



YOUR FUTURE –

GET IT RIGHT

**Thursday 23 September
2021**

Stands

SPORTS HALL

- A-Level providers
- Vocational Education
- Work-Based Learning / Apprenticeships
- University/Higher Education



Stands

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- Student Well-being
- Subject Guidance
- Tutor Support
- Personal Development
- Healthy Eating



Speakers

- Mr Ian Tomkins– Post 16 Pathways and Options
- My Globalbridge (virtual) – Introduction to My Globalbridge
- Xavier Eloquin – Student Well-being

The A Level Option and the Importance of Your GCSEs

A-level Option



- What are A-levels?
- Why study A-levels?
- What are the entry requirements?
- Progression after A-levels



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What are A-levels?



- A-level, or “Advanced Level” is a Level 3 grade academic course.
- Two-year courses.
- A-levels now have all examinations at the end of two years.



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What are A-levels?

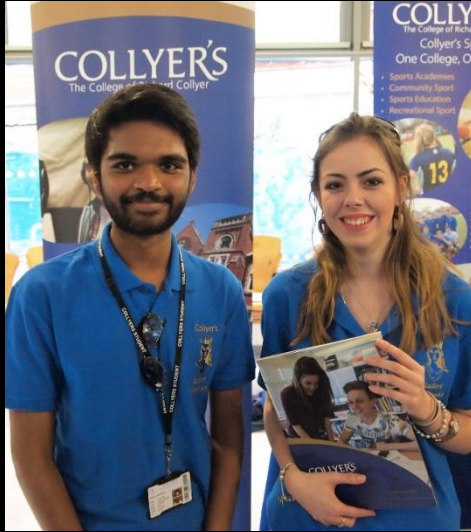


- Exam and coursework based
- A-Levels are usually taken after a successful Level 2 (GCSE) programme. See prospectus and website for advice on choosing relevant subjects.
- Standard = 3 A-levels studied, some students take 4 A-levels. An additional Extended Project Qualification can be taken in year 2.



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Why study A-Levels?



- Build on GCSE knowledge
- Internationally recognised
- Breadth of A-level courses encompass, for example, the arts, maths and science, sport, humanities and social sciences
- Keep your career options open or specialise as appropriate.



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What are the entry requirements?



- GCSE average of at least a “4”, but for a full A Level programme minimum is now 5
- Some higher subject specific entrance requirements

Where can you progress after A-levels?



- Employment/professional qualifications
- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- University/Higher Education

T Levels



***NEXT ^T LEVEL
SKILLS***



***NEXT ^T LEVEL
JOBS***





VOCATIONAL COURSES

Benefits

- One subject
- Mostly assignment based
- generally not as many exams
- More practical hands-on, less classroom-based work
- Industry specific/industry-led qualifications
- Work Experience



Entry Requirements

- Not an easier option, just a different option
- Practical assessments & interviews
- Subject specific, therefore it's important that students make the right choice
- Will include Maths and/or English as necessary



Progression Routes

- Other vocational courses
- Apprenticeship / Advanced Apprenticeship
- Higher Education – College or university, HNC/HND or degree
- Employment





APPRENTICESHIPS



What is an Apprenticeship?

- A paid job with training
- Opportunity to learn new skills
- Commitment from an Employer to train you
- Time on off the job training
- Chance to gain industry standard qualifications
- Opportunity to progress and build a career



Information about Apprenticeships

- Start at any age from 16 (on completion of Y11)
- 3 Levels of Apprenticeship
 - Intermediate L2
 - Advanced L3
 - Higher L4/5 and Degree/post Graduate L6 & 7
- Work-Learn-Earn – no loan to pay back



Entry Requirements

- Dependent on the Employer who may require certain GCSEs or A levels
- Competitive world –think about your CV, any work experience and interviewing preparation
- Starting salary dependent on the Employer



Next Steps

National Apprenticeship Service:

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

Apprenticeships in Sussex:

www.apprenticeships-in-sussex.com

Talk to the providers here tonight



UNIVERSITY

Why go to university?

- Study in depth something you're really passionate about
- Meet new people with a diverse range of backgrounds and interests
- Social life
- Graduate careers and salaries



Why think about university now?

- It's a big decision
- There's a lot of choice
- It's a competitive process
- The decisions you make this year can matter





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What will universities look for?

- Academic achievement
- Appropriate post-16 choices
- Independent interest in the subject

www.ucas.com

How much will it cost?

- Tuition charges
- Student loan
- Scholarships
- Bursaries





What to do now...

- Talk to the exhibitors tonight
- Read the Forest School booklet: Your Future – Get it Right, A Guide for Parents and Pupils 2021
- Attend College/School Open Evenings
- Speak to subject staff & tutors
- Request 1-to-1 interview with the Careers Coordinator
- Submit at least one college application before Christmas