

Higher Education

Colleges & Universities

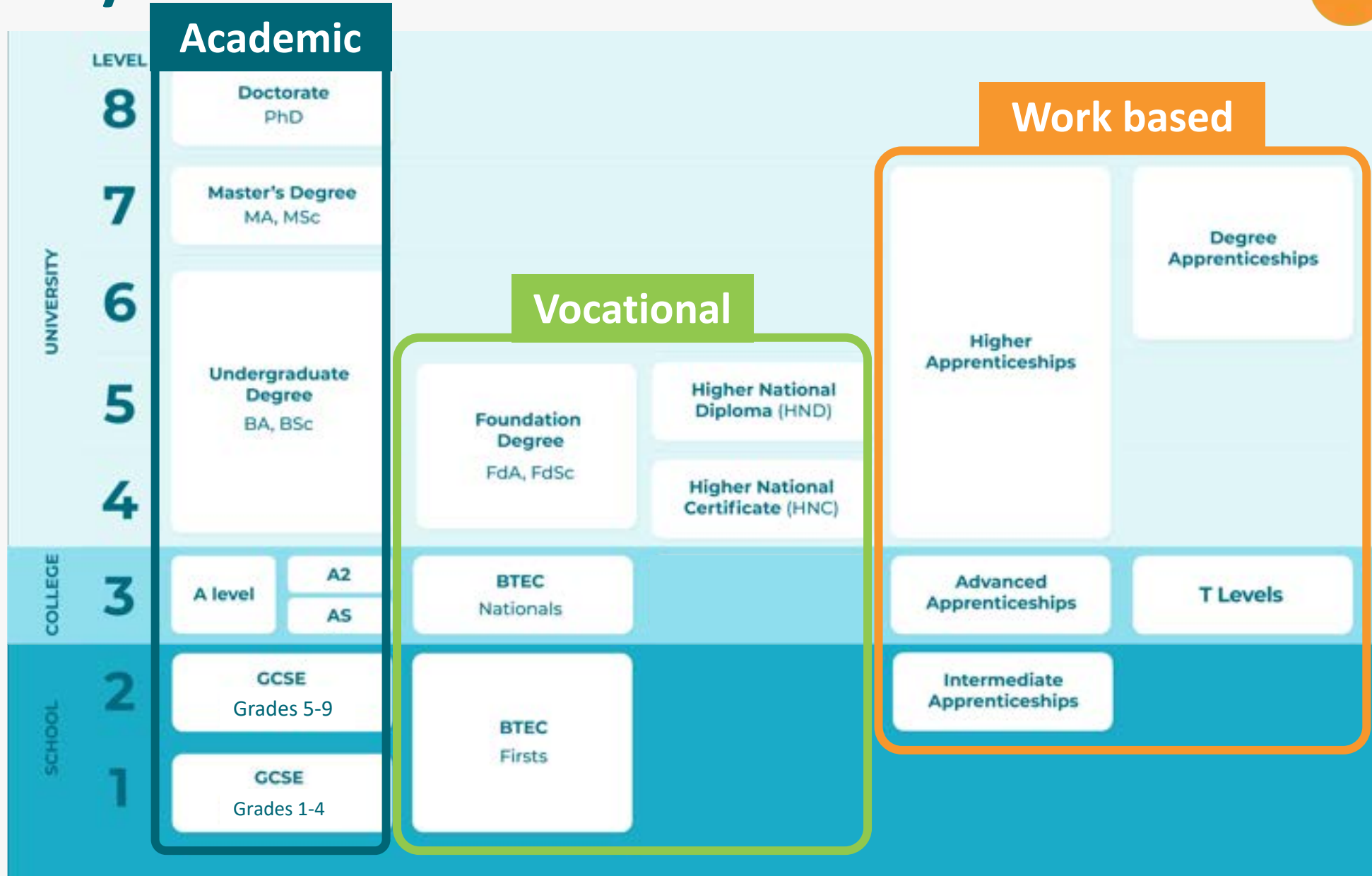




Key aims

- Understand the difference between studying at a college and a university
- Understand the link between Level 3 and Higher Education qualifications
- Understand what support is available to you in Higher Education and how to access it

Do you remember what comes after FE?



? Education

Further Education

Secondary Education
(Year 10 and 11)

Level 4 and above is Higher Education!

LEVEL						
8	Doctorate PhD					
7	Master's Degree MA, MSc			Degree Apprenticeships		
6				Higher Apprenticeships		
5	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc	Foundation Degree FdA, FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)		Higher Apprenticeships	
4			Higher National Certificate (HNC)			
3	A level	A2 AS	BTEC Nationals		Advanced Apprenticeships	T Levels
2	GCSE Grades A-C		BTEC Firsts		Intermediate Apprenticeships	
1	GCSE Grades D-G					



Post-18

Year 12 and 13
(16 - 18)

Year 10 and 11
(14-16)



On the following slides you'll see a statement about Higher Education.

You need to decide if it is true or false.

You can only get a degree at a university.



False



You can only go on to Higher Education if you're a high achiever in school, with loads of Grade 8's, 9's and A's



False





You can live at home and attend Higher Education



True





You can study how to manage a theme park as a degree



True





Visitor Attraction and Resort Management *

Study options

- Full-time
- Full-time, top-up

Award

BA (Hons)

Key facts

UCAS code: N836

Location: Stoke-on-Trent campus

Study option: Full-time

Duration: 3 Years

Start date: 25 September 2023

School: [School of Justice, Security and Sustainability](#)

A degree can help you get a job...



True

But you still have to put the work in!

A tutor checks each piece of work before you submit it to be marked.



False



**How is Higher Education
different to school?**





How do you learn in Higher Education?



Lectures



Seminars



Tutorials



Lab / workshop



Work placement

Typical day

9.00 am – 10am	Lecture
10am – 11am	Coffee and catch up with friends
11am – 12.30pm	Lecture
12.30pm – 1.45pm	Lunch with friends
1.45pm – 2.00pm	Walk across town to seminar room
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Seminar
3.00pm – 5.00pm	Library – reading for seminar tomorrow
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Play basketball
6.00pm – 7.00pm	Go to Asda
7.00pm – 8.00pm	Cook and eat dinner
8.00pm – 9.30pm	Work on essay due in next week
9.30pm – 11.30pm	Pub quiz with friends



College

- Smaller environment
- Local – less commute
- Wider range of vocational level 4 and 5 courses
- Don't usually offer accommodation

University

- More academic and social opportunities
- Wider range of academic courses (level 6+)
- Opportunity to live away from home if you want to

Level 6 Applied Professional Engineering Programme Degree Apprenticeship – Manufacturing , Halewood

JLR

Apprenticeship summary

[▶ Start Reading](#)

The Level 6 Applied Professional Engineering Degree apprenticeship programme takes four years to complete and adheres to Skills England Manufacturing Engineer (Degree) standard.

[APPLY TO VACANCY](#)

Closing date: March 10, 2026

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Wage:

£26,092 a year

Total hours per week:

32

Expected duration (weeks):

208

Positions (available):

4

Date posted:

**February 26,
2026**

Possible start date:

**September 7,
2026**



Making Informed Course Choices



- Some degree courses ask for specific **level 3** qualifications
- E.g. Medicine = A levels in Biology and Chemistry
- Sometimes the courses require specific grades.
 - Look at **page 15** of the resource.
 - What do you notice about the grades for Law?
- Choose a **different course** and find out what the entry requirements are at each university.



What kinds of support might you need to study or live in a new place (page 20)?



Financial



Careers Advice



Accommodation



Mental Health



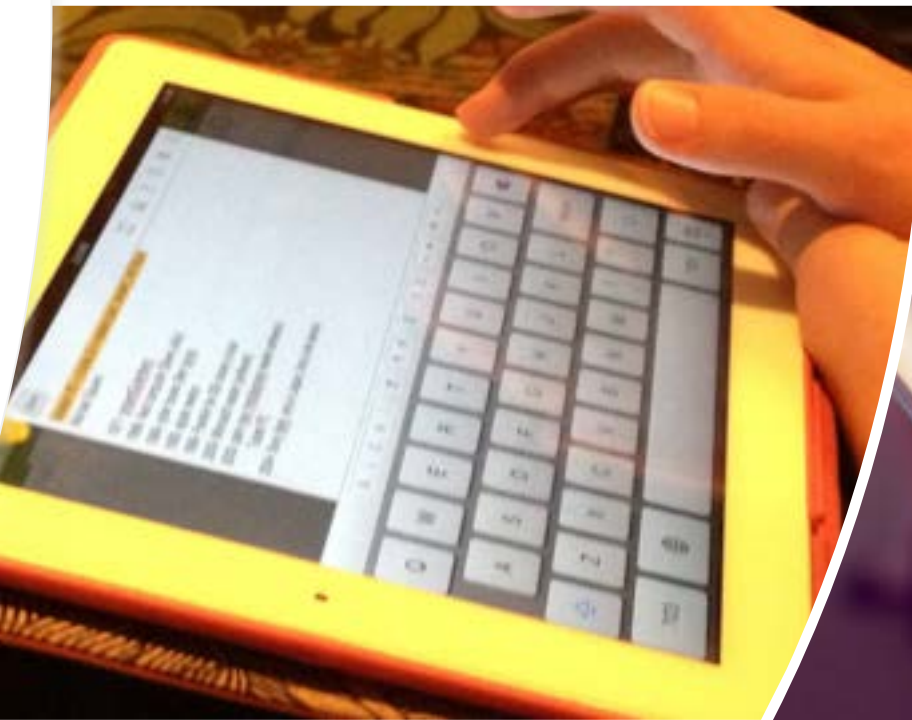
Library Services



Medical

Disabled Student Allowance

- Money to help with extra costs you may have as a **direct result** of your disability or additional needs
- Up to **£26,948** a year, depending on what support you need
- Apply **early!**



Here are some of the reasons why someone might receive DSA:

Severe eczema

Autism

Heart condition

ADHD

Anxiety

Visual impairment

Dyscalculia

Dyslexia

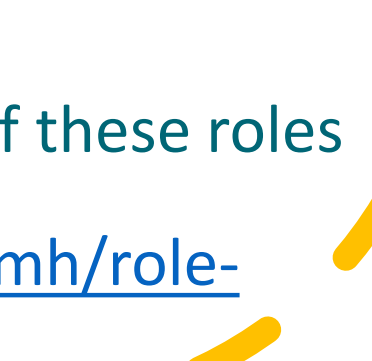
Depression

Physical disability



Disabled Student Allowance –

What does it pay for?

- Practical Support Assistant
 - Exam Scribe
 - 1-1 Study Skills Support Worker
 - Proofreader
 - Note taker
 - Sighted guide
 - Sign Language Interpreter
 - Accommodation adaptations, etc, etc!
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- You can find out about what each of these roles involves here:
<https://www.barrybennett.co.uk/nmh/role-descriptions.php>
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What did we do today?

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

- 5 – What are my Higher Education options?
- 19 – University vs College
- 20 – What Support Is Available
- 21 – Disabled Students' Allowance

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