



A Guide to Post-16 Options

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The options available after Year 11 can be sometimes confusing for students and parent/carers. There are many different routes and pathways that young people can take and choices have to be carefully made. This guide will give you an overview of different post 16 routes.

Information, advice and guidance

Learners at Sandhill View Academy are entitled to independent and impartial careers information, advice and guidance on a full range of post 16 options. Learners will receive an individual careers guidance interview in school from Mrs Robinson, who is our Careers Advisor fully trained to Level 6.

Raising of the Participation Age

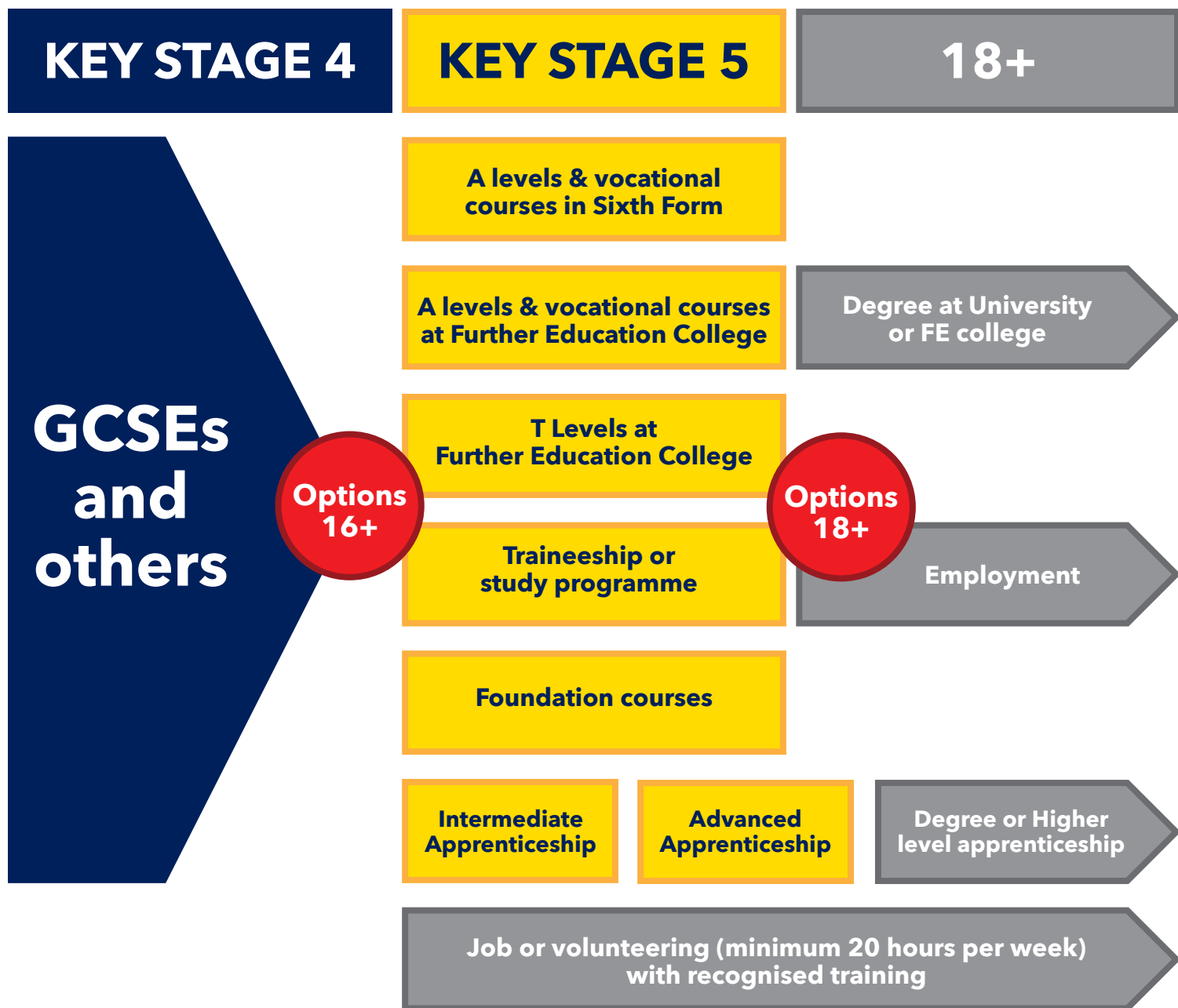
Raising of the Participation Age

From September 2015 the participation age was increased until the young person's 18th birthday. This does not mean staying in school, your child can opt to study or train in any of the following ways:

- Studying full time in school, college or with any training provider
- Working or volunteering, combined with a part-time education or training
- Apprenticeship, traineeship or study programme

The government have decided to do this because it is widely recognised that if a young person stays in education or training they will have better career prospects.

Future Pathways



Everyone needs to be in learning until 18.

- Sixth Form allows you to continue studying in a school-like way in a classroom but offering a unique atmosphere which is different to being in the main school. Teaching methods will be similar to what you have been used to at GCSE but with lots more social options.
- Further Education colleges offer practical courses, apprenticeships, vocational courses covering most industries and all levels.
- Training providers offer many specialised vocational courses in a smaller environment.
- Apprenticeships are real jobs that you have to compete for.



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Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are an increasingly popular choice but are very competitive. They are real jobs with a recognised qualification. Employers pay a salary and are available at different levels.

Apprenticeships are advertised throughout the year and you have to apply like a normal job.

Most important step is to create an account with the **"Find an Apprenticeship Service"** at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> Find out more at www.amazingapprenticeships.com and look on the websites of large companies.

T Levels

T Levels are new technical qualifications related to specific industry sectors, taught over 2 years and equivalent to 3 A Levels. They will be phased in from 2020 and at the outset they are Level 3

qualifications. In the North-East, the following T Levels will be available from September 2020:

Digital production, design and development at Durham Sixth Form Centre, Gateshead College, New College Durham. Design, surveying and planning at New College Durham. Education at Gateshead College and New College Durham. More T Levels will follow in September 2021.

For more information, visit: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>

The local offer in Sunderland and beyond

Training Providers

BL Hairdressing (<https://blhairdressing.co.uk/>) - Hairdressing courses and apprenticeships

Chameleon Training (www.cvt-uk.co.uk) - Motor vehicle training at Washington

Foundation of Light (www.foundationoflight.co.uk/careers-training/) - Football scholarships & the Back on Track programme

Lead Education (www.leadeducation.co.uk) - Outdoor education and performing arts at Roker

Learning Curve (www.learningcurvegroup.co.uk) - Construction academy and travel & tourism at Pallion

Milltech (www.milltechtraining.co.uk) - Training and apprenticeships in motor vehicle, customer service, sales and many more.

Petal Training (www.petaltraining.com) - Fork-lift truck, warehouse, logistics at Pallion

Prince's Trust (www.princes-trust.org.uk) - 12 week Team Programme runs from Farrington Fire Station

Resources North-East (www.resourcesnortheast.co.uk) - Construction, business administration, I.T. at Southwick

Seta (www.seta.co.uk) - Apprenticeships in engineering, manufacturing and related industries

Springboard North-East (www.springboard-ne.org.uk) - Business admin, customer service, retail, health & social care, hair & beauty therapy, horticulture, childcare, hairdressing, motor vehicle at Pallion.

Sunderland Training & Education Farm (www.sunderlandfarm.co.uk) - Animal care and horticulture at Keelman's Way

YH Training (www.yh-group.co.uk/centres/sunderland-mpc-2/) - Military preparation and personal development at Army Reserve Centre, Dykelands Road

Colleges and Further Education Providers

City of Sunderland College

www.sunderlandcollege.ac.uk

East Durham College

(includes Houghall College for land-based and animal care courses)

www.eastdurham.ac.uk

South Tyneside College, includes South Shields Marine School

www.stc.ac.uk

Newcastle College

www.ncl-coll.ac.uk

Askham Bryan College (offering study programmes in Veterinary Nursing) in Gateshead

<https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk>

[/the-college/centres/newcastle-campus-1](https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/the-college/centres/newcastle-campus-1)

Gateshead College

www.gateshead.ac.uk

New College Durham

www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk



Interested in Apprenticeships in engineering, manufacturing and related industries?

Our engineering apprenticeships are a launchpad for a career in engineering, manufacturing and related industries.

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Visit: www.seta.co.uk/apprentice/

For more advice, contact Mrs Robinson in the Careers Office, by phone or email (careers@southmoormat.co.uk)