

Dean Trust Rose Bridge

Y11 Guide to applying for colleges, training providers and apprenticeships.

Introduction

The government recommends that after year 11, you spend 2 more years in education or training via college or an apprenticeship. This guide should help you understand what you need to do and where you can find more help.

During time at school you will be able to use 'Start Profile' to help you research careers and also find suggested careers based upon your responses. You will also develop a career plan with the school Careers Advisor.

The timeline below will help you.

Activity	Tasks	Time-scale
Apply for colleges	Online or hard copies from the career's office	From October to December
Get more information	Careers convention in school College open evenings	Autumn term See list of dates
Apply for apprenticeships	Create a CV Create an account on https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship Search and apply for suitable roles	January onwards
Apply for training providers	Online application forms	January onwards
Check you post/email	Some colleges and the army communicate by email only	continuously
Ask for help	Book a career meeting via your HOY or form tutor	continuously

What are my course options?

- Apprenticeships/traineeships
- Vocational courses including the forces
- A Levels



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A level

A levels are level three qualifications that are focused on traditional study skills. They are often assessed with examinations. You usually chose three or sometimes four subjects to study from a wide range and they take two years to complete. Each college has different entry requirements, but you often need grade 5s at GCSE and sometime grades 6 in some subjects.

Apprenticeships/Traineeships

This is a work-based learning programme in which you will earn a wage and gain a qualification, whilst gaining experience. For an apprenticeship, you will often have to provide an employer with your CV or application form, so gaining employability skills through additional activities, such as work-experience, part-time jobs or voluntary work are important.

Traineeships

Traineeships can help you get an apprenticeship if you need to improve your skills, confidence and qualifications.

Qualification Levels

Level	Example of qualification	Example of entry requirements
Entry	Basic skills courses	No formal qualifications
Level 1 – foundation	NVQ 1, City & Guilds Diploma 1, BTEC Diploma	Often GCSEs at grade 2
Level 2 – Intermediate	NVQ 2, BTEC Diploma, BTEC extended certificate, City & Guild Diploma 2	Often GCSEs at grade 3
Level 3 - Advance	NVQ 3, A Levels, BTEC Extended Diploma, National extended certificate, National Diploma	Often GCSE s at grade 4 + and higher for A levels
Level 4+	Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND), NVQ 4, Foundation degree, Degree (level 6), Professional qualifications	Level 3 course



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College open Evenings 2019/2020

College	Date
Bolton College	TBC
Bolton 6th Form College	Saturday, 12 th October 2019 (10:30 – 2pm) Wednesday, 20 th November 2019 (5:30 – 8pm) Tuesday, 28 th January 2020 (5:30 – 7:30pm)
Salford City Colleges	Monday 14 October 2019, 5.30pm – 7.30pm Saturday 9 November 2019, 10.00am – 12.00pm Monday 9 March 2020, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Future Skills at media City	Saturday 12 October 2019, 10.00am – 12.00pm Thursday 5 December 2019, 5.30PM – 7.30pm Thursday 12 March 2020, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Pendleton	Thursday 17 October 2019, 5:30 – 7:30pm Saturday 23 November 2019, 10:00 – 12:00pm Thursday 12 March 2020, 5:30 – 7:30pm Equine Open Event: Ryders Farm Equestrian Centre Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton, BL4 8RU Monday 18 May 2020 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Eccles Sixth Form	Monday 14 October 2019, 5.30PM – 7.30pm Saturday 9 November 2019, 10.00am – 12.00pm Monday 9 March 2020, 5.30PM – 7.30pm
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	Wednesday 15 th January 2020 (5:00 – 7:30pm)
City Skills	Tuesday 15 October 2019, 5.30pm – 7.30pm Saturday 9 November 2019, 10.00am – 12.00pm Tuesday 10 March 2020, 5.30PM – 7.30pm
St Helens College	All 5:30 – 8pm Wednesday 9 th October 2019 Thursday 7 th November 2019 Wednesday 5 th February 2020
St John Rigby	All 5:30 – 8pm Wednesday 16 th October 2019 Thursday 31 st October 2019 Thursday 14 th November
TMP College	TBC
West Lancs College	All 4:30 – 7pm Monday 4 November 2019 Monday 18 th November 2019 Monday 10 February 2020 Monday 8 th June 2020
Wigan and Leigh College	Monday 7 th October Wigan Centre Monday 14 th October Leigh College Monday 11 th November Wigan Centre Monday 18 th November Leigh College Monday 3 rd February Wigan Centre Monday 10 th February Leigh College All 4:30 – 7.30pm



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Winstanley College	All 6 – 8pm Thursday 26 th September 2019 Thursday 17 th October 2019 Wednesday 6 th November 2019 Tuesday 4 th February
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Interviews

College interviews will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and also for the college to ensure that you have applied for the right course, in terms of subject and level. It also allows the college to ensure that they have any support in place for when you start there. The college representative may ask you why you have applied for the course and about your career plans. They are there to help and support you to ensure you feel really comfortable with your choices.

Interviews for apprenticeships may need some interview practice. If you have an interview, book a careers appointment, so that you can practice your interview techniques and feel more confident.



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Useful Websites

<p>Colleges</p> <p>St John Rigby College 01942 214797 www.sjr.ac.uk</p> <p>St Helens College 01744 623917 www.sthelens.ac.uk</p> <p>Wigan and Leigh College 01942 761111 www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk</p> <p>Winstanley College 01695 633244 www.winstanley.ac.uk</p> <p>West Lancashire College 01695 52300 www.westlancs.ac.uk</p> <p>The Deanery 6th Form College 01942 768801 www.deanery@wigan.sch.uk</p> <p>Runshaw College 01772 643000 www.runshaw.ac.uk</p> <p>Myerscough College 01995 643222 www.myerscough.ac.uk</p> <p>www.carmel.ac.uk</p>	<p>General Careers and LMI information</p> <p>www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk www.careerpilot.org.uk www.plotr.co.uk https://icould.com – personality quiz with suggested careers</p> <p>www.start.com – career system used in school</p>
<p>Training Providers/apprenticeships</p> <p>https://dmr-training.co.uk/construction-apprenticeships/apply-for-an-apprenticeship/</p> <p>https://www.jtltraining.com/apprenticeships/</p> <p>https://www.waterside-training.co.uk/ https://www.nltq.co.uk/ https://www.alliancelearning.com/page/homepage http://www.training2000.co.uk/ https://www.totalpeople.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.mbdacareers.co.uk/apprentices/</p>	<p>Apprenticeships</p> <p>https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch</p> <p>https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/</p> <p>https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/ www.gov.uk/further-education-skills/apprenticeships www.notgoingtouni.co.uk</p>
<p>University</p>	<p>Volunteering</p>



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www.ucas.com
www.prospects.ac.uk
<http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/>
<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>

<https://do-it.org/>

<https://greenslatefarm.org.uk/volunteering/>

<https://wigan.gov.uk/Council/The-Deal/Volunteering/index.aspx>

<http://www.inspiringhealthylifestyles.org/wigan/work-with-us/volunteer/>

<http://www.thebrick.org.uk/2017/11/20/volunteers-needed/>

