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Option Choices Post Year 11

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An introduction to Skills House – Careers Technical Education

Provision of careers guidance

Who we are and what we do?

- Skillshouse, CTE is part of Bradford Council. We provide advice and guidance and help young people into education, employment and training.
- We have Careers Advisers based in schools and colleges throughout the Bradford District.
- We work with schools and colleges to help **you** make choices that will enable you to meet your goals and ambitions.
- If your plans don't work out, SkillsHouse advisers are there to support people of all ages within the Bradford District.

Your Future – What we are covering today

- What are the available options?
- Understanding choices
- How do I decide which is the right option for me?
- How do I get support and guidance?

What Happens after Year 11

- Legally you can leave school on the last Friday of June 2026
- Following this you will move into the Post 16 or Key stage 5 phase of your education
- Current legislation around “raising of participation age” means you must remain in some form of education or training up until you are 18 years old
- Some of you may remain in your current school and continue into 6th Form and for others you may look at alternative options

Options at a Glance

Key stage 4

GCSEs
& Others (Year 11)

Key stage 5

A – Levels /
Vocational Courses
@ 6th FE Colleges

A – Levels /
Vocational Courses
@ 6th Form

Traineeships / Study
Programmes

Apprenticeships

Supported internships

18 +

Degree or Higher level
Apprenticeships

Degree
University or FE
College

Employment

[Post 16 Choices](#) video

Choices:

A- Levels / Level 3 Courses

You usually study A levels over 2 years.

Most students choose 3 subjects to study but you can take more or fewer. Most Colleges and 6th Forms offer level 3 courses including A levels.

You should check with your school for entry requirements onto A-levels subjects.

- Normally you require 5 GCSEs at grades 9 – 4
- Grade 6 in the subject you want to study

After A Levels / Level 3

You can use your UCAS points to apply to :

Degree at University

Employment

Other type of Higher Education

Higher level Apprenticeships

Choices:

T - Levels

T Levels ideal if you have finished your GCSEs and want the knowledge and experience to get straight into employment, an apprenticeship or higher education. Offered by local colleges

80% time in classroom / 20% on 45 day placement with an employer

- 2 Year Courses
- Assessed by exams and skills assessments
- Course examples: Health, Business, Digital, Education & Childcare

T-Levels are worth the same UCAS points as 3 A levels. You can use UCAS points to apply to University or another type of higher education or Degree

After your T Level

A T level is worth the same as 3 A levels. You can use UCAS points to apply to:

Degree at University

Employment

Other type of Higher Education

Higher Apprenticeships

[T-Level Video](#)

Choices:

Apprenticeships

- Paid employment with holiday leave
- Hands on practical experience in a sector/role of interest
- At least 20% off-the-job training
- Formal assessment which leads to a nationally recognised qualification

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

Name	Level	Equivalent
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE's at a pass
Advanced	3	2 A level's at a pass
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or Master's degree

After Apprenticeship:

Once completed you could move into:

Employment

Degree/Higher level Apprenticeship

University

Choices:

Traineeships

A traineeship is a work based skills development programme that includes a work placement.

- The full programme can last from 6 weeks up to 1 year, though most traineeships last for between 6-weeks and 12-weeks.
- You will work with a training provider to design what is included in the programme.
- Trainees can gain English, maths, digital and work-related qualifications.

[Traineeship Link Video](#)

After Traineeship:

Once completed you could move into:

Employment

Apprenticeships

Further Education

Choices:

Supported Internships

- Supported internships are a work-based study programme for young people aged 16 to 24 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), who have an [education health and care \(EHC\) plan](#).
- Supported internships equip young people with the skills they need to secure and sustain employment through learning in the workplace, with support from a qualified job coach. They last between 6 to 12 months.
- Supported interns are enrolled with and supported by a learning provider, but spend most of their learning time – typically around 70% in the workplace.

Once completed you could move into:

Permanent
Employment

Apprenticeships

Further Education

[Supported Internships for learners with an EHCP](#)

Choices:

Study Programmes

Delivered by various training providers – Suitable for those who have Maths & English below grade 4. Choose a vocational area along with maths and English (functional skills or GCSE).

After Study Programme:

Once completed you could move into:

Employment

Apprenticeships

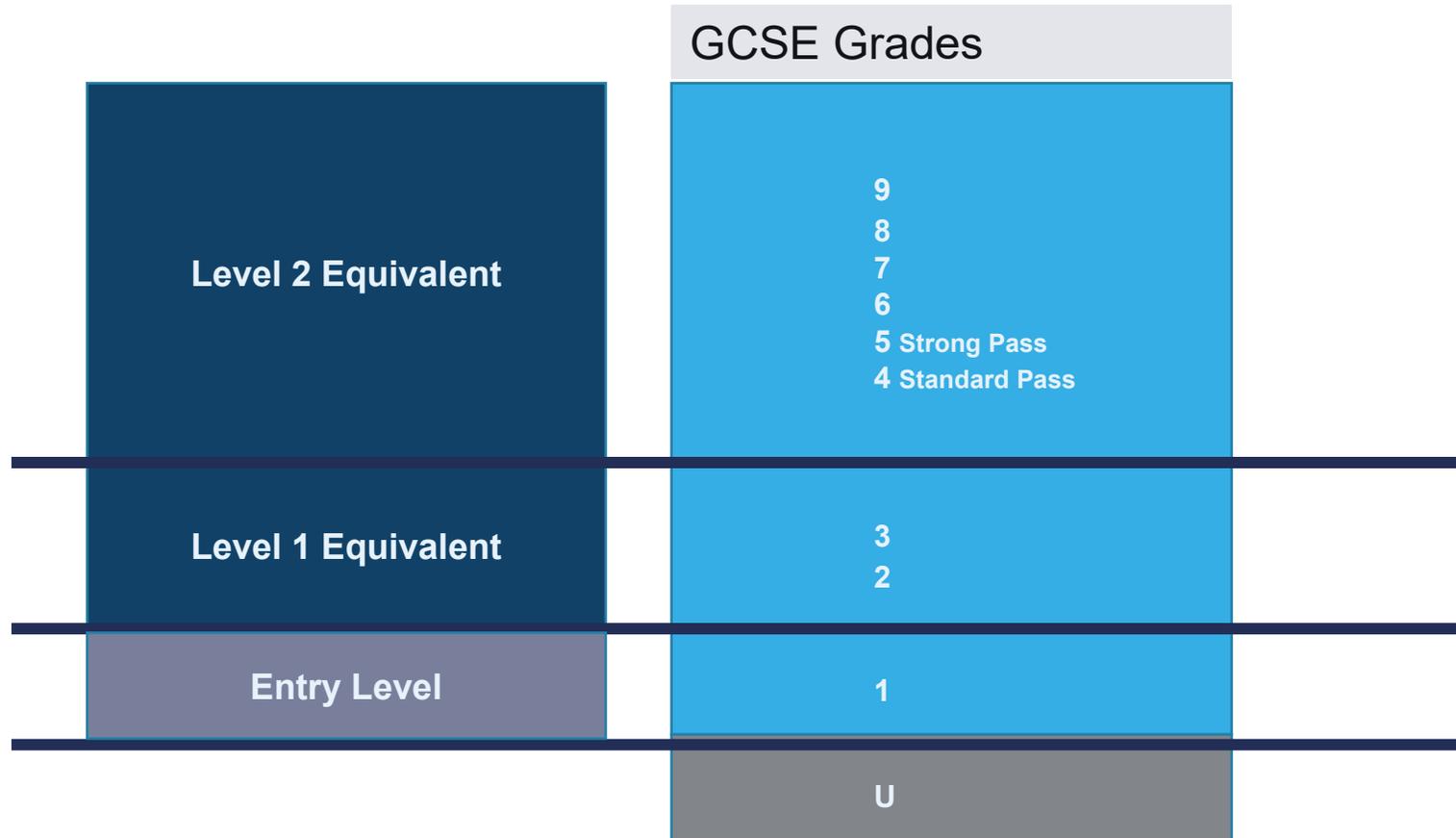
Further Education

Level 3 Courses

Re-engagement / Team Programmes

For those quite not ready for full time provision. Programmes like Princes Trust team programme can be a good way to improve confidence, get into a routine and work on soft skills such as teamwork and employability.

How levels equate to GCSEs



Entry Levels



Level 1



Level 2

Available at three sub-levels:

Entry 1, 2 & 3

Entry level 3 is the most difficult

- Certificate
- Award
- Functional Skills
- Essential Skills
- Skills for life

GCSE Grades 3, 2,

Other examples:

- Award
- Certificates
- Diploma
- Essential skills
- Functional Skills
- NVQs

GCSE Grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4

Other examples:

- Intermediate Apprenticeships
- Award
- National Certificate
- National Diploma
- Essential Skills
- Functional Skills
- NVQs

Level 3



Level 4



Level 5

AS / A levels
Higher education diploma
Advanced Apprenticeship
National Diploma
National Certificate
NVQ
T-Levels

Certificate of Higher Education (Cert HE)
Higher Apprenticeships
Higher National Certificate (HNC)
Award
Diploma
NVQ

Diploma of Higher Education (Dip HE)
Foundation Degree
Higher National Diploma (HND)
Award
Certificate
Diploma
NVQ

Level 6



Level 7



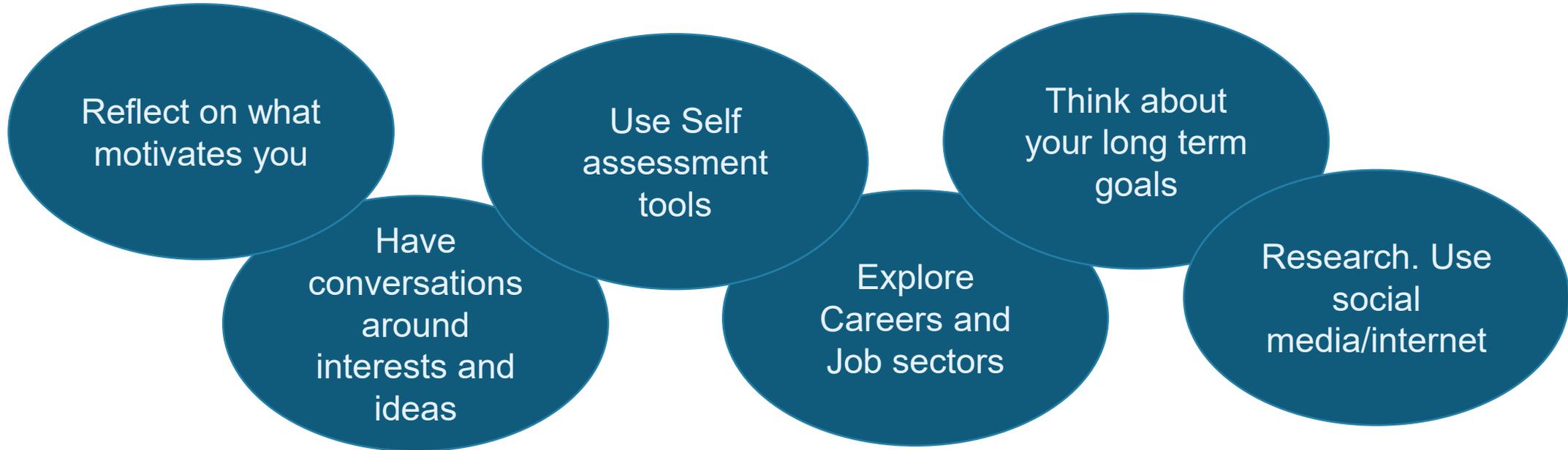
Level 8

Degree Apprenticeships
Degree – With or without honours. Eg BA Hons, BSc
Graduate Certificate
Graduate Diploma
NVQ

Integrated Masters Degree, e.g. Master of Engineering (MEng)
Masters Degree (MA, MSc)
Post Graduate Certificate
PGCE
Post Graduate Diploma

Doctorate e.g. PhD or Dphil
Level 8 Award
Level 8 Certificate
Level 8 Diploma

How do you decide?



SPEAK TO YOUR CAREERS ADVISER

Where to get Support – Your Careers Adviser

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In school on Mondays and Tuesdays

Email: adam.theakston@Bradford.gov.uk

Your Careers adviser will be able to support you and will provide impartial advice. Confidentiality is always maintained and any support is always tailored to meet your needs.

We provide information, advice and guidance and support you in making an informed choice about your future