



Life after Laurus

A Guide to Post-16 Options

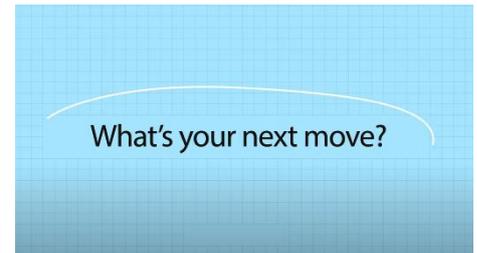
The intended audience for this document is **students/parents/carers**

All students have an equal entitlement to high quality Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance at the Laurus Trust, that helps to prepare them for choices and transitions affecting their future education, training and employment.

Applying to College and Sixth Form

From the outset, it is useful for you to consider the following questions:

- What subjects do you want to study and what qualifications do you want to gain?
- Where do you want to study?
- What career might you want to do in the future?



What could your next move be?

"Check out this Government video to help summarise your options"

Answering some of these questions will make the College/6th Form process much more informed. It will also make it easier to discuss careers questions at your careers interview. The best place to find out about post-16 open days and applications is via each institution's website. But you can also click on the Virtual Colleges Room for links to the local colleges.

Post-16 applications are completed, mainly, in the autumn term of Year 11. Once applications are submitted, most institutions carry out interviews across January and February. We recommend you accept any offers you receive as they are all *subject* to how well you do in your final Year 11 examinations.

We can help with Applications where needed and will complete references as requested.

One of the difficult things is knowing what level you should study at. Most students follow the route of A-Level or BTECS or a mixture of the two. More details can be seen below.

A-Levels

They are Academic subjects (Advanced Level). A-levels are highly valued by employers and universities so they can open up lots of doors to further study and careers. You usually study three or more A-levels over two years and they are assessed by a series of exams. Examples – Maths, Sociology, Physics, English, History.

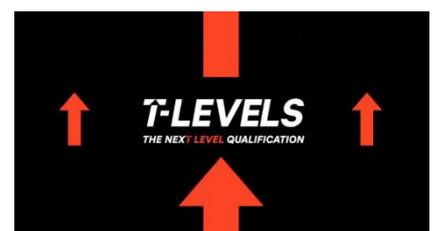


Understanding A-Level

"This video briefly guides you through A-Level choices available at Post-16"

T-Levels

T Levels are a brand new qualification designed to give young people a head start towards the future they want. They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A Levels.



Understanding T-Level

"Only recently introduced T-Levels are a new suite of qualifications that operate as the equivalent of 3 A-Levels"



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BTEC

A BTEC is an alternative to GCSE, but can also be studied up to A-Level. These offer a different way of learning, which may suit some students as they are predominantly coursework based, and in some cases focus on honing practical skills. They are Nationally recognised and accepted as a step to move onto further and higher qualifications.



Understanding BTEC

"This PDF contains information about BTEC and has various hyperlinks to other questions about their structure"

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and the chance to train while you work. You are treated just like all the other employees, with a contract of employment and holiday leave. If you are 16 or over, you can become an apprentice, or you can choose to follow the traditional route of A-Level/BTECs and then find an apprenticeship at 18. To find an apprenticeship you have to effectively find a company to employ you. It's similar to looking for a job. Closing dates, application types and advert placements are all different but a good place to start is by registering via the national website and regularly check for updates – see our Apprenticeship page for more information.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

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"Careers Advisor"



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"Careers Advisor"



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We have four dedicated Careers Advisors working in the Laurus Trust. Katy Rush is the Lead Laurus Trust Careers advisor. Katy leads three other advisors George Fitzpatrick, Milly Baldwin and Carmel Slack. Katy, George and Milly have a dedicated base within each school and will be introduced to students throughout their time with us in the Laurus Trust. Carmel works directly at Priestnall School. All students are provided with an opportunity to at least one Careers Appointment in KS4 and where appropriate KS5.

Parents can contact our careers team using the school enquiries@ email address. Students should speak to their Form Tutor or HOY about making an appointment.