



Heartlands
High School



WHICH WAY NOW?

YOUR GUIDE TO POST-16 STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

As you move through Year 11, it is time to consider your plans and options for study after Heartlands. It is the law that you remain in full time education until you are 17, and this gives you a wonderful opportunity to develop your talents in a different environment.

At Heartlands we have tried to offer you the chance to develop your talents, wherever they may lie. This year is very important for you.

You need to work hard and with focus to prepare yourself for the best possible chance post-16.

Throughout the year please remember that:

School Matters – attend and work hard every day;

Effort matters – try hard and make sure that you plan and work to a strict Home Learning and Revision timetable;

Achievement matters – keep working towards a higher grade; if you are predicted a C, keep pushing for a B; then an A, then an A*;

Responsibility matters – take the responsibility for researching and finding the right course for you;

Character matters – remember and develop all the things that make you a good citizen; thoughtfulness, achievement like the Duke of Edinburgh award, etc;

High Aspirations matter – whatever your dream, work to make it a reality. There will be further detail about this as you go through the book.

As you move on it is important to keep your aspirations high, to be proud of what you can achieve and of what you have already achieved, and to be organised.

You will have two chief sources of help and guidance: your family and your tutor. Over the year you will be allocated a tutor who will guide you through the process of getting a place and will provide references. There will be additional support for some students.

PROCESS OF APPLICATION

The steps you need to take	Where you can find help	Deadline
Decide on your pathway: where do you want to be at 18 and 21, and what will get you there?	Conversations with your family and tutor, the FAST TOMATO offering 1:1 careers advise on request, Unifrog, information in the Library, information from the places you apply for, the careers interviews you competed last year and this booklet	November 2016
Decide on your courses when you leave Heartlands	See this booklet and the recommended websites	November 2016
Research the best place to do your courses	Information in the Library, information from the places you apply for, the careers interviews you competed last year, this booklet	November 2016
Visit a minimum of three schools or colleges	Use this information and the websites to find open events. Attend with a family member if possible. See what the offer is.	Open days run mostly between October and March. Where they have been fixed they are included: where they have not yet been arranged you will need to check the website.
Apply to at least three schools or colleges. You should choose three options: one for if your results are the best you had hoped for, one for if you drop a little lower, and one for insurance.	Your tutor can help you with the application and will write you a reference.	As stipulated by your school or college. Don't leave it to the last minute.
Discuss your offers and predictions with your tutor	Use your tutor to help guide you through these next challenging months	November to May
Work as hard as you can to meet your offer	Attend, try, revise	October to June
Results Day	Attend to get your results. Confirm your offer with the school or college. If things did not go as you had hoped, teachers will be available to help you find the next best course. There are places to assist with retakes, and sometimes a set-back can give you the chance to improve your aspirations.	August 2017

September 2016: your new start!

DECIDING ON THE RIGHT PLACE FOR YOU POST-16

Some questions to ask yourself and discussions to have with your tutor

Questions	First Notes
<p>What are your strengths?</p> <p>Talk this through with your tutor. Are you creative? scientifically gifted? a good linguist? excellent at design? wonderful at working with children? What are your interests outside school – volunteering, cadets, etc?</p>	
<p>What is your ideal career?</p> <p>Map out your path. Check that your goal is demanding and realistic</p>	
<p>Which are your favourite subjects?</p> <p>Which are your strongest subjects?</p> <p>Which subjects are you interested in taking further? Are you better at assessment or exams?</p>	

Questions	First Notes
Which courses would you like to take further?	
If you are predicted E to G grades, you may want to look at Level 1 courses	
If you are predicted D to E grades, you may want to look at Level 2 courses	
If you are predicted C and D grades, you may want to look at a combination of Level 3 and A Level courses: some places offer three years to get a range of qualifications, or a retake package	
If you are predicted B and C grades, you may want to look at A Levels	
If you are predicted A and A* grades, you may want to look at more than three A Levels or the International Baccalaureate	
If you have a strong practical aim like working in Construction, you may choose to look for an apprenticeship	
These are not the only options, but they are the main ones!	
Which place has a good reputation in the subjects you want to do?	
Visit, talk to students on the course, look at the results in your chosen subject	

Questions	First Notes
Are you good at working independently, or do you think you will need support? How is your attendance and punctuality?	
Look carefully at the pastoral care on offer at schools or colleges. Will you have a tutor? Who will help you stay on track? How often is time scheduled to meet with you and your parent/carer?	
Would you be happier at a school or a college? HAVE YOU GOT YOUR EYE ON ANYWHERE IN PARTICULAR?	
Will you find students with similarly high aspirations at your school or college? This will be important to keep you on track. Talk to existing students, look at results.	
Will your school or college support you with good advice for getting to university or your next step?	
Are you able to travel to school or college, or do you need to be near home?	

COURSES FOR POST-16

A LEVELS

A Levels are the academic choice for post-16 study. A wide range of subjects are covered.

You may be interested in A Levels if you are predicted good GCSEs and are planning a university route. Many schools and colleges offer A Levels.

It is worth looking carefully at the content of A Levels. Most are very exam-orientated. Students typically study 3–4 A Levels. Many universities will offer a place based on the number of A Levels you will receive, usually based on three A Levels.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

This is an international qualification widely offered in the UK. It allows a chance to study a wider range of subjects at post-16. Many universities will offer places based on I-bacc. These qualifications are good for all rounders who do not feel ready to specialise.

LEVEL 3 COURSES

Level 3 courses are the equivalent of AS levels, and they are accepted by a range of universities and higher education institutions. Level 3 courses include NVQs and Level 3 BTECs, and are generally based around applied learning. Some students choose a mixture of A Levels and Level 3s, while for others a mixture of Level 2 and 3 courses are

more appropriate. Look for what you think you will enjoy. Level 3 courses range from Construction to Professional Cookery.

LEVEL 2 COURSES

Level 2 courses are courses built around applied learning and are an excellent option if you like active learning and want a way to prepare for work. There is a wide range. Level 2s are a good option if you have a clear idea about the career you want: qualifications in IT, Business, Childcare, Hair and Beauty, etc. If you need another chance at English and Maths GCSE this would sit well alongside.

LEVEL 1 COURSES

Level 1 courses are courses built around applied learning and are an excellent option if you like active learning and want a way to prepare for work. There is a wide range, including Chef courses and Hair and Beauty. A great chance to stay in education and achieve something worthwhile.

RETAKES

If you are unlucky enough not to meet your qualifications in English and Maths, it would be a good idea to retake as soon as possible. GCSEs in Maths and English are essential for your further progress. If your results are disappointing you should prioritise taking a retake package at a school or college.

WHERE CAN I GO NEXT?

A guide to some of our local and specialist schools and colleges. This section contains details about some of our local schools and colleges. There are hundreds of London schools and colleges, and space for you to add your own if needed. Prospectuses have been ordered for the Library.

Haringey schools/colleges	Courses on offer	Notes	Entry requirements
Alexandra Park School, Bidwell Gardens, N11 2AZ 0208 826 4880 www.apsch.org.uk	Range of A Levels and applied Level 3 courses Intermediate courses.	A-level courses on offer: Art and Design Biology Chemistry Drama Economics English Language and Literature English Literature French Geography Government and Politics History Mathematics Further Mathematics Media Studies Music Photography P.E Physics Product Design Psychology Religion, Philosophy & Ethics Applied Science Sociology Spanish Turkish Btec courses on offer: Business Studies ICT Music Photography Sports Science	5 A to C grades B grade in desired or related subject Intermediate course for students who get D–E grade at GCSE.

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Fortismere School, Tetherdown, N20 1NE 0208 365 4400 www.fortismere.haringey.sch.uk	Range of A Levels and applied Level 3 courses	Offers a wide range of A Levels Applied subjects include the following: Applied ICT Double Applied ICT Applied Business Studies Applied Media Studies	5 B grades for A Levels 5 C grades for Level 3 applied courses
Greig City Academy, High Street, N8 7NU, 0208 609 0100 www.greigcityacademy.co.uk	Range of A Levels, Level 2, re-sit and applied learning courses	Offers the following A-Levels: English Mathematics Biology Chemistry Physics ICT Business Media Studies Product Design Art and Design Sociology Psychology Geography History Philosophy German Spanish BTEC courses include: ICT Business Travel and Tourism Drama Music Sports Performance	Depends on the course
Barnet and Southgate College High Street, Southgate, London, N14 6BS 020 8266 4000 www.barnetsouthgate.ac.uk	A range of Level 1, 2 and 3 courses		

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<p>Highgate Wood and Hornsey School for Girls – mixed gender at Sixth Form</p> <p>These two schools form a consortium between the two sites</p> <p>www.hsg.haringey.sch.uk or www.hws.haringey.sch.uk</p>	Range of A Levels, Level 3 courses and intermediate courses	<p>A-Level courses offered:</p> <p>Art and Design Biology Chemistry Drama & Theatre Studies Economics English Language English Literature French Geography Government and Politics History ICT Maths Media Studies Music Music Technology Philosophy Photography Physical Education Physics Product Design Psychology Religious Studies Sociology Spanish Textiles</p> <p>Btec Courses on offer: Business Studies</p>	<p>4 A to C grades at GCSE</p> <p>For intermediate courses, four GCSE passes or equivalent at Grade D or above</p> <p>For foundation courses, four GCSE passes at Grade G or above</p>
<p>St Anne's RC, Oakthorpe Road, N13 5TY</p> <p>0208 886 2165</p> <p>www.st-annes.enfiels.sch.uk</p>	Range of A Levels	Range of A Levels	Minimum of 5 A* to C grades
<p>Ashmole Academy Cecil Road, Southgate, London, N14 5RJ</p> <p>020 8361 2703</p> <p>www.ashmoleacademy.org</p>		Range of A Levels	Minimum of 5 A* to C grades

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<p>St Thomas More, Glendale Avenue, N22 5HN</p> <p>0208 888 7122</p> <p>www.st-thomas-more.net/sixth-form/</p>	Range of A Levels, Level 2, re-sit and applied learning courses	<p>A-level course on offer: Art and Design Biology Business Studies Chemistry Drama & Theatre Studies Economics English Literature French Geography History ICT Mathematics Further Mathematics Media Studies Philosophy & Ethics Physics Psychology Sociology Spanish</p> <p>Btec Courses on Offer: Business Studies Health and Social Care ICT Sport – Football</p>	Depends on the course
<p>Haringey Sixth Form Centre, White Hart Lane, N17 8HR</p> <p>0208 376 6000</p> <p>www.haringey6.ac.uk</p>	Range of A Levels and 1, 2 and 3 courses and apprenticeships	<p>A wide variety of subjects at A Level, varying from Accounting to Fine Art</p> <p>BTEC Level 3 in a range of areas from Health and Social Care to Sport Science and Public Services.</p> <p>A wide range of Level 1 and 2 courses</p>	<p>A Levels: 5 A to C grades at GCSE</p> <p>Level 3 courses: 4 A to C grades at GCSE</p> <p>Level 2: GCSE passes at D or above</p> <p>Level 1: GCSE passes at G or above</p> <p>For other qualifications students need to be able to demonstrate a commitment to a relevant subject area</p>

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Woodhouse Sixth Form College, Woodhouse Road, N12 9EY 0208 445 1210 www.woodhouse.ac.uk	Range of A Levels	A- Level courses on offer: Accounting Art and Design History of Art Biology Business Studies Chemistry Classical Civilisation Computing Dance Economics English Language English Literature French Further Mathematics Geography German Government & Politics History Information & Communication Technology GCSE/AS Italian Law Mathematics Music Technology Philosophy Physical Education Physics Psychology Religious Studies Sociology Spanish Theatre Studies	1. At least a GCSE or IGCSE Grade B in English Language and Grade C in Mathematics. 2. At least the average GCSE/IGCSE score specified for your particular programme of courses 3. A or B grades in subjects needed for your particular programme.
CONEL: The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London, High Road London, N15 4RU 020 8802 3111 www.conel.ac.uk	Range of A Levels plus Level 1, 2 and 3 courses		Depends on course

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Broomfield School, Wilmer Way, N14 7HY 0208 368 4710 www.broomfieldschool.co.uk	Range of Level 1, 2 and 3 courses	A-level courses on offer: French, Philosophy & Ethics, Geography, Sociology, English Lit., Law, Maths (Mechanics), Music, Government & Politics, Business Studies, Maths (Statistics), Art, Psychology, Business and Economics, Physics, Media, Spanish, Accounting, History, Biology, Drama, English Lit. & Lang. Btec Courses on offer: Business Sport ICT Healthcare Child Care Science	Dependent on course sought
Skidders' Academy, Woodberry Grove, N4 1SY 020 8800 7411 www.skiddersacademy.org.uk	Re-launch for September 2016		
Aylward Academy, Windmill Road, N18 1NB: 0208 803 1738 www.aylwardacademy.org	Range of A Levels		A minimum of 5 GCSE grades A*–C including Maths and English and the entry criteria for each subject
Wren: Hilton Ave, London, N12 9HB 020 8492 600 www.wrenacademy.org	Range of A Levels		5 Grade Bs at GCSE

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Bishop Douglas Hamilton Rd, N2 0SQ 020 8444 5211 www.bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk	Range of A Level and Level 1 and 2 courses, including ESOL		
Winchmore Laburnum Grove, N21 3HS 020 8360 7773 www.winchmore.enfield.sch.uk		Range of A Levels Chance to do 2 A Levels and one Level 3 qualification Three year Level 2 to 3 programme Level 2 BTECs and NVQs Level 2 one year retake and Level programme	Depends on course being sought
La Sainte Union Acland Burghley Parliament Hill William Ellis LA SWAP Highgate Rd, London, NW5 1RN 020 7692 4175 www.laswap.camden.sch.uk		Range of A- Levels: up to 5 Level 2 BTECs and NVQs Level 1 BTEC and NVQ	To do 3 A Levels, mostly Grade C: to do 5, mostly Grade As To do Level 2, C to E Grades To do Level 1, E to G grades
City and Islington College, 383 Holloway Rd, N7 0RN 020 7700 9333 www.candi.ac.uk		A very wide range of A Level, Level 1, 2 and 3 courses, and retakes	Varies depending on the course you wish to study
Westminster Kingsway 0870 060 9800 www.westking.ac.uk/about-us/course-guides		A range of Level 2 and 3 courses	Varies depending on the course you wish to study

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St Mary Magdalene Academy, Liverpool Road, N7 8PG 0207 697 0123 www.smmacademy.org		IB and A Levels	IB: 7 GCSEs at A*-B, including English and Maths A Level: 5 GCSEs at A-C grade including English and Maths HL Science and Maths courses in the IBD require a minimum of A grade in the same subject at GCSE.
WAC Arts Old town Hall 213 Haverstock Hill London NW3 4QP 020 7692 5800 www.wacarts.co.uk		The Wac Arts Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre is both unique and fun, consistently operating at the forefront in performing arts training. The first of its kind in the UK, as well as offering traditional, classical and contemporary training. This is a full time degree equivalent qualification art forms	
North London Garages 39 Woodall Road, Ponders End EN3 4LQ 020 8805 6967 www.nlggta.co.uk		Motor vehicles apprenticeships INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICESHIP: LEVEL 2, EQUIVALENT OF 5 GCSEs AT A TO C GRADE Advanced apprenticeship: equivalent of two A Levels	

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DV8 Training Silver Birch House Music and Media Centre Uplands Business Park A Walthamstow, E17 5SD 020 85096070 www.dv8training.com			
The BRIT School for Performing Arts & Technology 60 The Crescent Croydon, CR0 2HN 0208 665 5242 admin@brit.croydon.sch.uk		BTEC Level 3 extended diploma performing Arts (equivalent to 3 A levels). Specialist school for performing arts	
Chickenshed Theatre Chase Side, Southgate London, N14 4PE www.chickenshed.org.uk	Practical examination March 2015	Practical examination March 2015	Enthusiasm and talented in Performing Arts
Other places I am interested in:			

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MY CAREER PLAN

Aim at 21	Career 1	Career 2	Career 3
Where I need to be at 18			
Where I need to be at 17			
Where I need to be at 16			

Where I need to be now			
The talents I need to build			
The qualifications I need to take			

MY TOP FIVE PLACES

Name	Courses offered	Course requirements	Other information (eg: Open Day, application deadline, etc)

ACTION PLAN

1. Decide: once you have visited the place, decide on whether you want to apply there
2. Apply: obtain and complete an application form, speaking to your tutor / academic mentor
3. Get help with your personal statement if needed
4. Ask for a reference
5. Make sure that your application reaches the school or college by the deadline

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School or colleges	Courses offered Courses applied for	Dates: visit, deadlines, date of application being submitted, etc

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WRITING AN APPLICATION AND PREPARING FOR AN INTERVIEW: YOU MUST SHOW HOW GOOD YOU ARE!

Academic: talents and predictions	Best subjects:
Citizenship	Merits, evidence of community work like work experience, teams, voluntary work, family responsibilities, etc
Outside interests	Sport, music, art, volunteering, etc ...

Ambitions	Eventual career plans or university aspirations
Personality and strengths	Warmth, kindness, ability to lead others, ability to work with others, etc...

ACTION POINTS IN AUGUST 2017

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