

Action Plan

What you need to know:

Your choices at the end of Year 11 fall into two main groups. You can continue in education or training, or start work.

Choices in Education may include:

- Schools Sixth Form (Islington Sixth Form Consortium)
- Sixth Form College
- Further Education College
- Specialist College

Choices in Training and work may include:

- An apprenticeship
- A job with training
- A job
- A training programme that prepares you for work

Before you choose a course, you should carefully consider what you want to get out of the learning experience. The decision you make now will affect your future, so you should consider your options thoroughly and not rush your decision, as you could be studying your chosen course for a number of years.

Some people know which career they want to go into, whilst others don't. We're all different, so don't worry if you're not sure which career you would like to go into after you've finished studying.

It's important that you choose a course for the right reasons. You should genuinely enjoy a subject and want to develop your skills in it, with a view of progressing into higher education or a career in that area.

You need to know about the different types of qualifications.

L2 (Level 2 Qualifications) 1 Year Courses – These qualifications include: 4 GCSEs grades D and above (often with a package to re-sit English and Maths GCSE.)

- National Vocational Qualification at level 2
- GCSEs achieved at grades A*-C
- The BTEC First Diploma
- The Higher Diploma
- City and Guilds Intermediate Awards
- Young Apprenticeships

They build your knowledge, understanding and skills in a subject, a specific work area of a broad economic sector.

They enable you to use your learning in a wide range of tasks and also help you to prepare for qualifications **at Level 3**.

Most employers use this level as their minimum entry requirement.

L3 (level 3 Qualifications) 2 Year Courses - These qualifications include min 4 CGSEs grades C and above including English and Maths.

- National Vocational Qualifications at Level 3 (=3 A Levels)
- AS and A2
- The AQA Baccalaureate/International Baccalaureate
- The BTEC National Awards (= 2 A Levels)
- The Applied A Levels (= 2 A Levels) students will need to pick up an additional AS Level subject
- City and Guilds Awards

Universities require most students to be qualified to this level. Employers will increasingly look for applicants who are qualified to this level.

For further information contact Ms Shaw.