

*Your* choice  
*Your* actions  
*Your* future



Learning objective: You will better understand what options are available to you when you leave Etonbury Academy and have the knowledge to start to researching places of interest to you.

# This presentation will cover:

- What are your Post 16 options?
- Remaining in full time education.
- Apprenticeship or Traineeship.
- Part time training with a job
- Which is the best pathway for YOU?
- Maths & English GCSE qualifications
- Etonbury's 2019 Destinations
- Year 11 careers meetings
- Careers further information & useful links
- Useful websites for parents & Carers

# What are your Post 16 options?

There are 3 main options:

1. Remain in full time education,
2. Apprenticeship or traineeship,
3. Part time training with a job, self-employment or voluntary work which has some form of accredited training (1 session a week).

Choosing where to study or train

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/choosing-where-study-or-train>

## Why do all my options involve learning?

All young people are required to remain in education or training until:

- their 18th birthday or
- until they acquired a level 3 qualification (whichever comes first).

# 1. Remaining in full time education.

Full time education includes:

A Levels

NVQs

BTECs

T Levels

**NEW**

With 1 or 2 year courses available.

There are academic & job related courses to suit **all ability levels** AND whichever level you start at **you can progress** to the next level.

# 1. Remaining in full time education.

You can study at:

Sixth Form or

College or

With a training provider

We suggest you visit their websites, complete virtual tours and find out as much as you can about them and the courses they offer.

For a list of Post 16 Places of Education local to Etonbury 2019-2020, with links to their websites, [click here](#).



This option might suit you if you are planning on going to university, enjoy studying, or want to complete any further studies before getting a job or apprenticeship.

# 1. Remaining in full time education.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you want to study at **Sixth Form** student applications close between December 2020 - January 2021.

Check with the school of your choice so that you do not miss the closing dates.

If you want to study at **College or with a training provider** applications tend to be accepted throughout the year though it is advised to get in early.



Apply to **2 or 3 places** so that you give yourself some choices at the end of year 11.

Plan for a best case (you get all your predict grades) and a worse case (you do not get your grades) senario.

## 2. Apprenticeship or Traineeship

Apprenticeships are available in careers such as:

Beauty/  
hairdressing

Catering/  
hospitality

Mechanical  
engineers

Nursery  
nurse

Financial  
services

Customer  
care

Motor  
vehicle  
technician

Dental  
nurse

IT  
technician

Agriculture

Building  
services

Business &  
Marketing

To view the types of apprenticeships available and to keep up to date visit the Government website:

[https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeships.](https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeships)



## 2. Apprenticeship or Traineeship

It can take between 1 and 5 years to complete depending on what you are studying and at what level. Entry requirements vary but the general rule is:

**Level 2** (intermediate) requires some GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including English & Maths).

**Level 3 (advanced)** requires 4-5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including English & Maths).

If you do not meet the needed requirements then a Traineeship can help you gain the knowledge, skills and experience needed for an apprenticeship.

Traineeships run for between 3- 6 months and include help and support with your English and Maths.

## 2. Apprenticeship or Traineeship


Anyone living in England, over 16 years-old and not in full-time education can apply. There are three ways of applying for Apprenticeships.

1. Applying through the National Apprenticeship Service:  
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeships>.
2. Applying through a training provider/further education college:

North Herts College: <https://www.hartld.co.uk/learners/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

Bedford College: <https://www.bedford.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies>

3. Applying for vacancies with local companies.

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1. While doing an apprenticeship you will work, earn a salary and learn skills you need along with studying for qualifications.
  2. Always check entry requirements when applying for an apprenticeship as these do change and vary depending on the provider.
  3. This option is good for students who want to start work, earn money, gain skills or want to get a job related qualification.

### 3. Part time training with a job

You are allowed to work full or part time after leaving school but you **MUST** also be in some form of **study** or **training programme**.

This means you must either:

Study a minimum of 280 tutor led learning hours a year

OR

1 day a week for a year of either:

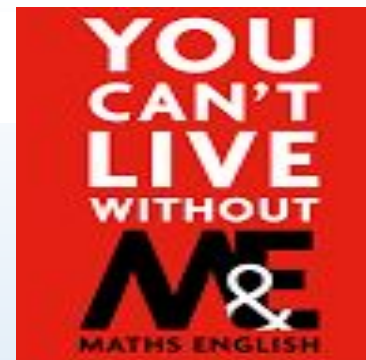
- Distance learning or
- Evening/ night learning

# Which is the best pathway for YOU?

When trying to decide which path you would like to take, you need to consider:

- the *GCSE's* you might gain (what are your predicted grades?),
- how do you like to learn (study, practical, exams or coursework),
- what you do and don't like doing (subjects/ outside interests),
- where you would like to study (consider transport links),
- what do you want to do in the future?

# Maths & English GCSE qualifications



Regardless of what you decide if you have not achieved a GCSE grade 9-4 in Maths and English, you will be required to continue to study these subjects.

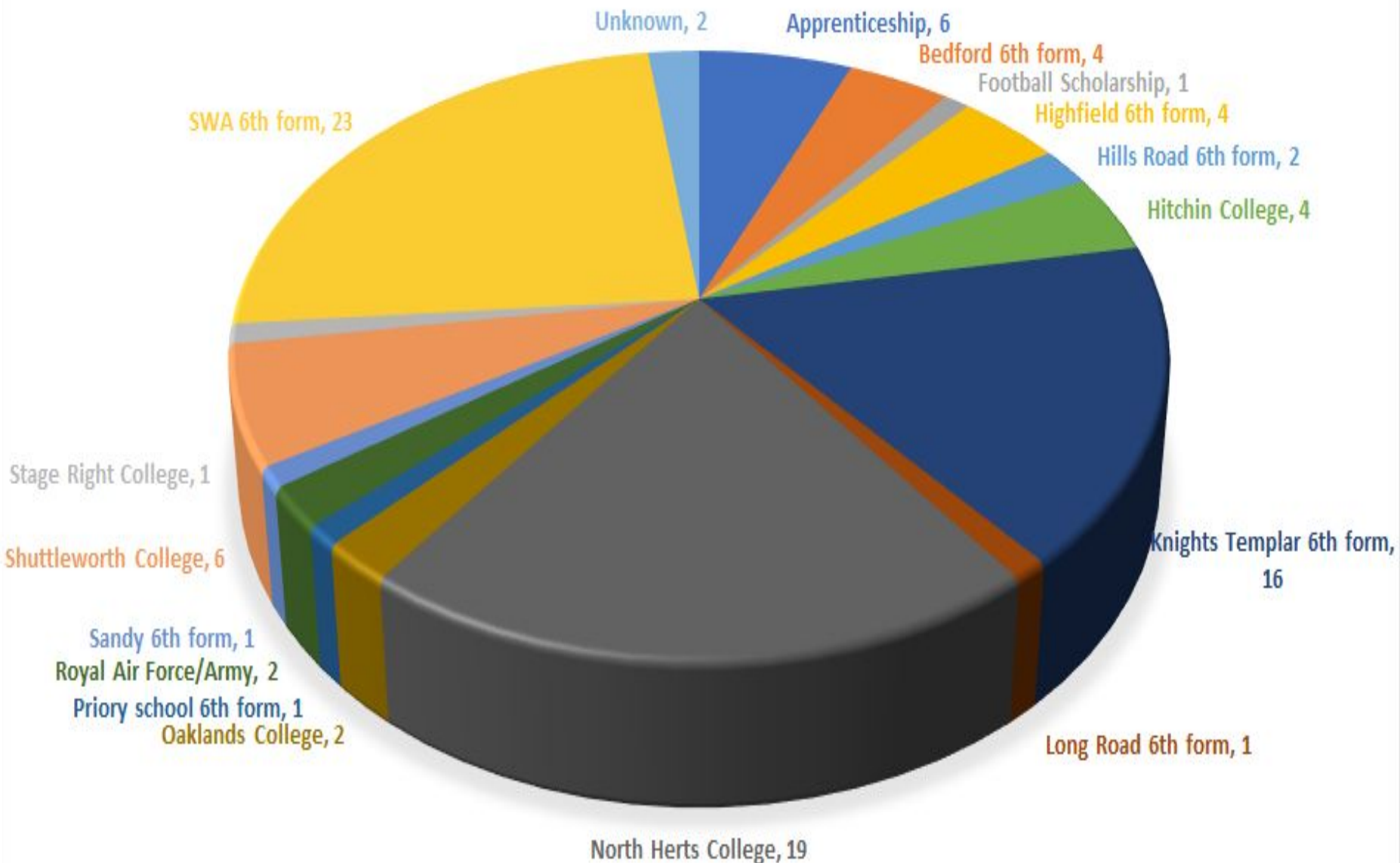
Most learning places will support you to attain these qualifications because you will need them during different steps within your career path.



Ask yourself:

If Maths or English is a subject you don't like, or feel your not good at, then do you want to have to keep studying it over & over?

# Etonbury's 2019 Destinations





## Year 11 careers meetings

Two weeks into the September term students will be booked into a 1:1 careers meeting with a representative from [4YP](#).

You will be able to talk with a Careers Adviser for an impartial, 1-1 discussion to help make decisions on your next steps - that could be getting advice on what to study, exploring careers management skills or making applications.

Meetings will take place one day a week and students will have an hours time slot. You will be advised of your date & time in September.

Mrs Gant will also be available Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays to support & assist students on any careers issues.

# Careers further information & useful links



There are a wealth of resources available to help with research about different careers and help with the decisions about what to do once you leave Etonbury. The following websites are a good starting point and will provide answers to most questions you have.

<https://www.findyourfuture.org.uk/> (Careers for people in Central Bedfordshire)

[www.careersbox.co.uk](http://www.careersbox.co.uk) (videos about different careers)

[www.getingofar.gov.uk](http://www.getingofar.gov.uk) (apprenticeships)

[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) (apprenticeships applications)

[www.thecdi.net/plotr](http://www.thecdi.net/plotr) (discovering careers options and choices)

[successatschool.org](http://successatschool.org) (for young people to explore careers, get information about top employers and look for jobs, courses and advice)

[ucasprogress.com/search](http://ucasprogress.com/search) (6th form applications)

[www.ncsyas.co.uk](http://www.ncsyas.co.uk) (National Citizen Service)



# Useful websites for parents & Carers

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/3/schools\\_and\\_education/530/apply\\_for\\_school\\_transport/6](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/3/schools_and_education/530/apply_for_school_transport/6) (Bedfordshire transport policy)

[www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships](http://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships) (Apprenticeships)

[www.greatnorthernrail.com/tickets/discounts-and-railcards/student-connect](http://www.greatnorthernrail.com/tickets/discounts-and-railcards/student-connect)  
(Great Northern Train tickets)

<https://www.thameslinkrailway.com/tickets/discounts-and-railcards/student-connect>  
(Thameslink train tickets)

[nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx) (National Careers Service)

[www.parentalguidance.org.uk](http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk) (Careers Writers Association)

[www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/careers-advice-resources](http://www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/careers-advice-resources) (World Skills UK)