

What's Next after my GCSE's?

This guide can help you to decide what happens next...

Sixth form? Certain entry grades will apply for A levels, T levels, V Levels and other courses. Check your predicted grades and talk to the sixth form admissions team to find out what courses might be available to you.



Colleges offer a wide variety of courses at different levels. They will all have different entry requirements and there is usually something for everyone! - ***see next page for a list of colleges and where to look to find out more.***



Apprenticeships

Are you ready to get a job and do some training in the work place? Then an apprenticeship could be the choice for you. ***See next pages for more info on how to apply.***



Are you ready to start working but feel like you might need to develop some skills? A Traineeship is one route into an Apprenticeship- they are offered at some colleges and training providers. Entry requirements will vary depending on the area of work you want to try. ***See next pages for more info on how to apply.***

Options at LaSWAP Sixth form:

A level Pathway - General entry: Students will need to achieve at least **four grade 6's across their GCSE's as well as an average point score of at least 5.0. This includes at least a grade 4 or higher in English Language and Maths.**

3 or 4 subjects can be chosen - each will have its own entry requirements in addition to the general entry. See <http://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/> for further info.

Level 3 vocational pathway – These are more practical courses with less weight on exams. They are equivalent to A levels and will allow entry into university, higher apprenticeships & employment.

T levels V levels BTEC's

Check the LaSWAP website for details on what courses will be offered

Grades needed- usually grade 5's and above including English and Maths

Level 2 vocational Pathway - Students will need to achieve grade 4's and 3's. These are usually combined with a retake in English Language and/or Maths GCSE if necessary

Check the LaSWAP website for what will be offered

All students will need to apply for a place at LaSWAP in January of Year 11 and attend August Enrolment to secure their place at LaSWAP

(If students are going to be away or are unable to attend enrolment in person, you must contact the head of sixth form to let them know and discuss alternative arrangements)

For more info – see the LaSWAP Website

<https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk>



Some of the Colleges in London

If you think a college course might be for you- choose a college and a course by using the websites below.

Colleges will offer A levels, T levels, V levels and some BTEC qualifications.

Capital City College Group - [Capital City College - London's Largest Further Education College](#) (Campuses in Kings Cross, Holloway, Angel, Enfield, Tottenham)

City of Westminster – www.cwc.ac.uk

ADA Digital <https://www.ada-digital.co.uk/> (Computing & Games design)

East London Arts & Music -<https://www.elam.co.uk/>

London Screen Academy <https://lsa.ac.uk/> (Film Courses)

Ealing Hammersmith & West London- www.wlc.ac.uk

Barnet & Southgate- www.barnetsouthgate.ac.uk

Lambeth- www.lambethcollege.ac.uk

Kensington & Chelsea College- KCC.ac.uk

College of North West London – www.cnwl.ac.uk also linked to Euston Skills Centre

South Thames College - www.souththames.ac.uk

New City College London- <https://www.ncclondon.ac.uk/>

Capel Manor- (Animals/Agriculture)- www.capel.ac.uk

Big Creative Education- <https://bigcreative.education/>
(specialist in Music/music production/creative courses)

Fashion Retail Academy- <https://www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk/>

There are many more colleges – these are just a few!



Apprenticeships are full time jobs with training that you can apply for at any age from 16 or older. They can lead to successful careers in many industries such as Business, Law, Chef/catering, Hair & Beauty, Childcare, animal work, sports to name a few!

They are very competitive and will often expect you to have some good work place skills, work experience and some will require you to have particular grades at GCSE (e.g pass in English Language & Maths)

If this sounds like the choice for you- here is where you can find them;

National Apprenticeships - - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Camden Apprenticeships - <https://apprenticeships.camden.gov.uk/>

College of North West London - [Apprenticeships \(cnwl.ac.uk\)](http://Apprenticeships.cnwl.ac.uk)

Get my first Job - www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk



Remember you are applying for a real job! Make sure you know what area you want to work in;

- **Don't just apply to any old Apprenticeship!**
- **Take care with your application form,**
- **Be ready for a job interview**
- **Start writing your CV if you haven't got one already.**



These are like pre – Apprenticeship courses.

They are good if you are nearly ready for an Apprenticeship but would like to develop your skills, gain more experience, and get some help with applications and interviews. You might also need to achieve your English and Maths GCSE or equivalent qualifications-

They are advertised here; <https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship>

Or search for the SPEAR programme; <https://resurgo.org.uk/spear-programme/the-spear-programme/>

Work Experience & Volunteering.

You can get work experience alongside studies, or you can do some work experience in the summer of year 11 to help with your next steps

<https://gothinkbig.co.uk/>



www.volunteercentrecamden.org.uk

Supporting people to find volunteering opportunities.



www.vinspired.com

Connecting young volunteers with the causes they care about, helping them build skills, networks and confidence.

[Do IT | Connecting people to do good things](#)



www.volunteeringmatters.org.uk

Volunteering opportunities full time and international

What do the course levels mean?

Level 1 is equivalent to GCSE qualifications grade 3 or below

Level 2 is equivalent to GCSE qualifications Grade 4 or above

Level 3 is equivalent to A level qualifications

Level 4 is equivalent to 1st year of university

New Courses explained:

T levels This is a mixture of classroom learning and on the job experience. They are the equivalent to 3 A levels and hold UCAS points

V Levels Vocational (work based) qualification, the same difficulty as A levels and can be taken in combination with A levels at Level 3.

Other Vocational Pathways- there will be a new vocational pathway option for students to consider at level 2- check college and sixth form website for their offer



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