

# POST -16 OPTIONS AND CHOICES

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# PARTICIPATION AGE- REMINDER

**Young people must stay in education or training until they are 18 or to the end of their academic year 13 if they are studying full time.**

**This is to enable them to achieve a full Level 3 qualification by the time they are 19.**

**This means that in September, after your GCSEs, you must do one of the following until you are, at least, 18:**

- **Stay in full-time education. For example, at a college, sixth form college, sixth form or UTC**
- Or
- **Start an apprenticeship**
- Or
- **Spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training.**

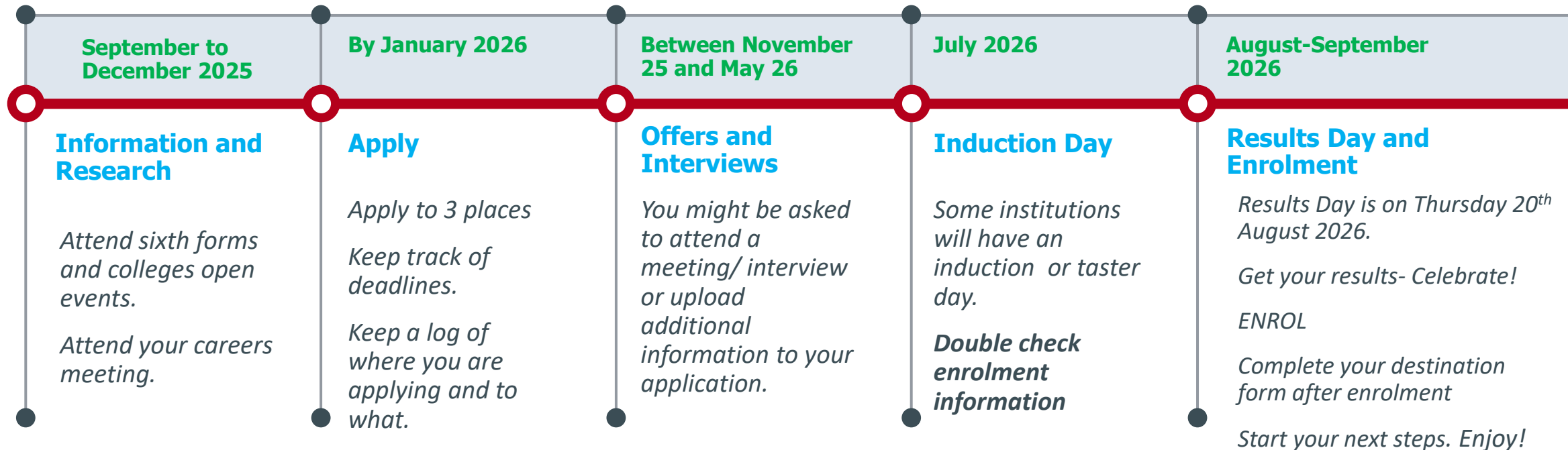
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# Post 16 Options

## WHAT DO WE MEAN BY POST-16?

We are talking about the period directly after you finish secondary school at the age of 16 and following your GCSE exams.

If at any stage of the process of applying and moving on to Post-16 , you are experiencing barriers or difficulties to applying and enrolling and feel you need support or would like further information, advice and guidance, do let us know.



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# DEPTFORD GREEN Y11 OPTIONS EVENING

TALK TO OVER 20 SIXTH FORMS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES  
AND TRAINING PROVIDERS IN ONE EVENING



Date: THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
Time: 5:00 – 7:00pm  
Location: Deptford Green School



# Sixth forms, Sixth Form Colleges and other organisations, including:

Access Creative

ADA

Big Creative Education

Capel Manor College

Capital City Group Colleges

Christ The King sixth form colleges

ELAM

Goldsmiths University

Haberdashers Hatcham

Harris Academy

Kinetic Football Academy

Lewisham and Southwark Colleges

London Design & Engineering UTC

London Screen Academy

London South Bank University

Sedgehill Sixth Form

SFH6 - Sydenham and Forest Hill School Sixth Form

Shooters Hill Sixth Form College

STAC

The Brit

Thomas Tallis Sixth Form

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# Questions to ask yourself and providers

- How will this course develop my interests, skills and knowledge?
- Am I clear on entry requirements?
  
- How will I be assessed? Coursework and exams? Exams only?
  
- What will my timetable and workload look like?
- How much study time do you expect me to put in to achieve a good result?
  
- What are the progression routes after this course? Will this course give me options to progress towards my career goals? What are the programmes in place to support me to achieve my goals?
- If I do not have careers goals yet, am I open to opportunities and I am looking at options that can provide them?
  
- What do I need to be motivated? What do I want or not want in order to do my best and develop?
  
- What are the current and potential barriers to my learning that need to be removed to keep me focused and to realise my potential?
  
- What are MY options?

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# DECISIONS

## What type of institution and where?



School Sixth Form?  
OR  
Sixth form College?



UTC?



Specialist School?  
Apprenticeship?

College of Further  
Education?



Dress Code? Timetable? Journey?  
Entry Requirements, Exam and Results?

## Which qualification? Level?

A Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final exam based</li> <li>• Limited coursework</li> <li>• Lots of essays &amp; reading</li> <li>• Geared towards university</li> <li>• Two years</li> </ul>	Those wanting to go to university or do a Higher Apprenticeship
BTEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More coursework and continual assessment</li> <li>• Less "heavy" in terms of reading and essay writing</li> <li>• Different levels of BTEC depending on GCSE results</li> <li>• Wide range of work based subjects</li> <li>• Geared towards working</li> <li>• Can move up BTEC levels</li> <li>• Can go to university if you do BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma</li> <li>• 1 or 2 years depending on course</li> </ul>	<p>Those wanting to learn a skill for work</p> <p>Those who prefer coursework and continuous assessment</p>


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# Levels?

- Entry level
- Level 1- GCSE grades 3-1, BTEC level 1
- Level 2- GCSE grades 9-4, BTEC level 2, Intermediate Apprenticeship

**GCSES: 5 GCSEs at grades 4+, including English and Maths- LEVEL 2 COMPLETED**

- Level 3- A Levels, T Levels, BTEC level 3, Advanced Apprenticeship
- Level 4- Certificate of Higher Education BTEC professional Diploma, HNC
- Level 5- Foundation Degree, BTEC professional Diploma HND, Higher Apprenticeship
- Level 6- Bachelor's Degree at University, BTEC professional Diploma, Degree Apprenticeship

Entry Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-GCSE level from entry levels 1-3</li> </ul>	 <h2>THE 9 LEVELS</h2> <p>There are nine levels of qualifications you could study over your lifetime.</p> <p>Below is the new and old GCSE grading structures.</p>	
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE grades 3,2,1</li> <li>• BTEC - Pass, Merit, Distinction</li> </ul>		
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE grades 9,8,7,6,5,4</li> <li>• BTEC - Pass, Merit, Distinction</li> <li>• NVQ Level 2</li> <li>• Intermediate Apprenticeship</li> </ul>		
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Levels</li> <li>• BTEC Diploma - Pass, Merit, Distinction</li> <li>• NVQ Level 3</li> <li>• T Levels</li> <li>• Advanced Apprenticeship</li> </ul>		
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 - University or</li> <li>• Certificate in Higher Education (Cert HE)</li> <li>• Higher National Certificate (HNC)</li> <li>• NVQ Level 4</li> <li>• Higher Apprenticeship</li> </ul>		
Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2 - University or</li> <li>• Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE)</li> <li>• Higher National Diploma (HND)</li> <li>• Foundation degree</li> <li>• NVQ level 5</li> <li>• Higher Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	New Grade Structure	Old Grade Structure
Level 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 - University or</li> <li>• Degree Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Degree with or without honours</li> <li>• NVQ Level 6</li> <li>• Degree Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	9	A*
Level 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masters Level</li> <li>• Master's Degree</li> <li>• NVQ Level 6</li> <li>• Degree Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	8	A
		7	
Level 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doctorate, for example Medical Doctor available in most academic areas</li> </ul>	6	B
		5	C
		4	
		3	D
		2	E
		1	F
			G
		U	U

Did you know that a standard pass is a 4 on the new grading structure?

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# Currently, what are the options after GCSEs?

If you have achieved 5 GCSEs at grade 4/5 and above including English and Maths, you can do either:

## A Levels (Usually 3 subjects)

Usually need grade 6 + average inc Eng Lang and Maths and at least grade 6 in the subjects chosen

## Extended Diploma (worth three A-levels)

Diploma (worth two A-levels)- can be combined with one A-level in some places

Foundation (subsidiary) Diploma—can be combined with other diplomas or A Levels in some places

## IB

6 SUBJECTS - Great for students achieving 7+ and do not want to choose between Humanities, Creatives and STEM subjects yet

## T Level (worth 3 A Levels)

Advanced (Level 3) Apprenticeship  
(worth 2 A Levels)  
Earn while you Learn

# What can you do next after GCSEs, if you have not yet achieved 5 GCSEs including English and Maths?

You could do:

**Level 2  
qualification  
(1 year)**  
*While retaking  
English and Maths  
if needed*

**Followed by**

**Level 3  
qualification  
(2 years)**

**OR**

**A qualification at:**

**Entry Level**

**Level 1**

**Level 2**

**Note:**

Most apprenticeships will require you to have a 4 in English and Maths

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## Recommended pathways

	<b>Pathway A 4 A LEVELS</b>	<b>Pathway B 3 A LEVELS</b>	<b>Pathway C Mixed</b>	<b>Pathway D BTEC</b>
	APS: 7+	APS: 5.5+	APS: 5-5.4	APS: 4-5
<b>Entry Grades</b>	Majority 9-8 GCSEs 9/8 in chosen subjects	5+ 9-6 GCSEs inc. maths, English 6/7 in chosen subjects	5+ 9 to 5's inc. 5 in Maths or English, 6 in desired compatible A- level	5+ 9 to 4's inc. English. Some BTECs require higher grades than this.
<b>Year 12</b>	4 A levels (2 facilitating) &/or Extended Project	3 A levels + Extended Project	Double BTEC, one A-level	Triple BTEC or double BTEC + single BTEC, GCSE retake if needed
<b>Year 13</b>	3/4 A levels	3 A levels	Double BTEC, one A-level	Triple BTEC or double BTEC + single BTEC,
<b>Frequent Destination</b>	Oxbridge, Russell Group, Art College	Top 20 University, Art College	University, Art College	University, Art College or Apprenticeship

Tallis Post-16 focuses on individually tailored advice. For Pathway C, the school will only support certain BTEC and A-level combinations. Examples might include: double Media BTEC and Art, or double Media and Film or double Business and ICT. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

## Overall GCSE Results Determine Next Level of Study



### **BTEC**

Average GCSE score of  
less than 3

### **BTEC**

Average GCSE score of  
less than 4

### **BTEC / T Level**

Average GCSE score of  
grade 4 and higher

**DID YOU  
KNOW...**

**If you achieve less than a grade 4 in GCSE  
English and/or Maths you will be required to  
give it another go at Sixth Form or College...**

### **A LEVEL**

Average GCSE score of  
grade 5 and higher

## BTEC Options Explained

There are three types of BTEC qualification:

Qualification	Referred to as:	Equivalent to:
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	Triple	3 A Level Qualifications
BTEC Level 3 National Diploma	Double	2 A Level Qualifications
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate	Single	1 A Level Qualification

### Our BTEC Options

	Single	Double	Triple
Art & Design			✓
Business		✓	✓
Health & Social Care			✓
ICT	✓		
Media		✓	
Sport	✓		



## The difference between BTEC, T Level and A Level Programmes

BTEC	T Level	A Level
One specialism	One specialism	Three specialisms
Examination and Coursework units	Examination, project assessments, practical and Coursework units	All examinations (minimal coursework)
Modular	Modular	Linear
Work Experience	Industry placement	Work Experience

## PAUSE

T Levels will/ might/ could eventually become one of the main choice for students after GCSE alongside:

- Apprenticeships for students who wish to learn a specific occupation 'on the job'
- A levels for students who wish to continue academic education

T Level courses are technical qualifications (equivalent to 3 A Levels) developed with employers to match industry skills demand and include:

- Core theory, concepts and skills for an industry area
  - Specialist skills and knowledge for an occupation or career
  - Industry placement with an employer
- Minimum standard in Maths and English if students have not already achieved them

T Levels offer include:

- Craft and design
- Design, surveying and planning for construction
- Digital production, design and development
- Education and childcare
- Digital business services
- Health
- Healthcare science

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Let's think about some common misconceptions and dilemmas, based on previous students

M is predicted and then achieved the grades below.

They want to study A Levels Biology, Chemistry and Maths to do Medicine at University.

- 5-4 in combined science
- 5 in English Language
- 3 in Literature
- 5 in Maths
- 5 in Geography
- 4 in Spanish
- 5 in Photography
- 5 in Business
- 9 GCSE
- 6 GCSE 5+

It is highly unlikely that M will be offered a place in a sixth form to study A Levels Biology, Chemistry and Maths, at this stage.

However, if they are keen to pursue their interest in Sciences and Health Care, they could do a BTEC L3 Science or a T Level Healthcare/ Nursing in a sixth form or sixth form college or college and then go to university or do a degree apprenticeship.

K is predicted and achieved the grades below and wants to study A Levels Geography, Biology and Physics.

After sixth form, they might want to do a Degree apprenticeship in Economics with the Civil Service .

- 5 in Biology
- 5 in Physics
- 5 in Chemistry
- 6 in Maths
- 8 in English Language
- 8 in English Literature
- 7 in Geography
- 8 in French
- 8 in Art
- 9 GCSE
- 6 GCSE 6+

K is unlikely to be offered a place in a sixth form to do A Levels Biology and Physics.

However, they could do A Levels English Literature, Geography and Economics and then apply for the degree apprenticeship or university.

A is predicted and achieved the grades listed below. They are not sure what they want to do but they think they should go to a sixth form and do A levels. They enjoy the process of designing and making in DT. They enjoy photography and have built a great Art portfolio independently.

- 3 in Maths
- 5 in English Language
- 4 in English Literature
- 4-4 in Combined Science
- 4 in Drama
- 6 in DT
- 5 in French
- 6 in Photography
- 9 GCSE
- 8 GCSE 4+ but 4 not yet achieved in Maths.

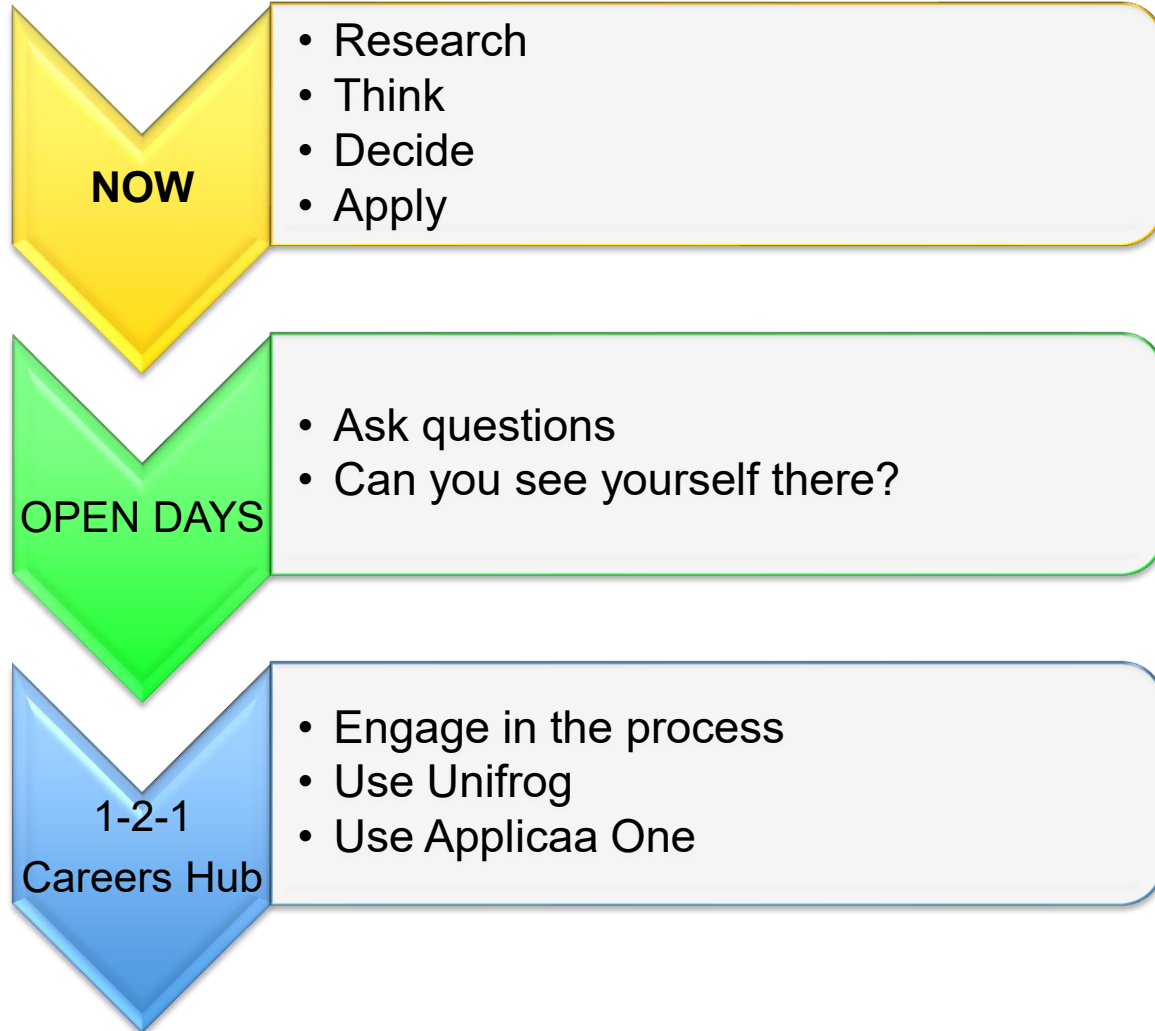
Many sixth forms will not offer a place due to the 3 in Maths.

However, many sixth form colleges would offer a L3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design and Maths retake.

What other courses do you think A. would enjoy and be successful in and for which they would meet the entry requirements?

# APPLICATION PROCESS

Like primary, secondary school and university? Not!



## APPLY

- **At the right level, in the right place, at the right time**
- **Individual application to each provider**
- **3 to 5 applications by Christmas**

## INTERVIEWS AND OFFERS

- Check communications
- Attend or reschedule

## ENROL

- You do not have a place until you enrol
- In August, on results day, or right after results day
- Talk to us- Answer communications

# Timeline

- Apply to 3 places by Christmas
- If needed apply to 2 more after Christmas
- January- April: Check emails - Might be invited to Interview- Might be asked for additional information (Some institutions have earlier deadlines and interviews)
- Check emails for offer and conditions- Possibly taster day invitation- and enrolment information
- 20<sup>th</sup> August Results Day: Get your results AND ENROL.
- September 2026: Start your course, enjoy, tell us where you are. Get in touch asap if there are any issues.

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# Open Days

Visiting sixth forms and colleges is essential to help you decide where you want to go next and what you want to study. Here are some examples of open events coming up

- **Haberdashers Hatcham Sixth Form Open Morning: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10:00-12:30**
- **London Nautical City of London Academy 6th Form Open Evening: 12<sup>th</sup> November 17:00 till 19:00**
- **The Charter North Sixth Form Open Evening: 5th of November 2025 from 16:30 till 19:00**
- **Thomas Tallis Sixth Form OPEN EVENING Wednesday 15 October 2025**
- **STAC Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 20th November 2025 External students 16:45 till 17:30**



## Top Sixth Form for Computing where tech careers begin

### Open Evening

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
4pm - 7:30pm

For more info: [ada.ac.uk](http://ada.ac.uk)

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London Design & Engineering UTC Open Event: 04th July 2026: [Click here to book](#)

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Parents and carers can also create an account to explore pathways and careers and support their child with exploration and recording of skills and experiences.

Course research (sixth forms, colleges, universities), CV builder, career profiles, work experience guides, skills and interests' profiles, log your activities, apprenticeship vacancies and more available

To make your parent/ carer account, go to <https://www.unifrog.org/code> and input the sign-up code: DPTFparents

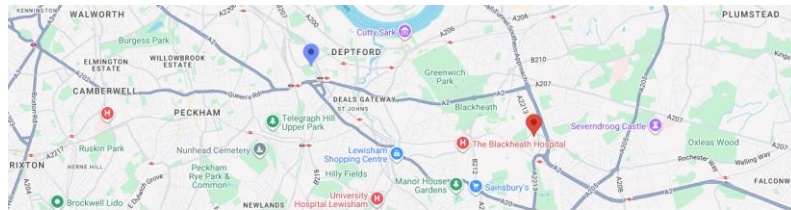
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# Post-16: Register your Plan A and Plan B

## Short list your sixth forms and colleges

### Careers Guidance meeting notes are available on Unifrog



Entry-Level 2 0 Level 3 1 Level 4 0 Levels 5-6 0  
1 course selected - [click save to get more info including useful links](#) [SAVE](#)

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 **Dance (GCE2Y)**

 THOMAS TALLIS SCHOOL (taught at: Thomas Tallis School)

 Level 3 (A-level equiv)

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Quizzes	Recording	Searching
<p><b>Work environments profile</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ Quiz not taken</p> <p><b>Quiz profile</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ 2 of 4 quizzes complete</p>	<p><b>Activities</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ Recorded at least 10</p> <p><b>Skills</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ Completed all 12</p> <p><b>Interactions</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ Missing 5 Interaction types</p> <p><b>Placements</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ No placements added</p> <p><b>CV / Resumé</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ Write CVs tailored for each roles</p>	<p><b>UK universities</b> &gt;</p> <p>0 shortlists</p> <p><b>Apprenticeships</b> &gt;</p> <p>0 shortlists</p> <p><b>College / Sixth Form</b> &gt;</p> <p>1 shortlist</p> <p><b>Connecting</b></p> <p>No tools in this category are tailored to you this year - click 'All tools' to see everything</p> <p><b>Applications</b></p> <p><b>Post 16 Intentions</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ 1 teacher comment</p>
Exploring	Materials	
<p><b>Careers library</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ Careers favoured</p> <p><b>Subjects library</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ Subjects favoured</p> <p><b>Know-how library</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ Guides favoured</p> <p><b>Courses</b> &gt;</p> <p>✖ No courses added</p>		



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<https://applicaaone.com/>

# APPLICAONE

Online application form:  
Basic details (address, email, phone...)  
Grades (predicted, list them all)  
Referee- enter details below:

[cneimbhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk](mailto:cneimbhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk)

Tel: 0208 469 4896

Name: Celine Nembhard

Any Questions, get in touch

Is this  
sixth form  
any good?

I will just  
go to the  
best one

Can't you  
just tell me  
the best  
one !

My cousin told  
me their teacher  
was terrible!

I have applied to  
loads but can't  
remember which  
ones

I don't have  
time to  
apply, I will  
do it after my  
exams

I will apply  
later, after  
the next  
PPE maybe

I don't mind  
travelling

The teacher  
was very nice

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# Students, know yourself Parents know your child



## **E is attending a selective sixth form and doing 4 A Levels Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science**

- Lessons until 16:00 every day
- Free periods must be spent in school's library studying
- 2 hours home work every night
- Must attend elective once a week and must sign up for extra-curricular and super-curricular activities
- Travel 1 hour there and 1 hour back
- "Tiring and demanding but love the community, the stimulation and challenge"

## **H is attending a sixth form college and doing a BTEC Level 3 Art and Design**

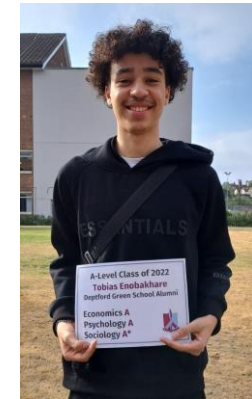
- Starts at 10 some days and study day on Wednesday
- Has already completed 2 making projects- happy with outcomes
- 1 short bus ride from home
- Relieved that won't be assessed by exams only at the end of Y13
- Friendly, relaxed atmosphere- great pastoral care but treated like 'colleagues'
- "Love everything about it, even the dog that pops into lessons to see we're ok 😊"

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# Alumni

Our destinations include many local sixth forms, as well as specialist schools for example:

- Dontae -Bacon's College Sixth Form - Degree Apprenticeship in Real Estate Management and Surveying.
- Kathryn- Prendergast Sixth Form, graduated with a prize in Law at The University of Nottingham and selected for a competitive solicitor training contract.
- Maddy A Levels A\*, A\*, A\*, A\* at Sydenham and Forest Hill Sixth Form - The University of Newcastle BA Politics.
- Phoebe- Sydenham and Forest Hill Sixth Form- Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at The University of Nottingham.
- Rhianne A Levels - Biology, Chemistry, French at Thomas Tallis Sixth Form- Medicine and Surgery at King's College London.
- Suzannah- Bacon's College Sixth Form- MA in Fashion Photography at London College of Fashion, UAL.
- Tobias –STAC A Levels Economics, Psychology, Sociology- Economics apprenticeship civil service and Kent University
- Several students attended LDEUTC and now studying Architecture or working (Part 1 or Part 2) Architecture or Landscape Architecture



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## DG ALUMNI NEWS Where are they now? Class of 2023



Aminah: Queen Mary- Computer Science

Anouk: Pinewood Studios

Elizabeth: SOAS- Law

Dot: A\*A\*A Oxford- Engineering

Fathiah: Kingston University London- Pharmacy

Lily : AAB University of Kent- Medicine

Loki: Oxford- Geography

Mariangeles: AAA UCL-Chemistry

Maya: A\*A\*B UCL -Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies

Mia: Despite the highest Textiles Grade achieved in her sixth form, Mia is pursuing her dream of becoming a chef with her own business and will be at University College Birmingham studying for a degree in Culinary Arts Management.

Nadijah: Art Foundation at UAL and her twin sister Najah Architecture at Kingston University London

Oliver: A\*AA Manchester – History and Politics

Ruby: A\*A\*A\* Oxford- Biochemistry

Deptford Green Alumni continue to make us proud!  
Here is a sample of Class of 2023 Post-18 Destinations.  
Parents and students thank staff at DG for excellent foundation and preparation to their further studies.

Mariangeles' brother, brother Hector, class of 2020 graduated from Oxford and is continuing his Masters in Chemistry at Oxford University.

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## DG ALUMNI NEWS



Here is a sample of Class of 2025 Destinations:

- London Screen Academy
- CTK Emmanuel
- Prendergast
- Haberdashers' Hatcham
- Lewisham College
- Charter East
- Southwark College
- Shooters Hill
- Thomas Tallis
- Access Creative
- Charter North
- STAC
- Harris East Dulwich
- SFX
- ELAM
- SFH6
- The Brit
- King's Maths School
- London College of Performing Arts

Which sixth form or college do you think you'd like to look into?  
Which subjects would you like to study after your GCSEs?  
Which of the skills above will help you and you want to improve?



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