

What's your next move? *Compare your Post 16 Option pathways after GCSE*



QUALIFICATION	LOCAL PROVIDERS	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH OF TIME	ASSESSMENT	LEVEL OF STUDY	AWARDS UCAS POINTS?	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	WORK EXPERIENCE	WHAT DOES IT LEAD TO?
A Levels	(JCG, The Oaks, KECS, St Thomas Moore, Higham Lane, WCG)	An academic qualification, similar in style to GCSE's that prepares you for further study	2 Years	Mostly exams at the end of the course	3	Yes	For individual schools and colleges to decide (commonly 5 GCSE's at grade 5+ and above)	No	*Apprenticeship *University/ College *Work
Technical/ Vocational Qualifications	(NWSLC, WCG, Leicester College, a few on offer at KECS)	Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be in	Course dependent	Course dependent (Coursework & exams)	1+	Some (course & awards organisation dependent)	Course dependent	Course dependent	*Apprenticeship *College *Work
APPRENTICESHIPS https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#	Some vocational courses have apprenticeship elements. Otherwise check the Careers notice board or search the YouGov website	"Earn while you learn". A real job with training and a salary.	1 Year minimum	Apprenticeship dependent (Inc. demonstrations, presentations and/or exams)	2/3 With the possibility to progress to higher apprenticeships up to level 7	No	*Employer dependent *Age 16+ *Evidence of interest and ability to complete	Yes (paid job, with at least 20% off the job training)	*Higher level or degree apprenticeship *University/ College *Work
T Levels (New from September 2021)	Limited courses available at Leicester College from September 2021	A technical study programme, equivalent to 3 A Levels, with an industry placement that makes up 20% of the course. T Levels are designed to give you the skills that employers need.	2 Years	Exams, projects and practical assignments	3	Yes	Set by each course provider/college	Yes (80% classroom, 20% work)	*Apprenticeship *University/ College *Work