



**Parent/Carer**  
**Year 11**  
**CEIAG Information Pack**

## Vision statement

Our students are ambitious with their career choices and have a clear understanding of how their time in school directly affects their career after.

## Vision Rationale

Providing students with outstanding careers guidance is of the utmost importance. It is the key to opening our students' eyes to the possibilities and opportunities available to them once they leave school. It is our job to raise their social mobility, show them what is out there and guide them towards making good, appropriate education and careers choices that will enable them to have a rewarding career. It is our vision that careers guidance at Teesdale School allows all students to have access to appropriate and bespoke careers guidance at every stage of their academic career. Thus enabling students to successfully access the next stage of their career.

We deliver Careers Education in a variety of ways to all pupils from Year 7 to Year 13 and beyond to ensure that our young people are making informed and well supported decisions. Our Tutorial and Personal Development programme encourages our pupils to think about career planning from their earliest time in school and develop positive approach in everything they do.

We are actively involved in a range of projects to enable our young people to understand the breadth of opportunities available to them in their future education and employment, and partner with several organisations that support us in this aspiration.

## Core Careers Offer and Student Entitlement

All students at Teesdale School have access to a fully-embedded and age-appropriate careers programme which includes CEIAG and work-related learning. This programme is strategically designed to ensure that our learners' needs are met throughout their journey with us.

### **Our core offer to students includes the following:**

- One-to-one careers guidance sessions with a qualified adviser. All students have at least one appointment by the age of 16; however, our most vulnerable learners are allocated multiple, and these are opened to our younger learners in the run up to options choices.
- Advice and support are strategically tailored to ensure that the needs of all individuals are met.
- Weekly careers newsletter and Termly Alumni focus newsletter

- Curriculum learning is linked to the world of work.
- Students are encouraged to engage with local labour market information via the career newsletters and SACU website
- Parental support, guidance, and communication.
- Dedicated careers and skills lessons delivered via form tutors.
- Regular access to up-to-date careers information via lessons, online resources, careers library and SACU.
- Further education visits, assemblies and events (including training and apprenticeship providers).
- Employer encounters, including STEM employers/training providers, including activities to challenge stereotypical thinking about the world of work. Experience of the workplace via work experience in years 10 and 12.

## Year 11

11	<p>Weekly newsletter</p> <p>Compass+ Future Skills Questionnaire's</p> <p>Critical Business Thinking sessions each half term</p> <p>Assembly in form about National Green Careers Week</p> <p>Industry day</p> <p>Assembly in form about National Apprenticeship Week</p> <p>ASK Apprenticeship ambassador videos shared in form</p> <p>Assembly National Careers Week - 4Schools and ASK apprenticeships</p> <p>Careers fair at The Hub</p> <p>Celebrating Diversity &amp; Equality (PSHE, RSHE, Citizenship, SMSC, British values)</p> <p>Life Beyond School (PSHE, RSHE, Citizenship, SMSC, British values)</p> <p>Termly Alumni Focus newsletter</p> <p>CV and application workshop with ASK apprenticeships</p> <p>Sixth form open evening</p> <p>Independent work experience</p> <p>Careers lesson's</p> <p>Next step interviews</p> <p>Glaxo Apprenticeships presentations</p>
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Specific dates of events will be confirmed nearer the time and information will be sent home with our Parent Communication system.

Your son/daughter will receive at least one individual guidance interview with our Careers Advisor, possibly more if needed. They will also receive Next Step meetings with the school leadership team. However, if at any stage you feel your son/daughter requires additional support, or you would like to talk through different options, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

Miss Ward – [Bethany.ward@teesdaleschool.co.uk](mailto:Bethany.ward@teesdaleschool.co.uk)

## Looking Ahead – Post-16 Options

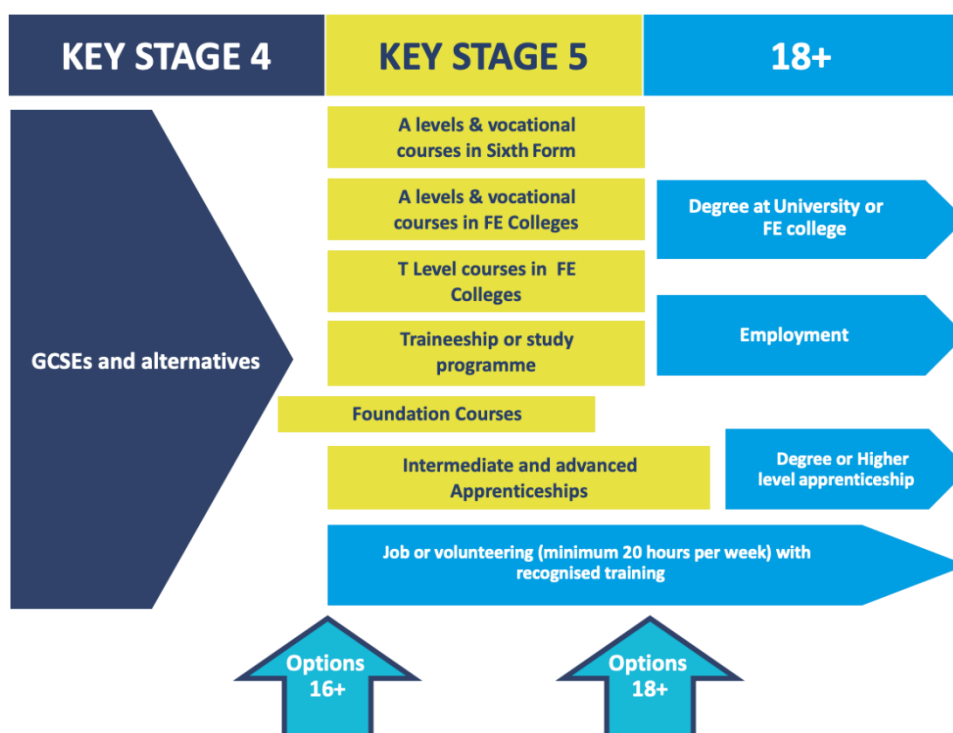
There are many different options and pathways that students can take following year 11. Investigating those opportunities and making the right decision can often be a daunting process for students and their parents or carers. We have put this guide together to give you an overview of the different post-16 options available and to signpost you to all the support available. If they have not already done so, students should begin investigating courses or apprenticeships as soon as possible – you don't need to wait until year 11 to start thinking about this.

### Post -16 Options

All young people must continue to do education or training until they are 18. There are several different options to choose from:

- Full-time education (Sixth Form or College)
- Apprenticeships
- Part-time education or training

All students who do not gain a grade 4 or above (previously grade C) in GCSE English and maths will be expected to continue studying these subjects post 16.



## Full Time Education

A large variety of courses are available to suit the needs of the student and can be studied at a 6<sup>th</sup> form, college or with a specialist training provider. All study programmes will prepare them for higher level learning and employment and include opportunities for work experience and enterprise activities. Types of courses include: A levels, technical and vocational qualifications and T Levels. If students are interested in, but not quite ready for work they may be able to do a Traineeship or Supported Internship.

## 6th Form

Teesdale School has its own 6th Form: [Teesdale School Sixth Form Website](#) offering a range of A-level subjects as well as other Level 3 qualifications. Please contact [Simon.henderson@teesdaleschool.co.uk](mailto:Simon.henderson@teesdaleschool.co.uk) if you would like more information.

## Colleges, FE and Training Providers

There are a number of local Further Education Colleges that students can choose to progress onto. They offer a wide range of vocational subjects and some also offer A-levels or similar, more academic, qualifications. Contact details for local college and training providers can be found on the final page of this booklet. Colleges offer a variety of open evenings, it is best to check on individual colleges websites for details of these.

## T Levels

T Levels are new courses that started in September 2020. These 2-year courses will be equivalent to 3 A Levels and have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses. T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days).

This year, in the North-East, the following T Levels will be available:

- **Northumberland College:** Education & Childcare or Health
- **Gateshead College:** Digital Business Services; Digital Production, Design & Development; Digital Support Services; Education & Childcare; Health; Management & Administration; Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction; Onsite Construction.
- **St Thomas More Catholic School, Gateshead:** Digital Production, Design & Development; Digital Support Services; Education & Childcare; Health.

More T Levels will follow in September 2023. Visit: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/> for more information

## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships combine high quality training with paid work. There are hundreds of types of apprenticeships, suitable for over 1,400 job roles. They are advertised throughout the year and can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. Some companies advertise on their own website so we would advise that students regularly check the websites of companies they are interested in. More information and application support can be found at [www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com).

Apprenticeships are increasingly popular but are very competitive, so students should start looking and applying for apprenticeship vacancies as early as possible. Given the uncertainty that many businesses face under these unprecedented circumstances, we would recommend that all students who have applied for or are thinking of applying for an apprenticeship also apply for a full-time course with either a further education or training provider as a backup option.

## Part Time Education or Training

If a student plans to work full-time for an employer, for themselves or as a volunteer, they must spend the equivalent of one day a week working towards approved and nationally recognised qualifications. What, where and how your teenager learns will depend on the nature of their full-time work and whether the learning is organised for them or they organise it for themselves.

## Contact Information

Colleges and Further Education Providers:

- **Newcastle College** - [Newcastle College \(ncl-coll.ac.uk\)](http://ncl-coll.ac.uk)
- **Gateshead College** - [Gateshead College | Gateshead College](#)
- **Sunderland College** - <https://www.sunderlandcollege.ac.uk/>
- **Askham Bryan College** - <https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/askham-bryan-college-york-campus/>
- **East Durham College** - <https://www.eastdurham.ac.uk/>
- **New College Durham** - <https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/>

- **Darlington College** - [www.darlington.ac.uk/](http://www.darlington.ac.uk/)
- **QE** - [www.qeliz.ac.uk](http://www.qeliz.ac.uk)
- **Carmel College** - [www.carmel.org.uk](http://www.carmel.org.uk)
- **Durham 6th Form College** - [www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk](http://www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk)
- **Stockton Riverside College** - [www.stockton.ac.uk](http://www.stockton.ac.uk)
- **Middlesbrough College** - [www.mbro.ac.uk](http://www.mbro.ac.uk)
- **Bishop Auckland College** - [www.bacoll.ac.uk](http://www.bacoll.ac.uk)

#### Training Providers:

- **Tyne North Training** – Engineering and business administration apprenticeship training provider [www.tynenorthtraining.co.uk](http://www.tynenorthtraining.co.uk)
- **Springboard** – Business admin, customer service, retail, health & social care, hair & beauty therapy, horticulture, childcare, hairdressing, motor vehicle [www.springboard-ne.org](http://www.springboard-ne.org)
- **Milltech** - Training and apprenticeships in motor vehicle, customer service, sales and many more [www.milltechtraining.co.uk](http://www.milltechtraining.co.uk)
- **Resources North-East** - Construction, business administration, I.T. at Southwick [www.resourcesnortheast.co.uk](http://www.resourcesnortheast.co.uk)
- **Foundation of Light** - Football scholarships & the Back on Track programme <http://www.foundationoflight.co.uk/careers-training/>
- **BL Hairdressing** – Hairdressing courses and apprenticeships [www.blhairdressing.co.uk](http://www.blhairdressing.co.uk)
- **Learning Curve** - Construction academy and travel & tourism [www.learningcurvegroup.co.uk](http://www.learningcurvegroup.co.uk)
- **Sunderland Training & Education Farm** - Animal care and horticulture at Keelman's Way [www.sunderlandfarm.co.uk](http://www.sunderlandfarm.co.uk)

- **Lead Education** - Outdoor education and performing arts  
[www.leadeducation.co.uk](http://www.leadeducation.co.uk)
- **YH Training** - Military preparation and personal development [www.yh-group.co.uk/centres/sunderland-mpc-2](http://www.yh-group.co.uk/centres/sunderland-mpc-2)
- **Chameleon Training** - Motor vehicle training [www.cvt-uk.co.uk](http://www.cvt-uk.co.uk)
- **Petal Training** - Fork-lift truck, warehouse, logistics [www.petaltraining.com](http://www.petaltraining.com)
- **TDR Training** – Apprenticeships in science, business, engineering and manufacturing. Based in North Tyneside [TDR Training | Apprenticeships and Training | North East](#)

## Where can I find further information?

- Further information and advice can be found on the schools CEIAG page:  
<http://www.teesdaleschool.co.uk/curriculum/careers-information>
- Our careers team will be happy to discuss any queries you may have, or provide further advice and guidance. Miss Ward, CEIAG Lead  
([Bethany.ward@teesdaleschool.co.uk](mailto:Bethany.ward@teesdaleschool.co.uk))
- Local Labour Market information can be found on our schools CEIAG page, the link is above.
- Our weekly newsletter provides a vast selection of careers information
- The website SACU provides students and parents with careers information across a variety of career paths
- You can call the National Careers Service helpline. Call 0800 100 900 to speak to an adviser. Lines are open from 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week. Calls are free from landlines and most mobile numbers.