



Dear parent/ carer

Students in year 10 and 11 are nearing the end of their secondary school education. Following the successful completion of their secondary education and sitting their GCSE's students will then be faced with the choice of what they want to do following school.

The school provides opportunities for students to explore their options and potential career routes with a career's advisor and through the support of their tutors, head of year and Student Support Managers students will be supported in prioritising and making applications for the courses and apprenticeships which support their goals after their time at Ark Kings Academy.

Students must then do one of the following:

- stay in full-time education, for example at school, sixth form college or further education college
- start an apprenticeship or traineeship
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering while also doing part-time education or training

To find out more about post 16 routes follow this [link](#).

Option name	Description	Duration	Assessment	Entry requirements
A levels	You could take 3 very different subjects you are interested in to keep your career options open or choose more closely related subjects if you need them for a specific career.	2 years	Mostly exams at the end of the course	Typically 5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 (usually including English and maths)
T levels	Designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in	2 years	Exams, projects and practical assignments	Course dependent



	the workplace. You'll combine classroom learning with real work placements. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.			
Vocational and technical qualifications	These courses teach you the practical skills and knowledge for a particular area of employment. They can prepare you for a broad employment sector, like engineering or travel and tourism, or for a specific job like a chef or a hairdresser. Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be involved in.	1 or more years	Can include coursework, skills tests and exams	Course dependent
Apprenticeships	Intermediate, advanced higher and degree apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary. 80% on the job 20% study.	A minimum of 1 year	Will be dependent on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level	

To support students and parents with this choice I have compiled a list of open days in the local area to explore subjects, courses, and apprenticeships in more



detail with the providers. Most open days now require the booking of tickets which you can access by clicking the blue links below.

[Cadbury College](#) - Next Open Days are on Thursday 11th November 5-7PM and Saturday 13 November 10AM-2PM – booking of tickets required

[Solihull Sixth form](#)- Wednesday 24 November 2021
5.00 – 8.00pm (last entry at 7.30pm)

[Ark St Albans](#)- Not currently providing open days

[South and City College Birmingham](#)

The above post 16 providers are a few of the options previous Ark Kings Academy students have chosen to attend. Once a course or subjects are chosen by students the search for a college or sixth form which provides this in the local area may become slightly easier. Students will be informed of other options during their Learning for Life lessons and career interviews.

Please provide us with feedback on our careers provision using this [link](#). Any information and feedback from you really help us make our post 16 information as good as it can be for our students.