

# So what can I do after Year 11?



## Sixth Form

Entry Grades: To get into Sixth Form you will need a minimum of 5 grade 4s

- **A Levels** - perfect if you are getting grade 5s and higher. See entry requirements for each course - You will likely need a grade 6 or above in your subject of choice.
- **BTECS** – more accessible subjects if have grades 4/5, lot of coursework, less exams, but still count the same for university points.

Sixth Form will look good on your CV and will help you keep your options open to progress onto a wide variety of careers.

*Choosing Subjects: Take subjects YOU enjoy, visit the Sixth Form Open Evening, talk to the teachers about the content of the course, do they think it is a good choice for you? If you know the career you want, research and make sure you take any required subjects. Complete <https://sacu-student.com> subject cloud to see which subjects match your interests. *Revise well*, put a little time aside starting now, to make sure you achieve the entry grades you will need for the particular course you would like to do.*

## Vocational Courses

[Bath College](#)- Radstock / Bath Campus or [Wiltshire College](#)- Trowbridge/ Lackham campus

Great if you have completely decided which vocational career you would like i.e. Hairdressing, Motor Vehicle, Carpentry, Construction or Agriculture. Make sure you have had work experience & know what the career will be like.

Check the entry grades - many courses need 4 subjects at grade 4 or 3.

With less than 4 grade 2s you will be unable to access any of the college vocational courses.

There are Level 1, 2 and 3 courses. Level 3 is equivalent to Sixth Form qualifications, students can progress to university with this. Study hard to achieve the highest entry level you can.

All are on an easy bus route. Look into travel costs, there can be up to £1000 a year if using public transport. For lower income families the college may provide an attendance based bursary, which can be used towards transport.

Disadvantage can be narrowing your studies, which limits career opportunities: ie completing carpentry course and not finding any local apprenticeships in this.

## Apprenticeships

This is going straight into the workplace. You will likely earn £3.70 per hour.

To go into the workplace you must do an apprenticeship, as it is illegal to be just in employment until age 18.

College: An apprenticeship usually has a day at college so you become qualified. You/your employer need to arrange a college place on a relevant course which has 'apprenticeship' in the title. There will be entry grades, usually just Maths & English, you will need either at least a grade 3 or 4. In both subjects.

Advantages: You have employment and become qualified in that trade.

### Who are apprenticeships for?

- Students who are proactive and will take the time to apply for jobs and ask for help. Job Club is Tuesdays 3 – 4pm in F5.
- Students who already have paid work/ clubs/ relevant work experience on their CVs. If you didn't do work experience in the type of work you want to go into - arrange it now for a day or 2 in the next school holidays.

## Traineeships

Perfect for students with less than 4 grade 2s, or those who really want to go into the workplace, but lack the CV experience or confidence to get an apprenticeship

Usually involves couple of days taking Maths/ English classes and other days in an unpaid work placement, ideally in your career of interest.

A traineeship builds work place experience for your CV and self-confidence.

Venues:

- [Somerset Skills & Learning](#) in Frome.
- World of Work course at Frome College

**All routes involve resitting Maths & English if grade 4 or above is not achieved**