Action Plan Information 2020/21



College

**College application timeline**

**Research options and seek advice**

**Attend open events**

**Apply**

**Attend interview**

Please check with individual colleges for up to date information on processes

**Reasons to choose college**

**could include…**

Find out more

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⚫ Check out college prospectuses and websites:

 see page 3 for details of local colleges

⚫ Search for courses:

 **www.ucas.com/further-education**

⚫ Qualifications:

**www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean**

⚫ Attend college open days and tasters:

 see page 3 for details of local colleges websites to find out dates and times

New learning environment

Increased independence

Wide range of vocational subjects

Planning your own workload

You may not need to be in college all day, every day

There may be learners from a range of ages

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**FAQs**

**When can I start college?**

Most courses start in September although there are also some January starts

**What can I study at college?**

Types of course could include…

* A levels
* Awards, Certificates, Diplomas such as OCR, Edexcel, BTEC, City & Guilds, Cambridge Tech Levels or CACHE. Applied General and Tech Level courses may be available too.
* Courses related to skills you need to learn such as National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) now known as Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)
* Courses which lead on to Higher Education, such as the Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art & Design)
* Entry level qualifications
* T Levels- check where these are available https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/

**Don’t forget…** Entry requirements for some higher education courses and careers require you to have studied specific subjects and qualifications

**https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk** >Explore careers

**https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/**

You may have to pay for books, trips and equipment.

**What’s it going to cost?**

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Full-time FE courses are normally free of charge for students aged 16-18 but you may have to pay for other types of course.

Financial support such as the

16-19 Bursary may be available - contact the college’s student support department.

**Find out more…**

**www.ychertfordshire.org** >Jobs and Careers >Info on education and learning >Money for learning

**www.gov.uk/further-education-courses** >Financial help

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**There may be help with the cost of travelling to college**

**Find out more…**

**www.ychertfordshire.org** >Jobs and careers >Local information >Transport

**Interviews and introduction meetings**

**Remember…**

* Take a photocopy of your application form
* Read the course literature before the interview
* Take along samples of any relevant work you have done
* To ask questions - it shows you are keen, well organised and have good research skills

**Top tips**

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**How do I decide what and where to study?**

**Think about…**

🞏 The range of courses

🞏 Where the course will be taught

🞏 How much the travelling would cost

🞏 How often you need to attend

🞏 Entry requirements for the course

🞏 How the course is taught - lessons, practical workshops, tutorials etc.

🞏 How the course is assessed – exams, projects, practical exercises, essays

🞏 The facilities, support and social life (such as clubs and societies)

🞏 If the course has any links with local companies and employers

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Check college websites and prospectuses to find out more

**Help from YC Hertfordshire**

**www.ychertfordshire.org** >Support for Young People

**Your nearest YC Hertfordshire Access Point is..**

**Watford Young People’s Centre (opposite the fire station)**

**206-210 Lower High Street**

**Watford WD17 2EL**

**01923 482828**

**For help for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, contact the LDD Team…**

01438 844999 email: YC.LDD@hertfordshire.gov.uk

**Help is also available from the National Careers Service https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk**



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|  **Checklist of FE colleges and UTCs in Hertfordshire and the surrounding area** |
|  | **College** | **Website** | **Campuses in…** |
| 🞎 | **Hertford Regional College** | [**www.hrc.ac.uk**](http://www.hrc.ac.uk) | Broxbourne, Ware  |
| 🞎 | **North Hertfordshire College** | [**www.nhc.ac.uk**](http://www.nhc.ac.uk) | Hitchin, Stevenage  |
| 🞎 | **Oaklands College** | [**www.oaklands.ac.uk**](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk) | St Albans, Welwyn Garden City  |
| 🞎 | **West Herts College** | [**www.westherts.ac.uk**](http://www.westherts.ac.uk) | Hemel Hempstead, Watford, Kings Langley  |
| 🞎 | **(College of) Animal Welfare** | [**www.caw.ac.uk**](http://www.caw.ac.uk) | Potters Bar  |
| 🞎 | **Barnet and Southgate College** | [**www.barnetsouthgate.ac.uk**](http://www.barnetsouthgate.ac.uk) | Southgate, Wood St (Barnet), Colindale, Edmonton Green |
| 🞎 | **Barnfield College**  | [**www.barnfield.ac.uk**](http://www.barnfield.ac.uk) | Luton - New Bedford Rd & Enterprise Way |
| 🞎 | **Bedford College** | [**www.bedford.ac.uk**](http://www.bedford.ac.uk) | Bedford, Biggleswade (Shuttleworth) |
| 🞎 | **Buckinghamshire College Group** | **www.buckscollegegroup.ac.uk**  | Amersham, High Wycombe, Aylesbury  |
| 🞎 | **Cambridge Regional College** | [**www.camre.ac.uk**](http://www.camre.ac.uk) | Cambridge  |
| 🞎 | **Capel Manor College** | [**www.capel.ac.uk**](http://www.capel.ac.uk) | Enfield, Regents Park, Crystal Palace, Gunnersbury Park, Leyton  |
| 🞎 | **Central Bedfordshire College** | [**www.centralbeds.ac.uk**](http://www.centralbeds.ac.uk) | Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Leighton Buzzard |
| 🞎 | **Chelmsford College** | [**www.chelmsford.ac.uk**](http://www.chelmsford.ac.uk) | Chelmsford  |
| 🞎 | **City & Islington College** | [**www.candi.ac.uk**](http://www.candi.ac.uk) | The Angel, Camden Rd, Holloway Rd  |
| 🞎 | **Epping Forest College** | **www.ncclondon.ac.uk/epping-forest** | Loughton  |
| 🞎 | **College of Haringey, Enfield & NE London**  | [**www.conel.ac.uk**](http://www.conel.ac.uk) | Enfield, Tottenham |
| 🞎 | **Harlow College** | [**www.harlow-college.ac.uk**](http://www.harlow-college.ac.uk) | Harlow  |
| 🞎 | **Harrow College** | [**www.harrow.ac.uk**](http://www.harrow.ac.uk) | Harrow-on-the-Hill, Harrow Weald, Wealdstone, Renton  |
| 🞎 | **Hills Road College** | [**www.hillsroad.ac.uk**](http://www.hillsroad.ac.uk) | Cambridge  |
| 🞎 | **Long Road Sixth Form College** | [**www.longroad.ac.uk**](http://www.longroad.ac.uk) | Cambridge  |
| 🞎 | **Luton Sixth Form College** | [**www.lutonsfc.ac.uk**](http://www.lutonsfc.ac.uk) | Luton  |
| 🞎 | **Milton Keynes College** | [**www.mkcollege.ac.uk**](http://www.mkcollege.ac.uk) | Milton Keynes, Bletchley  |
| 🞎 | **(College of) North West London** | [**www.cnwl.ac.uk**](http://www.cnwl.ac.uk) | Wembley Park, Willesden  |
| 🞎 | **Shuttleworth College** (part of Bedford) | [**www.shuttleworth.ac.uk**](http://www.shuttleworth.ac.uk) | Biggleswade  |
| 🞎 | **Stanmore Sixth Form College** | [**www.stanmore.ac.uk**](http://www.stanmore.ac.uk) | Stanmore  |
| 🞎 | **Uxbridge College** | [**www.uxbridgecollege.ac.uk**](http://www.uxbridgecollege.ac.uk) | Uxbridge, Hayes  |
| 🞎 | **Writtle University College** | [**www.writtle.ac.uk**](http://www.writtle.ac.uk) | Chelmsford  |
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|  **University Technical Colleges (UTCs)** |  |
| 🞎 | **Buckinghamshire UTC**  | [**www.buckinghamshireutc.co.uk**](http://www.buckinghamshireutc.co.uk) | Aylesbury |
| 🞎 | **Elstree UTC** | [**www.elstreeutc.co.uk**](http://www.elstreeutc.co.uk) | Borehamwood |
| 🞎 | **Heathrow Aviation Engineering UTC** | [**www.heathrow-utc.org**](http://www.heathrow-utc.org) | Northwood |
| 🞎 | **Watford UTC** | [**www.watfordutc.org**](http://www.watfordutc.org) | Watford |

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