 8 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Level 8 NVQ<br>Doctorate   | Level 8 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Doctorate   |
| 7     | Degree Apprenticeship<br>Level 7 NVQ  | Level 7 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Level 7 NVQ<br>Master's Degree<br>Postgraduate Certificate<br>Postgraduate Diploma       | Level 7 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Master's Degree<br>Postgraduate Certificate<br>Postgraduate Diploma |
| 6     | Degree Apprenticeship<br>Level 6 NVQ  | Level 6 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Level 6 NVQ<br>Degree with honours<br>Graduate Certificate<br>Graduate Diploma           | Level 6 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Degree with honours<br>Graduate Certificate<br>Graduate Diploma     |
| 5     | Higher Apprenticeship<br>Level 5 NVQ  | Level 5 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Level 5 NVQ<br>Higher National Diploma (HND)<br>Foundation Degree                        | Diploma of Higher Education<br>(DipHE)   |
| 4     | Higher Apprenticeship<br>Level 4 NVQ  | Level 4 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Level 4 NVQ<br>Higher National Certificate (HNC)   | Certificate of Higher Education<br>(CertHE)  |
| 3     | Advanced Apprenticeship<br>Level 3 NVQ  | Level 3 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Level 3 National Certificate,<br>National Diploma<br>Level 3 NVQ<br>Tech Level (T Level) | AS Level<br>A Level  |
| 2     | Intermediate Apprenticeship<br>Level 2 NVQ  | Level 2 Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Level 2 National Certificate,<br>National Diploma<br>Level 2 NVQ                         | GCSE: grades 9-4<br>Level 2 Essential Skills<br>Level 2 Functional Skills                                  |
| 1     | Traineeship<br>Level 1 NVQ  | Level 1 NVQ<br>Level 1 Award, Certificate, Diploma  | GCSE: grades 3-1<br>Level 1 Essential Skills<br>Level 1 Functional Skills                                  |
| ENTRY | Entry level Award, Certificate, Diploma<br>Functional Skills<br>Essential Skills<br>Skills for Life |   |  |

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