

Post 18 Information Evening- Useful links

Higher Education

- Parental Guidance relating to UCAS; <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>
- Sign up to monthly alerts via; <https://web.ucas.com/parents-signup>
- Higher Ideas (*replacement for HEAP online*) <https://careersoft.co.uk/signin> Access code; 62z698da click 'Higher Ideas'
- Student Finance England; <https://www.gov.uk/contact-student-finance-england> Tel: 0300 100 0607 Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, Saturday, 9am to 4pm

Apprenticeships

- Careers advice; <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/home>
- Apprenticeship helpline; 0800 015 0400
- Email: nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk
- Information on apprenticeships; <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>
- This website is a good way to find out which companies run apprenticeship schemes: <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>
- UCAS website has information on apprenticeships: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/apprenticeships-uk/degree-and-professional-apprenticeships>

Vocational courses

Level 3 (advanced), entry requirements are 4 GCSEs, including Maths and English

Level 4/5 (higher) qualifications include: foundation degree, higher national diploma (HND), level 5 award/certificate/diploma/NVQ (entry requirements vary but usually Maths and English grades C)

There are limited Level 4 and Level 5 courses which are full time. Examples include:

- Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Business (33 hours per week) at Derby College
- Level 5 Business Management Foundation Degree (Information Systems; Sales and Marketing; Small Business Enterprise) at New College Nottingham

There are numerous part-time vocational courses at Derby College, Chesterfield College, etc.

Gap Years

- <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/alternatives-higher-education/gap-years-ideas-and-things-think-about>
- www.gapyear.com
- www.gapforce.org