

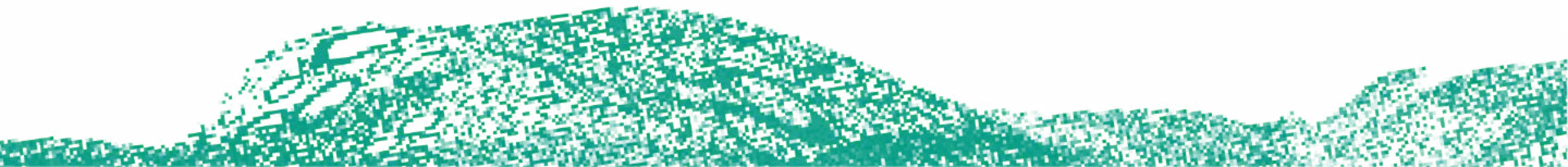
MTS - Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance



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# Parent/Student Guide to Post 16 Pathways and Applications 2021/22



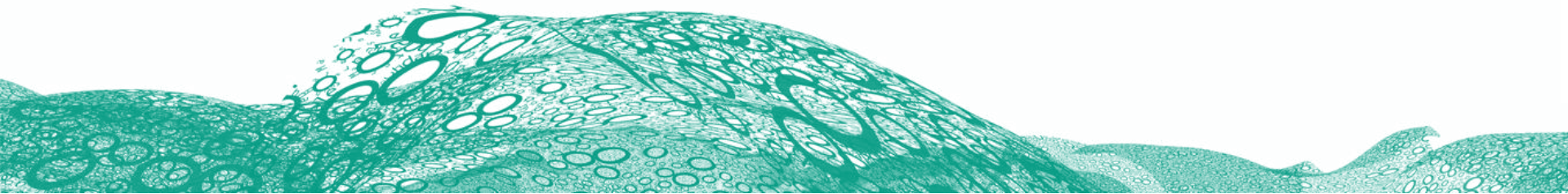
## Why are we here?

The world of education has changed significantly in recent times. The aim of the presentation is to provide parents / carers with enough information to support young people with making their choices for after leaving school.

Young people always turn to parents / carers for advice and guidance.

### **“9 in 10 UK Parents “Confused” By the Education System”**

Explore Learning survey of 2000 parents – June 2019



# Post 16 to 18 Mandatory Expectations

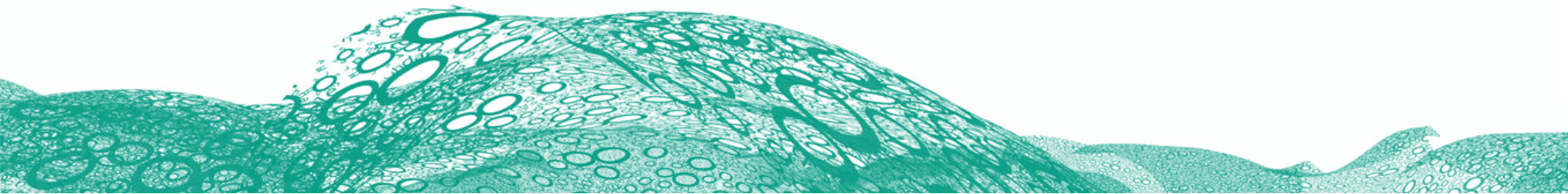
All young people are required by law to remain in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18.

It means that they can choose one of the following options:

**Full time Education**, such as Sixth Form College or a Further Education College.

**Apprenticeship / Traineeship** (Including Armed Forces).

Employment with accredited training.

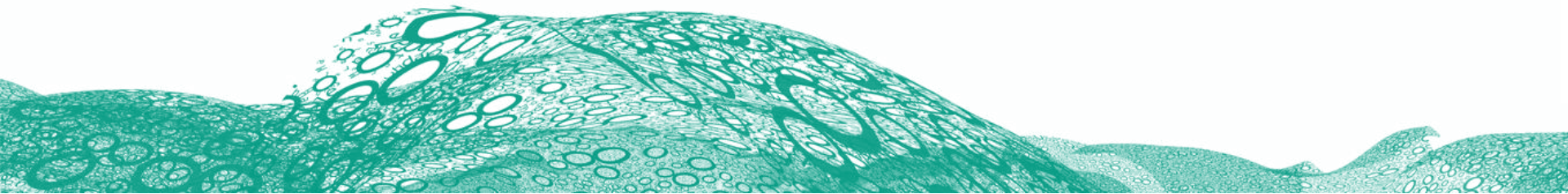


## Aims of the evening

To provide you with relevant information to support the choices of your young person when selecting a post 16 pathway.

To provide you with a current timetable of college open events and application information and deadlines

Mr Gooding and Mr Smith will stay online for a question and answer session for any parents who have queries or concerns.



# New GCSE Grades

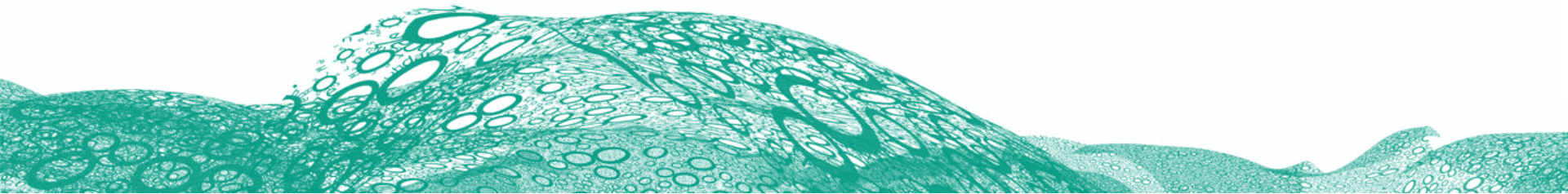
A reminder of recent changes to GCSE grades

9		
8		A*
7		A
6	<b>GOOD PASS (DfE)</b> 5 and above = top of C and above	B
5		
4	<b>AWARDING</b> 4 and above = bottom of C and above	C
3		
2		D
1		E
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← Minimum target

## Main post-16 pathways

- A Levels
- Further Education / T-Levels
- Apprenticeships / Traineeships
- University Technical Colleges

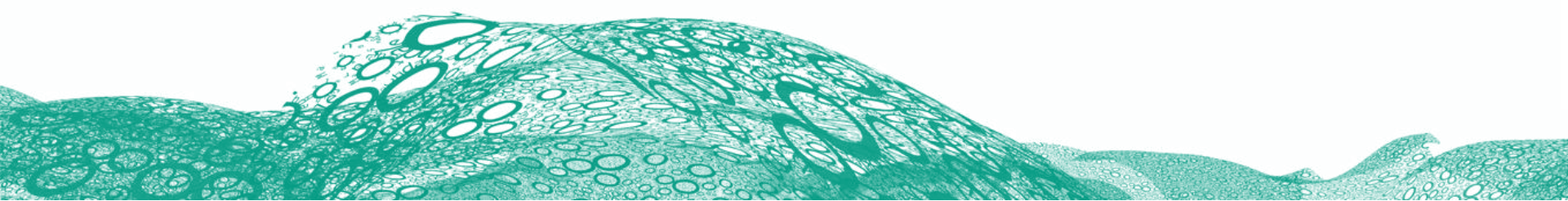


## The A-Level pathway



Sarah Stroud

Lead SPDL, Rochdale Sixth Form College



## A – Levels are:

An academic programme of study

An established route into university

Valued by employers

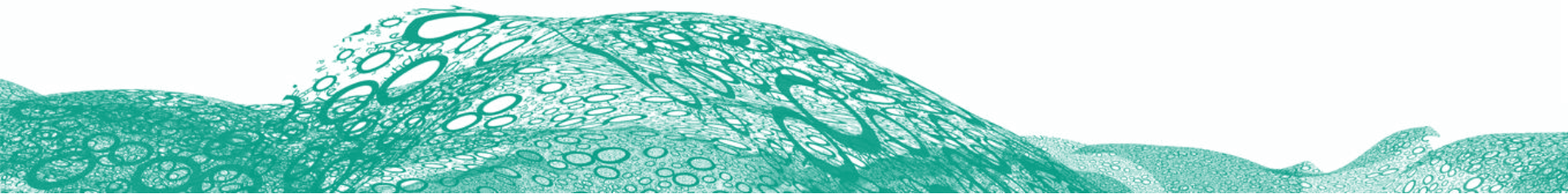
Focused on traditional study skills – especially independent learning

Assessed at the end of year 2

Mainly academic subjects....similar to school

Taken in groups of 3-4 subjects

Harder than GCSE's!





# A-Levels

## **Who can take A levels?**

Many students take A Level qualifications in Year 12 after completing their GCSEs.

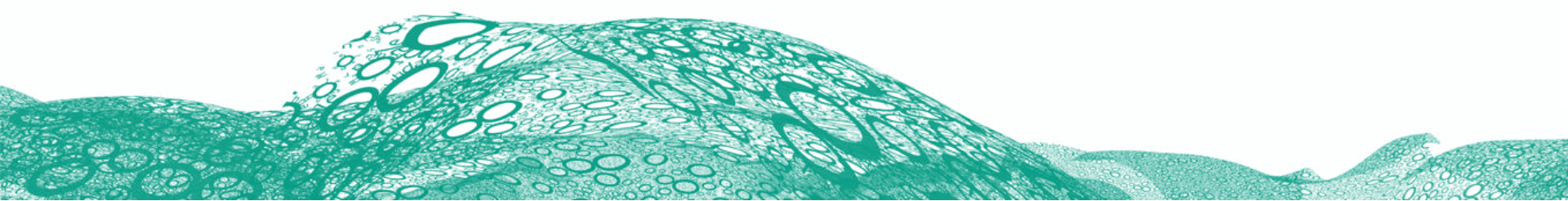
## **Where can they be studied?**

Specialist 6<sup>th</sup> Form Colleges, General Further Education Colleges, School Sixth Forms (where available).

## **Entry requirements**

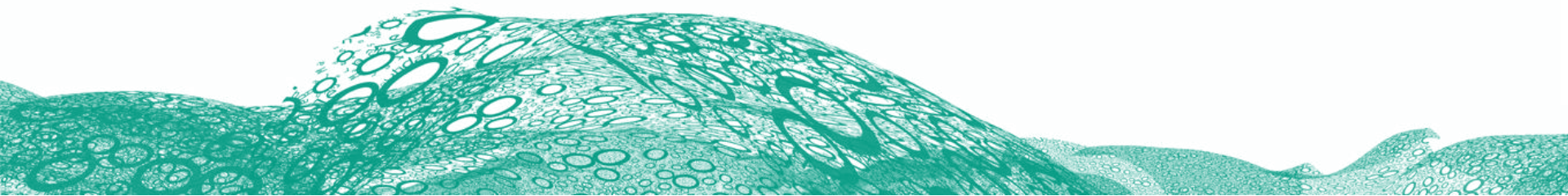
In most cases, you need at least five GCSEs at Level 4 and above, including English and Maths. Sometimes, you need a grade 5/6 or above at GCSE in a particular subject to take it at A Level.

Entry requirements change with every college – do your homework!



# A - Levels

What does a typical day look like for someone studying A-Levels?



# Key Dates RSFC



**tes**  
10 awards  
2021

**SIXTH-FORM  
COLLEGE OF  
THE YEAR**

**Rochdale**  
sixth form  
college

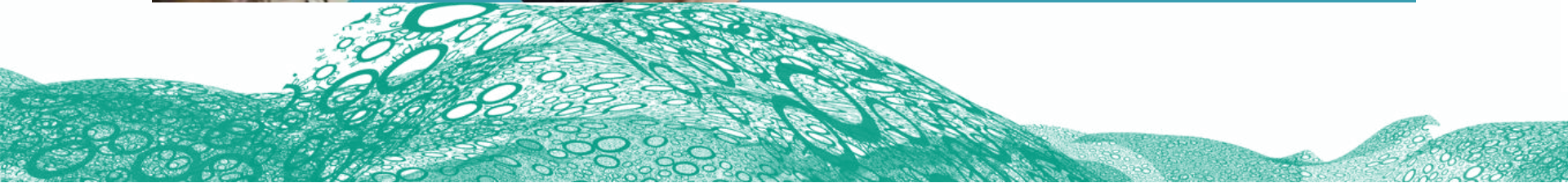
**OPEN DAY  
SATURDAY**  
9 OCTOBER 10AM-2PM

**OPEN EVENING  
THURSDAY**  
18 NOVEMBER 4PM-7PM

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
9 DECEMBER 12 NOON

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# The college based pathway

## T-Levels and Vocational qualifications

Jane Slater

Engagement Officer

Hopwood Hall College



# Same Destination, Different Pathway

T-level  
A-level  
BTEC

Apprenticeship



University  
Employment

Higher Apprenticeship



# T-LEVELS

- Two-year, full time Level 3 courses
- Focus on developing practical and technical skills
- 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on industry placement
- T-level Distinction is worth the same as 3 A-levels at A\*
- A great way to progress into a skilled job or higher education
- We work with a wide range of employers who provide high quality industry placements - an integral part of the T-level programmes.

80%

**CLASS**  
CLASS  
CLASS

**20%**  
**WORK**

# Which T-Level pathways are offered at Hopwood Hall College?



## **DIGITAL ROUTES:**

- Digital Production Design and Development (T-Level)
- Digital Support and Services (T-Level)

**Entry requirements:** For either digital route you will need 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above including Maths and English



## **EDUCATION ROUTE**

- Education (T-Level): Early Years Education and Childcare

**Entry requirement:** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 and above - must include English & Maths.



## **CONSTRUCTION ROUTES:**

- Building Services Engineering (T-Level)
- Design, Surveying and Planning (T-Level)

**Entry requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English



## **HEALTH AND SCIENCE ROUTES:**

- Supporting Adult Nursing (T-Level)

**Entry requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 4 and above - must include English & Maths.

- Laboratory Sciences (T-Level)

**Entry requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 5 and above - must include English, Maths and Science.

# Which T-Level pathways are offered at Hopwood Hall College?



## **BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION ROUTE:**

- **Team leader/Management (T-Level)**  
**Entry requirements:** Grade 4 and above



## **ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING ROUTES:**

- Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing
  - Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
  - Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Entry requirements:** Grade 5 and above



# Transition to **T-LEVELS**

Not quite ready for a T-Level? A transition to T-Level programme is perfect for you!

Helps you achieve the grades you need to progress to a T-Level course

Transition routes available in Digital and Health & Science

# Creative Arts and Media



Students progress to careers in:

TV & Radio | Games Design | Acting | Artists | Graphic Design | Fashion | E-Sports

# Building Trades, Engineering & Motor Vehicle



Students progress to careers in:

Engineering | Plastering | Motor Mechanics | Brick Laying | Plumbing | Joinery | Electrician

# Business, Accounting, IT & Digital



Students progress to careers in:

Business Management | Accountancy | Web Designer | Administration | Software Developer

[hopwood.ac.uk](http://hopwood.ac.uk)

# Hair & Beauty, Catering and Travel & Tourism



Students progress to careers in:

Hairdressing | Make-up Artistry | Catering | Food Production | Travel Agent | Overseas Rep

# Science & Animal Management



Students progress to careers in:

Veterinary Nursing | Animal Welfare | Pharmaceutical Industry | Conservation | Equine Care

# Sports and Uniformed Public Services



Students progress to careers in:

Fitness Instructor | Sports Teacher | Police | Fire Service | Army | Navy

# Explore 'Pathways', our fantastic careers tool embedded in our college website

BTEC Mechanical Engineering students go to university and study

**Mechanical engineering**

...then get jobs as

**Mechanical engineers**

Students studying Mechanical Engineering normally hold A levels in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

or a BTEC or Certificate in Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical engineers

**£47,320**  
Average salary

2019: £45,000  
2020: £47,320  
+ 5%

Future employment

View about this job

Mechanical engineers

Mechanical engineers undertake research and design, direct the manufacture and manage the operation and maintenance of engines, machines, aircraft, vehicle and ship structures, building services and other mechanical items.

**£22,880** - **£54,600**  
Salary range

**40** per week  
Working hours

**Level 6**  
Qualifications held

The majority of those employed in this role will hold a degree, degree with honours, degree apprenticeship, graduate diploma, Level 6 entry

Back | Study routes to the job

Mechanical engineers

Common study routes include...

1	2	3	4
<b>A Levels</b> Mathematics Physics A Chemistry	<b>A Levels</b> Mathematics Physics A Chemistry	<b>A Levels</b> Mathematics Physics A Chemistry	<b>A Levels</b> Mathematics Physics A Chemistry
<b>BTECs</b> Engineering Mechanical Engineering	<b>BTECs</b> Engineering Aerospace Engineering (OCR)	<b>BTECs</b> Engineering Applied Science	<b>BTECs</b> Engineering Construction/Built Environment
<b>Degree</b> Mechanical engineering	<b>Degree</b> Aerospace engineering	<b>Degree</b> General engineering	<b>Degree</b> Civil engineering
Where to study	Where to study	Where to study	Where to study

Back | Advanced search options

Mechanical engineers

Regional insights for South West

**£50,440**  
Average salary  
National: £47,320

**~ 1.8%** by 2022  
Employment  
National: + 5%

Live job vacancies

- Mechanical Engineers - All Levels (South West)
- SWB Mechanical Engineers - Cornwall (South West)
- Mechanical Technician - Cornwall (South West)
- Service Technician (South West)
- Mechanical Design Team leader (South West)

View all job vacancies



# How to Apply

The image shows a browser window displaying the website [hopwood.ac.uk](http://hopwood.ac.uk). The navigation menu includes: About, Events, Public Facilities, Course Guides, Services for Employers, Contact, Portals, and Search Courses. Below the navigation menu, there are four main menu items: **EXPLORE FULL TIME COURSES**, **DISCOVER ACCESS & HIGHER EDUCATION**, **SEARCH APPRENTICESHIPS**, and **APPLY NOW**. The **EXPLORE FULL TIME COURSES** and **SEARCH APPRENTICESHIPS** items are circled in red. Below the navigation menu is a large red banner with the text **T-LEVELS** and **THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION**. To the right of the banner, it says **NEW for September 2021!**. There are several arrows pointing upwards from the banner towards the navigation menu items.

**HOPWOOD HALL COLLEGE**



**OPEN DAYS**

**Saturday**

**9th October**

10am-1pm

**Wednesday**

**20th October**

4pm-7pm

**The perfect opportunity to:**

Meet the tutors, take a campus tour  
& have all your questions answered

**Register at: [hopwood.ac.uk](http://hopwood.ac.uk)**

## Work Based Learning

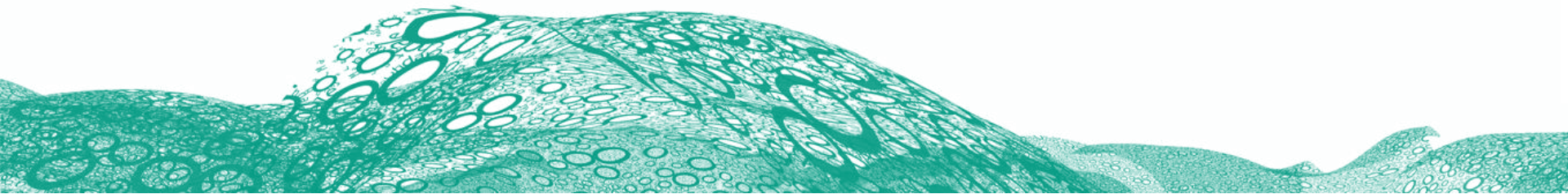


<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>  
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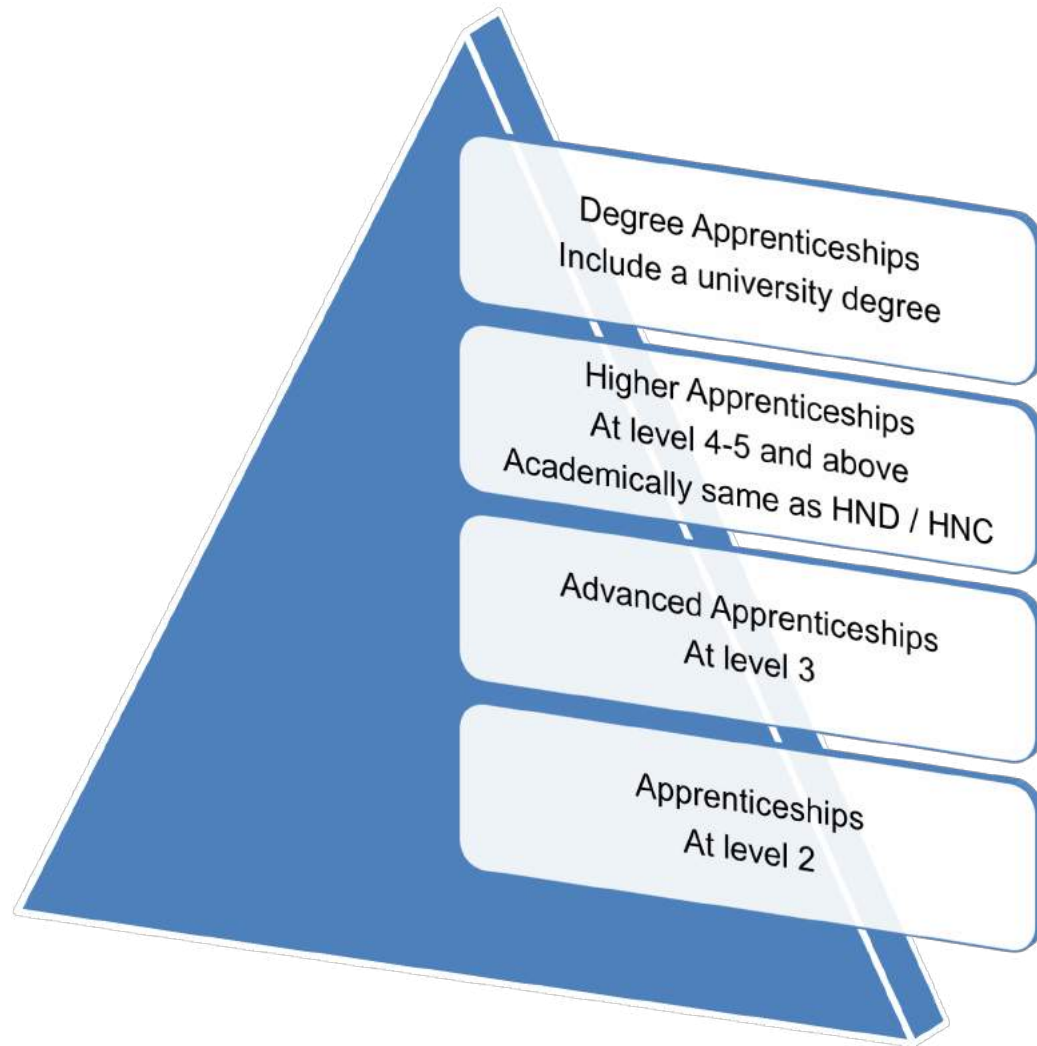
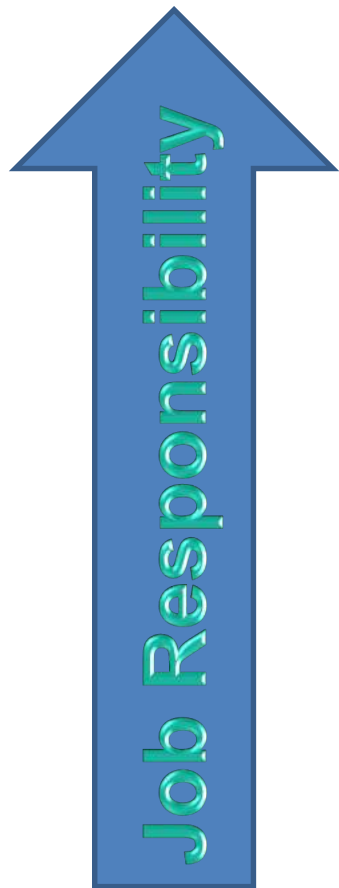
N.B There will be a further information meeting specifically for Apprenticeships later in the year.

# What is an Apprenticeship?

- Learning programme based in the workplace-a job!
- Often day release although varies according to industry
- Available to degree level
- Alternative pathway into Higher Education, avoiding student loans.
- Includes English and Maths to Grade 'C' (Level 4+).
- New Apprenticeships now **end-tested**.



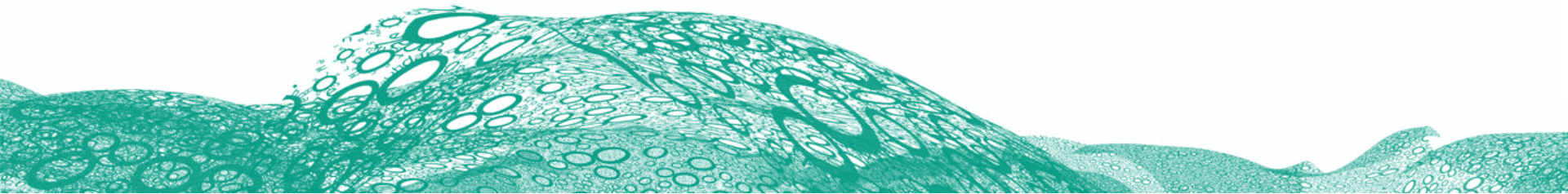
# Apprenticeship Levels



Only available from age 18

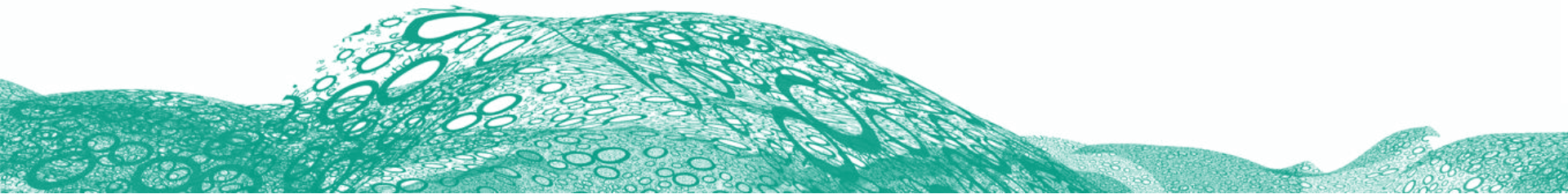
# New Apprenticeships

- Nursing
- Police Officer
- Solicitor
- Cabin Crew
- Nuclear Scientist
- Physiotherapist
- Civil Engineer
- Cyber Security
- Radiographer
- Social Worker
- Youth Worker
- FE Teacher



## Apprenticeship summary

- An Apprenticeship is a job.
- Students will need a good CV and school record to secure a job.
- Can start anytime from 16...and is open to *any* age.
- An alternative pathway into Higher Education – avoiding student loans
- Will include Maths and English if not already achieved a L4 at GCSE.
- More competitive to gain entry than other pathways – especially at higher levels – **must have a college back up place.**



# Traineeships and Study Programmes



A programme that prepares young people aged 16-24 and 'almost ready' for an Apprenticeship

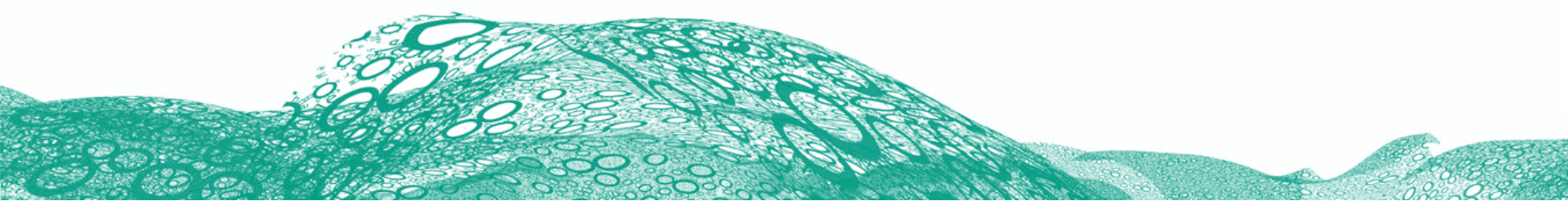
A maximum of 6 months

Includes extensive work experience

Includes Maths and English to Grade L4

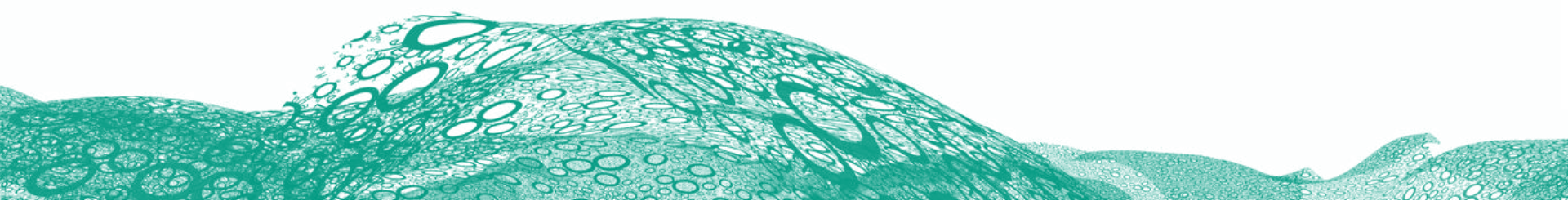
Employability skills and some work related qualifications.

Will allow suitable Year 11's to be given a guaranteed place to start when they leave.





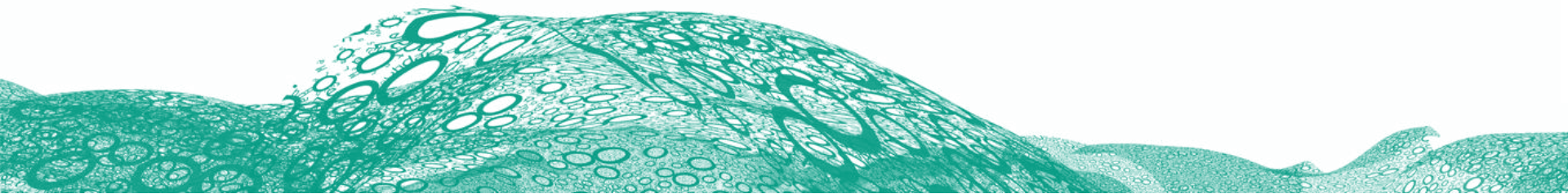
UTC's



## University Technical Colleges (UTC's)

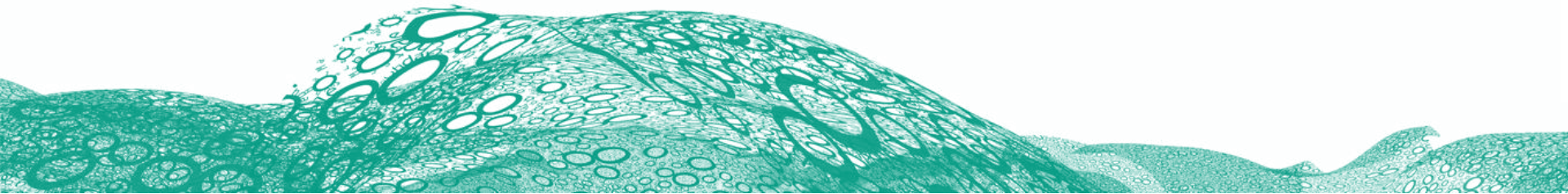
- Are sponsored by a University and Employer(s)
- Specialise in certain Curriculum areas (i.e. Engineering & Science, Creative & Media)
- Can have longer days (i.e. 9am – 5pm approach) and shorter Holidays
- Develop business skills to prepare young people for Apprenticeships, higher education at 19 or employment

Examples of UTCs locally would be Media City – Media, Bolton – Engineering and Health Sciences.



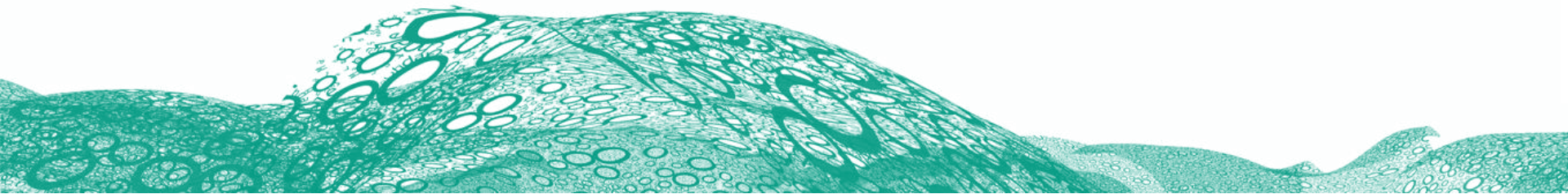
## Forthcoming Advice and Guidance

- Assemblies by local colleges and providers to give a taste of the different facilities and options on offer.
- Colleges and FE providers will host open days and tours with Q&A sessions – Must register online for covid reasons.
- Applications are now live on the college websites including deadlines.
- One to one interview with Positive Steps Careers Advisor – started in summer of Y10.
- Mr Gooding also available for any questions throughout the year.
- College interviews will take place either face to face, by phone or via Teams / Zoom according to college procedure
- Students can apply to as many colleges and pathways choices as they wish



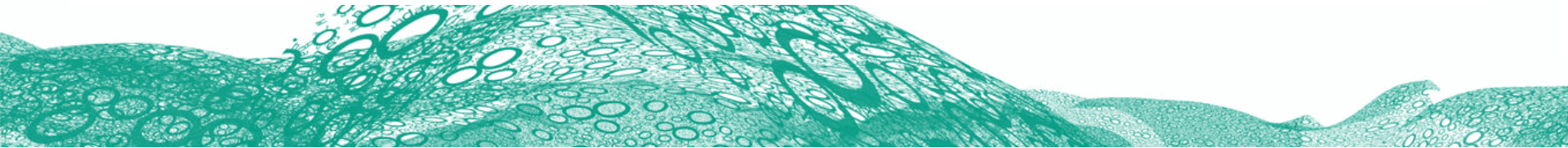
## In Summary - When making decisions

- Don't just do what your mates are doing
- **Don't leave applications until the last minute – start research now!**
- Visit everyone – ask questions
- Don't 'coast' in Year 11 if you receive an offer
- **Always have a plan B – Apply to more than one college.**
- Applying for an apprenticeship – Apply to a college as a back up.
- Don't be unduly influenced by people with out of date information.



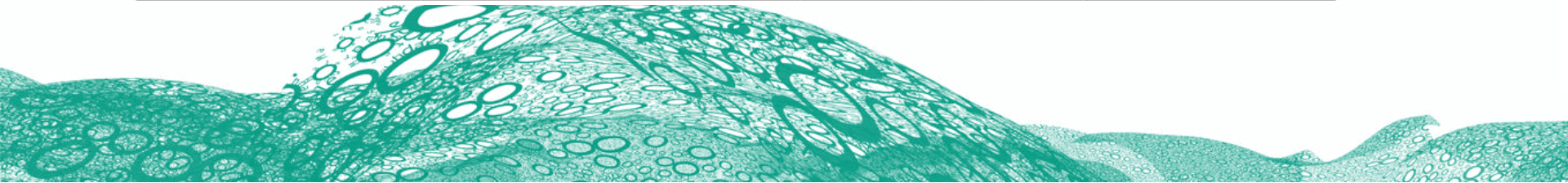
# Open Events 2021/22

College or Sixth Form	Open Events	Application Method	Application Deadline
	Go to website and book tour <a href="http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/openevents/virtual-meet-and-greet/">www.accesscreative.ac.uk/openevents/virtual-meet-and-greet/</a>	Online at <a href="http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk">www.accesscreative.ac.uk</a>	Accepting ongoing applications
	Wednesday 6th October 5.30-7.30pm Tuesday 12th October 5.30-7.30pm Saturday 20th November 11am—1pm	online at <a href="http://www.burycollege.ac.uk">www.burycollege.ac.uk</a>	Priority deadline 26th November Applications after this date will result in later interviews and offers
 <b>Cardinal Langley Sixth Form</b>	Thursday 11th November 4.00—7.00pm	Online at <a href="http://www.clrchs.co.uk">www.clrchs.co.uk</a>	TBC
	Wednesday 6th October 5.00—8.30pm	Online at <a href="http://www.chs-sixthform.org">www.chs-sixthform.org</a>	Application deadline 26th November
 <b>Holy Cross SF</b>	Saturday 9th October 10.30am—2pm Monday 18th October 5.30—8pm	Online at <a href="http://www.holycross.ac.uk">www.holycross.ac.uk</a>	Friday 3rd December Applications not taken after this date.



# Open Events 2021/22

 <p><b>Hopwood Hall College</b></p>	<p>Saturday 9th October 10am—2pm Wednesday 20th October 4pm—7pm</p>	<p>Online at <a href="http://www.hopwood.ac.uk">www.hopwood.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Apply before December</p>
	<p>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October - 10:00 - 13:30 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October - 10:00 - 13.30  Times TBC check website</p>	<p>Paper application download at <a href="http://www.loreto.ac.uk">www.loreto.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p>
	<p>Thursday 14th October 5pm—7pm Check website for campus venues Thursday 25th November 5pm—7pm Check website for campus venues</p>	<p>Online at <a href="http://www.tmc.ac.uk">www.tmc.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Priority Deadline TBC</p>
	<p>Saturday 9th October - 10pm—2pm Monday 18th October - 5pm-8pm</p>	<p>Online at <a href="http://www.osfc.ac.uk">www.osfc.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Priority Deadline. Friday 3rd December</p>
 <p><b>Oldham College</b></p>	<p>Saturday 9th October 10am—1pm</p>	<p>Online at <a href="http://www.oldham.ac.uk">www.oldham.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Priority deadline TBC</p>
	<p>Saturday 9th October - 10am—2pm Thursday 18th November - 4—7pm</p>	<p>Online at <a href="http://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk">www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Application deadline 9th December</p>
	<p>Saturday 9th October 10.30am—2pm Sun 17<sup>th</sup> October 10.30—2pm</p>	<p>Paper application form available to download at <a href="http://www.xaverian.ac.uk">www.xaverian.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>Around mid-January 2022 check website</p>



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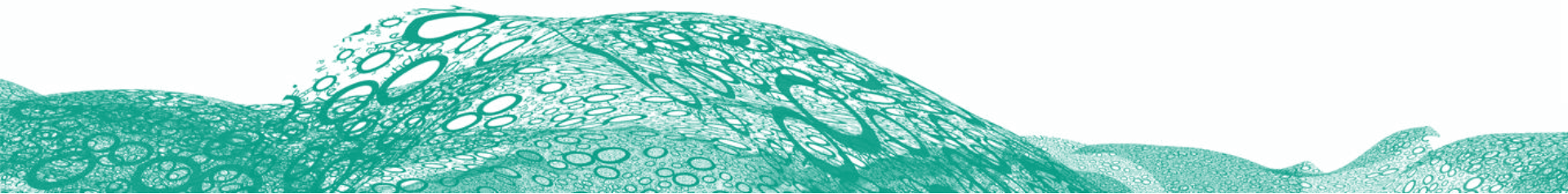
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National Careers Service: online tools, chat online and/or telephone helpline for both young people and adults (0800 100 900)

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

GMACs Careers advice and Labour Market Information <https://gmacs.co.uk/>



**Thank you for listening.**

