

TRANSITIONS

What do we mean by transitions?

When you go through a process or period of change!

You might find the transitions difficult. You won't be the only one – everyone needs time to adjust. Your teachers and tutors will understand that it isn't easy or a quick process. Transitions are ongoing and do take some getting used to!

Who is this pack for?

This guide is specifically designed for Year 10+ students considering their Sixth Form and College choices. By the end of this pack, you should know:

- * *What is FE?*
- * *Choices: Sixth Form and College*
- * *What is an A Level?*
- * *What is a Level 3 BTEC?*
- * *What about Apprenticeships?*

What is FE Education?

FE Education is the education *after secondary school but before university.*

Further education is a more advanced, 'next steps' qualification which allows you to progress into University or begin a specific career path.

What is Sixth Form?

2 extra years in a school based environment for students between the ages of 16-19 who are preparing for A-level exams or BTECS!

What is college?

College is an independent institution - not attached to a school.

Anyone can attend college over the age of 16 and study for A-levels, diplomas, BTECs and other awards.

Choices

Sixth Form

Its familiar, the buildings, teachers and students you already know what school is like and what is expected of you.

Smaller class sizes with more structure and support. In some cases the standard of teaching in academic subjects will be higher.

Plus if you have any additional needs you will already know how your school provides the support.

College

College is bigger than a traditional sixth form and usually offer more diverse subjects.

Colleges can specialise in subjects which closely link to the needs of industry - which can lead to a better chance of employment and university entry.

Similar to University - some FE colleges will have more than one site and offer part-time learning and adult students

All FE colleges have a Learning Support Advisor who you can offer guidance on courses and support available.

But what about Apprenticeships?

You can earn a salary and gain a qualification at the same time. There are over 280 types of apprenticeship.

Each apprenticeship trains you for a specific job, find out as much as you can about the career and progression.

Under 18, you can apply for:

1. Intermediate level apprenticeship – same as five GCSE passes.
2. Advanced level apprenticeship – same as two A-level passes.

Entry requirements vary but usually you need five GCSEs at grade 9 to 4 including English and maths.

You'll need to show you are committed and dedicated to show you can complete the programme.

An apprenticeship can take up to three years to complete - you'll be learning on the job, online, and classroom based

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