

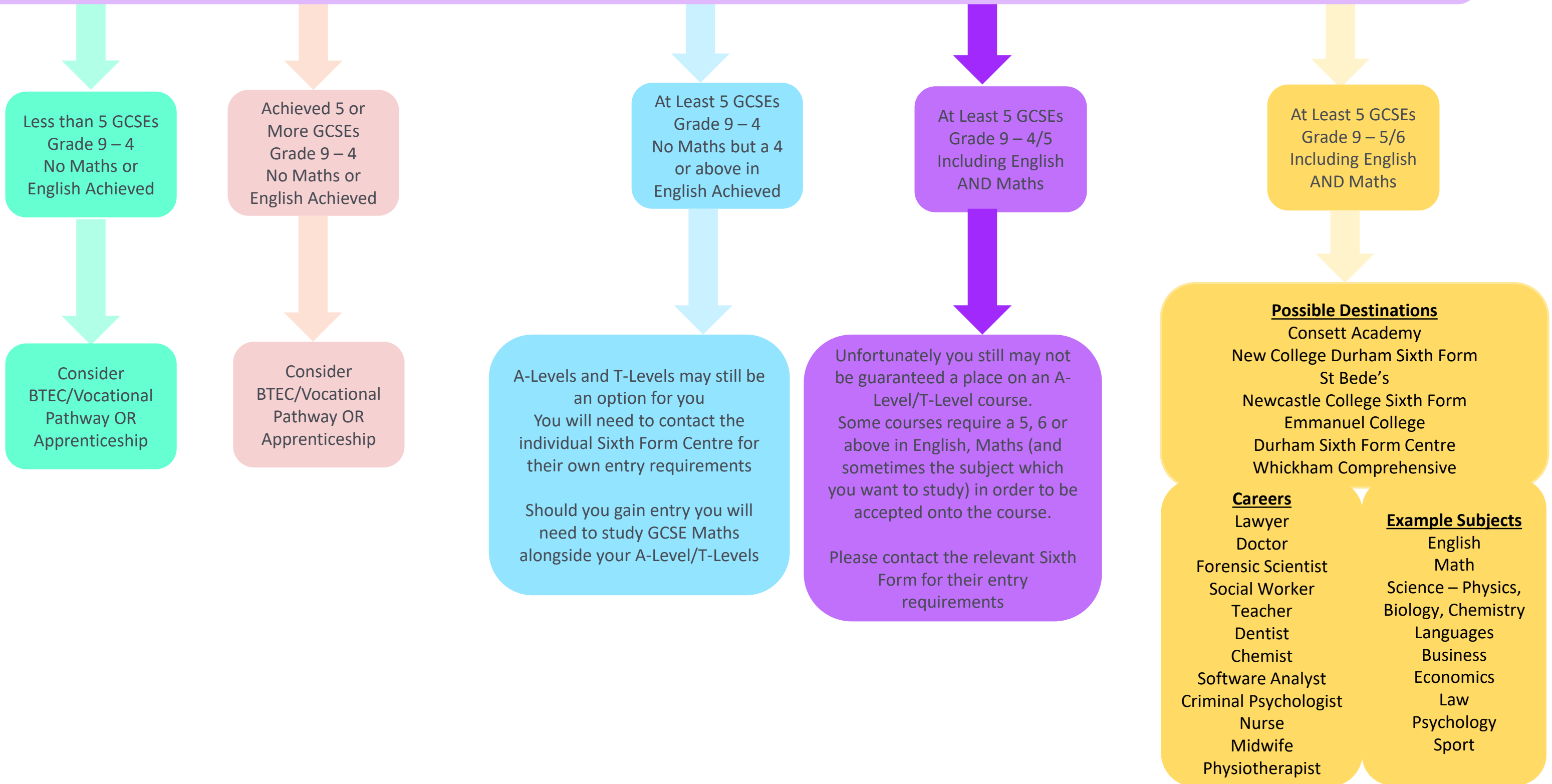


Parental Progression Information Guide

March 2021

A-Level/T-Level Progression Routes

A-Levels are subjects a precursor to University in *most* cases. They enable students to study 3 – 4 different subjects, in depth, to a Level 3 standard and beyond. You are graded by external examination rather than coursework. The majority of A-Levels require an entry of 5 subjects grade 9-5 including English and Maths + the subjects you wish to study. It helps to have studied the subject before, as you will need to have a fundamental understanding of the qualification



Less than 5 GCSEs
Grade 9 – 4
No Maths or
English Achieved

Consider
BTEC/Vocational
Pathway OR
Apprenticeship

Achieved 5 or
More GCSEs
Grade 9 – 4
No Maths or
English Achieved

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Apprenticeship

At Least 5 GCSEs
Grade 9 – 4
No Maths but a 4
or above in
English Achieved

A-Levels and T-Levels may still be
an option for you
You will need to contact the
individual Sixth Form Centre for
their own entry requirements

Should you gain entry you will
need to study GCSE Maths
alongside your A-Level/T-Levels

At Least 5 GCSEs
Grade 9 – 4/5
Including English
AND Maths

Unfortunately you still may not
be guaranteed a place on an A-
Level/T-Level course.
Some courses require a 5, 6 or
above in English, Maths (and
sometimes the subject which
you want to study) in order to be
accepted onto the course.

Please contact the relevant Sixth
Form for their entry
requirements

At Least 5 GCSEs
Grade 9 – 5/6
Including English
AND Maths

Possible Destinations

Consett Academy
New College Durham Sixth Form
St Bede's
Newcastle College Sixth Form
Emmanuel College
Durham Sixth Form Centre
Whickham Comprehensive

Careers

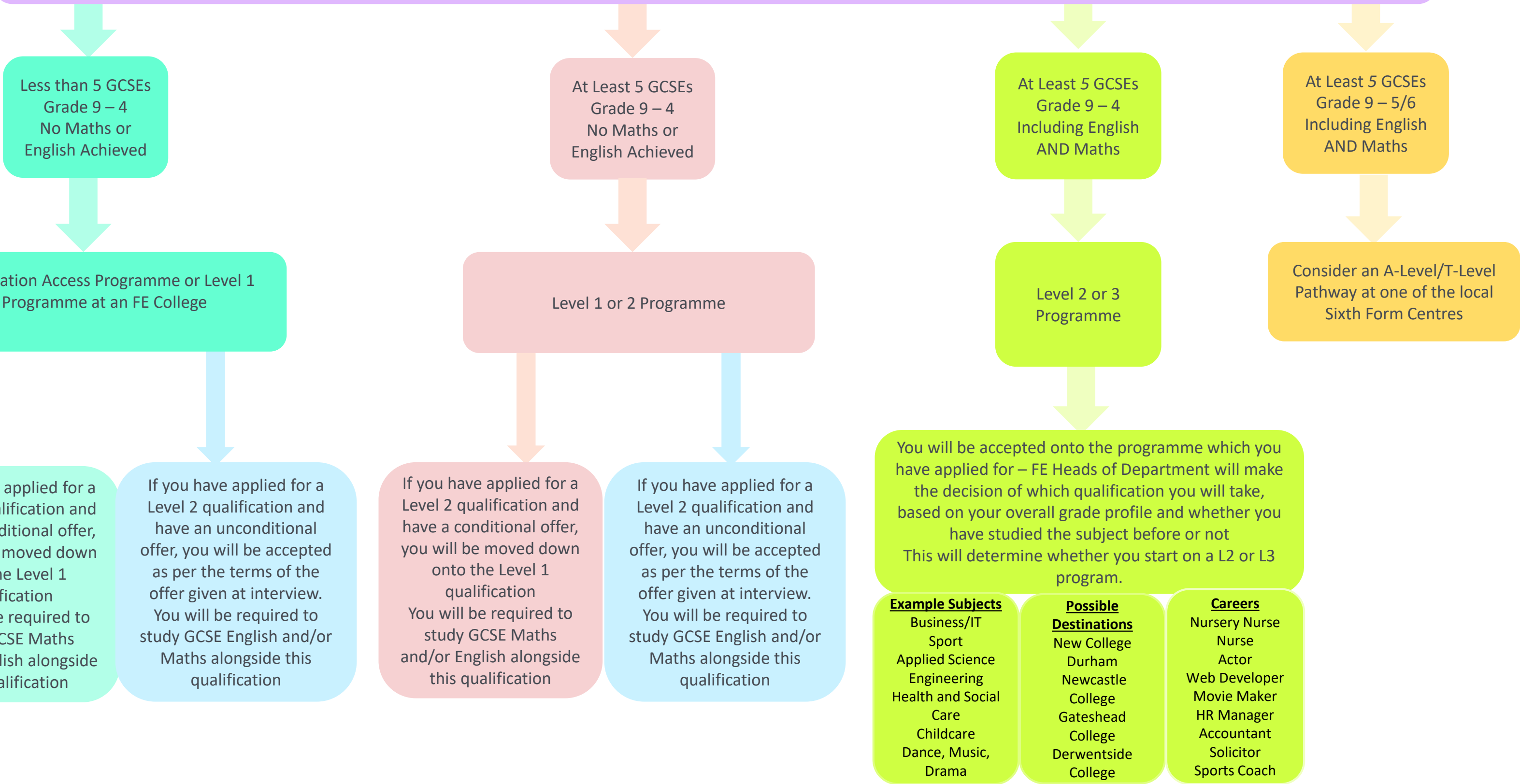
Lawyer
Doctor
Forensic Scientist
Social Worker
Teacher
Dentist
Chemist
Software Analyst
Criminal Psychologist
Nurse
Midwife
Physiotherapist

Example Subjects

English
Math
Science – Physics,
Biology, Chemistry
Languages
Business
Economics
Law
Psychology
Sport

BTEC/Vocational Progression Routes

BTEC's are another method of entry into University, but are also suitable for people to go onto Vocational Careers. Structured as a combination of coursework and examined elements. Graded: Distinction* - Pass (You need Merit or above for the majority of university courses.) Offered as a Triple, Double or Single Award (depending where studied.) Grades required: 4 subjects graded 9-4, including English and Maths. Do not need to have studied the subject prior to the course, but some destinations will only accept you onto a Level 2 course



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Grade 9 – 4
Including English AND Maths

At Least 5 GCSEs
Grade 9 – 5/6
Including English AND Maths

Foundation Access Programme or Level 1
Programme at an FE College

Level 1 or 2 Programme

Level 2 or 3
Programme

Consider an A-Level/T-Level
Pathway at one of the local
Sixth Form Centres

If you have applied for a Level 2 qualification and have a conditional offer, you will be moved down onto the Level 1 qualification. You will be required to study GCSE Maths and/or English alongside this qualification

If you have applied for a Level 2 qualification and have an unconditional offer, you will be accepted as per the terms of the offer given at interview. You will be required to study GCSE English and/or Maths alongside this qualification

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You will be accepted onto the programme which you have applied for – FE Heads of Department will make the decision of which qualification you will take, based on your overall grade profile and whether you have studied the subject before or not. This will determine whether you start on a L2 or L3 program.

- Example Subjects**
- Business/IT
 - Sport
 - Applied Science
 - Engineering
 - Health and Social Care
 - Childcare
 - Dance, Music, Drama

- Possible Destinations**
- New College
 - Durham
 - Newcastle College
 - Gateshead College
 - Derwentside College

- Careers**
- Nursery Nurse
 - Nurse
 - Actor
 - Web Developer
 - Movie Maker
 - HR Manager
 - Accountant
 - Solicitor
 - Sports Coach

Apprenticeship Progression Routes

You will be required to work, with an employer who is registered to take on Apprentices. You will need to have an employment contract. You will attend the employers link college, at least one day per week. You will start at Level 2 if you join when you are 16. Start on £3.70 per hour. Students with Grade 6 or above in the *majority* of their subjects, including English and Maths will be able to apply for higher paid apprenticeships on a starting salary, this could be anything from £15,000 per year upwards.



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Including English
OR Maths

At Least 5 GCSEs
Grade 9 – 4
Including English
AND Maths

At Least 5 GCSEs
Grade 9 – 5/6
Including English
AND Maths

Intermediate Level 2 Apprenticeships

Consider an A-
Level or
BTEC/Vocational
Pathway

Advanced
Apprenticeship Level 3

Consider an A-
Level/T-Level
Pathway at one of
the local Sixth
Form Centres

Advanced
Apprenticeship Level 3

You will need to apply for apprenticeships which offer the chance for you to study for your English and/or Math qualification

The best route here would be to start college and then move across onto an Apprenticeship, as it is unlikely you will be employed by a business with fewer than 5 GCSEs

New College Durham and Derwentside College would be the best routes locally here

You can find your own apprenticeship. You will need to register with and apply for apprenticeships through the Find me an Apprenticeship website (see contacts page)

You can enrol with a college or training provider who offer apprenticeships and then move across into a job, whilst continuing your studies, as the colleges will have more contacts to support you through this (see contacts page)

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Contacts and Useful Links

A-Levels and T-Levels

T-Levels Information .GOV
<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk>

Consett Academy

<https://www.consett-academy.org.uk/61/sixth-form>
Ms Jobling - lwilliams@consettacademy.org.uk

New College Durham Sixth Form

<https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/a-levels/>
Advice from the college is that any prospective A-Level students should complete the activity packs which have been made available for the subjects they wish to study
<https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/news-events/new-starter-information/year-11-transition-activities-a-level/>

Newcastle College Sixth Form

<https://www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk/>
Entry Requirements
<https://www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk/courses/a-levels/entry-requirements/>

Durham Sixth Form Centre

<http://www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk/>
Entry Requirements
<http://www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk/entry.html>

BTEC/Vocational

New College Durham

<https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/full-time-further-education/>
<https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/full-time-further-education/vocational-areas/>

Their contact centre is open now and throughout the summer:

Live Chat 10am – 2pm
Telephone 9am – 5pm
Email: asc@newdur.ac.uk

Newcastle College

<https://www.ncl-coll.ac.uk/school-leavers/welcome-to-newcastle-college>

Need Help or Advice?

Pop in and see advisers in Armstrong House at our Rye Hill Campus

Opening Times

Reception at Armstrong House

Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Student Services at Armstrong House

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9.30am - 4.30pm

0191 200 4000

Email enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk

Call 0191 200 4516 to speak to our School Liaison/ Special Projects Co-ordinator to arrange a visit to the college.

- Come to one of our **Open Events** for a chat about the courses we offer.

BTEC/Vocational

Derwentside College

<https://www.derwentside.ac.uk/>
<https://www.derwentside.ac.uk/school-leavers/>
Progression and Careers Advisors are available:
Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Friday
9.00am – 4.30pm

To arrange an appointment, please contact us on
01207 585 900,
email claire.young@derwentside.ac.uk or
mary.stokoe@derwentside.ac.uk or drop in to the
Careers Hub.

Gateshead College

<https://www.gateshead.ac.uk/im-16-18>
<https://www.gateshead.ac.uk/school-leavers/vocational-study-programmes>

0191 490 0300

start@gateshead.ac.uk

Pearson Specifications for possible BTEC Courses

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals.html>

Contacts and Useful Links

Apprenticeships

Main Government Apprenticeship Website:

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)
[www.gov.uk > apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

General Apprenticeship Information and to find vacancies

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

Amazing Apprenticeships – Advice about getting an apprenticeship

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Apprenticeships Via College

New College Durham

<https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>

Derwentside College

<https://www.derwentside.ac.uk/apprenticeships-vacancies/>

Newcastle College

<https://www.ncl-coll.ac.uk/employers/apprenticeships>

Gateshead College

<https://www.gateshead.ac.uk/apprenticeships>

Apprenticeship Training Providers:

<https://www.itecne.co.uk/>

<https://www.tynenorthtraining.co.uk/>

<http://www.apprenticeshiptrainingproviders.org.uk/region/north-east>

Academy Contact List

Should you require any support on results day please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Graham, Academy Lead for CEIAG. I will be available all day on results day to answer your queries and questions, and help find a destination

Rachel Graham

Academy Lead CEIAG and BTEC

01207 292180

r.graham@ndacademy.co.uk

Please Note: Any students who are not in Education, Training or Employment as of 1st September 2020 will be referred to Durham Works to support students with their choices