

Post 16 Options (2026-2027)

**Start an
Apprenticeship**

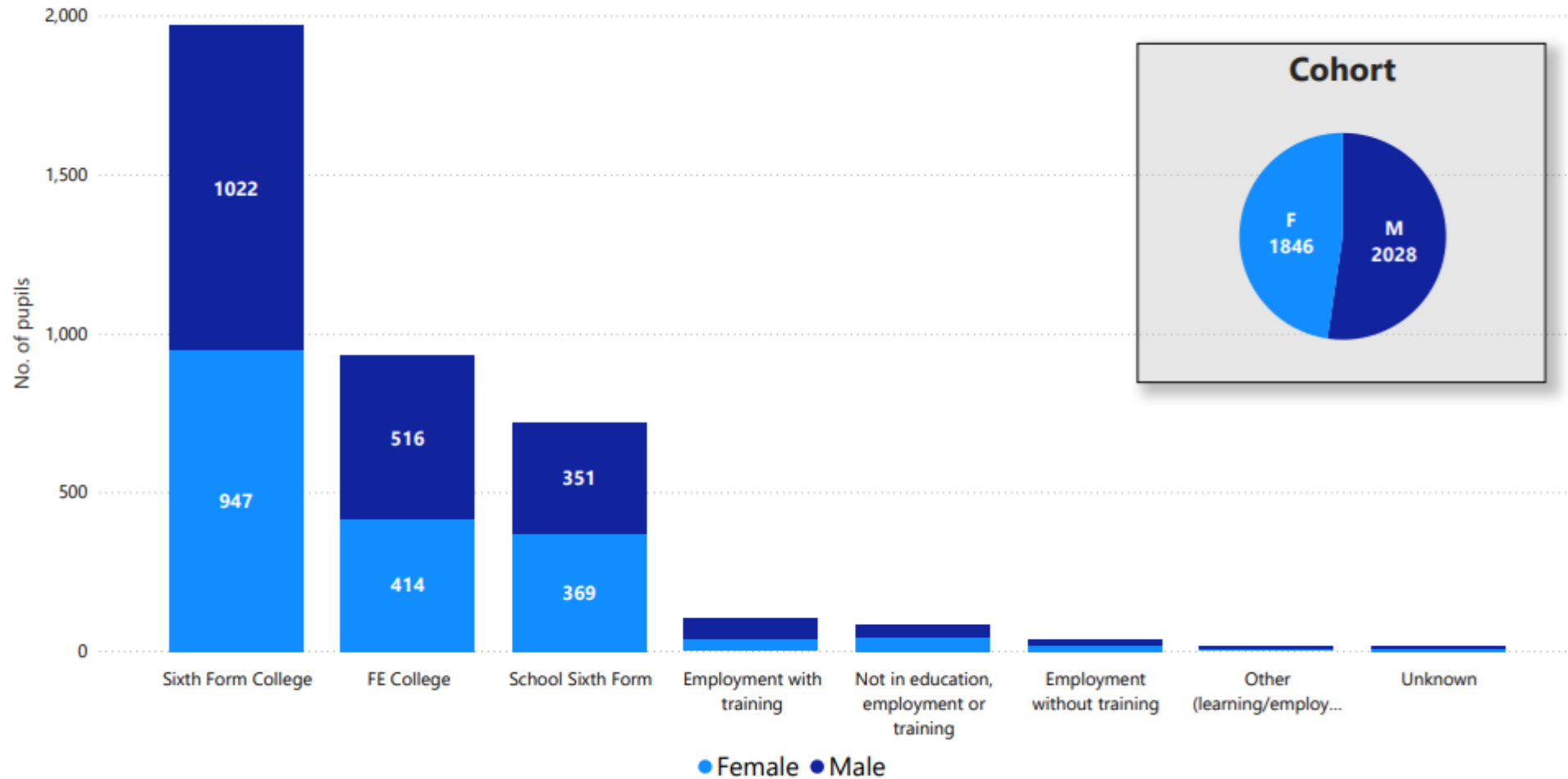
**Study at college
or
sixth form**

**Employment
with training**

**Traineeship
Volunteering**

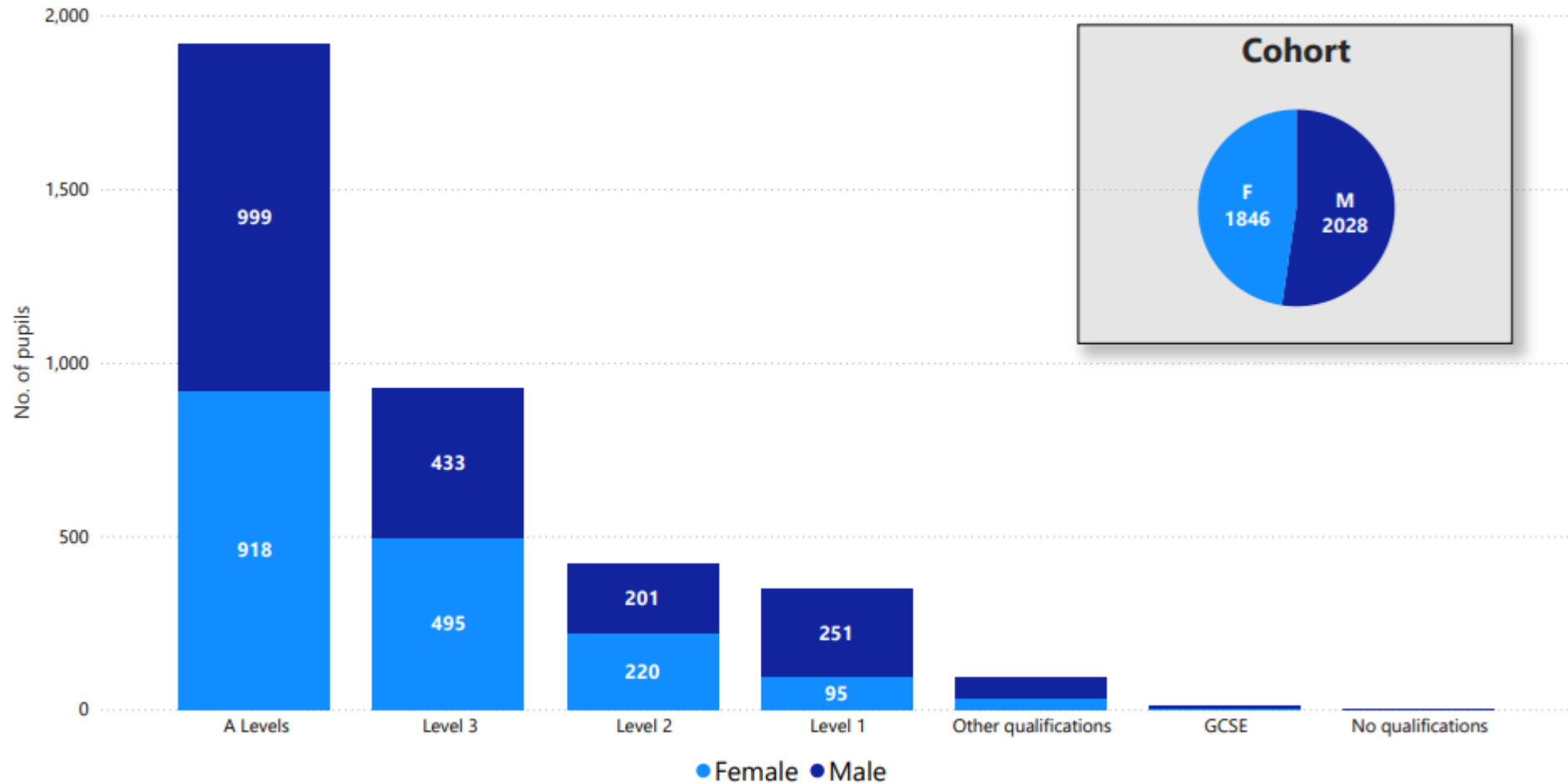
Destination of Year 11 leavers in CAP schools in 2024 by gender

Education, Employment and Training destinations by gender



Course destination of Year 11 leavers in CAP schools in 2024 by gender

Destination by Year 12 course level and gender



Courses, Training & Qualifications

	Academic <i>Mostly exams</i>	Applied <i>Some coursework</i>	Technical Vocational <i>Mainly coursework based</i>	T Levels <i>Some coursework, industry placement</i>	Apprenticeship Traineeship Supported Internship <i>Employment/ training</i>
Level 3	A levels International Baccalaureate	BTEC/OCR L3	NVQ/C&G L3	T Level	Advanced apprenticeship
Level 2	GCSEs (Grades 4-9)	BTEC/OCR L2	NVQ/C&G L2		Intermediate apprenticeship and traineeship
Level 1	GCSEs (Grades 1-3)	BTEC/OCR L1	NVQ/C&G L1		Traineeship and pre-employment schemes

It is possible to combine Academic and Applied General route at some providers

Maths and English for Full Time Students

- Students who achieve grade 3 or below in English and/or Maths will need to continue working towards their GCSE. Those with grade 3 need to retake GCSE, those with 2 and below can take qualifications that lead to GCSE or take GCSE. Students at CRC will retake GCSE English and/or maths if they have achieved a grade 2 or 3
- Students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, may be exempt from the above, but will still need to study Maths and/or English

Where can I study?

A Levels	IB Career related Programme	Applied courses	Technical Vocational courses
Bishop Laney Sixth Form Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Cambridge Maths School Cambourne Sixth Form Comberton Sixth Form Chesterton Sixth Form Hills Road Sixth Form College Long Road Sixth Form College Northstowe Sixth form The Oakes College	IB Diploma Programme	Cambridge Regional College Bishop Laney Sixth Form College of West Anglia (Cambridge) Long Road Sixth Form College Cambourne Sixth Form Comberton Sixth Form Northstowe Sixth Form The Oakes College	T Levels
	Impington International Sixth Form		Cambridge Regional College College of West Anglia (Cambridge)
	Impington International Sixth Form		Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Cambridge Regional College

There may be other local non-CAP post 16 centers

What do qualifications lead to?

Qualification	Leads to
A Level/IB	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
T Levels	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
Technical/Vocational	Apprenticeship, work, college or university
Applied	University/college, apprenticeship, work
Traineeship	Apprenticeship, further education, work
Supported Internship	Work, traineeship, apprenticeship
Apprenticeship	Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

A general guide to entry requirements

A Level /IB	T Levels	Applied general (Level 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centres require a range of GCSEs including Maths and English. Some subjects need specific subjects and grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 5 grade 4 GCSEs including Maths and English. Some require GCSE grade 4 or above in specific subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English Some require 5 GCSEs grade 4 Some require specific subjects
GCSE	Technical vocational	Applied general (Level 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 3 grade 4 GCSEs including Maths and English. Some subjects need specific subjects and grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You start most courses at Level 1, progressing to Level 2 and Level 3 as your skills develop For some courses you can enter at Level 2 or 3 depending on skill level Some courses need specific subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English Some require 3 GCSEs grade 4 Some require specific subjects

To confirm entry requirements and specific subject requirements please contact post 16 centres you are considering

A general guide to entry requirements

Attending a Cambridge Area Partnerships (CAP) school gives preferential options for sixth form in the CAP area.

CAP pre-16 schools include:

Bassingbourn Village College
Cambourne Village College
Chesterton Community College
Coleridge Community College
Impington Village College
Melbourn Village College
Netherhall School
Parkside Community College
Soham Village College
Swavesey Village College
Vista Academy Littleport,

Bottisham Village College
Cambridge Academy for Science and
Technology
Cottenham Village College
Ely College
Linton Village College
North Cambridge Academy
Northstowe Secondary College
Sawston Village College
St Bede's Inter-church School
Trumpington Community College
Witchford Village College

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Minimum entry requirements for 2026 entry

Bishop Laney Sixth	<p>A Level: Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen or related subjects.</p> <p>Level 3: Applied & Technical: Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths.</p> <p>Level 2 Technical: A range of GCSES at Grade 3 or above.</p>
Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology	<p>A Level: At least 7 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Maths (5; 6 if studying sciences; 7 if studying Further Maths) and English (4) with at least a grade 6 in the subjects chosen at A Level. Please also check some subject specific requirements.</p> <p>T Level: At least 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Sciences (5), Maths (5) and English (4)</p>
Cambridge Maths School	<p>Be predicted seven GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE Maths grade 8 or 9, GCSE Combined Science 8-8 or higher (or separate science grade 8 or higher in the subject you wish to study) and GCSE English grade 5 or higher. All students with these predicted grades will be invited to an aptitude test. Students passing the aptitude test will be invited to an interview.</p>

Minimum entry requirements for 2026 entry

Comberton Sixth	<p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths and English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p> <p>All information is available on our website and in the 2025 prospectus.</p>
Chesterton Sixth	<p>Students need at least 5 grade 6s including Maths and English (either Lang or Lit) as well as subject specific requirements as detailed on our website and in our prospectus.</p>
Cambourne Sixth	<p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths & English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p>

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

Minimum entry requirements for 2026 entry

Hills Road Sixth	There is no set number of GCSE grades (e.g. six at grade 5) and there is no minimum for Maths and English. Instead, each A level has its own entry requirements, including a GCSE grade and Admissions Score. For 30 out of 36 of our subjects, this is a predicted GCSE grade 6 and an Admissions Score of 56 for CAP students. Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics have a higher Admissions Score, as does studying a Four A level Programme. Some of our subjects (Dance, Drama, Art, Music and languages) have different routes where students haven't studied the GCSE, e.g. an audition.
Long Road Sixth	To study A Levels, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 5 in a range of subjects, usually including Maths and English. To study Level 3 Applied courses, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 4, usually including Maths and/or English. Additional requirements for each course are specified on our website. To study our Level 2/GCSE programme, we require three GCSEs at grade 4, with at least grade 3 in both Maths and English
Northstowe Sixth	Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-5 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject.

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

Minimum entry requirements for 2026 entry

Oakes Sixth Form

Students require 6 GCSE grades 9-4, including Maths and English grade 4, for A level subjects. A minimum grade 6 is advised where a subject is continued from GCSE. There are subject specific requirements for particular A level courses. For Applied subjects, a requirement of 5 GCSEs grades 9-4 is our standard offer, including a pass or near pass in English and Maths. Students are allowed to mix A level subjects with Applied subjects and an individual offer based on their chosen course will be made. We will consider students who have alternative qualifications or who have not been able to sit a full set of GCSEs on a case by case basis.

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

Minimum IB profiles for 2026 entry

Impington International College

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: at least seven GCSEs with Grade 6 or above, including English Language and Maths. For subjects you wish to take at higher level you will need at least a grade 7.

International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme: at least five subjects at GCSE grade 5 or above, ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 6 in your area of specialism.

Refer to post-16 centres for current entry criteria, specific subject requirements and how subject combination and putting a centre first when applying may affect your chances of success.

Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

Bishop Laney Sixth	Level 3: Sport & Exercise Science, Business, Media, Applied Science, Medical Science, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Health and Social Care, Criminology Level 2: Catering, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Barbering, Sport Coaching, Business Enterprise. Norwich City Football Regional Development programme available to students at all levels.
Cambridge Regional College	A range of Level 1-3 course available in: Animation & VFX, Architectural Technology, Art & Design, Beauty Therapy, Business, Business & Law, Cambridge United Scholarship Programme, Childcare & Early Education, Catering & Hospitality, Computing, Construction & Trades, Engineering, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), E Sports, Hairdressing, Health & Social Care, Media, Games Development, Media Make-Up, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Science & Forensic & Criminal Investigation, Sports, Supported Learning, Travel & Tourism, Uniform Public Services
Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology	T Levels in Science (Laboratory Science) and Health (Adult Nursing)
Comberton Sixth	Sport, Business, Health and Social Care

Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

Cambourne Sixth Form	BTEC Extended Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (Business) and BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport
College of West Anglia (Cambridge)	Our Cambridge campus is a specialist landbased college; we offer entry level – level 3 courses in animal care, animal science, horse care / equine and dog grooming. Depending on your location, the King's Lynn campus may also be accessible and we offer a wider range of courses, including A-Levels.
Long Road Sixth Form College	Level 3 Extended Diplomas (equivalent to 3 A Levels): Art and Design, Sport, Media, Games Development, Health and Social Care. Level 3 Diplomas (equivalent to 2 A Levels): Media, Sport, Health and Social Care. Level 3 Extended Certificates (equivalent to 1 A Level): Business, Criminology, Graphics, Computing, IT: Application Development, Media, Musical Theatre, Sport, Applied Science, Psychology and Music. Diplomas and Extended Certificates can be studied in combination with A Levels. Level 2 Diplomas (full study programme): Media, Health and Social Care, Art and Design. Level 2 Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 GCSE): IT.

Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

Northstowe Sixth	Level 3 courses in Applies Science, Dance, Performance Acting, Health and Social Care, and Sport, which can be combined with A Level subjects. We also offer a Level 3 extended diploma in Dance, equivalent to 3 A Levels.
The Oakes College	Level 3 courses in Media, Applied Psychology, ICT, Criminology, Health and Social Care which can be combined with A level subjects

Employment options

Apprenticeship	Employment with training	Traineeship
Employer and Training Provider must be secured	Equivalent of 1 day per week of training	For those just short of the skills and qualifications required for apprenticeship or further study

Apprenticeships

Name	Level	Equivalent Educational Level	Entry Requirements
Intermediate	2	GCSE	English and GCSE at 3 or above
Advanced	3	A Level/IB	English & maths at 4 or above (other specialist L2 qualifications also might be required)
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above	Entry requirements may vary dependant on subject area
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree	

Apprenticeships

Any apprenticeship will require a training provider to complete the course.

To increase a students' chance of success, it is advisable if there are options locally to contact more than one training provider for the apprenticeship area you are interested in.

To find out if there are other training providers in our area please see below.

To choose a training provider – go to the apprenticeship training service:

[Find apprenticeship training if you're an employer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships/training)

Choose an apprenticeship training course and at the bottom of each apprenticeship there is information and a link to other training providers in your area.



Find training providers for this course

Apprenticeship location

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How do I decide?

Things to consider	More advice or information needed?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future plans/aspirations• Subjects you enjoy• Entry requirements v projected grades• Learning style• Assessment methods• Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School careers/transition advisors• Post 16 open evenings/days• Post 16 centre websites/prospectuses• https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/• Family and Friends

How do I Apply?

College or Sixth Form courses

- Use the online application process for centres in CAP <https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- For centres outside CAP, approach the centre directly

Apprenticeship

- National Apprenticeship website
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- Not Going to Uni website <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- In CAP area express an interest in an Apprenticeship area on
<https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- Companies own websites
- Contact colleges and training providers that offer apprenticeships.