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Post- 16 Providers 2020- 2021



Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst <https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/> Tel: 0121 329 8300

Tudor Grange Academy Solihull <https://www.solihull.tgacademy.org.uk/> Phone: 0121 705 5100

Sixth Form Colleges:

Cadbury College <https://www.cadcol.ac.uk/> Tel: 0121 458 3898

Joseph Chamberlain College <https://www.jcc.ac.uk/#!/type/:type/qualification/as-a-level> Phone: 0121 446 220

Solihull Sixth Form College <https://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/> **Admissions Office:** 0121 709 7083

Further Education Colleges:

BMET (including Matthew Boulton College , Sutton Coldfield College and James Watt Campus plus others)

<https://www.bmet.ac.uk/> Tel: 0121 446 4545

BOA (Birmingham Ormiston Academy) <https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/> 0121 359 9300

ACCESS Creative College Birmingham <https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham-college/>
Tel: 0800 28 14 82

Sandwell College <https://www.sandwell.ac.uk/> Tel: 0121 667 5000

Solihull College (including; Woodlands Campus and Blossomfield Campus) <https://www.solihull.ac.uk/>
Tel: 0121 678 7000

South and City College and Bournville College <https://www.sccb.ac.uk/> Tel: General Enquiries: 0121 694 5000 Longbridge Campus/ Bournville College <https://www.sccb.ac.uk/longbridge-campus> Tel: 0121 694 5000

South Staffordshire College (including Tamworth, Torc, Lichfield, Rodbaston campus)
<https://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/> Tel: 0300 456 2424

Stratford Upon Avon College (part of Solihull College) <https://www.stratford.ac.uk/> Tel:+44 (0)1789266245

Walsall College <https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/> Tel: 01922 657000

Warwickshire College Group (WCG) (Including Colleges of Royal Leamington Spa; Warwick Trident; Moreton Morrel; Evesham; Malvern Hills; Pershore; Rugby) : <https://wcg.ac.uk/> Tel: 0300 456 0049

University College Birmingham (UCB) <https://www.ucb.ac.uk/study/college/> See **College** courses Tel: Telephone: 0121 604 1000

Sixth forms & further education establishments: Solihull

The following schools have a sixth form:

- Arden School and Language College
 - Alderbrook Sixth Form
 - Grace Academy
 - Heart of England School
 - John Henry Newman Catholic College
 - Park Hall Academy
 - St Peter's Catholic School
 - Tudor Grange Academy Solihull
 - Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst
- Sixth form and further education establishments**
- Solihull College
 - The Sixth Form College Solihull

Link to Directory of Birmingham Secondary Schools 11-18

(follow this link and you can then link into each school)

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/24/birmingham_schools/category/318

- Archbishop IIsley Catholic School
- Arena Academy
- Ark Boulton Academy
- Ark St Alban's Academy
- Aston Manor Academy
- Aston University Engineering Academy
- Bartley Green School
- Birmingham Ormiston Academy
- Bishop Challoner Catholic College
- Bishop Vesey's Grammar School
- Bishop Walsh Catholic School
- Bordesley Green Girls' School & Sixth Form
- Broadway Academy
- Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School
- City Academy
- Cockshut Hill School
- Colmers School and Sixth Form College
- Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School
- Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, Birmingham East
- Eden Boys' School
- Eden Girls' Leadership Academy, Birmingham
- Erdington Academy
- Fairfax
- Fortis Academy

- [Four Dwellings Academy](#)
- [George Dixon Academy](#)
- [Greenwood Academy](#)
- [Hall Green School](#)
- [Hamstead Hall Academy](#)
- [Harborne Academy](#)
- [Heartlands Academy](#)
- [Hillcrest School and Sixth Form Centre](#)
- [Hodge Hill College](#)
- [Hodge Hill Girls' School](#)
- [Holte School](#)
- [Holy Trinity Catholic School](#)
- [Holyhead School](#)
- [Jewellery Quarter Academy](#)
- [John Willmott School](#)
- [King Edward VI Aston School](#)
- [King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy](#)
- [King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys](#)
- [King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls](#)
- [King Edward VI Five Ways School](#)
- [King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys](#)
- [King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls](#)
- [King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy](#)
- [King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy](#)
- [King's Norton Boys' School](#)
- [Kings Heath Boys](#)
- [Kings Norton Girls' School](#)
- [Lordswood Boys' School](#)
- [Lordswood Girls' School and Sixth Form Centre](#)
- [Moseley School and Sixth Form](#)
- [Ninestiles, an Academy](#)
- [Nishkam High School](#)
- [North Birmingham Academy](#)
- [Plantsbrook School](#)
- [Queensbridge School](#)
- [Rockwood Academy](#)
- [Saltley Academy](#)
- [Selly Park Girls' School](#)
- [Shenley Academy](#)
- [Small Heath Leadership Academy](#)
- [St Edmund Campion Catholic School](#)
- [St John Wall Catholic School](#)
- [St Paul's School for Girls](#)
- [St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School](#)
- [Stockland Green School](#)
- [Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls](#)
- [Swanshurst School](#)
- [The Arthur Terry School](#)
- [The University of Birmingham School](#)
- [Tile Cross Academy](#)
- [Turves Green Boys' School](#)
- [Turves Green Girls' School](#)
- [Waverley Studio College](#)

- Wheelers Lane Technology College
- Yardleys School

The difference between choosing a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma and A Levels

Broadly speaking, BTEC qualifications start to prepare you for **one subject** or career area, whereas A levels aim to give you a specific academic grounding in **several given subjects (usually 3, sometimes 4)**.

BTECs centre around coursework (**usually around 60- 70%**) and- often – work placements, whereas A levels are much more classroom-based and tend to be assessed largely via final exams (depending on the subject - **check the % exam and course work for each A Level and BTEC of interest to support your research**).

- A **BTEC Extended Diploma** is equivalent to **3 A Levels**.
- A **BTEC Diploma** is equivalent to **2 A Levels** so some colleges offer the option of a **Diploma plus 1 A Level**.

Is a BTEC ‘easier’ than A levels?

Don't choose a BTEC expecting an easy life. The top grade – D* – is treated as equivalent to an A* at A level. You'll also have to work very steadily throughout your course due to the continuous assessment methods. What types of assessment do you do best in? If you score much more highly in coursework than exams, a BTEC may suit you better. If you get your highest marks in exams, A levels may be the option you would prefer to consider.

- What motivates you to work hard and push yourself – a love of learning for its own sake (in which case consider A levels), or feeling like you're developing skills and knowledge that are directly relevant to working life (which is the focus of a BTEC)?
- What subjects do you feel passionate about? A BTEC may work for you if there's **only one subject area you're keen on**

Do universities accept BTEC qualifications?

Many universities accept BTEC level 3 qualifications for entry onto undergraduate courses (degrees for those going to university for the first time). However, for courses that place a lot of weight on exams, BTECs may not be regarded as the best preparation or may not be accepted. If you're considering going to university, research **the entry requirements for individual degree courses** you might want to apply for in Year 13 before finalising your BTEC choice. It is equally important to **check that your A Level combination of subjects matches university degree course entry criteria**. See <https://www.ucas.com/> to check course and entry requirements.

Degree and Higher Apprenticeships will also specify BTEC and/ or A Level **subject** requirements e.g. Business/ Science/ Maths.

Source: <https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/a-level-choices/1033934-a-levels-or-btec-which-should-i-take>

Virtual Open Events and Links :

See each individual website to register and/ or pre- book !

Please check each website for further details and to monitor any updates

Access Creative College **27th October** <https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/27-oct-open-day/>

BOA Week commencing **12th October**- Pre-booked tickets required

<https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/admissions/open-events>

BMET **Monday 12th- Thursday 15th October** (subject and campus specific to each day)

<https://www.bmet.ac.uk/open-events-enrolment/october-virtual-open-events/>

Solihull College (Blossomfield and Woodlands Campus)

This can be viewed **at any time/ date online**

<https://www.solihull.ac.uk/news-events/virtual-open-event/school-leaver-virtual-open-event/>

Solihull Sixth Form College **Saturday 17th October 9.30**

<https://www.solihullsfc.ac.uk/applying/open-days/>

Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst

Week commencing 2nd November <https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/event/p16-recruitment-week-virtual-launch-of-open-day/>

UCB (University College Birmingham) **Saturday 21st November 12-2pm**

<https://www.ucb.ac.uk/open-days/>

If you require further information about Apprenticeships, a school or college not listed above e.g. out of area, please email:

JRobinson@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk

A guide to apprenticeships

What's an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a genuine job and under all circumstances an apprentice will be employed from day one. Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

An apprentice will:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- earn a wage and get holiday pay
- be given time for study related to their role (the equivalent of one day a week)

What levels are there?

All apprenticeships include elements of on the job and off the job training, leading to industry recognised standards or qualifications. Some apprenticeships also require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

| Name | Level | Equivalent educational level |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| Intermediate | 2 | 5 GCSE passes at grade A*– C or 9 – 4 |
| Advanced | 3 | 2 A level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate |
| Higher | 4, 5, 6 and 7 | Foundation degree and above |
| Degree | 6 and 7 | Bachelor's or master's degree |

What can they earn?

The national minimum wage (NMW) for apprentices is £3.90 per hour from April 2019. The apprentice NMW applies to apprentices aged under 19 or aged 19 or over and in the first year of their apprenticeship.

Apprentices aged 25 and over, and not in the first year of their apprenticeship, will be entitled to the National Minimum Wage.

| Year | 25 and over | 21 to 24 | 18 to 20 | Under 18 |
|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| April 2019 | £8.21 | £7.70 | £6.15 | £4.34 |

This is the legal minimum pay per hour, most receive more. The Apprenticeship Pay Survey 2016 estimated the average gross hourly pay received by apprentices in Great Britain was £6.70 an hour for level 2 and 3 apprentices which is equivalent to nearly £14,000 per year. More details on salaries and entry criteria in specific apprenticeship occupations can be found on GOV.UK and search 'apprenticeships'

Why apply?

- Earn a real wage;
- Be trained in the skills employers want;
- Set yourself up for the future – apprentices enjoy marked salary increases when they complete their training, and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime.*

Entry requirements

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England and have no upper age limit. The National Apprenticeship Service is committed to ensuring that high quality apprenticeships are a prestigious option, accessible to all people from all backgrounds. All vacancies on [Find an apprenticeship](#) will clearly state what the entry requirements are for the job role being advertised. There will be different entry requirements depending on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level.

Recent changes to the minimum English and maths requirements now mean that people with a learning difficulty or disability can now access a level 2 intermediate apprenticeship as long as they can achieve an entry level 3 qualification during their apprenticeship.

A Disability Confident Employer will generally offer an interview to any applicant that declares they have a disability and meets the minimum criteria as defined by the employer. For more details, search Disability Confident on GOV.UK.

Where to look for an apprenticeship?

With so many opportunities on offer, there are several ways you can find an apprenticeship.

More information, including videos of current apprentices, is available at apprenticeships.gov.uk. You can search and apply for vacancies on Find an apprenticeship on GOV.UK. Once registered on Find an apprenticeship, email and text alerts can be set up about new apprenticeship vacancies which may be of interest.

If you would like to view more information on a selection of well-known employers you can visit the vacancy snapshot at amazingapprenticeships.com. It displays a range of employers fact files outlining the types of apprenticeship vacancies available at these companies across the year. If you have a specific interest in a certain employer, it is also worth going direct to their recruitment site.

You could also meet employers and their apprentices through our new live broadcast feature. In these interviews, we take a look behind the scenes of a range of different employers and meet some of their apprentices amazingapprenticeships.com/live-broadcasts.

Contact the National Apprenticeship Helpdesk for further support on **0800 015 0400** or by email: nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk.

Our YouTube channel has useful hints and tips on applying plus other videos on apprenticeships, visit [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) and search apprenticeships/NAS.

How to apply?

At any one time on Find an apprenticeship, in a variety of careers and industries across England, there are between 12,000 - 20,000 apprenticeships vacancies online available at gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship. You can search by keyword (job role, occupation type or apprenticeship level) and by location. In addition, some employers advertise vacancies on their website.

Once the right job comes up, simply register on the website and follow the step by step instructions to apply for the role.

What is the role of the training provider?

The training provider has a key role to play in providing off-the-job training, assessing progress towards achieving their qualifications and supporting you generally during their apprenticeship. They work very closely with the employer to ensure that the apprentice receives:

- an induction programme on starting
- a detailed training plan (including on-the-job training)
- regular progress reviews
- opportunities to put into practice off-the-job learning so that they can achieve their qualifications/requirements of the apprenticeship
- mentoring and general support throughout the apprenticeship

This will all be documented in a commitment statement that is part of the Apprenticeship Agreement. This is an individual learning plan that the provider, the employer and apprentice will all sign up to.

You can find out more about learner satisfaction with training organisations and colleges by accessing the learner satisfaction survey results on the FE Choices pages of GOV.UK.

How many hours per week will an apprentice be working?

The minimum duration of each apprenticeship is based on the apprentice working 30 hours a week or more, including any off-the-job training you undertake.

However, this does not apply in every circumstance. For example, people with caring responsibilities or people with a disability may work reduced weekly hours. Where this is the case, the duration of the apprenticeship will be extended to take account of this.

The time spent on off-the-job training should be at least 20% and should be included as part of working hours. The employer must allow time to complete the apprenticeship within the working hours. If support is needed with English and maths, the should also be within

Further Support

Additional financial support is available for care leavers starting apprenticeships. A £1,000 bursary is available to support care leavers who are aged 16-24, this will be paid directly to them in the first year of the apprenticeships.

If you need help with you apprenticeship application or professional advice on making the right choices, visit: nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk for a web-chat with an adviser or call: 0800 100 900 (free from landlines and mobiles).

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