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# A Guide to Post-16 Options

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The options available after Year 11 can be sometimes confusing for students and parent/carers. There are many different routes and pathways that young people can take and choices have to be carefully made. This guide will give you an overview of different post 16 routes.

## Information, advice and guidance

Learners at Wright Robinson College are entitled to independent and impartial careers information, advice and guidance on a full range of post 16 options. Learners will receive an individual careers guidance interview in school from either Mrs Pugh, who is our Careers Advisor fully trained to Level 6 or an external qualified adviser.

## Raising of the Participation Age

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From September 2015 the participation age was increased until the young person's 18th birthday. This does not mean staying in school, your child can opt to study or train in any of the following ways:

- Studying full time in school, college or with any training provider
- Working or volunteering, combined with a part-time education or training
- Apprenticeship, traineeship or study programme

The government have decided to do this because it is widely recognised that if a young person stays in education or training they will have better career prospects.

# FUTURE PATHWAYS

KEY STAGE 4

KEY STAGE 5

18+

GCSEs  
and  
others

Options  
16+

Options  
18+

A levels & vocational  
courses in Sixth Form

A levels & vocational courses  
at Further Education College

Degree at University  
or FE college

T Levels at  
Further Education College

Traineeship or  
study programme

Employment

Foundation courses

Intermediate  
Apprenticeship

Advanced  
Apprenticeship

Degree or Higher level  
apprenticeship

Job or volunteering (minimum 20 hours per week) with  
recognised training

## Everyone needs to be in learning until 18.

- Sixth Form allows you to continue studying in a school-like way in a classroom but offering a unique atmosphere which is different to being in the main school. Teaching methods will be similar to what you have been used to at GCSE but with lots more social options.
- Further Education colleges offer practical courses, apprenticeships, vocational courses covering most industries and all levels.
- Training providers offer many specialised vocational courses in a smaller environment.
- Apprenticeships are real jobs that you have to compete for.

## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are an increasingly popular choice but are very competitive. They are real jobs with a recognised qualification. Employers pay a salary and are available at different levels.

Apprenticeships are advertised throughout the year and you have to apply like a normal job.

Most important step is to create an account with the “**Find an Apprenticeship Service**” at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> Find out more at [www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com) and look on the websites of large companies.

## T Levels

T Levels are new technical qualifications related to specific industry sectors, taught over 2 years and equivalent to 3 A Levels. They will be phased in from 2020 and at the outset they are Level 3 qualifications. In Greater Manchester, the following T Levels will be available from September 2020: Digital offer at The Manchester College & Salford City College. Construction and childcare offer at The Manchester College and Trafford College Group. Health & Science offer at The Manchester College & Salford City College.

For more information, visit: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>

# The local offer in Manchester and beyond

## Training Providers

**MichaelJohn** ([www.mj-training.co.uk/](http://www.mj-training.co.uk/)) – Hairdressing and barbering courses and apprenticeships, city centre

**Mantra Learning** ([www.mantralearning.co.uk](http://www.mantralearning.co.uk)) – Logistics and automotive apprenticeships and courses, Middleton & Stockport

**SETA** ([www.setatraining.com](http://www.setatraining.com)) – Engineering apprenticeships, Stockport based.

**The Skills Co** ([www.gceducationandskills.co.uk](http://www.gceducationandskills.co.uk)) – Apprenticeships and traineeships, Manchester City Centre & Trafford

**Army** ([www.army.mod.uk](http://www.army.mod.uk)) – Army Careers Office, Manchester City Centre 0161 236 6840

**Navy** ([www.royalnavy.mod.uk](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk)) Navy Careers Office , Manchester City Centre 0161 236 2530

**RAF** ( [www.raf.mod.uk](http://www.raf.mod.uk) ) RAF Careers Office Manchester City Centre 0345 605 5555

**YMCA** ([www.ymcafit.org.uk](http://www.ymcafit.org.uk)) – Fitness Training Academy, PT courses, Manchester City Centre.

**BPP** ([www.bpp.com](http://www.bpp.com)) – Apprenticeships in accounting, business and finance. Manchester City Centre

**The Apprentice Academy** ([www.theapprenticeacademy.co.uk](http://www.theapprenticeacademy.co.uk)) – Apprenticeships in Business and Finance.

**Damar Training.** ([www.damartraining.com](http://www.damartraining.com)) – Legal, business, travel, accounts Apprenticeships

**Estio** ([www.estio.co.uk](http://www.estio.co.uk)) Digital and IT apprenticeships, Manchester City Centre

**Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust** ([www.mft.nhs.uk/dental](http://www.mft.nhs.uk/dental)) Dental nursing apprenticeships.

**Juice Academy** ([www.juiceacademy.co.uk](http://www.juiceacademy.co.uk)) – Social Media Marketing apprenticeships

## Colleges and Further Education Providers

Ashton Sixth Form College

[www.asfc.ac.uk](http://www.asfc.ac.uk)

Clarendon Sixth Form College

[www.clarendon.ac.uk](http://www.clarendon.ac.uk)

Connell Co-op College

[www.connell.ac.uk](http://www.connell.ac.uk)

Loreto College

[www.loreto.ac.uk](http://www.loreto.ac.uk)

The Manchester College

[www.tmc.ac.uk](http://www.tmc.ac.uk)

Stockport College

[www.stockport.ac.uk](http://www.stockport.ac.uk)

Salford City College

[www.salfordcc.ac.uk](http://www.salfordcc.ac.uk)

Tameside College

[www.tameside.ac.uk](http://www.tameside.ac.uk)

Xaverian College

[www.xaverian.ac.uk](http://www.xaverian.ac.uk)



A new online careers program that helps students in Year 11 create their own unique roadmap for success.

- Own personalised account
- Find out your learning style
- Explore options
- Create goals and plans

Details to follow soon.....

For more advice contact Mrs Pugh in the Careers Office, by emailing [careers@wrightrobinson.co.uk](mailto:careers@wrightrobinson.co.uk)





# College Open Events

## Ashton Sixth Form

Physical Event

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> October

5-8pm Sign up at

[WWW.NEXTLEVEL.ASFC.AC.UK](http://WWW.NEXTLEVEL.ASFC.AC.UK)

Online applications only

## Clarendon Sixth Form

Virtual Event

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 5pm

Book your place at

[www.clarendon.ac.uk](http://www.clarendon.ac.uk)

Paper or online applications

## Connell Co-op College

Virtual Event

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

10-1pm

Register via website

[www.connell.ac.uk](http://www.connell.ac.uk)

<https://forms.gle/Ui3i6ZU6vm>

[dndeFd8](https://forms.gle/Ui3i6ZU6vm)

online applications only

## Loreto College

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct,

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Oct &

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

10-11.30 & 12.1.30pm

[www.loreto.ac.uk/open-](http://www.loreto.ac.uk/open-days-2020/)

[days-2020/](http://www.loreto.ac.uk/open-days-2020/)

Paper applications only

## Manchester College

Virtual Event

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Oct

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

5-8pm, register at

[www.tmc.ac.uk/events/](http://www.tmc.ac.uk/events/)

Online applications only

## Salford City College

City Skills & Worsley College

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

5-7pm

Future Skills & Eccles

College Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

5-7pm

Pendleton & Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

5-7pm register at

[OPENEVENTS.SALFORD.AC.UK](http://OPENEVENTS.SALFORD.AC.UK)

## Stockport College

Virtual Event

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 10 – 2pm

[www.stockport.ac.uk/event](http://www.stockport.ac.uk/event)

[s/virtual-open-event](http://www.stockport.ac.uk/event)

Paper or online application

## Tameside College

Virtual Event

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 5pm

Book your place at

[www.tameside.ac.uk](http://www.tameside.ac.uk)

Paper or online application

## Xaverian College

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

For details

[www.xaverian.ac.uk](http://www.xaverian.ac.uk)

Paper applications only