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**SIXTH FORM / COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS**

THIS PACK CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHICH MUST BE SHARED WITH YOUR PARENTS/CARERS. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED REGARDING AN INTERVIEW WITH A CAREERS ADVISER. THIS DOCUMENT WILL HELP YOU TO FOCUS YOUR RESEARCH SO THAT YOU CAN GET THE MOST OUT OF THAT INTERVIEW.

This guide is to help you with your choice of qualification/subject and college/6th form, it is very important that you start to research this at the beginning of the autumn term of year 11.

You will also see a Careers Adviser and you can then discuss your choices of course, institution and career but this may be after some of the college/6th form open days as they can be as early as the third week of the autumn term - so it is vital that you start the research early.

Which course to take after Year 11

Think about which level of course is right for you to take next year

Level 3 Courses – 2 years

If you are predicted to achieve at least 5 GCSEs grades 9-5/4 including English language & maths (this is a minimum, always check the requirements of the school/college you want to apply to) then here are some of the courses you can apply for:

A Levels (at least 5 GCSEs grades 9-5 but often more, usually to include maths and English language required)

You will usually study 3 or sometimes 4 A levels. There are a wide variety of subjects. Usually lots of theory and also lots of exams at the end of the two years.

International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) (high grade GCSEs required, usually at least grades 9-6)

You will study 6 subjects (an English, a maths, a language, a science, a humanities/social science, and an arts/more practical subject) 3 subjects at a higher level and 3 subjects at standard level. You will also have to study the theory of knowledge, complete an extended essay and get involved in further activities called CAS creativity, activity, service which could be voluntary work, involvement in a sport, a performing art etc.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (usually 4/5 GCSEs grades 9-5/4 often including maths and English language required)

This course is equal to 3 A levels. It is vocational / work related i.e. sport, childcare, health & social care, hospitality, animal care etc. You will be assessed throughout the course and there will be some exams. It is for students who have an idea of their future career area, for example, you want to work with children or in sport.

Please note –

The BTEC Level 3 Diploma is equivalent to 2 A levels.

The BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma is equivalent to 1.5 A levels.

The BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma is equivalent to 1 A level.

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate is equivalent to 1 A level.

The BTEC Level 3 Certificate is equivalent to 0.5 A levels.

Note - It is sometimes possible to study a mixture of A levels and BTECs. Aim to have an overall equivalent of 3 A levels or more.

T Levels or Technical Levels (you may have heard of these, some will be available by September 2020)

These are new Level 3 courses. They are vocational / work related qualifications in career areas such as Accounting, law and finance, Business and administration, Hair and beauty. They are equivalent to A levels. The majority will be college classroom based including a work placement of 45 days.

With any of the above level 3 courses you can apply to University. To find out more about university go to www.ucas.com. Or you could seek employment or a higher level or degree apprenticeship, or a place on a school leaver programme.

Level 2 Courses – 1 year

If you are predicted to get less than 4/5 GCSEs 9-5/4 grades in your GCSEs (let's imagine you achieve mainly grade 3s) then here are some of the courses you can apply for:

BTEC Level 2 Diploma

This course is equal to 4/5 GCSEs 9-5/4 grades and is marked Pass, Merit or Distinction. Students can progress from this course on to a level 3 course (often a BTEC level 3 course but see page 3 for the different types of level 3 courses that may be available) if you obtain a Merit or Distinction. You will be assessed throughout the course.

It is for students who have an idea of their future career area, for example, you want to work in business or in engineering, and there are many other areas. Look at college/sixth form prospectuses to get the full range.

GCSE Resits

There are just a few colleges where you can resit 4-5 GCSEs. They usually require you to obtain grade 3s at the end of Year 11.

If you are unsure if you will get 5 GCSEs 9-5/4 grades then you should apply for some level 2 and some level 3 courses.

Level 1 courses – 1 year

If you are predicted to get mainly 3-1 grades in your GCSEs then here is one of the courses you can apply for:

BTEC Level 1 Diploma

From this course you can go onto the BTEC Level 2 Diploma (as above). It is for students who have an idea of their future career for example working with animals or hairdressing; you will be assessed throughout the course.

Note – Some Colleges also offer Entry Level courses for those students that may need additional support.

Choosing Which Subject/s To Take

A good starting point is to consider which future career interests you. Always think about your interests, skills, personal qualities, abilities and values and try to match these to each career that you research, is it a good match? If you research into any career either at your school careers library or online you may find that there are some preferred or essential courses/subjects needed for that career, for example Chemistry and Biology for Medicine, Maths and possibly Physics for Engineering, a Child Care course for Nursery Work or a Hairdressing course to work as a Hairdresser.

If you are not sure what course/career you want there is a website that has a careers quiz to give job ideas: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk> use the 'skills health check' section. Or you can use www.eclips-online.co.uk log in for St Paul's Academy students is SE2 9PX and use the 'careers wizard' quiz.

If you are unsure about a future career and prefer to keep your career options open you could choose a mixture of subjects at A level or study for the IB where you will study 6 subjects and other core elements.

Just remember it's important to take qualifications linked to the career if you do have any ideas i.e. science qualifications for a science based career. Art careers may require a qualification in art/design or something similar, but may also require a portfolio (a folder with your creative work).

Taking your future career into consideration should help you determine whether you want to take:

- a course where you would study several subjects (this could be A levels, or International Baccalaureate)

OR

- a vocational course e.g. a BTEC or a T Level in a specific career area like child care, catering, animal care, hair & beauty etc - usually meaning that you are interested in that career path

Sometimes the career path you want to follow will list qualifications at degree level for example for a career as an doctor you would usually need a degree in medicine, in this case look at those degrees using the UCAS website www.ucas.com and research into the entry qualifications which are needed to take the recommended degree. This should result in a narrower list of level 3 qualifications which are required in order to take that degree.

National Qualifications Framework (comparing qualifications)

This educational table has been included to show that certain qualifications are on a similar level to others.

LEVEL	GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS	VOCATIONALLY-RELATED QUALIFICATIONS	OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
	Attainment in a subject	Attainment in a vocational area	Competence in the workplace
Level 4/5/6	Courses in Higher Education such as HND/ Foundation Degree/ Degree - Non Vocational	Courses in Higher Education such as HND/ Foundation Degree/ Degree - vocational	NVQ 4/5/6 Technical, Management and Professional
Level 3	A Level International Baccalaureate	BTEC Level 3 : Some examples = Subsidiary (equiv. 1 A Level), Diploma (equiv. 2 A Levels) Extended (equiv. 3 A levels) T Levels	NVQ 3 Advanced Apprentice, Technician and Supervisor
Level 2	4-5 GCSEs 9-5/4 grades	BTEC Level 2	NVQ 2 Apprentice/ Crafts(wo)man
Level 1	4-5 GCSEs 3-1 grades	BTEC Level 1	NVQ 1 Basic Skills e.g. packer, typist, checkout operator
Entry level		Preparation for Level 1 Qualifications	

If you want to go on to a level 3 course you will normally need a minimum of 4/5 GCSEs including maths and English language at 9-5/4 grades

If you want to go on to a level 2 course you will usually need GCSEs at mainly grades 3

If you want to go on to a level 1 course you will usually need GCSEs grades 3 – 1 or pass a test and/or interview at the college

Entry Level qualifications are for those that need some extra preparation before entering Level 1

Schools with Sixth Forms/Sixth Form Colleges/Further Education (FE) Colleges - How to narrow your list

It is usually a good idea to make notes about the different schools/colleges you are looking at. You may find the "Research Tips" included in this document helpful. Keep a record of all of the places you look at, it will help you to compare schools/colleges later. It is sometimes difficult to remember what you liked about different places after a few months. Further on in this document there are lists of the many possible institutions where you can continue your education after you complete year 11.

Criteria to Consider:

Different types of Post 16 institutions

- School 6th forms- schools which have students from 11-18 years (all schools with a 6th Form e.g. Thomas Tallis, Woolwich Poly)
- Sixth Form College/Post 16 Campus – have students mainly 16-19 years (e.g. Shooters Hill, Christ the King)
- FE Colleges- may have all age students 16-60 years! (e.g. Greenwich Community College, North Kent College)

Ease of Access

Check where it is (if you are unsure look at Transport for London web site and an A-Z Map). Don't forget you will be making this journey regularly in all weathers and will need to be punctual. If you apply to schools/colleges some distance from your home check their selection policy to make sure you do not live too far away. This is more often the case with some schools rather than FE colleges.

School Type

For example a Church school (where you may be asked to complete a church attendance information form which would need to be signed by your priest) OR a grammar school. If possible try to apply for a variety of schools.

Qualifications Taught

Does the institution provide the qualifications that you want? There may be restrictions in the combinations of A levels or they may or may not offer the International Baccalaureate or Vocational Qualifications.

Past Results

A table of a summary of results in each borough are usually available online via the borough's government site (i.e. www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk) try searching for post 16 performance tables or post 16 league tables. Performance tables are published yearly by the Times, BBC, Telegraph and other organisations, the recent versions will be available by using an appropriate search for example "A level performance tables 2019". For league tables per borough or county you can also use www.compare-school-performance-service.gov.uk/compare-schools then click on 16 to 18 performance and search for results per local authority e.g. Greenwich or per county e.g. Kent. You may need to contact the school/college directly for results particular to a subject e.g. How did they do in Maths A level?

In Depth Research

When you have made a list of all the institutions you want to research look at their web sites (some addresses are listed in this booklet if not google them), most places now have online prospectuses, if not check the careers library or email them (many email addresses are listed in this booklet if not google them) and ask for a paper prospectus to be sent to your home.

Visits

Check the dates of the open evenings/days each institution will have a different date. Think of any questions you may need to be answered.

Applications

Check the closing dates for applications and apply in good time, each institution will have its own individual closing date. It is always best to apply for several schools/colleges. Make sure that the institutions and courses you apply to cover the range of possible results that you may achieve as you cannot be certain of the result i.e. you may hope to achieve 9-6 grades so you may have applied to a few schools/courses asking for 9-6 grades, but also you should have applied to some asking just for all 6s and also to some asking for lower grades than 6s as a back up.

Just SOME of the schools/colleges you could look at when researching (arranged by borough/county, e.g. Greenwich, Bexley etc). These include institutions that students from St Paul's Academy have gone to in the past, but there are many more that you could consider.

You will need to check with each school/college in September for the date of their open day/evening and their closing dates for applications.

Borough websites (under education) give links to 6th forms and colleges in their area and often have a Post 16 brochure on line.

Not found what you are looking for?

Look at www.ucasprogress.com for courses across London.

Care was taken to ensure the following information was correct at the time of printing but please do double check any information that is particularly important to you.

Type	I B	Local Authority Name	Name	Contact Number	Email	Website address
Sixth Form		Bexley	Beths Grammar School	01322 556538	admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk	www.beths.bexley.sch.uk
Further Education College		Bexley	Bexley College (LSEC)	0203 954 4000	studenthub@lsec.ac.uk	www.lsec.ac.uk
Sixth Form	y	Bexley	Bexley Grammar School	020 8304 8538	enquiries@bexleygs.co.uk	www.bexleygs.co.uk
Sixth Form		Bexley	Bexley Partnership 6 th (Trinity & Welling Schools)	T = 01322 441371 W = 020 8304 8531	reception@trinity.bexley.sch.uk enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org	www.trinity.bexley.sch.uk www.wellingschool-tkat.org
Sixth Form		Bexley	Bexleyheath Academy	020 8303 5696	info@bexleyheathacademy.org	www.bexleyheathacademy.org

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Sixth Form		Bexley	Blackfen School for Girls	020 8303 1887	admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk	www.blackfenschoolforgirls.co.uk
Sixth Form		Bexley	Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School	020 8302 6511	enquiries@csgrammar.com	www.csgrammar.com
Sixth Form		Bexley	Christ the King - St Mary's	020 8309 4760	stmarys@ctksfc.ac.uk	www.ckstmarys.ac.uk
Sixth Form		Bexley	Cleeve Park School	020 8302 6418	enquires@cleevepark-tkat.org	www.cleevepark-tkat.org
Sixth Form		Bexley	Harris Academy Falconwood	020 8304 4916	info@harrisfalconwood.org.uk	www.harrisfalconwood.org.uk
Sixth Form		Bexley	Harris Garrard Academy	020 8320 4800	info@harrisgarrard.org.uk	www.harrisgarrard.org.uk
Sixth Form		Bexley	King Henry School	01322 348231	Enquiry form on website	www.kinghenry.org.uk
Sixth Form		Bexley	Townley Grammar School for Girls	020 8304 8311	admin@townleygrammar.org.uk	www.townleygrammar.org.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Bishop Justus CofE School	020 8315 8130	admin@bishopjustus.bromley.sch.uk	www.bishopjustus.bromley.sch.uk
Further Education College		Bromley	Bromley College (LSEC)	0203 954 4000	studenthub@lsec.ac.uk	www.lsec.ac.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Bromley High School (Independent)	020 8781 7000	bhs@bro.gdst.net	www.bromleyhigh.gdst.net

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Sixth Form		Bromley	Bullers Wood Girls School Bullers Wood Boys School	020 8467 2280 020 8016 0710	office@bwsgirls.org office@bwsboys.org	www.bwsgirls.org www.bwsboys.org
Sixth Form		Bromley	Chislehurst School for Girls	020 8300 3156	office@chsfg.co.uk	www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Coopers School	020 8467 3263	adm@coopersschool.com	www.coopersschool.com
Sixth Form		Bromley	Darrick Wood School	01689 850271	office@darrickwood.bromley.sch.uk	www.darrickwood.bromley.sch.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Eltham College (Independent)	020 8857 1455	mail@eltham-college.org.uk	www.elthamcollege.london
Sixth Form		Bromley	Harris Academy Orpington	01689 819219	info@harrisorpington.org.uk	www.harrisorpington.org.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Harris Girls' Academy Bromley	020 8778 5917	info@harrisbromley.org.uk	www.harrisbromley.org.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Hayes School	020 8462 2767	postmaster@hayes.bromley.sch.uk	www.hayes.bromley.sch.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Langley Park Boys (mixed in 6th form)	020 8639 4700	office@lpsb.org.uk	www.lpsb.org.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Langley Park Girls (mixed in 6th form)	020 8639 5200	info@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk	www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	Newstead Wood School for Girls	01689 853626	office@newsteadwood.co.uk	www.newsteadwood.co.uk

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Sixth Form		Bromley	Ravenswood School	01689 856050	office@rws.uk.net	www.ravenswood.bromley.sch.uk
Sixth Form		Bromley	St Olave's Grammar School	01689 820101	office@saintolaves.net	www.saintolaves.net
Sixth Form		Bromley	The Ravensbourne School	020 8460 0083	office@trs.e21c.co.uk	www.ravensbourne.info/
Specialist College		Croydon	BRIT School for Performing Arts & Technology	020 8665 5242	info@brit.croydon.sch.uk	www.brit.croydon.sch.uk
Further Education College		Croydon	Croydon College	020 8686 5700	info@croydon.ac.uk	www.croydon.ac.uk
Sixth Form		Greenwich	Blackheath High School (Independent)	020 8853 2929	info@bla.gdst.net	www.blackheathhighschool.gdst.net
Sixth Form		Greenwich	Colfe's School (Independent)	020 8852 2283	office@colfes.com	www.colfes.com
Sixth Form		Greenwich	Eltham Hill	020 8859 2843	info@elthamhill.greenwich.sch.uk	www.elthamhill.com
Further Education College		Greenwich	Greenwich Community College (LSEC)	0203 954 4000	studenthub@lsec.ac.uk	www.lsec.ac.uk
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Sixth Form	Greenwich	Harris Academy Greenwich	020 8859 0133	info@harrisgreenwich.org.uk	www.harrisgreenwich.org.uk
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Plumstead Manor	0203 260 3333	info@plumsteadmanor.com	www.plumsteadmanor.com
University	Greenwich	Ravensbourne University (The uni offer one course available for 16 year olds)	0203 040 3500	info@rave.ac.uk	www.ravensbourne.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Royal Greenwich Trust School	020 8312 5480	info@rgtrustschool.net	www.rgtrustschool.net
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Shooters Hill Campus	020 8319 9427	admissions@shc.ac.uk	www.shootershill.ac.uk
Training Provider	Greenwich	Skills For Growth Apprenticeships / Traineeships (Various locations available)	020 8221 0500	info@skillsforgrowth.org.uk	www.skillsforgrowth.org.uk
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Stationers' Crown Woods Academy Arden Sixth Form	020 8850 7678	6th@scwa.org.uk	www.scwa.org.uk
Sixth Form	Greenwich	The Halley Academy	020 8516 7977	admin@thehalleyacademy.org.uk	www.thehalleyacademy.org.uk
Sixth Form	Greenwich	The John Roan	020 8516 7555	info@thejohnroanschool.org.uk	www.thejohnroanschool.org.uk
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Thomas Tallis	020 8856 0115	Post16admin@thomastallis.org.uk	www.thomastallisschool.com
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Woolwich Polytechnic for Boys (mixed sixth form)	020 8310 7000	enquiries@woolwichpoly.co.uk	www.woolwichpoly.co.uk

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Sixth Form		Hammersmith and Fulham	The London Oratory Prospectus available mid Sept	020 7385 0102	admin@los.ac	www.london-oratory.org
Further Education College		Islington	City & Islington College	020 7700 9200	courseinfo@candi.ac.uk	www.candi.ac.uk
Sixth Form	y	Kent	Dartford Grammar School (Boys) (Mixed sixth form)	01322 223039	info@dartfordgrammarschool.org.uk	www.dartfordgrammarschool.org.uk
Sixth Form		Kent	Dartford Grammar School for Girls (Mixed sixth form)	01322 223123	school@dartfordgrammargirls.org.uk	www.dartfordgrammargirls.kent.sch.uk
Further Education College		Kent	Hadlow College (Hadlow & Canterbury) (There are other campuses)	0808 555 1434	enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk	www.hadlow.ac.uk
Further Education College		Kent	North Kent College	01322 629400	Complete the enquiry form on website	www.northkent.ac.uk
Sixth Form		Kent	Wilmington Grammar Sixth Form for Boys & Girls – WG6)	01322 223090	office@wg6.co.uk	www.wg6.co.uk
Type	I B	Local Authority Name	Name	Contact Number	Email	Website address
Sixth Form		Lewisham	Christ the King - Aquinas	020 7358 2400	aquinas@ctksfc.ac.uk	www.ctkaquinas.ac.uk
Sixth Form		Lewisham	Christ the King – Emmanuel	020 8297 9433	emmanuel@ctksfc.ac.uk	www.ctkemmanuel.ac.uk

Sixth Form	Lewisham	Haberdasher Ask's Federation (Hatcham College, Knights Academy, Crayford Academy, Borough Academy)	H 020 7652 9510 K 020 8461 9240 C 01322 402180 B 020 3764 1321	Hhreception@haaf.org.uk Kkreception@haaf.org.uk Ccreception@haaf.org.uk Boroughacademy@haaf.org.uk	www.habshatcham.org.uk www.habsknights.org.uk www.habscrayford.org.uk www.habsborough.org.uk	
Further Education College	Lewisham	Lewisham & Southwark Colleges	L = 020 3757 3000 S = 020 3757 4000	info@lewisham.ac.uk info@southwark.ac.uk	www.lscollege.ac.uk	
Sixth Form	Lewisham	Prendergast School	020 8690 3710	admin@prendergast-school.com	www.prendergast-school.com	
Sixth Form	Lewisham	Sedgehill School	020 8698 8911	info@sedgehillschool.co.uk	www.sedgehillschool.co.uk	
Sixth Form	Lewisham	St Dunstan's College (Independent)	020 8516 7200	colloff@sdmail.org.uk	www.stdunstans.org.uk	
Sixth Form	Lewisham	Sydenham & Forest Hill School 6 th Form	S 020 8291 8455 FH 020 8613 8431	Complete the enquiry form on website	www.sfh6.org	
Sixth Form	Lewisham	Sydenham High School (Independent)	020 8557 7000	admissions@syd.gdst.net	www.sydenhamhighschool.gdst.net	
Further Education College	Newham	Newham College	020 8257 4000	externalenquiries@newham.ac.uk	www.newham.ac.uk	
Type	IB	Local Authority Name	Name	Contact Number	Email	Website address
Sixth Form	Newham	Newham Sixth Form College NewVic	020 7473 4110	info@newvic.ac.uk	www.newvic.ac.uk	

Further Education College	Tower Hamlets	New City College Tower Hamlets (There are other campuses)	0330 135 9000	info@ncclondon.ac.uk	www.ncclondon.ac.uk/towerhamlets
Sixth Form	Wandsworth	St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College	020 8772 6072	enquiries@sfx.ac.uk	www.sfx.ac.uk
Further Education College	Westminster	City of Westminster College	020 7723 8826	customer.services@cw.ac.uk	www.cw.ac.uk
Specialist College	Westminster	The Fashion Retail Academy	0207 307 2345	info@fra.ac.uk	www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk
Specialist College	Westminster	The London College of Beauty Therapy	020 7208 1300	info@lcbt.co.uk	www.lcbt.co.uk
Further Education College	Westminster	Westminster Kingsway College	0207 963 4181	Complete the General Questions Form on Website	www.westking.ac.uk

Some Tips on How to Research Post 16 Schools, Sixth Forms and Colleges

Where should I look? Internet/relevant websites, prospectuses (booklets from institutions or online), books from the careers section of the school library and go to Open Days/Evenings

What should I look for? (Print one copy of this page and the next for each Institution you are considering – make notes on the following when researching and attending Open Days/Evenings)

Name of the Institution _____

1. The Course – What will I be studying (course content)?
2. What grades will I need to get into the subjects/course I wish to study (entry requirements)?
3. What grades/results did the school/college achieve last year in the subjects/course I am considering choosing (past results)?

4. How will I get to this institution (location)? (use Transport for London website www.tfl.gov.uk and map).
5. What is the atmosphere like at this institution?
6. Other things that are important to me? (for example I wish to go to a Church sixth form or College).
7. Where did students go after this course (destination information)?
8. Thinking about the above questions - what is my overall impression?

Useful Web Sites, Information and Advice

If you are planning eventually to go to university and you know what you would like to study, look at the UCAS website www.ucas.com and make sure the qualifications you are choosing at A level/IB/BTEC Level 3/T level are the ones required for that degree, for example which subjects are required for Pharmacy?

To find out more about careers you are interested in read the careers books (in the School library). Also you could use <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk> and go to the Job Profiles section to view a careers database to find out about the career you are interested in and to make sure the qualifications you are planning to take are relevant. You can find similar information by using www.eclips-online.co.uk log in for St Paul's Academy students is SE2 9PX, use the Job Group section.

If you are not sure about your future career look at <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk> the 'skills health check' section, there is a careers quiz that should give you some job/career ideas. As an alternative use www.eclips-online.co.uk, log in as above and use the 'career wizard' quiz.

Look at Sixth Form/College prospectuses either online or order a paper prospectus to find out more about courses on offer and the institutions themselves.

Make sure you go to open days/evenings for the Sixth Forms/Colleges that you are interested in.

Look at last year's results - Google 'A level performance tables 2019' also directly ask the schools/colleges you are researching about their past results.

Make sure you apply to at least 3 colleges and sixth forms and always before their closing dates and then later attend any enrolment days to secure you place hopefully at your first choice institution if not, at one of your back up institutions.

Apprenticeships (the other option)

This booklet is focusing on School/College Applications. For those who want an apprenticeship see below, do remember that it is advisable to also apply for a school/college place as a backup plan as apprenticeships are still quite difficult to find.

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship you should register with this website for opportunities and information www.apprenticeships.gov.uk. Also tell your Careers Adviser s/he will let you know of any opportunities from January/February onwards and will discuss this option with you in depth and will give you other tips on when and how to apply.

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