More than one route to success

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Options after GCSE

• Continue in full-time Education
• Apprenticeship
• Traineeship
Where to study?

• School 6\textsuperscript{th} Form: A-levels, BTEC or International Baccalaureate
• 6\textsuperscript{th} Form College: A-levels, BTEC (possible to combine with other A-level subjects)
• Further Education Colleges: Semi-vocational (BTEC) & Vocational (NVQ – National Vocational Diploma) courses
International Baccalaureate

- Currently available at Anglo European school in Ingatestone
- Brentwood Private school (fee paying)
- Two years long
- Recognised by world universities
- Consider if you want and have enough interest to take six subjects, including a language?
- Three higher subjects and three standard level
- [www.ibo.org/diploma](http://www.ibo.org/diploma)
Check the size of the BTEC

• If you plan to go onto Higher Education make sure you have enough “units”
• Some universities expect you to have an A-level too

Entry requirements for Schools

• A-level programme 6 GCSE 9 - 5 with a grade 6 or above in the chosen A-levels (7 at some schools or particular subjects e.g. Maths).
• BTEC courses require four GCSE 9 - 4 including English & Maths
• Entry onto any course is at the discretion of the school
School 6\textsuperscript{th} Forms

- Campion (Girls accepted in 6\textsuperscript{th} Form)
- Coopers Company and Coborn
- St Edward’s
- Drapers Academy
- Frances Bardsley Academy for Girls
- Sacred Heart School for Girls
- Other school 6\textsuperscript{th} Forms in Essex, Thurrock and Barking & Dagenham
Colleges in the area

- Havering College of Further and Higher Education
- Havering Sixth Form College
- Barking and Dagenham College
- ELUTEC (Specialist Engineering College)
- Redbridge College
- Palmers College
- South Essex College
- Writtle College (Specialist College for Agriculture, Veterinary Science & Outdoor Pursuits)
- SeeVic College
Grammar Schools

- King Edward V1 (KEGS)
- Chelmsford County High School for Girls
- Ilford County High for Boys
- Westcliff High School for Girls
- Westcliff High School for Boys
- Colchester Royal Grammar School
- Woodford County High School for Girls
- High entry grades required
Apprenticeships

- They are at level 2 (intermediate) or 3 (advanced) for year 11 leavers
- You can continue onto University after level 3
- You attend college one day a week or block release
- Minimum wage for an apprentice £3.50 per hour
How do I find an apprenticeship?

- Register on [https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)
- Apply for a vacancy
- Get updates
- Check start date
Training Providers

• Industry Training Providers or college
• Responsibility of finding an employer rests with you
• Act as a matching service
• GCSE grades A-C
Organisations

- Via company website
- Apply online
- Generally specific GCSE grades required
Direct Approach

- Use any contacts you may have
- Find out a named contact
- Send covering letter and C.V.
- Get help with C.V.’s and interview skills – Kirsten on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or Mrs King
Traineeships

- A course with work experience that gets you ready for work or an apprenticeship. It can last up to 6 months.

You can apply if you’re:

- eligible to work in England
- unemployed and have little or no work experience
- aged 16 to 24 and qualified below Level 3
Traineeships

You’ll get:

• help with English and maths (if you need it)
• a work experience placement
• You won’t be paid, but your employers can sometimes give you expenses for things like travel and meals.

• Apply https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship
Applications

• You can apply to as many schools and colleges as you like
• Apply by 31 January 2018 for transfer colleges; most college applications are online
• Each school will have their own closing dates, some are before Christmas
• Other colleges, apply as soon as you know you are interested in a course
Get a back up plan/s

- If applying to school 6th Forms and your mock grades are B or below, be sure to apply to other colleges or consider whether you are happy to take BTEC
- Check grade requirements for courses at college
- Is there an alternative course at a lower level at the college that you are interested in? If not apply elsewhere
- Remember have Plan A, Plan B and even Plan C
Thank you

If you have questions, please come and speak to me