



**Bedlington
Academy**

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

Vision statement

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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 for careers guidance at Bedlington Academy is that all students have access to appropriate and bespoke careers guidance at every stage of their academic career that enables them 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 Bedlington Academy 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. We also work with the local county council to offer additional careers advice as needed.
- Advice and support are strategically tailored to ensure that the needs of all individuals are met.
- Curriculum learning is linked to the world of work.
- Students are encouraged to engage with local market information via Unifrog, registration activities and subject lessons.
- 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 (including student POD), careers library and Unifrog.

- 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.

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 Caron Mullin, our Level 6 Careers Advisor, possibly more if needed. They will also receive Next Step meetings with Miss Wright, our careers lead. 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 Wright – laura.wright@bedlingtonacademy.co.uk

Careers Programme Overview Bedlington Academy Year 11



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Milestones and Learning Outcomes

Half Term 1

Be able to identify and make effective use of available support systems.

Half Term 2

Have a clear understanding of the learning pathways and qualifications that they will need to pursue their career goals

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Half Term 4

Be inspired and motivated by career opportunities which they may not have otherwise considered

Half Term 5

Half Term 6

Key Events and Experiences

Half Term 1

Reminder of the Careers team
Guidance Interviews
Log Aspirations and Destinations
Reg: CEIAG in Year 11 – Your Future
FSQ Questionnaire
Apprenticeship Workshops
National T Levels Week 19th-23rd October

Half Term 2

Personal Guidance Interviews
Reg: Post-16 Routes
Careers Fair
Parent Drop In Evening

Half Term 3

Personal Guidance Interviews
Reg: Applications and Online Profiles
Apprenticeship Applications Workshop
National Apprenticeship Week 8th – 14th Feb

Half Term 4

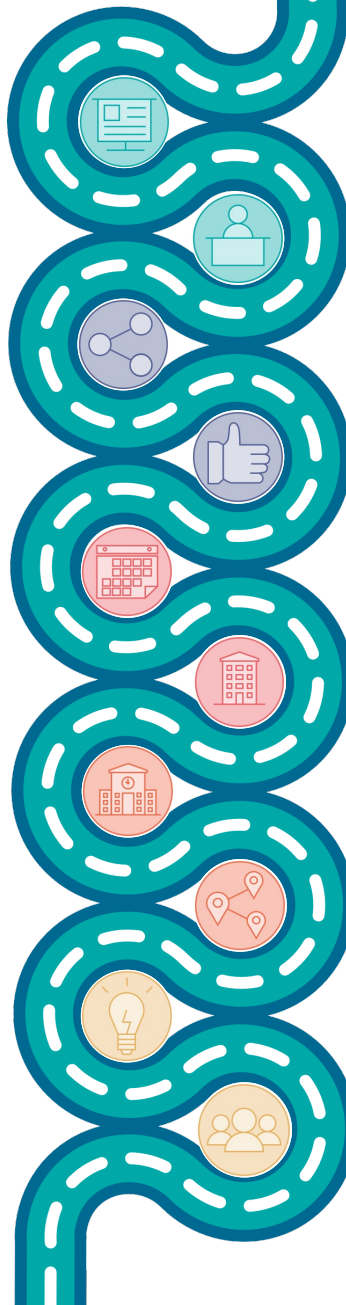
Personal Guidance Interviews
Reg: Improving You
National Careers Week 1st-6th March
British Science Week 6th-15th March

Half Term 5

Further advice and support if needed
GCSE's

Half Term 6

Inspiring and preparing young
people for the world of work.



Looking Ahead – Post-16 Options

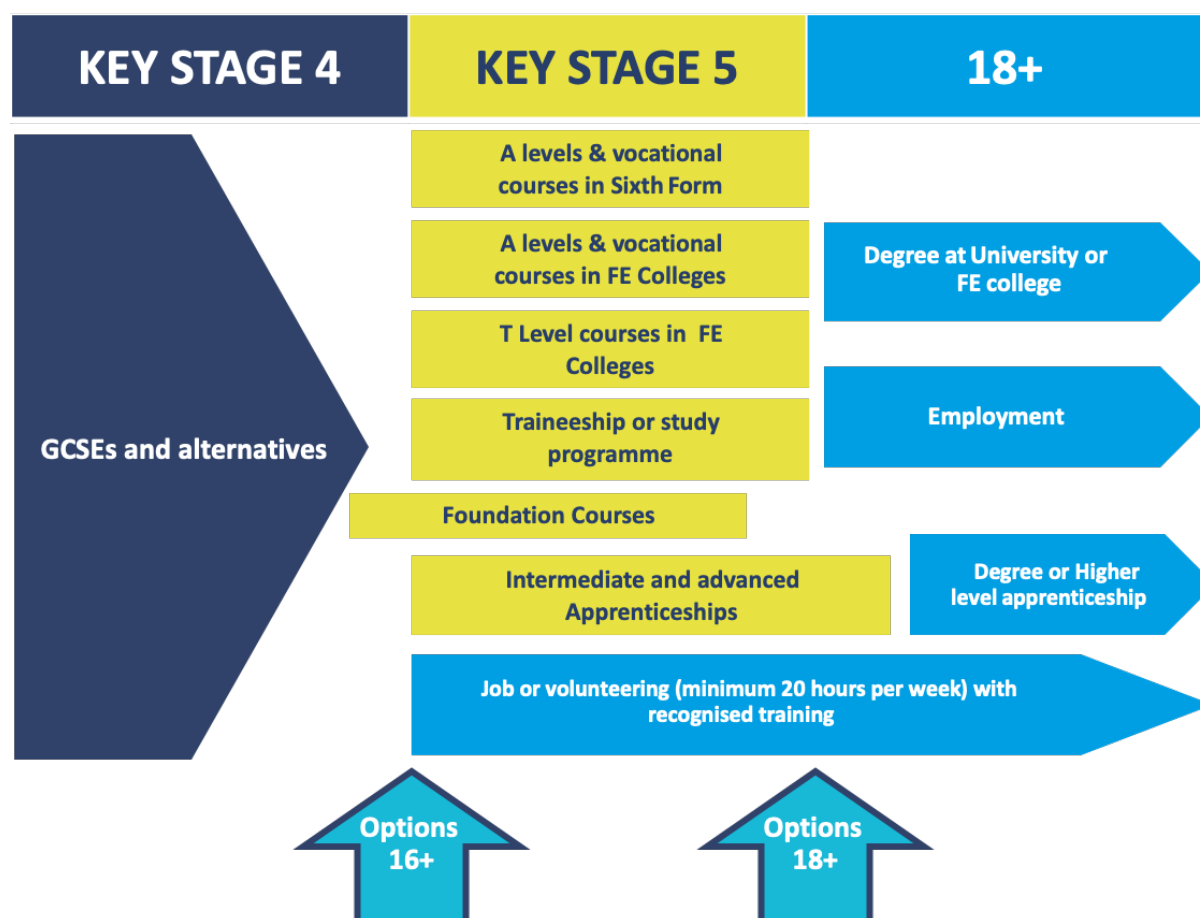
There are many different options and pathways that students can take following year 11. Investigating those opportunities and making the right decision can often be a daunting process for students and their parents or carers. We have put this guide together to give you an overview of the different post-16 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 6th 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

Bedlington Academy has its own 6th Form: <http://www.bedlingtonacademy.co.uk/sixth-form> offering a range of A level subjects as well as other Level 3 qualifications. We are still accepting applications for September 2022. Please contact Michael.laidlaw@bedlingtonacademy.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 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 are being developed all of the time. 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.

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.

Depending on which type of apprenticeship you are interested in, TDR Training in North Tyneside or Northumberland County Council Apprenticeship Team may be able to support with your application.

Part Time Education or Training

If your teenager 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

- **Northumberland College (Ashington and Kirkley Campuses)** - [Home - Northumberland College](#)
- **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** - offering study programmes in Veterinary Nursing in Gateshead <https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/>
- **East Durham College** - <https://www.eastdurham.ac.uk/>

- **New College Durham** - <https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/>

Training Providers

- **Tyne North Training** – Engineering and business administration apprenticeship training provider www.tylenorthtraining.co.uk
- **Springboard** – Business admin, customer service, retail, health & social care, hair & beauty therapy, horticulture, childcare, hairdressing, motor vehicle www.springboard-ne.org
- **Milltech** - Training and apprenticeships in motor vehicle, customer service, sales and many more www.milltechtraining.co.uk
- **Resources North-East** - Construction, business administration, I.T. at Southwick 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
- **Learning Curve** - Construction academy and travel & tourism www.learningcurvegroup.co.uk
- **Sunderland Training & Education Farm** - Animal care and horticulture at Keelman's Way www.sunderlandfarm.co.uk
- **Lead Education** - Outdoor education and performing arts www.leadeducation.co.uk
- **YH Training** - Military preparation and personal development www.yh-group.co.uk/centres/sunderland-mpc-2
- **Chameleon Training** - Motor vehicle training www.cvt-uk.co.uk
- **Petal Training** - Fork-lift truck, warehouse, logistics 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: [Careers education, information, advice and guidance | Bedlington Academy](#)
- At parents evening we have a dedicated Careers Stand where parents, carers and students can access careers information and ask questions. Representatives from external agencies will also be in attendance.
- Our careers team will be happy to discuss any queries you may have, or provide further advice and guidance. They are Miss Wright, CEIAG Lead, or our careers advisor on careers@bedlingtonacademy.co.uk
- As a school we use Unifrog for all students, which is a dedicated careers platform. Parents and students have been provided with log in details. If you have not received your login information, please contact the school and provide your email address.
- Informal coffee mornings throughout the year where parents/carers can ask questions during, or prior to the sessions. Staff will be on hand to support with any area of concerns relating to CEIAG.
- Local Labour Market information can be found on our schools CEIAG page, the link is above.
- Connexions at North Tyneside Council remain available to speak to young people. There is no longer a Northumberland based Connexions service. Contact can be made by ringing 0191 6436965 (pm only), through connexions.nt@northtyneside.gov.uk or through their social media pages. Alternatively, 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.

Parental Overview

Careers Provision at Bedlington Academy



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Key Decision Points

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Post-16 Option Choices
Colleges Open Days
Personal Guidance and Advice

Year 10

CV Feedback Event
Mock Interviews
Work Experience Placement
A Level Taster Days

Year 9

Experiences of the Workplace
GCSE Option Choices

Year 8

Experiences of the Workplace
Thinking about the Future – GCSE
Option Choices

Year 7

Introduction to Careers Education,
Information, Advice & Guidance
Experiences of the Workplace

Support for families

Year 11

Career Information Coffee Mornings
Unifrog Logins and Support
Parental Surveys
Careers Newsletters
Support with Post-16 Options
Parents Evening Careers Stand

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Options Evening and Further Support
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