

Post 16 Options

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you leave
school?*



So what do I do when I leave school?

A Levels

What's involved?

Advanced level qualifications (also known as A levels) are academic qualifications that can take you on the route to university, further study, training, or work. You will usually study three or more A levels over two years. For most A Levels, the assessment will take the form of exams.

Which grades do I need to take A levels?

Normally at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 and at least grade 5 in the specific subject(s) you want to study

But you will need to check the specific requirements needed to study A levels at the college or sixth form you would like to attend. Check their website or prospectus. It's important to check what you will need when you are looking into the courses available.

Where could this lead?

- *University* – A levels are the most common qualifications studied to get into higher education.
- *Work* - A levels are valued by employers because they show a good level of education.

What's involved?

Vocational qualifications have a practical learning programme that relates directly to a career. There are many types of qualification available – from entry level beginner courses, right the way up to courses that are the equivalent of a degree. They combine practical learning with developing knowledge and skills. They are usually assessed by a combination of coursework assignments and some also have exams.

What will I need in my GCSE's?

For a level 2 course you will usually need 4 GCSEs at grades 9-3 including a minimum grade 3 in English and maths

For a level 3 course you will need at least five GCSEs grades 9-4. These need to include English and maths.

Where could this lead?

- Level 4/5 *Higher national diplomas*.
- *University*: some level 3 courses are the equivalent of 3 A Levels.
- *Employment* - you will have a range of skills making you attractive to employers.

Apprenticeship

What's involved?

Apprenticeships allow you to combine work and study by mixing on-the-job training with classroom learning. You'll be employed to do a real job while studying for a formal qualification, usually for one day a week either at a college or a training centre. You will be paid by the employer as you are learning.

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For an **intermediate apprenticeship**, you need to be over 16 years old and no longer in full-time education.

For an **advanced apprenticeship**, some work experience and at least three 9-4 grade GCSEs.

Where could this lead?

- *Employment* - often with the company who provided the training.
- *A more advanced apprenticeship* which can lead to *university*.

Traineeship

What's involved?

Traineeships are designed to help young people aged 16 to 24 who do not yet have the right skills or experience, they provide the essential work preparation training, English, maths and work experience needed to secure an apprenticeship or employment. You will also develop their employability skills and will work towards a Level 1 Award in Employability Skills.

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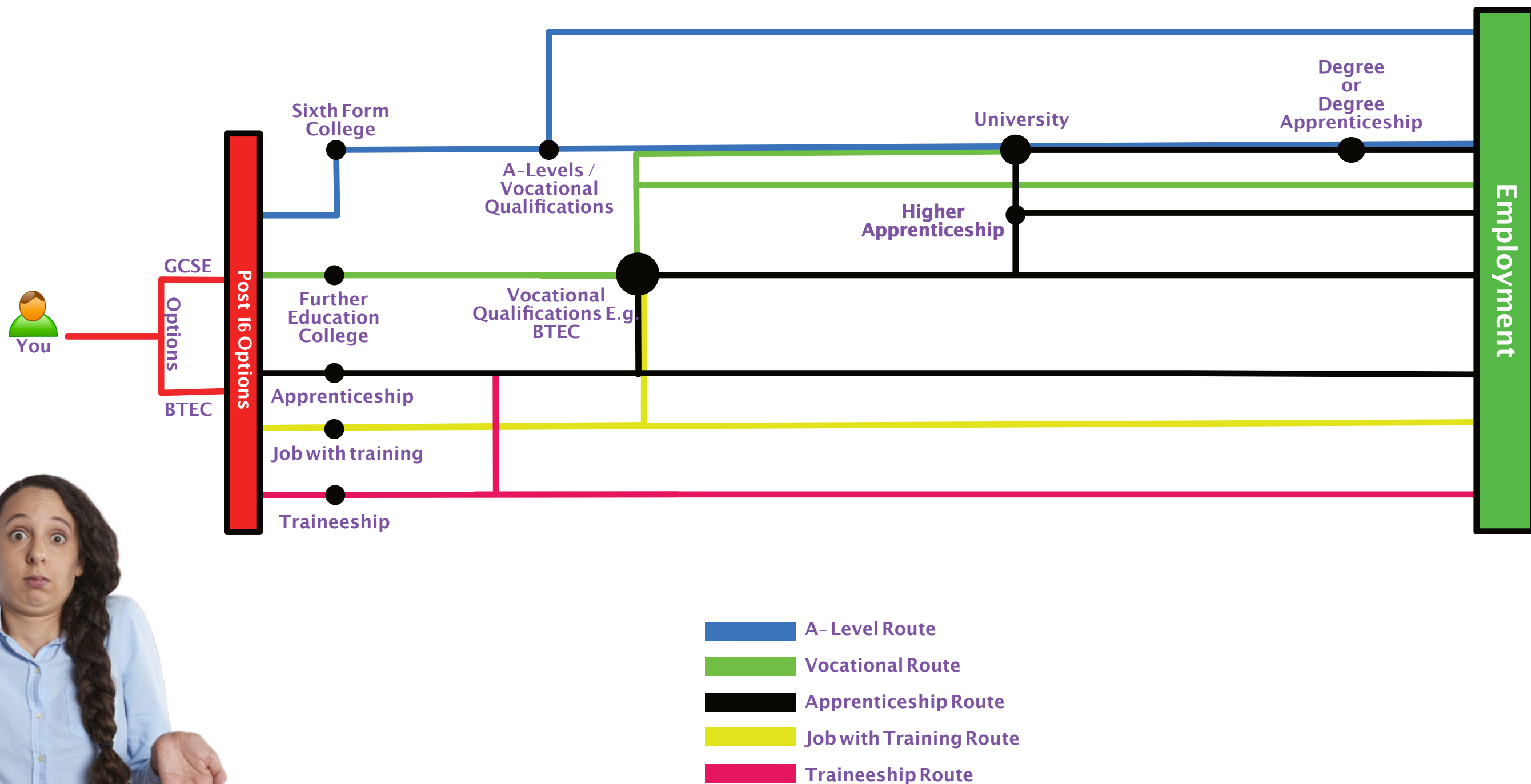
You will need a minimum grade 3-9 GCSE in English and/or maths (non-GCSE qualifications considered on an individual basis) You will need to show enthusiasm and commitment to learn and be motivated to work

Where could this lead?

- A Level 2 course at college
- Employment or an apprenticeship



So how do I get there?



Other options

Armed Forces

- There are more than 100 different jobs in the army. The basic entry age requirements depend on whether or not you are entering the regular army, or Territorial Army, as an officer or soldier. If you are entering the regular army, officers can join aged 18 to 26 years and soldiers can join between 16 and 32 years and 11 months.
- You need to be aged 16 or over to join the Royal Navy. If you wish to attend Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College you can apply at 15. If you're under the age of 18, you will need the consent of a parent or guardian.
- You can apply directly to join the RAF. You'll need at least 3 GCSEs grades 9 to 4 including English and maths, and a science for some roles.

Cadetship

- Are you practically-minded and interested in working at sea? Do you want a career that involves travelling the world? If so, this could be the ideal learning opportunity for you
- A full-time Level 2 pre-cadetship course gives you the knowledge and skills required to launch a career in the fast-moving world of commercial shipping.
- This programme will provide you with the foundation required for direct entry onto the Level 3 pre-cadetship course, known as the Diploma in Shipping and Maritime Operations. This could lead to a job in the Merchant Navy or an apprenticeship in Marine Engineering.

Internship

- An internship gives you the opportunity to work at a company to learn new skills and gain experience in a particular industry or job role. They are an established route into employment. There are various types of internships:
- Work shadowing – you follow one or more members of a team throughout their day, allowing you to learn directly from experienced staff, sometimes top industry professionals.
- Work experience placements – give you a taste of working in your chosen job. These are often part of degree courses, but there is also a range of programmes for school leavers, or you could arrange your own placement. They can last from a few days through to several weeks, or longer.
- There are school leaver programmes and holiday schemes – offered by some of the larger companies. Some are paid placements but many are unpaid volunteering placements.