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**SIXTH FORMS / COLLEGES
Some Useful Information**

THIS PACK CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHICH MUST BE SHARED WITH YOUR PARENTS/CARERS. YOU WILL BE OFFERED AN INTERVIEW WITH A CAREERS ADVISER DURING YEAR 10/11. 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 college/6th form and your choice of qualification/subject, it is very important that you start to research this at the end of year 10/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 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)

You will usually study 3 or sometimes 4 A level subjects. 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)

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 normally choose one career subject. 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 (some became available in September 2020, others will be introduced over the next few years)

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 3 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, a student wants 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 commence a one year GCSE retake year, normally a student can retake 4-5 GCSEs. They usually require you to obtain grade 3s at the end of Year 11.

If you are unsure if you will achieve 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 grade 1s and 2s 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 that you enjoy and are good at, look at A levels and choose 3/4 subjects 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/Design 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 the International Baccalaureate)

OR

- a vocational course e.g. a BTEC or a T Level in a specific career area like child care, health, 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 Intermediate 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 grade 3

If you want to go on to a level 1 course you will usually need GCSEs grades 2 – 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 – entry is usually determined by an interview at college

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 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 – Travel / Location

Check where it is (if you are unsure look at Transport for London website 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 certain Vocational Qualifications.

Past Results

Google League tables for Post 16 in Greenwich, then click on the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the Secondary school achievements and attainments link and then Post 16 performance tables. You can do the same for Bexley, Bromley etc. You may need to contact the school/college directly for results particular to a subject e.g. Ask Thomas Tallis - What did the students achieve in Maths A level last year?

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 you can ask for a paper prospectus to be sent to your home.

Visits

It is your/your parent's responsibility to 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

It is your/your parent's responsibility to check the closing dates for college/sixth form 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 everyone needs 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.

It is Your/Your Parent's responsibility 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) often give links to 6th forms and colleges in their area and often have a Post 16 brochure on line.

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 & Location of Institution	Contact Number	Email	Website address
Sixth Form		Bexley	Beths Grammar School (Bexley)	01322 556538	admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk	www.beths.bexley.sch.uk
Further Education College		Bexley	Bexley College (LSEC) (Main site – Erith Construction site – Belvedere)	0203 954 4000	studenthub@lsec.ac.uk	www.lsec.ac.uk
Sixth Form	y	Bexley	Bexley Grammar School (Welling)	020 8304 8538	enquiries@bexleygs.co.uk	www.bexleygs.co.uk
Sixth Form		Bexley	Trinity School (Belvedere)	01322 463044	reception@trinity.bexley.sch.uk	www.trinity.bexley.sch.uk
Sixth Form		Bexley	Bexleyheath Academy (Bexleyheath)	020 8303 5696	info@bexleyheathacademy.org	www.bexleyheathacademy.org

Sixth Form	Bexley	Blackfen School for Girls (Sidcup)	020 8303 1887	admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk	www.blackfenschoolforgirls.co.uk
Sixth Form	Bexley	Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School (Sidcup)	020 8302 6511	enquiries@csgrammar.com	www.csgrammar.com
Sixth Form	Bexley	Christ the King - St Mary's (Sidcup)	020 8309 4760	stmarys@ctksfc.ac.uk	www.ckstmarys.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Bexley	Cleeve Park School (Sidcup)	020 8302 6418	enquires@cleevepark-tkat.org	www.cleevepark-tkat.org
Sixth Form	Bexley	Harris Academy Falconwood (Welling)	020 8304 4916	info@harrisfalconwood.org.uk	www.harrisfalconwood.org.uk
Sixth Form	Bexley	Harris Garrard Academy (Thamesmead, Erith)	020 8320 4800	info@harrisgarrard.org.uk	www.harrisgarrard.org.uk
Sixth Form	Bexley	Leigh Academy Bexley – old King Henry School (Erith)	01322 348231	info@labexley.org.uk	www.leighacademybexley.org.uk
Sixth Form	Bexley	Townley Grammar School for Girls (Bexleyheath)	020 8304 8311	admin@townleygrammar.org.uk	www.townleygrammar.org.uk
Sixth Form	Bexley	Welling School (Welling)	020 8304 8531	office@wellingschool-tkat.org	www.wellingschool-tkat.org
Sixth Form	Bromley	Bishop Justus CofE School (Bromley)	020 8315 8130	admin@bishopjustus.bromley.sch.uk	www.bishopjustus.bromley.sch.uk
Further Education College	Bromley	Bromley College (LSEC) (Bromley Common)	0203 954 4000	studenthub@lsec.ac.uk	www.lsec.ac.uk

Sixth Form	Bromley	Bromley High School (Independent) (Bromley)	020 8781 7000	bhs@bro.gdst.net	www.bromleyhigh.gdst.net
Sixth Form	Bromley	Bullers Wood School for Girls (Chislehurst)	020 8467 2280	sixthform@bwsgirls.org	www.bwsgirls.org
Sixth Form	Bromley	Chislehurst School for Girls (Chislehurst)	020 8300 3156	office@chsfg.co.uk	www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk
Sixth Form	Bromley	Coopers School (Chislehurst)	020 8467 3263	adm@coopersschool.com	www.coopersschool.com
Sixth Form	Bromley	Darrick Wood School (Orpington)	01689 850271	office@darrickwood.bromley.sch.uk	www.darrickwood.co.uk
Sixth Form	Bromley	Eltham College (Independent) (Mottingham)	020 8857 1455	mail@eltham-college.org.uk	www.eltham-college.org.uk
Sixth Form	Bromley	Harris Academy Orpington (Orpington)	01689 819219	info@harrisorpington.org.uk	www.harrisorpington.org.uk
Sixth Form	Bromley	Harris Girls' Academy Bromley (Beckenham)	020 8778 5917	info@harrisbromley.org.uk	www.harrisbromley.org.uk
Sixth Form	Bromley	Hayes School (Hayes, Bromley)	020 8462 2767	postmaster@hayes.bromley.sch.uk	www.hayes.bromley.sch.uk
Sixth Form	Bromley	Langley Park Boys (mixed in 6th form) (Beckenham)	020 8639 4700	office@lpsb.org.uk	www.lpsb.org.uk
Sixth Form	Bromley	Langley Park Girls (mixed in 6th form) (Beckenham)	020 8639 5200	info@lpgs.bromley.sch.uk	www.lpgs.bromley.sch.uk

Sixth Form	Bromley	Newstead Wood Grammar School for Girls (Orpington)	01689 853626	office@newsteadwood.co.uk	www.newsteadwood.co.uk
Further Education College	Bromley	Orpington College (LSEC) (Orpington)	0203 954 4000	studenthub@lsec.ac.uk	www.lsec.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Bromley	St Olave's Grammar School (Orpington)	01689 820101	office@saintolaves.net	www.saintolaves.net
Sixth Form	Bromley	The Ravensbourne School (Hayes)	020 8460 0083	office@ravensbourne.info	www.ravensbourne.info
Specialist College	Croydon	The BRIT School for Performing & Creative Arts (Croydon)	020 8665 5242	info@brit.croydon.sch.uk	www.brit.croydon.sch.uk
Further Education College	Croydon	Croydon College (East Croydon)	020 8686 5700	info@croydon.ac.uk	www.croydon.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Blackheath High School (Independent) (Blackheath Village)	020 8853 2929	info@bla.gdst.net	www.blackheathhighschool.gdst.net
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Colfe's School (Independent) (Lee SE12 8AW)	020 8852 2283	office@colfes.com	www.colfes.com
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Eltham Hill (Eltham)	020 8859 2843	info@elthamhill.greenwich.sch.uk	www.elthamhill.com
Further Education College	Greenwich	Greenwich Community College (LSEC) (Plumstead)	0203 954 4000	studenthub@lsec.ac.uk	www.lsec.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Greenwich	Harris Academy Greenwich (Eltham)	020 8859 0133	info@harrisgreenwich.org.uk	www.harrisgreenwich.org.uk

Sixth Form		Greenwich	Plumstead Manor (Plumstead)	0203 260 3333	info@plumsteadmanor.com	www.plumsteadmanor.com
Sixth Form		Greenwich	Royal Greenwich Trust School (Charlton, Riverside Area)	020 8312 5480	info@rgtrustschool.net	www.rgtrustschool.net
Sixth Form		Greenwich	Shooters Hill Campus (Shooters Hill)	020 8319 9427	admissions@shc.ac.uk	www.shc.ac.uk
Sixth Form		Greenwich	St Mary Magdalene C of E School (Peninsula Site SE10 0NF)	020 3873 5555	info.sixthform@koinoniafederation.com	www.koinoniafederation.com
Sixth Form		Greenwich	Stationers' Crown Woods Academy Arden Sixth Form (Eltham)	020 8850 7678	info@scwa.org.uk	www.scwa.org.uk
Sixth Form		Greenwich	The Halley Academy (Blackheath)	020 8856 2828	admin@thehalleyacademy.org.uk	www.thehalleyacademy.org.uk
Sixth Form		Greenwich	The John Roan (Maze Hill Site)	020 8516 7591	sixthforminfo@thejohnroanschool.org.uk	www.thejohnroanschool.org.uk
Sixth Form		Greenwich	Thomas Tallis (Kidbrooke)	020 8856 0115	Post16admin@thomastallis.org.uk	www.thomastallisschool.com
Sixth Form		Greenwich	Woolwich Polytechnic for Boys (mixed sixth form) (Thamesmead)	020 8310 7000	enquiries@woolwichpoly.co.uk	www.woolwichpoly.co.uk
Further Education College		Islington	City & Islington College (Angel EC1V 7LA & other sites in North London)	020 7700 9200	courseinfo@candi.ac.uk	www.candi.ac.uk
Sixth Form	y	Kent	Dartford Grammar School (Boys) (Mixed sixth form) (Dartford)	01322 223039	info@dartfordgrammarschool.org.uk	www.dartfordgrammarschool.org.uk

Sixth Form	Kent	Dartford Grammar School for Girls (Mixed sixth form) (Dartford)	01322 223123	school@dartfordgrammargirls.org.uk	www.dartfordgrammargirls.org.uk
Further Education College	Kent	Hadlow College (part of N.Kent College) (Tonbridge Main Site & RBG Equestrian Skills) (There are other campuses)	01732 850551	enquirieshadlow@northkent.ac.uk	www.hadlow.ac.uk
Further Education College	Kent	North Kent College (Dartford, Gravesend & Tonbridge Sites)	01322 629400	courses.enquiries@northkent.ac.uk	www.northkent.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Kent	Wilmington Grammar Sixth Form for Boys & Girls – WG6) (Wilmington in Dartford)	01322 289920	office@wg6.co.uk	www.wg6.co.uk
Sixth Form	Lewisham	Christ the King – Aquinas (Brockley)	020 7358 2400	aquinas@ctksfc.ac.uk	www.ctkaquinas.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Lewisham	Christ the King – Emmanuel (Lewisham)	020 8297 9433	emmanuel@ctksfc.ac.uk	www.ctkemmanuel.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Lewisham	Haberdasher Ask's Federation (Hatcham College in New Cross, Knights Academy in Downham, Bromley, Crayford Academy in Crayford)	H 020 7652 9510 K 020 8461 9240 C 01322 402180	Hatchamcollege@habstrustsouth.org.uk Knightsacademy@habstrustsouth.org.uk Crayfordacademy@habstrustsouth.org.uk	www.habshatcham.org.uk www.habsknights.org.uk www.habscrayford.org.uk
Further Education College	Lewisham	Lewisham College (Lewisham)	020 3757 3000	info@lewisham.ac.uk	www.lewisham.ac.uk

Sixth Form	Lewisham	Prendergast School (Lewisham SE4 1LE)	020 8690 3710	admin@prendergast-school.com	www.prendergast-school.com
Sixth Form	Lewisham	St Dunstan's College (Independent) (Catford)	020 8516 7200	admissions@stdunstans.org.uk	www.stdunstans.org.uk
Sixth Form	Newham	Brampton Manor Academy (East Ham)	0207 540 0500	info@bramptonmanor.org	www.bramptonmanor.org
Further Education College	Newham	Newham College (East Ham & Stratford Campuses)	020 8257 4000	info@newham.ac.uk	www.newham.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Newham	Newham Sixth Form College NewVic (Plaistow)	020 7473 4110	info@newvic.ac.uk	www.newvic.ac.uk
Further Education College	Southwark	Southwark College (opposite Southwark Tube Station)	020 3757 4000	info@southwark.ac.uk	www.southwark.ac.uk
Further Education College	Tower Hamlets & others	New City College (There are many campuses inc. Tower Hamlets (Poplar). Plus, Epping Forest, Redbridge, Havering x 2, Hackney, Ilford, Attlee, Rainham)	0207 510 7510	info@ncclondon.ac.uk	www.ncclondon.ac.uk
Sixth Form	Wandsworth	St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College (close to Clapham South)	020 8772 6072	enquiries@sfx.ac.uk	www.sfx.ac.uk
Further Education College	Westminster	City of Westminster College (Paddington & Maida Vale)	020 7723 8826	customer.services@cw.ac.uk	www.cw.ac.uk
Specialist College	Westminster	The Fashion Retail Academy (London W1T 1QL)	0207 307 2345	info@fra.ac.uk	www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk

Specialist College	Westminster	The London College of Beauty Therapy (London W1F 7LN)	020 7208 1300	info@lcbt.co.uk	www.lcbt.co.uk
Further Education College	Westminster	Westminster Kingsway College (Centres in Victoria, Kings Cross, Soho, Regent's Park & the Alexandra Centre NW8 0SR)	0207 963 4181	courseinfo@westking.ac.uk	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 Grammar School).
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 assessment' 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. **You/your parents are responsible for researching the relevant dates for the open events.**

Google League tables for Post 16 in Greenwich, then click on the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the Secondary school achievements and attainments link and then Post 16 performance tables. You can do the same for Bexley, Bromley etc. You may need to contact the school/college directly for results particular to a subject e.g. Ask Thomas Tallis - What did the students achieve in Maths A level last year?

Make sure you apply to at least 5 colleges and sixth forms and always before their closing dates. **You/your parents are responsible for researching the relevant application closing dates for each college/sixth form.** 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 back-up 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 she 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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