

Post-16 Information



What's next?

By law, young people must be in some form of education or training until the age of 18. However, there are lots of different options for this:



[Department for Education Post-16 Choices Animation - YouTube](#)



Sixth Form Colleges

- Sixth form colleges typically focus on A-Level (Advanced Level) qualifications – two-year courses that end in an overall examination and a grade from A*-E, with a similar structure to GCSEs but looking at the subject in a lot more depth.
- When studying A-Levels you usually select three or four subjects to study.
- Some sixth form colleges offer BTEC qualifications that can be taken alongside A-Levels e.g. Travel and Tourism or Sport and Leisure

Entry requirements - Most sixth form colleges usually ask students to have 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/5 or above but make sure that you do your research, as some courses, such as A- Level Maths, Physics, Biology or Chemistry, sometimes require students to achieve a Grade 6 at GCSE in order to demonstrate their deeper understanding of the subject.

Some local options:



Thirsk School
& Sixth Form College



**Richmond School
& Sixth Form College**

Being the best we can be



**Northallerton School
& Sixth Form College**

Being the best we can be

COURAGE

COMMITMENT

COMPASSION



Vocational Colleges

Colleges and training providers usually offer BTECs or other vocational qualifications that focus on a specific area of study in a practical way.

Entry Requirements:

Entry level/level 1 - Can require anything from no qualifications up to 3 GCSEs (any grade)

Level 2 – Usually requires 3 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above

Level 3 – Usually requires 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/5 or above

Some local options:



Also does ALevels





Apprenticeships

What is an apprenticeship?

Involves working for an employer in a specific role while on-the-job and off-the-job training at a college or training provider.

Apprenticeships generally fall into 4 categories:

- Intermediate/Level 2** (equivalent to GCSE) – usually require GCSEs
- Advanced/Level 3** (equivalent to A-Level) – usually require A-Levels
- Higher/Level 4-5** (equivalent to Foundation Degree) – usually require a Foundation Degree
- Degree/Level 6-7** (equivalent to University Degree) – usually require a University Degree

Where can I find an apprenticeship?

- <https://darlington.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>
- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- <https://www.northernskills.co.uk/learners>

The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and the GOV.UK logo. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Education and learning > Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training for work. The main heading is "Find an apprenticeship". Below this, it says "Find an apprenticeship in England." and provides a search box with a green "Search >" button. A text box below the search box states: "You can apply for apprenticeships in [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#)." To the right, there is a "Related content" section with links for "Become an apprentice" and "Find a traineeship". Below that, it says "Explore the topic" and provides a link for "Finding a job" and another link for "Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training for work".



T Levels

What are T Levels?

- T Levels are an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses. Equivalent to 3 A levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships.
- Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry
- T Level students spend 80% of the course in the classroom, learning the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action.

Where to look for a Tlevel?

[Find a T Level](#) | [T Levels](#)

DLB 2EQ All T Level courses Search

MIDDLESBROUGH COLLEGE 25 miles
Middlesbrough | TS2 1AD [How do I get there?](#)

Available now:

- Building Services Engineering for Construction
- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Education and Childcare
- Health
- Onsite Construction

[Visit their website](#)

CITY OF SUNDERLAND COLLEGE 31 miles
Hartlepool | TS25 5PF [How do I get there?](#)

Available now:

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- Health

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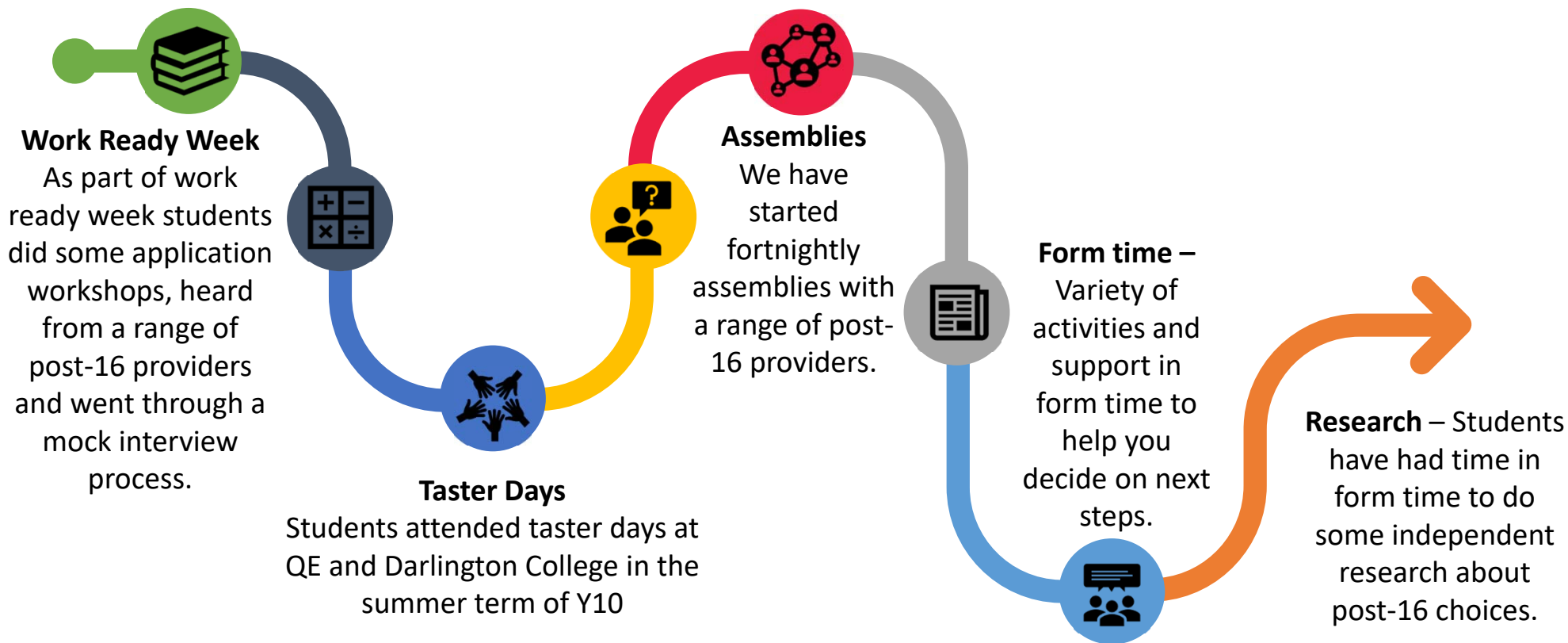
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What's happened so far...





Open Events

Everyone should aim to attend multiple open evenings.

Provider	Date(s) of open evening
Darlington College	Thursday 20th October, Wednesday 23rd November, Thursday 19th January, Tuesday 21st March and Monday 8th May – 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form	Wednesday 5th October, Tuesday 11th October and Thursday 20th October – 5pm - 8pm
Richmond Sixth Form	Thursday 20th October – 5.30pm until 7.30pm
Northallerton Sixth Form	Thursday 6th October 5pm - 7pm
Northern School of Art	
Harrogate College	Wednesday 5th October 5pm - 7pm
York College	Monday 10th October & Thursday 3rd November – 5.30pm - 8pm / Saturday 26th November 10.30am - 12.30pm
Askham Bryan College	Tuesday 11th October 5pm – 6.30pm / Saturday 12th November and Saturday 28th January
Thirsk Sixth Form	Wednesday 2nd November – also a virtual tour available on their website
Ripon Grammar Sixth Form	Thursday 10th November – 6.30pm

So, what now?

Everyone should now be thinking about applying for different post-16 options.



Some tips:

- Apply to more than one option/provider – you don't need to make your final decision until you get your results.
- Get at least 1 application completed by **Christmas**.
- **Don't use your school email address** as you may miss out on important information.
- Complete the application carefully and proofread it before clicking submit.
- If it asks for grades, you can use your predicted grades.

If you need help with applying, speak to your form tutor or Miss Temple.

How do I apply? *College/Sixth Form*



- Visit the college/sixth form website.
- Click 'Apply now' or similar.
- Complete and submit the application form
- It will usually ask for GCSE grades – as you haven't yet got these, put in your predicted grades.
- If you are unsure about any part of the application form, contact the college or speak with your form tutor or Miss Temple.
- **Do not use your school email address** when applying as you will not be able to access this email address after you leave and you may miss out on important information from the college. Use a personal email address instead.