

After you leave Y11

What could you do?

# Choices after Y11

Under "Raising the Participation Age" (RPA) you need to stay in some form of formal (accredited) education or training until you are 18.



<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/getting-started/what-are-my-options/what-qualifications-are-there-for-16-18>

You have a choice about how you continue in education or training after Y11. It could be through:

- full-time study in a school, college or with a training provider;
- full-time work or volunteering (20 hours or more) **combined with** regulated part-time education or training (about one day per week);
- an apprenticeship ([www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)) or traineeship.

# What does that mean?

Full-time study in a school, college or with a training provider.

- Includes A-Levels (you can do these at 6<sup>th</sup> form or at a college) which are Level 3 and
- BTECs and Tech-Levels (which you do at college or with a training provider). A BTEC Level 3 extended diploma is equivalent to 3 A-levels).
- 6<sup>th</sup> form and college are classed as "further education".

# What are A-levels?

- You usually study three different subjects. There are a wide range of subjects available. They're normally studied at the same time over two years.
- They are "Academic qualifications"

# What are BTECs/Tech-Levels?

- BTECs/Tech-Levels are practical-based, vocational qualifications.

They provide the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a field or subject, and are a viable alternative to the more theory-focused, classroom-based ways of learning which you might be put off by.

# What's the difference?

- The main difference is that A-levels involve study across different subjects and BTECs involve study all aimed at one subject (although they'll have lots of different modules).
- A-level assessment comes at the end of the course in the form of exams. Vocational qualifications include continuous assessment and coursework.
- Vocational subjects are a combination of theory and practical work, sometimes with work experience.



# Further research

Look at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

Lots of useful information!

# Activity

Think of 1 action you will  
take to plan  
"your next step"

# Examples:

I will look on the National Careers Service website and "explore careers".

I will find out when the next open days are at 6<sup>th</sup> forms and colleges.

I will find out about apprenticeships and training providers.

I will go to see a careers adviser in school.

Please now complete the  
"y10 Questionnaire"

Find out more at...

[www.careersinc.uk/outwood  
-portland/](http://www.careersinc.uk/outwood-portland/)