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Post-16 Options  
Information Evening  
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# Post-16 Options



Today, you will hear about:

- dates and deadlines
- qualifications and destinations
- deciding and applying

# Dates and deadlines



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# Qualifications and Destinations



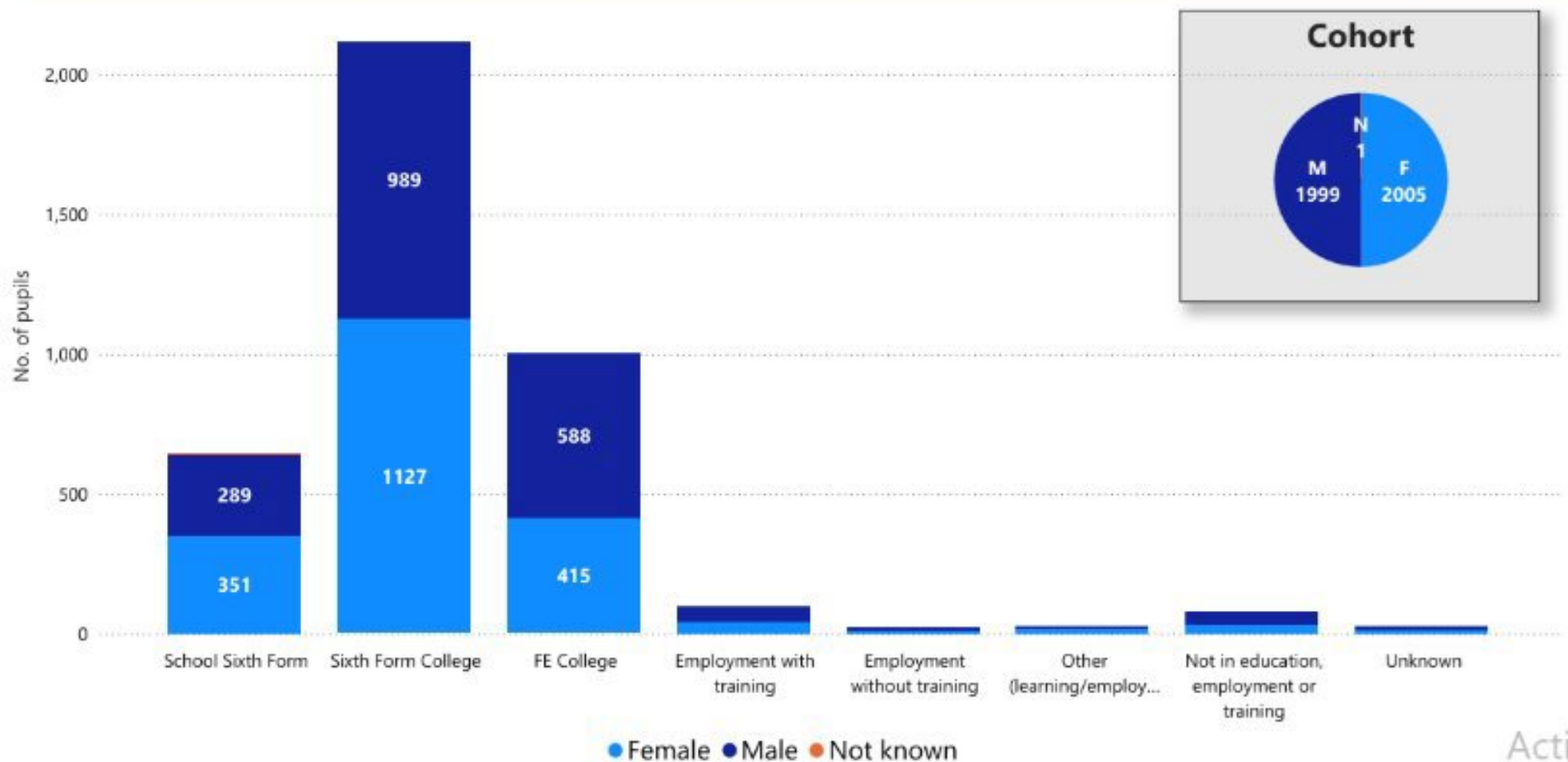
# Qualifications





# Where do students in Cambridgeshire go after GCSEs?

## Education, Employment and Training destinations by gender

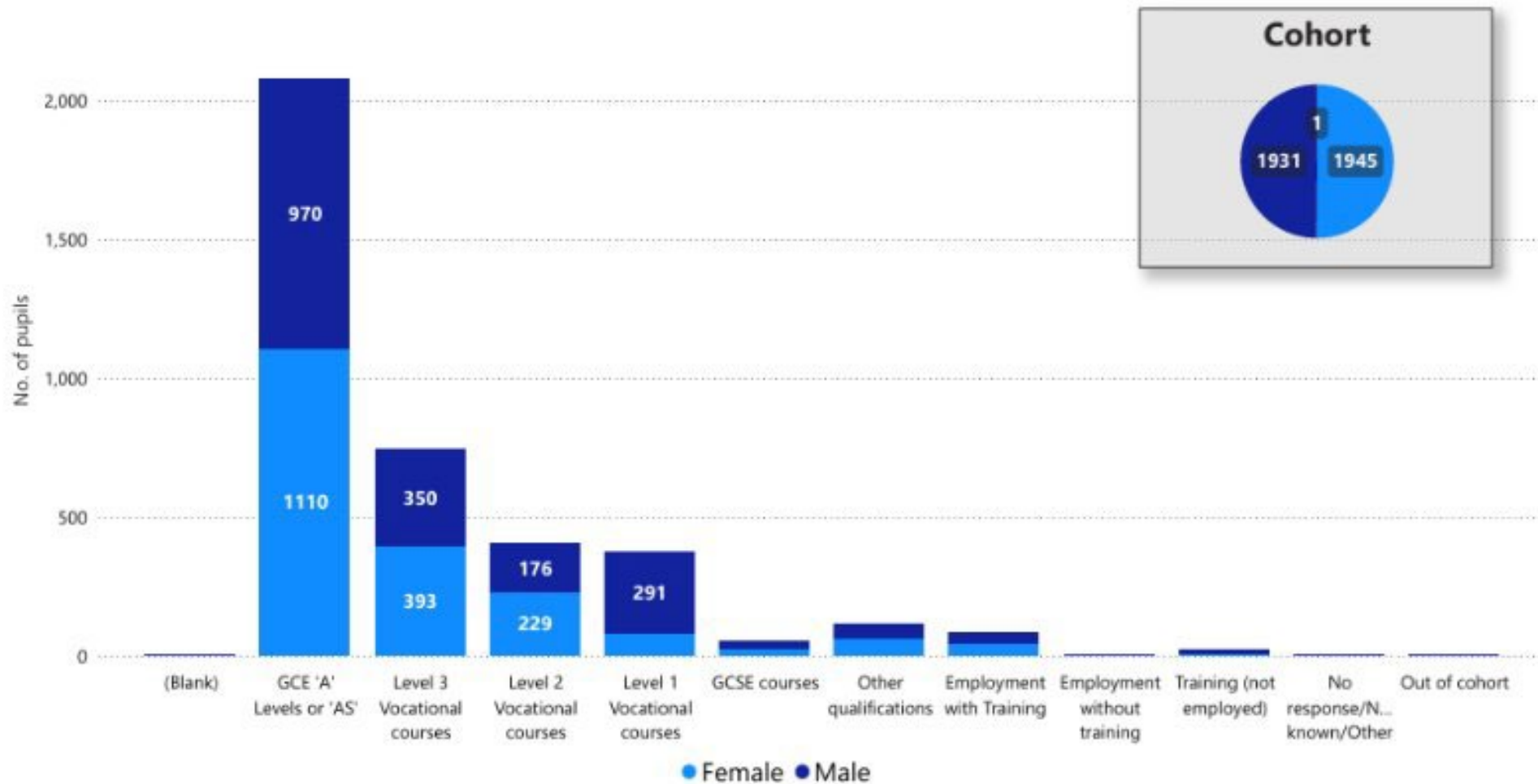


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## Destination by Year 12 course level and gender



# Qualifications

|            | Academic<br>mostly exams                   | Applied<br>coursework and<br>exam | T Levels<br>coursework and<br>industry placement | Technical<br>Vocational<br>Mainly coursework<br>based | Employment and<br>Training                    |
|------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Level<br>3 | A Levels<br>International<br>Baccalaureate | AAQ/ BTEC/ V<br>levels            | T Level                                          | NVQ/ C&G                                              | Advanced<br>Apprenticeship                    |
| Level<br>2 | GCSEs<br>(grades 4-9)                      | BTEC/<br>OCR L2                   |                                                  | NVQ/ C&G                                              | Intermediate<br>Apprenticeship<br>Traineeship |
| Level<br>1 | GCSEs<br>(grades 1-3)                      | BTEC/<br>OCR L1                   |                                                  | NVQ/C&G                                               | Traineeship and Pre-<br>employment<br>scheme  |

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



- T Levels are 2-year courses which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to 3 A Levels.
- Prepares students for entry into skilled employment, an apprenticeship or related technical study through further or higher education.
- T Levels offer students practical and knowledge-based learning at a school or college and on-the-job experience through an industry placement of at least 315 hours – approximately 45 days.



| Cambridge Academy of Science and Technology                                                                  | Cambridge Regional College                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | College of West Anglia                                                                                                                          |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• T level in Health</li><li>• T level in Laboratory sciences</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• T level in Digital Software Development</li><li>• T level in Construction and the Built Environment</li><li>• T level in Health (Adult Nursing)</li><li>• T level in Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing</li><li>• T level in Education and Early Years</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• T level in Animal Management and Science</li><li>• T level in Animal Management and Behaviour</li></ul> |



- V Levels are a new type of Level 3 qualification, available from 2027. They will initially be available in 3 subject areas with more over the following 3 years, replacing the existing Level 3 extended certificates.
- V Levels are the same size of qualification as an A Level. There can be more than one V Level in your study programme, and you can combine them with A Levels or applied courses to make up your full programme.
- Each V Level will involve a mix of practical and written assessment, which will be different depending on the subject. This mix will be reflected in the way they are taught, including involving employers.
- V Levels will suit students who want to progress to higher education, training such as an apprenticeship or into employment when they complete their study programme.



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| <b>Cambourne</b>            | Digital systems and Data.                        |
| <b>Long Road Sixth Form</b> | Digital systems and Data                         |
| <b>Northstowe</b>           | Education, Digital systems and Data              |
| <b>Bishop Laney</b>         | Finance and Accounting, Digital systems and Data |

# Qualifications

|                                  | A Levels/ IB<br>Level 3                                                      | Alternative<br>Academic<br>Qualifications<br>Level 3                         | Applied General<br>Qualifications<br>Level 2/3                               | T Levels<br>Level 3                                                         | T Level<br>Foundation Year<br>Level 2                                                     | Reformed<br>Technical<br>Qualifications<br>Level 2/3                        | Apprenticeship<br>Level 2/3                                                 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Where would you study for these? | At a Post-16 college (FE or 6 <sup>th</sup> form)                            | At a Post-16 college (FE or 6 <sup>th</sup> form)                            | At a Post-16 college (FE or 6 <sup>th</sup> form)                            | At a Post-16 college (FE or 6 <sup>th</sup> form)                           | At a Post-16 college (FE or 6 <sup>th</sup> form)                                         | At a Post-16 college (FE or 6 <sup>th</sup> form)                           | Work for an employer and part-time study                                    |
| Main focus                       | Academic study to support progression to higher education                    | Blend of academic and applied learning                                       | Applied learning                                                             | Employer-designed to prepare for skilled employment or further study        | Designed to provide a route into T Levels for students who need extra study and prep time | Prepare for occupational roles                                              | Job-specific training in the workplace with part-time study                 |
| Length of study                  | Usually 2 years full-time study                                              | Usually 2 years full-time study                                              | Usually 1-2 years full-time study                                            | 2 years full-time study                                                     | Usually 1 year of full-time study                                                         | depends on the qualification size and whether doing full or part-time study | Usually 1-2 years                                                           |
| Study/ training focused          | Classroom-based                                                              | Classroom-based                                                              | Classroom-based                                                              | 80% classroom based (with some specialist settings); 20% industry placement | Classroom-based                                                                           | Classroom based (with specialist settings as required)                      | Work-based, while studying for a qualification                              |
| What could they lead to?         | Higher Education (undergraduate degree or HTQ), employment or apprenticeship | Higher Education (undergraduate degree or HTQ), employment or apprenticeship | Higher Education (undergraduate degree or HTQ), employment or apprenticeship | employment, Higher Education (undergraduate degree/ HTQ), or apprenticeship | T Level, or other level 3 qualification or level 2 apprenticeship                         | employment, Higher Education (undergraduate degree/ HTQ), or apprenticeship | employment, Higher Education (undergraduate degree/ HTQ), or apprenticeship |

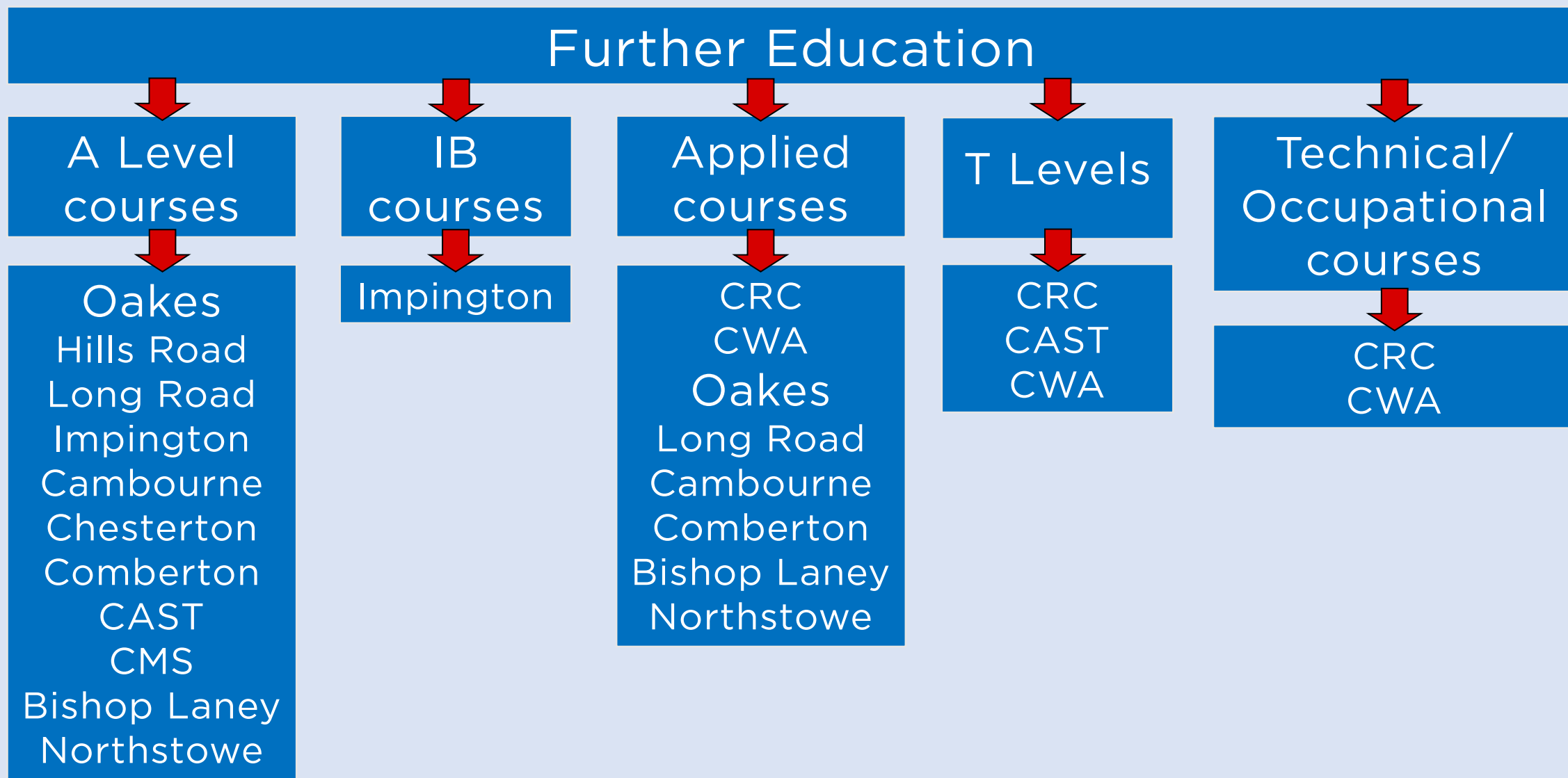
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| A Level / IB courses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Level 3 Applied Courses/ T Levels                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Technical Courses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some require the equivalent of at least 7 GCSEs at 4 or above, usually including at least a 4 in Maths and/or English</li> <li>• Others require 5 GCSEs at 5 or above, including English and Maths.</li> <li>• Some centres require higher grades for some or all subjects</li> <li>• Some subjects need specific GCSEs at specific grades</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some require 4 GCSEs at 4 or above (or equivalents) usually including at least a 4 in Maths and/or English</li> <li>• Some require 5 GCSEs or specific subjects</li> <li>• Some require merit or distinction in the relevant level 2 course plus 4 or above in English</li> <li>• T Levels generally require at least 5 GCSEs at 5 or above</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most courses start at Level 1, progressing to Level 2 and Level 3 as skills develop</li> <li>• Most courses require 3 GCSEs at 2/3 or above, sometimes with Maths and/or English</li> <li>• Some courses need specific subjects</li> </ul> |

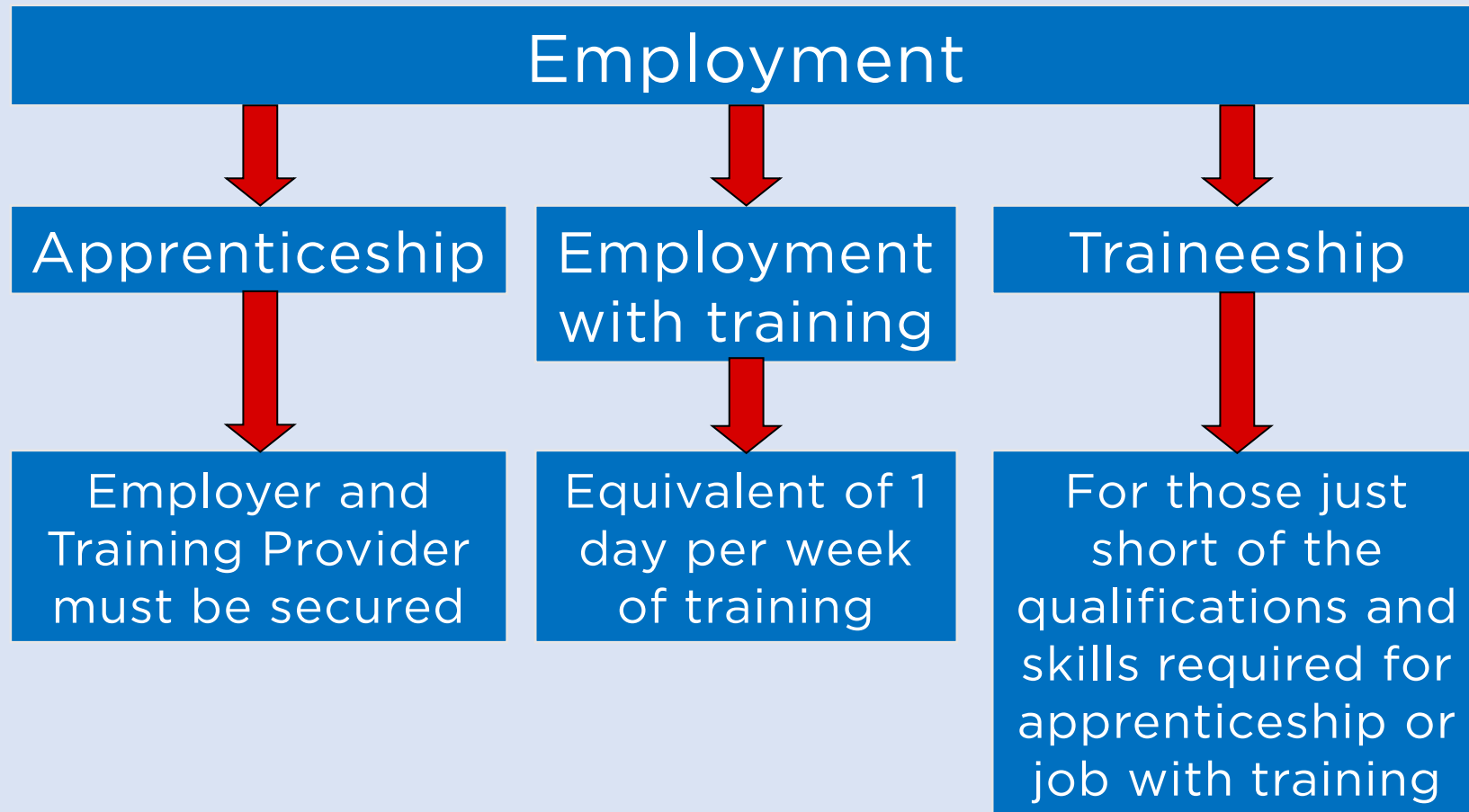
# Qualifications

- To confirm entry requirements and specific subject requirements please check post-16 prospectuses carefully.
- Students who are only just eligible for a Level 3 course, must make sure they also apply for a Level 2 course as a back-up.
- 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

# Destinations



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# 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



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For more information

- National Apprenticeship website: [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch)
- Not Going to Uni website: [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)
- Form the Future: [www.formthefuture.org.uk/](http://www.formthefuture.org.uk/)
- The Aim Group: [www.theaimgroup.co.uk/](http://www.theaimgroup.co.uk/)
- Companies' own websites
- Your school careers adviser



# Deciding



# Deciding

- Career path
- Entry requirements vs projected grades
- Learning style
- Assessment method
- Learning environment, ethos and atmosphere
- Transport



# Deciding

- Visit 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges and FE centres – online or in person.
- Open events publicised in careers newsletter and on application SWAY (available on school website and Google Classroom).
- Check college websites for details of open events, including how to register.



# Deciding

- Careers Guidance: Mrs Smith
- WRLE and Careers Leader: Miss Goldman Roberts
- Yr 11 team: Mr Hunter, Miss Rownicka
- 6th Form team: Mrs Scott, Mr Bucknall, Mr Watkins and Ms Pascoe
- Subject teachers
- Form tutor
- Family and friends



# Deciding

- <https://netherhall.org/ceiag/>
- [www.mychoice16.co.uk](http://www.mychoice16.co.uk)
- [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)
- [www.parentalguidance.org.uk](http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk)



# Applying

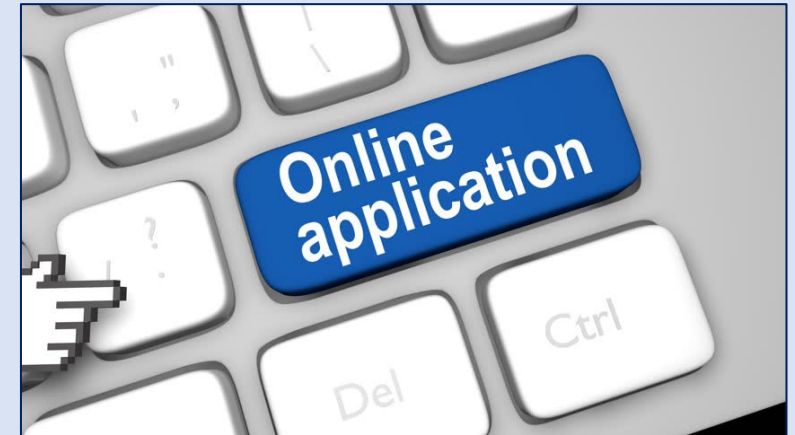


# Applying

The CAP application is completed online.

It consists of the student's:

- personal details
- work history
- personal statement
- choice of course(s)
- projected qualifications
- reference from the school (includes information on attitude, attendance and behaviour)

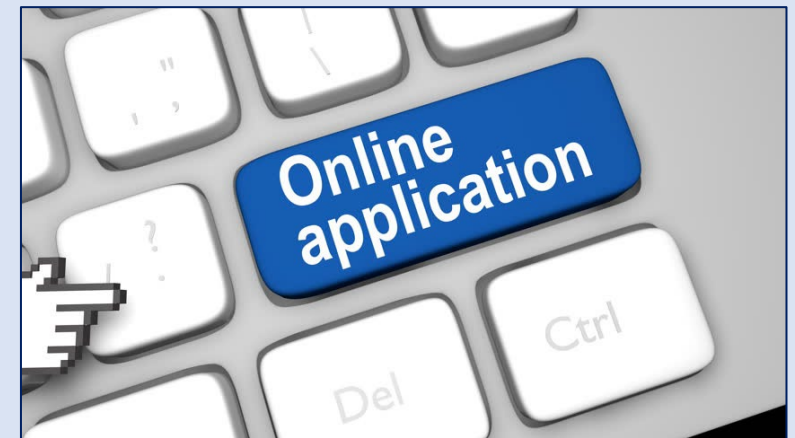


# Applying

Use the site [www.mychoice16.co.uk](http://www.mychoice16.co.uk) to search and apply for courses.

A step-by-step guide explaining how to apply is available on the school website.

Reference from the school (includes information on attitude, attendance and behaviour)



Login details will be emailed to students on 1st October

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| early Jan:               | Applications processed and sent |
| Feb/Mar:                 | College interviews              |
| Feb-Mar:                 | Apprenticeship workshops        |
| Mar:                     | Mock exams                      |
| by 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar: | Offers made                     |
| May – Jun:               | GCSE exams                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug:    | GCSE results day                |

# Minimum entry requirements for 2027 entry

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| <b>Bishop Laney Sixth</b>                             | <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 &amp; 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>                                                                    |
| <b>Cambridge Academy for Science &amp; Technology</b> | <p>A Level: At least 7 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Maths (5; 6 if studying sciences; 7 if studying Maths; 8 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>            |
| <b>Cambridge Maths School</b>                         | <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> |

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| <b>Comberton Sixth</b>  | <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 2027 prospectus.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Chesterton Sixth</b> | <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Cambourne Sixth</b>  | <p>For A-level study, students typically require 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and a grade 6 in the subject (or related subject) to be studied. Some subjects also carry a GCSE English and/or Maths requirement. For A-level Maths a grade 7 is required, and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, students require 5 GCSEs at grade 4, and if combining with an A level subject will need to meet individual course requirements. Where it has been impossible for a student to study the desired subject at GCSE, other evidence can be submitted and will be considered on a case-by-case basis (for example, submission of a portfolio or audition).</p> |

# Minimum entry requirements for 2027 entry

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| <b>Hills Road Sixth</b> | <p>There is no minimum number of GCSEs required or specific grades in English and Maths for admission. Instead, each A level has its own entry requirements, including a minimum GCSE grade and Admissions Score. For 30 of our 36 subjects, CAP applicants need a predicted grade 6 in the relevant GCSE and an Admissions Score of 56. Higher Admissions Scores are required for Maths, Biology, Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics and the Four A Level Programme. Some subjects, including Dance, Drama, Art, Music and languages, also offer alternative entry routes for students who have not taken the relevant GCSE. Please see the subject pages on our website for the full information</p> |
| <b>Long Road Sixth</b>  | <p>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 and V Level courses, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 4, usually including Maths and/or English. To study our Level 2/GCSE programme, we require three GCSEs at grade 4, with at least grade 3 in both Maths and English. Additional requirements for each course are specified on our website.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Northstowe Sixth</b> | <p>Students wishing to enrol on A Level courses are generally expected to achieve a minimum of five GCSEs at grades 9–5, including English and Mathematics. Please note that individual A Level subjects may have additional entry requirements, with some courses requiring higher GCSE grades in specific subjects.</p> <p>Entry requirements for BTEC and other vocational courses vary depending on the course of study. Full details of course-specific criteria can be found on our website and within the school prospectus.</p>                                                                                                                                                                  |

# Minimum entry requirements for 2027 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 2027 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

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| <b>Bishop Laney Sixth</b>                             | <p>Level 3 -Sport &amp; Exercise Science, Business, Media, Applied Science, Medical Science, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Health and Social Care, Criminology, Food &amp; Nutrition</p> <p>Level 2: Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Sport Coaching, Business Enterprise. Norwich City Football Regional Development programme available to students at all levels</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Cambridge Regional College</b>                     | <p>A range of <b>entry Level</b> 1-3 courses available in: Amination &amp; VFX , Architecture and Interior Design, Art &amp; Design, Beauty Therapy, Business, Business &amp; Law, Cambridge United Scholarship Programme, Childcare &amp; Early Education, Catering &amp; Hospitality, Computing, Construction &amp; Trades, Engineering, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), E Sports, Hairdressing, Health &amp; Social Care, Media, Games Development, Media Make-Up, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Forensic &amp; Criminal Investigation, Sports, Supported Learning, Travel &amp; Tourism, Uniformed Protective Services</p> <p><b>T levels</b> in: Construction &amp; The Built Environment,Digital Software Development Education &amp; Early Years, Engineering,Health (supporting the Adult Nursing Team)</p> |
| <b>Cambridge Academy for Science &amp; Technology</b> | T Levels in Science (Laboratory Science) and Health (Adult Nursing)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Comberton Sixth</b>                                | BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas in Sport & in Business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

# Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

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| <b>Cambourne Sixth Form</b>               | Cambourne currently offers the BTEC National Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (Business) and BTEC National Diploma in Sport, both of which are equivalent to two A levels. We are also running the new Digital Systems and Data V level.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>College of West Anglia (Cambridge)</b> | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Long Road Sixth Form College</b>       | <p>Level 3 Extended Diplomas (equivalent to 3 A Levels): Art and Design, Sport, Media, Games Development, Health and Social Care.</p> <p>Level 3 Diplomas (equivalent to 2 A Levels): Media, Sport.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Level 2 Diplomas (full study programme): Media, Health and Social Care, Art and Design.</p> <p>Level 2 Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 GCSE): IT.</p> |

## Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

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| <b>Northstowe Sixth</b>  | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>The Oakes College</b> | Level 3 courses in Media, Applied Psychology, Computing: Application Design, Applied Science, Criminology, Health and Social Care which can be combined with A level subjects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>CRE8 Cambridge</b>    | <p>Level 3 qualification equivalent to three A-Levels, providing progression into university, apprenticeships, employment and the wider creative industries. Develop genuine creative skills, build an industry-ready portfolio</p> <p>Level 2 programme for learners who need a different starting point, as well as post-18 Level 4 qualifications for students looking to continue developing their creative skills beyond Level 3.</p> |