

Year 11s – What Next?

A guide to what you can be doing now, during the holidays and on and after results day.

Haven't yet applied?

You can still apply to sixth forms and colleges and there is not usually a cut-off date to do so. However, the sooner you apply, the better as you won't then be worrying about unmade plans. You can apply for more than one course and you can apply to more than one college/sixth form and can therefore be making your final decision as to where you enrol over the summer or when you get your results. If you don't apply soon, you won't get the relevant communications from the establishment/s and you will end up having to make a rushed decision about courses and where to go at the end of the summer/on results day.

If you're still unsure about what your choices are and what type of further education might suit you, follow this link for a guide to your options, from academic to vocational and occupational qualifications.

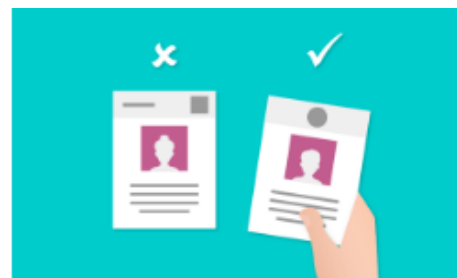
<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/gcse/what-can-you-do-after-gcses-academic-and-vocational-options-for-16-year-olds#Academic>

Unsure what course/subject to take?

The below links take you to short online quizzes that will help you find out what sector and roles might suit you and from there you can look up the Job Profiles to find out the entry requirements for specific jobs. Both websites provide lots of impartial information about your options and careers, with 'Prospects' being particularly useful for those planning to go to University.

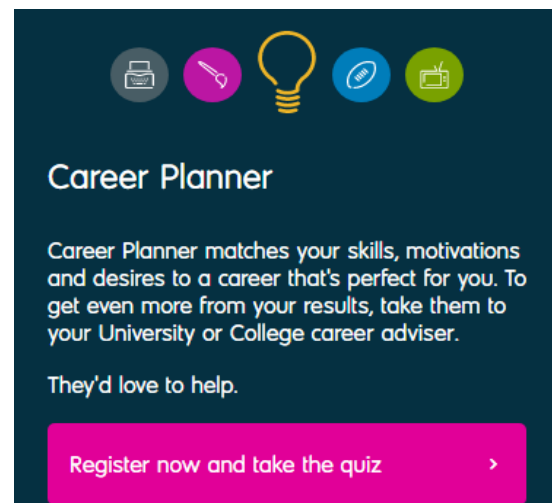
Careerpilot - **Job Quiz** (scroll to bottom page)

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors>



Prospects - **Career Planner and Jobs Match**

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner>

A screenshot of the 'Career Planner' interface. At the top, there are five circular icons: a briefcase, a pencil, a lightbulb, a target, and a television. Below the icons, the text reads: 'Career Planner matches your skills, motivations and desires to a career that's perfect for you. To get even more from your results, take them to your University or College career adviser. They'd love to help.' At the bottom, there is a prominent pink button with the text 'Register now and take the quiz' and a right-pointing arrow.



A Levels Explorer - enter A Level subjects to the below link and it will show what degrees and examples of associated careers students went on to study after taking these/similar A levels. See the 'close matches' and 'unexpected outcomes' as these can give you degree/career ideas you hadn't thought of and reassure you that certain choices of A levels can give you broad options as to what to go on to study. <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/a-level-explorer>

Are you **unsure about a particular course/ choosing between courses?** Colleges are open throughout the holidays and are happy to talk to you to help you decide. Below are contact details for some local colleges. Churchill Sixth Form are also available, email 6thform@churchill-academy.org

Weston College - e:mail: schoolteam@weston.ac.uk Tel: 01934 411481. Weston are also running live Q&A sessions on Facebook, the first being this Friday at 4pm.

City of Bristol College - email: Admissions.Team@cityofbristol.ac.uk Tel: 0117 312 5000.

Bridgwater & Taunton College - email: info@btc.ac.uk Tel: 01278 441 234. For further information for those who have applied or are thinking of applying, follow this link <https://www.btc.ac.uk/students/essential-information/>

Hoping for an apprenticeship or traineeship?

If you have been offered/accepted an apprenticeship, contact the employer or training provider and ask them to confirm the start date, as due to Coronavirus, some are delaying.

If you are still looking for a vacancy, keep looking, but it's important to have a back-up plan because there are fewer than expected vacancies and completion is high. So, make sure you also apply for an education course in case you don't manage to find an apprenticeship.

Search for apprenticeship vacancies at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> and set up an alert to be notified about relevant vacancies as they come up. You should be as proactive as possible in searching for a vacancy and also contact employers that interest you directly.

If you don't think you're ready for an apprenticeship yet, then a traineeship might be a better option. They can last for up to six months and include work preparation training, support in improving your English and maths and a work experience placement. Find a traineeship at this link <https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship> and/or talk to your local college.

Results day – Thursday 20th August

All results will be published on Insight at 8am on results day in the Assessments section of Insight on the page headed "Examination results". **Check you can access Insight before results day!**

Follow the below link for all information about your results including grading, how results will be issued, queries and advice and ways to share your results celebrations.

http://www.churchill-academy.org/docs/letters/Exam_Results_2020_letter_-_06-07-20.pdf



For information on **what to expect and tips on preparing for results day**, follow this link.
<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/gcses/what-to-do-on-gcse-results-day#link-2>

Follow this link for help with **understanding your GCSE results slip**.
<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/gcse/understanding-your-gcse-results-slip>

If you get the grades required for your course, well done and you usually just need to confirm this with who you've applied to.

Churchill Academy staff will be available to answer questions, provide advice, and discuss next steps with students and families on results day and the day after.

- call us on 01934 852 771,
- email us at churchill@churchill-academy.org with the subject line "Exam Results"

Colleges are available to give advice on results day and often the day after. See page 2 for contact details of some local colleges and go to their website to check for others.

If you don't get the required grades

Don't panic! There is always some leeway. If lots of people don't make their grades, or if some people decide not to take their place, then your grades may still be good enough to allow you entry. Always get in touch (as soon as possible and on results day) with where you have applied to and ask whether you can still study there. Don't assume they will accept you, unless they have already advised you will get a place irrespective of your results. For further information and tips, follow this link. <https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/fe-and-college-students/career-choices/careers-advice-topics/gcse-results-day.html>

If you haven't passed Maths and/or English (a pass is a grade 4 or above), then you will need to re-sit these, usually alongside whatever course you are taking. This link provides more information.

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/gcses/what-to-do-on-gcse-results-day#link-4>

Life after results day



LIFE AFTER RESULTS DAY

Join a live webinar with Young Enterprise on Friday 21st and Monday 24th August at 3pm. You'll hear from inspirational speakers who'll share their stories of life after results day and how they came to be where they are today. They'll also provide valuable advice on how to make the most of your results, whatever they may be.

https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/life-after-results-day?utm_campaign=1940960_Life%20after%20results&utm_medium=email&utm_source=YoungEnterprise&dm_i=3R6D,15LNK,5VCLNC,43BG8,1

And finally...

GOOD LUCK FROM EVERYONE AT CHURCHILL!