

Welcome to our November careers newsletter. Here you will find some up to date information about upcoming open events.

Year 11—it is time to start applying

It is now the time for year 11 students to seriously start to think about applying for the future place. Remember you can apply to as many colleges/6th form centres as you like. On results day, that is where you will choose which one to enrol onto and you will decline all other offers. Most places have an online application process which is easy to find on their websites.

Personal guidance interviews

Our Careers Advisor, Alex is in school on Tuesday's every week. All year 11 students are entitled to a 30 minute interview to discuss their future options. Currently we are fitting in 8 per Tuesday.

Who to get in touch with

Mrs Oakland oversees our careers provision at Washington Academy. If you require any further information, would like to come in for a chat or phone to get some advice about your child's next steps, please get in touch in the first instance via email—Kelly.oakland@consilium-at.com

Open events (see back page for dates)

Most educational providers will start to hold open events. These are events usually on an evening or weekend where you child can attend with yourself if needed. They will get a chance to have a look around and talk to their staff. We would urge you to start looking around early to help make those final decisions.

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EVENT

Upcoming open events

Sunderland College - Bede Campus 16th November 4.30pm, City Campus 14th November 4.30pm. Please book via their website: <https://sunderlandcollege.ac.uk/the-college/events/>



Newcastle College

Wednesday 8th November and Wednesday 6th December—4.45pm onwards <https://www.nclcoll.ac.uk/events/>



Information and advice event

5th December 4.30pm-6.30pm—<https://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events>



GATESHEAD COLLEGE



Gateshead College—Career choice event—Wednesday 8th November 5pm—8pm—Register via their website

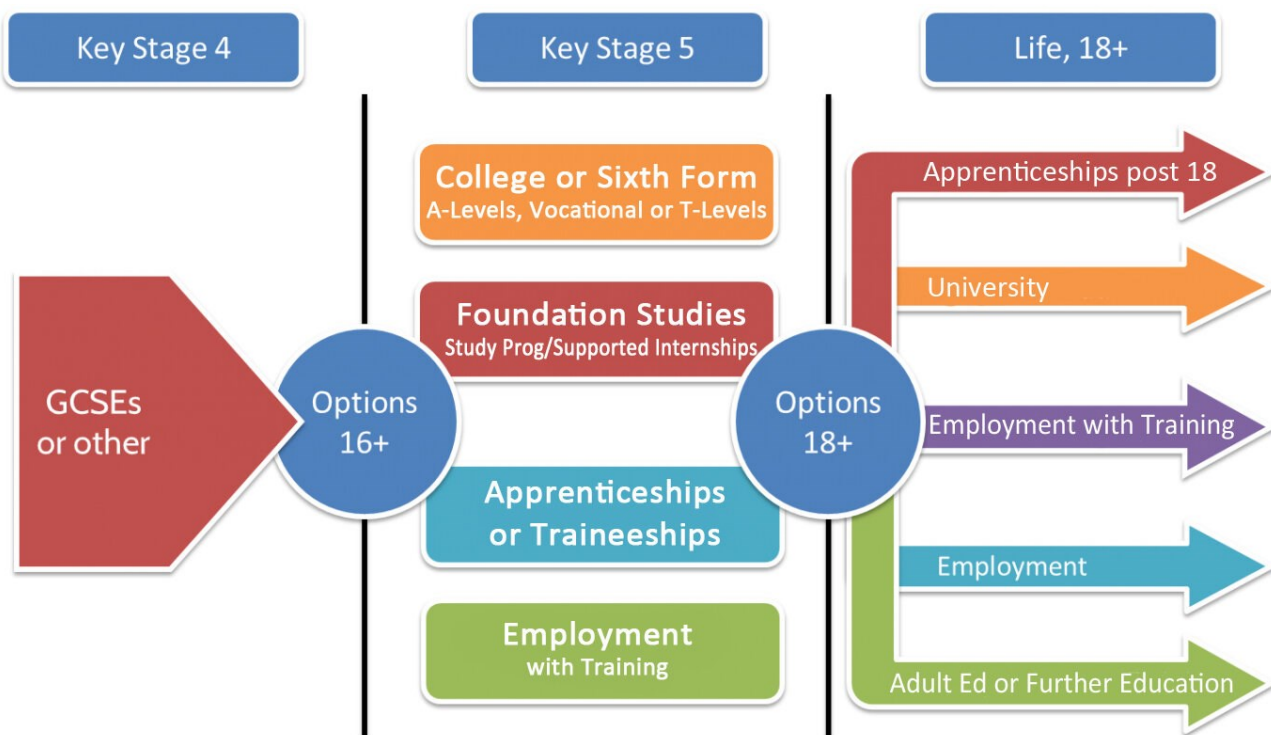
Newcastle 6th Form College—Open evening—Wednesday 8th November—4.30pm onwards



What are the options?

During Year 11, students must decide on the future of their education. The Government's recent Raising the Participation Age (RPA) means that all young people in England will be required to continue in education or training until their 18th birthday. This doesn't necessarily mean staying in school. Young people can opt to study or train in any of the following ways:

- ⇒ By studying full-time in a school, college or with a training provider (many young people also take a part time job alongside)
- ⇒ By working or volunteering full-time, combined with part-time education or training
- ⇒ By taking up an apprenticeship or traineeship



Levels and vocational courses: the basics

The basic differences are this: A-Levels are two-year courses where you study three different academic subjects which are mainly assessed by exams. Vocational courses are one or two-year courses where you study one vocational subject which is mainly assessed by coursework.