



Shirebrook Academy – Post 16 Careers Options

**Together, aiming high.
Semper ad meliora (always towards better things)**



Our Ethos and Values

- 1. We always allow ourselves and others to learn.**
- 2. We show respect towards everyone and our academy rules.**
- 3. We value everybody's contribution in our academy.**
- 4. We keep everyone safe.**

Raising the Age of Participation

It is a legal requirements that all 16 year olds must now continue in education or training until they are at least 18 years of age.

This means that your son/daughter should be making plans for at least two years of further education and/or training after Year 11.



What are the benefits to young people?

Continuing in education or training for two years between the ages of 16-18 will help them to:

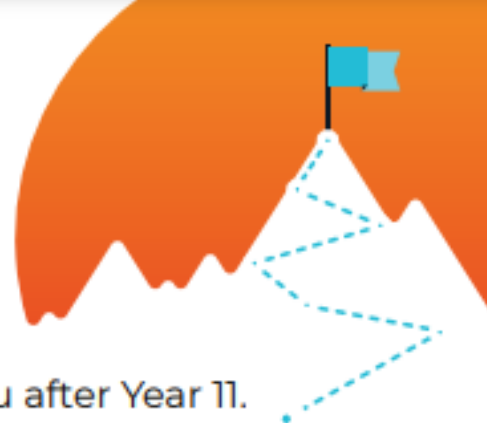
- increase their motivation to succeed and raise their aspirations
- develop new skills needed for employment
- gain the qualifications needed for employment or University
- reduce the likelihood of future unemployment
- open the doors to more exciting career options
- increase their earning potential
- develop positive attitudes towards learning and adult life
- take a further step to achieve their full potential.

What are the options for 16-18 learning?

To meet the RPA there are different options for 16-18 learning.



POST 16 OPTIONS MADE SIMPLE



Use the information below to help you understand the options available to you after Year 11.

IF I ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GCSEs ...

I CAN MOVE ONTO LEVEL ...

AND CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS ...

AND APPLY FOR ...

5+ 5+ 5+ 5+ 5+

inc English Language and Maths at a Grade 4
Exact requirements vary according to the subject

3

A LEVELS

3 or 4
SUBJECTS

4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ 4+

CHECK YOUR LOCAL COLLEGES

inc English and Maths at a Grade 4 and above

3

T LEVELS

1
SUBJECT

4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ 4+

inc English and Maths at a Grade 3

3+ 3+ 3+ 3+

Exact requirements vary according to the course

2+ 2+ 2+

3

2

1

VOCATIONAL COURSES

1
SUBJECT
COURSE

4+ 4+

Exact requirements vary according to the employer

3+ 3+

3

2

APPRENTICESHIPS

APPLY FOR
VACANCIES

What if I get grades below **2** ?

ENTRY 3

PRE-ENTRY
(ENTRY 1 & 2)

VOCATIONAL
COURSES

FUNCTIONAL
SKILLS
COURSES

1
SUBJECT
COURSE

Courses



A levels

- Traditional Qualification
- 3/4 subjects typically studied
- 5 GCSE grade 4 or above (Min)
- Some higher grades may be required in certain establishments/subjects
- Typically exam assessed
- Mainly 6th Forms and offered at many colleges

T levels

- New vocational qualifications
- Available at level 3
- Alternative to A- Levels
- T levels involve work placement hours 315hours (minimum)
- Prepare you for industry
- Theory is classroom based
- Assessment methods are Projects/Exams
- Mainly college and offered at 6th Forms



Courses



Vocational

- Work Related subjects
- Will study towards one area of interest e.g H&SC, Sports, Media, Construction, Hair & Beauty etc
- Variety of assessment methods course work, exams, observation, practical assessment
- Work placement as part of the course
- Level 3 can be used for employment or university progression.



Apprenticeship

- Learning whilst in employment
- Offered by employers to train and teach student to a set of criteria /disciplines
- Good for those who prefer not to work in a classroom
- You will be an employee so student need to be work ready.
- Prepare you for industry
- Competitive to secure as only one placement available.
- Level 2 & Level 3 available

Learning Environments

6th Form School



6th Forms are usually attached to Schools, follow a timetable, separate common room etc.

College



Colleges can be a little more relaxed and may have set areas for subjects, lessons may be split, there maybe older students there.

Training Providers



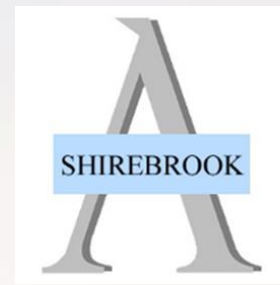
Training providers are usually a smaller learning environment, smaller classes and may be a little further out of a town.

Employment – Work Place



You will be at a workplace, you will be an employee, expected to carry out your own tasks, as well as those with your colleagues, hours 9-5pm, weekend work.

Key Information for students & parents



- Try and visit multiple colleges, 6th forms to get a feel for each
- Applications to be made ASAP and you can apply for more than one
- Don't go with your mates, go with what suits you!!
- Consider location/transport/Logistics
- Work out your career path and work backwards from courses that will get you there
- Carry out careers research at home using the websites in booklet
- Speak to us!! Form tutor, heads of year, Careers Team
- Contact providers directly
- Work towards the entry requirements – but be reassured there will always be options as a plan B
- Making an application does not mean you've been accepted or given a place
- Monitor emails/correspondence from them and accept your offer to ensure your place
- No firm decisions are made till GCSE results day
- You could be entitled to bursary towards equipment/travel eg. Hairdressing etc
- Your maths and English is important to get accepted on your course – you will need to re-sit if not.

Providers



We partner and collaborate with many local employers, providers and organisations that offered their time to support Shirebrook Academy's Post 16 Careers Event in October. These can be contacted directly or through the Careers Team. They offer a wider range of options which will help you make a more informed choice.



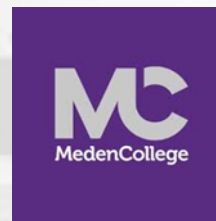
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