

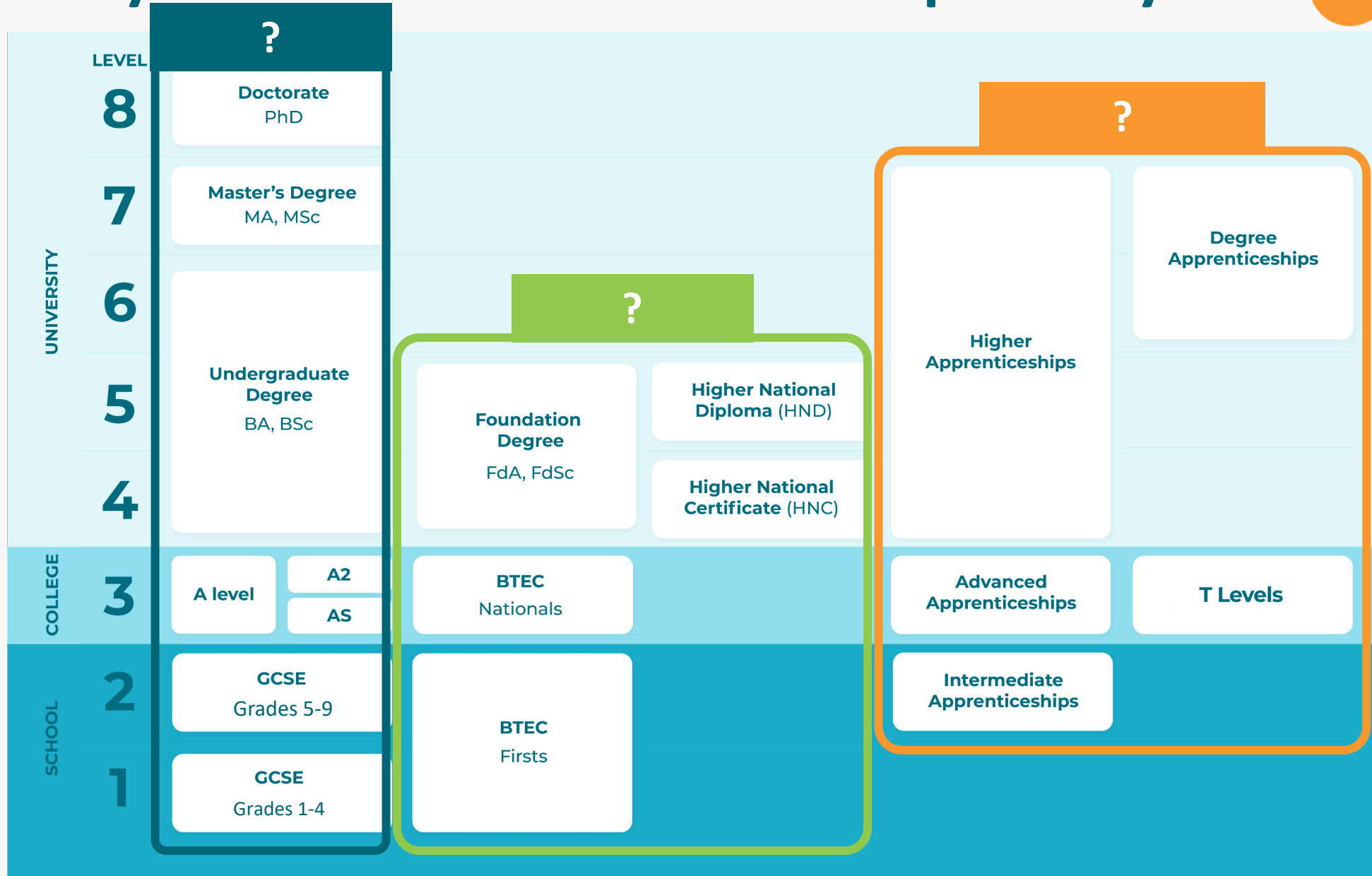
# Further Education

Sixth Form? College? Apprenticeship?

# Aims

- Understand the difference between sixth form and college
- Understand the difference between each of the Level 3+ qualifications
- Understand what apprenticeships are and how to apply for one

# Can you remember the different pathways?

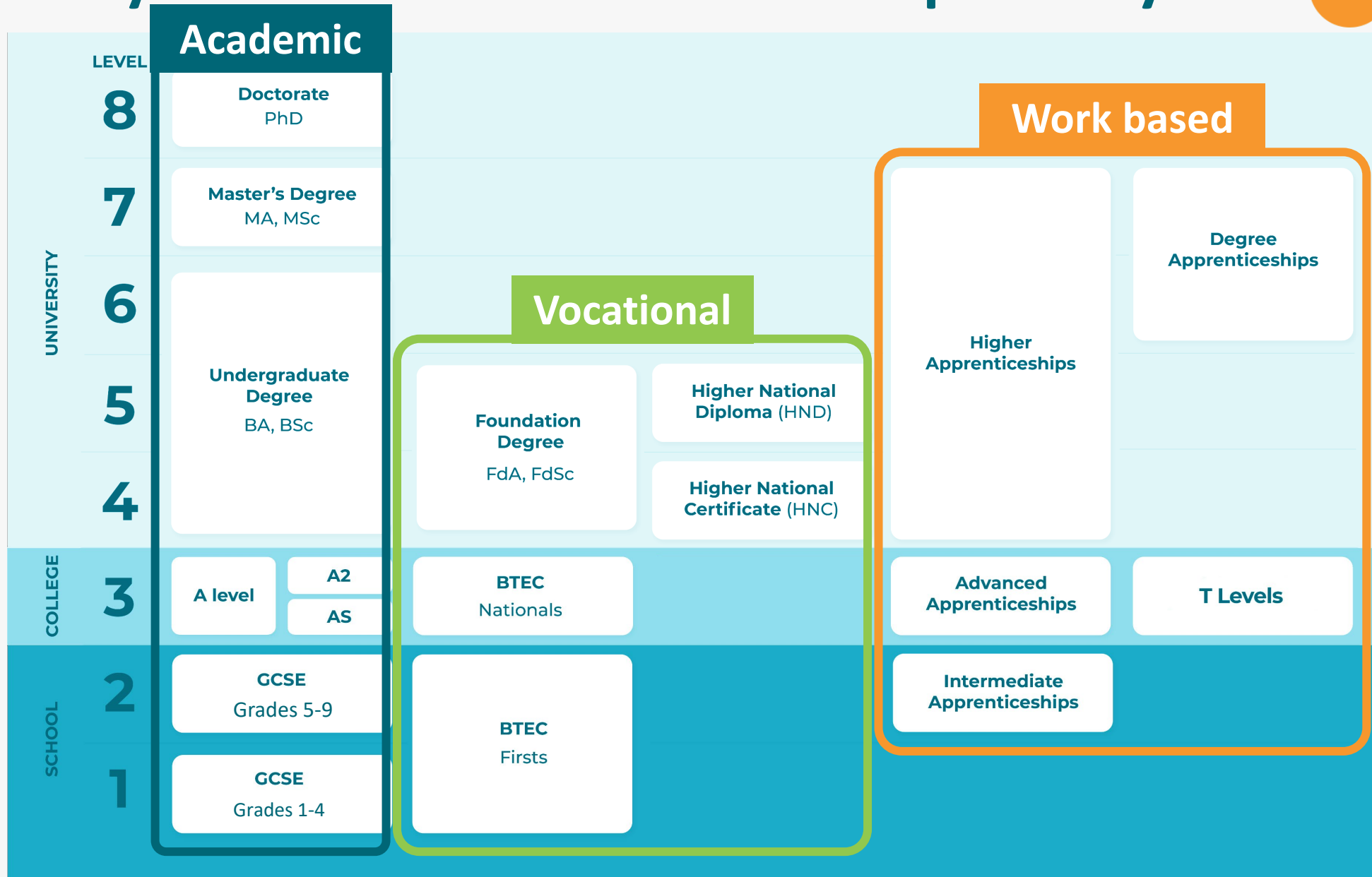


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Secondary Education  
(Year 10 and 11)

# Can you remember the different pathways?



Higher Education

Further Education

Secondary Education  
(Year 10 and 11)



**Which qualifications can you do in Year 12 and 13?**





College

3

School

2

1

More work based →

|                     |                 |                   |                                |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| A levels            | Level 3<br>BTEC | T Levels          | Advanced<br>Apprenticeship     |
| GCSEs<br>Grades 9-5 | Level 2<br>BTEC | [Dark teal block] | Intermediate<br>Apprenticeship |
| GCSEs<br>Grades 4-1 |                 |                   |                                |

← More classroom based



# Match the Qualification

Read the descriptions and match each of the qualifications.



**1. Typically study three subjects or more over two years**



**2. Work based qualifications that can be studied alongside A Levels**

**3. Includes a 45-day Industry Placement**

**4. Work based learning**

## **A-Levels**

- Studied across 2 years
- Usually study 3 subjects
- Can be studied alongside BTECs
- Mostly exam based, some coursework

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## BTECs

- Specialist work-related qualifications focusing on work sectors.
- Can be studied alongside A-Levels, depending on the type of BTEC – different options available to suit different pathways/keeping options open

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## T-Level

- Equivalent to 3 x A Levels
- 80% classroom learning, 20% work placement
- Mixture of exams, portfolio, and employer assessment

1. Typically study three subjects or more over two years

2. Work based qualifications that can be studied alongside A Levels

3. Includes a 45-day industry placement

**4. Work based learning**



## Apprenticeships

- Earn as you learn
- From Level 2 up to 7
- Spend 20% of your time studying in college or similar
- Spend 80% working for your employer, developing skills



# Apprenticeships are different...

- You apply in the same way you would for a job
- Your employer pays for your qualification
- Your employer chooses which college you study at

You can find out more about applying to apprenticeships on **page 18** of your booklet

## Equine Groom Apprentice – Livery and Showjump Competition Yard

**Foxall Animal Services**

### Apprenticeship summary


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Foxall Animal Services is a full livery and competition yard , they are looking for 2 new apprentices to work part time and offer flexible hours and days.

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Closing date: March 27, 2026

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Wage:

**£7,852 a year**

Total hours per week:

**20**

Expected duration (weeks):

**52**

Positions (available):

**2**

Date posted:

**February 27,  
2026**

Possible start date:

**April 1, 2026**

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## Requirements

### Desirable qualifications

GCSE in:

- English (grade 4)
- Maths (grade 4)

Share if you have other relevant qualifications and industry experience. The apprenticeship can be adjusted to reflect what you already know.

### Skills

- Communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Organisation skills
- Customer care skills
- Problem solving skills
- Presentation skills
- Analytical skills
- Logical

# Where can I study?

- Colleges are different from what you are used to at school
- The questions on **page 16** of your booklet will help you to think about which one might work better for you

**Bigger**

**Wider range of courses**

**Greater independence**

**Less formal**



# Open Evenings



- School sixth forms and colleges hold open evenings so that you can find out what it would be like to study there.
- [Personalise this slide with dates of the open evenings at the colleges and sixth forms that are local to the school]



# What did we do today?



Go to **page 2** and tick off:

- 12 – Qualification Levels
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