Action Plan Information 2020/21



Sixth form

**Sixth form timeline**

**Research options and seek advice**

**Attend open events**

**Apply**

**Attend interview**

**Why choose sixth form?**

**Pros and cons of choosing sixth form**

Find out more

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⚫ Check out the sixth form pages of school websites to find out about the subjects and qualifications they offer

⚫ Search for courses –

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

⚫ Qualifications -

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

⚫ Choosing A levels?

**www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/qualifications-you-can-take/levels**

Familiar environment

Convenient – travel time/cost

There may be a dress code

May have to attend all day, every day

May have to study at several locations to get the range of courses/

subjects required

May have less independence than at college

May be more structured than college

**Don’t forget…** Entry requirements for some higher education courses and careers require you to have studied specific subjects and qualifications to make sure you take this into account when making your choices.

**https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk** >Job profiles

**www.russellgroup.ac.uk** >For students >Subject choices at school and college

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**FAQs**

**What type of course could I study at sixth form?**

* **A level and AS level qualifications** are level 3 academic qualifications assessed by written exams. In most cases, you need at least five GCSEs at grades 4/5. It is usual to take 3 or 4 subjects.
* **Vocational courses** such as City & Guilds/CACHE/Cambridge Technicals/OCR/Edexcel BTEC Awards, Certificates, Diplomas. These may be available at level 2 and 3 and in a wide range of subjects related to different industries and jobs. They include skills employers look for. Each one is made up of a number of units mainly assessed by coursework. These could include Applied General or Tech Level courses.
* A **combination** of qualifications.

**Applying to sixth form – did you know?**

* You apply directly to the sixth form
* You can apply to more than one sixth form

**Contact the sixth form if you have any queries or concerns about your application**

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**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**



**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**

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

**What’s it going to cost?**

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Find out if any financial support such as the 16-19 Bursary may be available contact the school’s student support department or sixth form tutor.

**Find out more…**

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

[**www.gov.uk/further-education-courses**](http://www.gov.uk/further-education-courses) >Financial help

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

**Find out more…**

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

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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