

What shall I do now?

There are now many routes available to year 11 school leavers, and we would encourage you to start considering all these options as early as possible, before you even enter your final GCSE year. Below are a few links to information and websites that will help you make your choice.

Apprenticeships.

An Apprenticeship is where you learn through hands on experience of a job and gaining a nationally recognised qualification. This usually lasts a minimum of 1 year. To find out more and to search for local apprenticeship opportunities visit:

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Traineeships

A traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience that unlocks the great potential of young people and prepares them for their future careers by helping them to become 'work ready'. This can last for about 6 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/traineeships-programme>

A levels

A levels are level 3 academic qualifications which can be studied at a College or Sixth form. For further information visit: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/searchand-apply/qualifications-you-can-take/levels>

Vocational courses

These are often called BTEC Diplomas and are more practical/interactive courses which can be studied at College or Sixth form at levels 1, 2 and 3. For further information visit: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/search-andapply/qualifications-you-can-take/btec-diplomas>

Foundation Learning

There are a variety of courses available for young people who are not yet ready for one of the options above or for those with additional needs. Please speak to Mrs Howe or Mrs Thompson (SENCO) if you would like to explore this option further.

University/Degrees

Perhaps you are looking ahead to University and wish to explore entry requirements for a degree course before applying to a college or sixth form. Search for University courses and their entry requirements here: <https://www.ucas.com/>

Forces

Career options within the forces are limitless! Explore them using the links below:

Army - <http://www.army.mod.uk/join/>

Navy - <http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>

Air Force - <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/>