

# HARROGATE COLLEGE

## A PARENT AND CARERS GUIDE TO POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES

With the introduction of T-levels, the number of post-16 qualifications on offer to students is growing even further. For parents and carers looking to support young people in their next steps, the choice can be overwhelming.



At Harrogate College we want to help parents and carers understand the four main qualifications on offer to students so you can support your young person with their next steps.

### Let's talk T Levels

T Levels were launched by the Government in September 2020 as a new two year course, developed in collaboration with employers and providers so that the course meets the needs of the industry and prepares students for the world of work, apprenticeship or higher education.

T Levels involve two years of full-time study but also include an industry placement (minimum of 315 hours). Time will be split with 80% in the classroom learning and 20% on an industry placement with an employer to help gain the skills for a future career. One T Level is equivalent to 3 A Levels.

In September 2022, Harrogate college will be launching three new T Levels:

**T Level Technical Qualification in Health**

**T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Childcare**

**T Level Digital Production, Design and Development**

### Understanding Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are work-based training programmes designed around the needs of employers, which lead to nationally recognised qualifications.

Apprentices are employed from the word go and receive a wage and support from a company that is committed to their development. Our training programmes can be delivered both in the workplace and at college. Please see the link below for current apprenticeship opportunities.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

### Overview of Vocational Courses

Vocational qualifications provide professional knowledge, technical skills and work experience relevant to a particular career.

Vocational courses are a strong foundation for further study, training, apprenticeships, employment or progression to higher education.

You will be taught by specialist teachers who have professional and practical experience in their subjects.

Students learn through a mix of practical work and theory, mainly at college and, where relevant, in our specialist, industry-standard workshops and facilities.

At Harrogate College We offer Vocational courses in the following subject areas:

**Hair and Beauty therapy**

**Catering and Hospitality**

**Business**

**Vehicle Mechanics**

**Art and Design**

**Construction and Joinery**

**Digital and I.T**

**Electrical**

**Health and Social Care**

**Sport**

**Uniformed Public Services**

### All about A Levels

Although at Harrogate college we do not offer A Levels, an A Level is an 'advanced level' qualification offered across a range of subjects to school leavers, graded A\*-E.

A Levels are studied across two years: your AS year (Year 12) and your A2 year (Year 13).

Students' grades are usually determined by the final exams they take at the end of Year 13.

### UCAS points explained

A-Level	T-Level	Vocational	UCAS Points
A*, A*, A*	D*(Distinction*)	D*, D*, D* (Distinction*)	168
A, A, A	D (Distinction)	D, D, D (Distinction)	144
B, B, B	M (Merit)	D, D, M (Merit)	120 (128 Vocational)
C, C, C	P (C+)	M, M, M	96
D, D, D	P (D or E)	M, M, P (Pass)	72 (80 Vocational)
E, E, E	N/A	P, P, P	48

UCAS points provide students with a pathway to Higher Education (University). The table above provides an overview of how A Levels, T Levels and Vocational courses can support progression.

\* Please ensure that the preferred Higher Education setting accepts UCAS points achieved from T Levels / Vocational qualifications \*

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/entry-requirements/ucas-tariff-points>

We hope this guide to Post 16 options has been helpful. To find out more about opportunities at Harrogate College, please visit our campus on Wednesday 6th April, 4pm to 7pm for our Open Evening.

[Get Tickets Here](#)

Thank you for reading this newsletter, I hope you found the information useful! As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team on [transitionteam@harrogate-college.ac.uk](mailto:transitionteam@harrogate-college.ac.uk).