

Your guide to transitioning from Year 11

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Introduction

Transition means a time of change. In this case, an exciting change from Year 11 to the next stage in your learning or training. This might be on to an apprenticeship or traineeship, or to college or sixth form to study A Levels, a T Level or vocational/technical courses. Whatever you have decided, or even if you haven't yet made up your mind, this booklet is here to help.

Sixth forms, colleges and training providers want to keep you up-to-date on what they have on offer and over the following few pages you will find information on all of the main providers. If you still don't get the answer you need, there are details of who to contact at each organisation.

Not all apprenticeship training providers are listed in this document. However, the Lancashire Forum provide support for apprenticeships across all of Lancashire and can offer you support. They will be more than happy to help and can be contacted at: info@lancsforum.co.uk

New Directions Careers Service are also keen to support you and can offer one-to-one guidance over the phone. You may have had a one-to-one careers guidance meeting with them already in school. They have up to date information on all providers and can help you with applying if you have not yet done so. They can be contacted by phone on: 01254 666424 or email: newdirections@blackburn.gov.uk

Remember, you're not on your own! There is lots of support on offer to help make your move to the next stage of your learning/training as smooth as possible.

Good luck!



Choices after Year 11

Your choices after Year 11

Young people have to stay in education or training until their 18th birthday. There are three main ways to do this:

- > Continue to study full time
- > Get an apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship
- > Work or volunteer whilst studying part-time

There are lots of post 16 education or training options available. You'll need to think about which one best suits your needs, interests and future plans. This education and training is free if you start before you turn 18.

Study full time

If you want to study full time, there are two main options: a school sixth form or a college. You will be able to choose from a wide range of qualifications and courses and these tend to be classed as academic or vocational/technical:

A levels - these are two year courses with an exam at the end. These courses are at Level 3. Most students take three A level subjects but you may be able to combine A Levels with another qualification. You would need to speak to your preferred school sixth form or college to see what they can offer. A Levels are one of the main routes into higher education.

Vocational/technical – Often referred to as BTEC's or T Levels, these courses are designed to help you learn in a more practical way about an employment sector, such as travel and tourism or construction. Vocational/technical courses are jointly designed with industry and employers so you can gain the right knowledge and skills to help you progress into a job. Whilst the main progression route from vocational/technical qualifications is into employment, you can also progress into higher levels of study, including university.

T Levels are a two year course and are at Level 3. One T Level is the equivalent to three A Levels. T Level students spend 80% of their course in technical learning and 20% in an in-depth industry placement which is around 45 days (315 hours). The industry placement will give you real experience of working in your chosen industry. You'll also study English and maths if you have not yet achieved a GCSE grade 4 in these subjects. T Levels are currently being rolled out across the country and a range are already available across Lancashire. T Levels are assessed in different ways – including projects, tests and exams – and they allow you to progress onto an apprenticeship, skilled employment or higher education.

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Choices after Year 11 continued

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is an excellent way to combine on the job learning while you're working and earning a wage. You'll get hands-on practical learning through your employer and you'll also go into college or to your training provider one day a week to learn the theory behind your chosen subject area. Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of subjects and they last for at least 12 months. You can start at Level 2 and progress all the way up to Level 7. As an apprentice, you'll be an employee and will receive a wage and other employee rights, such as holiday pay. Apprentices receive different rates of pay, depending on their age and where they are up to in their apprenticeships. A 16-18 year old apprentice is entitled to the National Minimum Wage.

Pre-apprenticeship programmes

A pre-apprenticeship programme can include a work placement which will help you gain the skills and experience you need to progress into an apprenticeship or employment. You'll also get support with English and maths if you need it, as well as work preparation training.

These programmes can last anywhere between six weeks and a year, though most last for up to six months. Unlike an apprenticeship, you won't receive a wage on these programmes. However, you may be entitled to financial support through your education provider.

Work or volunteer whilst studying part time

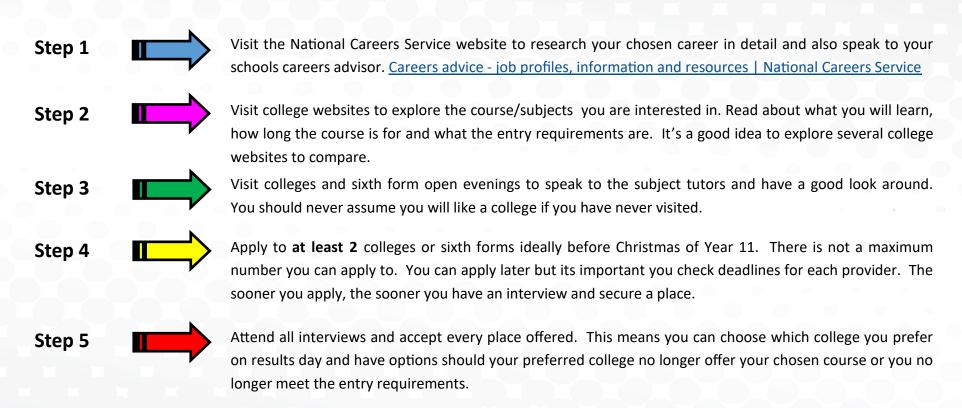
If you'd prefer to work, or be your own boss, you are required to study a part-time course alongside this. You'll need to work for at least 20 hours a week, while you are in part time education.

Volunteering is a rewarding activity and can help you to make a difference within your community. It's a great way to gain experience and develop new skills. You can find out more about volunteering opportunities in Blackburn with Darwen at Volunteering | Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council



How to apply to college or sixth form

If you decide to progress onto a full time course at college or sixth form, below are the steps to take to ensure a smooth and successful transition.



Collect your GCSE results and enrol!!! There is more detail about this on the next page.

Step 6



GCSE results day and enrollment

GCSE results day will take place on Thursday 22nd August 2024. Your school will let you know their arrangements for collecting results before you leave. In most cases school will ask you to collect your results in person.

Enrolment on your chosen course.

If you have applied to a provider and accepted a place on a course, the provider will contact you to explain how and when to enrol. Make sure you check your emails and respond to any messages you may receive.

Colleges, sixth forms and training providers will also share information on enrolment arrangements via their websites and through social media (contact details can be found in this booklet).

DON'T PANIC!!! If your grades are lower than expected, there is **always** an option for you. Go to your chosen college who will review your results and also your options. Alternatively, the New Directions Careers Service team have up-to-date information on all of the providers in Blackburn with Darwen and beyond, so give them a call if you are want to discuss all of your options. (01254 666424)

They are also available if you haven't applied for anything yet and can support you to apply and enrol.





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How to find an Apprenticeship

Finding an Apprenticeship can sometimes feel a little daunting but following the steps below can lead you in the right direction. Apprenticeships can take time and effort to find but there are lots of opportunities available. Lancashire WBL Executive Forum explains how:-

To apply for an apprenticeship you can:

- b Look at our Sorted Guide which shows all the training providers and what apprenticeships they offer
- ♦ Contact a training provider by <u>clicking here and let them know the apprenticeship you are interested in</u>
- ♦ Go on <u>www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</u> to search for current vacancies and to apply for an Apprenticeship. You can set up alerts to be notified of new vacancies as new ones arise every day.
- Attend careers fairs and open nights and get talking to employers.
- Go on companies websites and click on their careers tabs. You can make contact with a company and explain that you are looking for an apprenticeship.
- Have a Curriculum Vitae (CV) ready to share with providers and employers CV advice | National Careers Service
- Mention your interest in an Apprenticeship to friends and family. Sometimes its who you know!
- If you find your own employer, New Directions Careers Service can advise you on how to link your job offer to training. Call 01254 666424.

If an Apprenticeship is your preferred route, its essential that you apply for a college place as a back up plan.





Accrington and Rossendale College

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Contact our friendly apprenticeships team for information and guidance. Telephone: 01282 440 319 Email: apprenticeships@nelsongroup.ac.uk Access our website www.accross/ac.uk/apprenticeships Find Out More About Apprenticeships And Their Benefits. (nelson.ac.uk)	You can apply online through the college's website, which can be accessed here: Apprenticeships www.accross.ac.uk Select the subject area of the apprenticeship you wish to apply for and then click 'apply now', which is an orange button at the top right of the screen.	After you have applied, the college will process your application and contact you to arrange an interview with their apprenticeships team. This may be online or face to face.	If you would like some advice and guidance on different options — then please contact our school's liaison team on schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk If you would like some Careers information, advice and guidance please contact our Careers Zone on careers@nelsongroup.ac.uk	Don't worry! You can start the college's Apprenticeship Start Up programme which will help you develop the essential skills that employers are looking for it this competitive market. You wireceive individualised advice, guidance and support from their team who will work with you to secure a placement as part of the programme.
If I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?	What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?	How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprenticeship?	I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my appren- ticeship	
That's fine – just let the college know by emailing: - admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk. Please do not make a separate application – the college can update your existing one and add or remove courses in line with your preferences	Please don't worry – the college will offer you an alternative that is right for you and can offer you a course whatever your grades. The college has courses at different levels for school leavers in a wide range of subject areas. More information can be accessed through this link: 16-18 (accross.ac.uk).	Many employers are interviewing online via Teams, Zoom or Google Meet or by a phone call. The college can offer you help and assistance to get you ready for any interviews beforehand so that you feel prepared.	Once you have applied we will work with you to produce a professional CV as well as a cover letter, sample email and even a telephone script that you may need when contacting employers. Our apprenticeship team will give you tips and guidance on how to ensure your CV stands out	



Blackburn College

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Apprenticeship Team 01254 292500 apprenticeships@blackburn.ac.uk	You can apply online through Blackburn College's website, which can be accessed here: Apprenticeships Blackburn College.	After you have applied, the college will contact you to arrange an interview and assessment	The college would encourage you to complete an application form online – you can apply for full time and apprenticeship programmes. You can request an appointment with the Schools team on 01254 292929.	The college will work with you to job search for your preferred apprenticeship route. They will also offer you a suitable full time course option, and if appropriate, a plan to switch to an apprenticeship when one becomes available.
If I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?	What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?	How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprentice-ship ?	I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my appren- ticeship	
If you change your mind after applying, call the college on 01254 292929 and they will be able to update your application. They will also refer you to their Hub team who will provide you with advice on your next steps.	Please don't worry – the college will support you to decide on an alternative course to help you work towards your goals. Please still go to the college for your enrolment and they will have staff available to help you.	Many employers are interviewing firstly by phone and then face to face. It is really important to do your research before an interview and the college will send your details to the employer in advance.	You can call the Apprenticeship team on 01254 292500 and they will arrange for you to attend a free CV building workshop and an interview skills workshop. They can also send you templates to help you complete this.	



Burnley College

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How do I apply for an apprenticeship

I have applied for an apprenticeship with a College/ Provider, what happens now

I haven't decided what I want to do after my GCSEs/ A Levels. on the apprenticeship I have What do I do?

What happens if I don't get applied for?

www.burnley.ac.uk/themis-home

c.admissions@burnley.ac.uk (School Liaison Team)

themis@burnley.ac.uk (Themis Team)

01282 733322 (School Liaison Team)

01282 733005 (Themis Team)

Step 1. www.burnley.ac.uk/ themis-home

Step 2. Press apply now button

Step 3. Search for a specific Apprenticeship subject, or look into 'Apprenticeships explored' shown on the 'learn' tab.

Step 4. Click on the specific Apprenticeship you want to do

Step 5. Press apply now (again)

Step 6. Complete application form and submit

Once you have applied you will receive an e-mail with a date and time for interview. Once you have completed two interviews with our industry experts and are categorised as 'suitable' for an apprenticeship, you will then be passed on to our Themis recruitment team. They will go through live vacancies, look at your CV, ensure you are inter- 730005 or theview ready and will then look to match you with an employer for an interview. The Themis team do ask for you to be pro-active in finding your own employer as well. Look out for news on our Themis Careers Event in January. You will sit BKSB Maths & English assessments to assess the level that you are currently

working at.

It's important that you look into You will be able to enrol on the different options that are available and do some research for yourself. If you are a school leaver you can contact the School Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or via e-mail on c.admissions@burnley.ac.uk to ask for further advice and info, or the Themis Team on 01282

mis@burnley.ac.uk to speak specifically to them regarding Apprenticeships.

If you have just finished you're A -levels you can also speak to the Themis team about Apprenticeships, or ring student services on 01282 733373 or e-mail them at s.services@burnley.ac.uk to gain information about your next steps.

the full-time vocational equivalent to your apprenticeship or A-levels (If you have the grades). We always recommend that you apply for a full-time course as well as a back-up in case you don't get an Apprenticeship,

or you change your mind.



Burnley College continued

f I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?	What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?	How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprentice-ship ?	I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my appren-
ia the usual application process. If you can e-mail admissions@burnley.ac.uk and inform the college that way. ependant on what your change is ou may have to sit another inter- iew.	If you don't get the GCSE's, you are expecting there is a chance you may need to complete a lower-level apprenticeship or a full-time course. If this is the case, then the college will look at the best possible alternative and work with you to find the best outcome for you. If you over-achieve then you may be able to look at a different course, the college is here to help you look at these options once again	Your interviews will take place face-to-face. However, should you be unable to attend in person, the college may be able to arrange this to happen via phone call or video call	The Themis Team and the School Liaison Team can offer support with CV help and interview preparation via their Themis Toolkit Workshops, or on a one-to-one basis.



JTL Training

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All information on JTL's Apprentice-ships is available on our website accessed via www.jtltraining.com	You can apply online through JTL's website, which can be accessed here: Helping young people launch exciting careers. (jtltraining.com).	After you have applied, follow the guidance in your application to create your online account. You will be prompted to take assessments and provide some information about yourself	JTL has advice on its website for careers in the buildings services engineering sector – Electrical, Plumbing, Heating and Ventilation. If you aren't sure this is the right choice for you, please explore options with other providers and colleges who offer training and courses in other areas.	Keep looking on the Apprentice- ship Vacancies website and JTL will alert you to any vacancies they have in your area
If I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?	What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?	How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprentice-ship?	I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my appren- ticeship	
Simply go into and update your account to show that you are no longer interested and we will stop sending you notifications about vacancies in your area.	JTL don't specify what GCSE's or level you have to achieve to start an apprenticeship. They will ask you to complete an online initial assessment that will enable us to see whether the course is right for you and what support you may need to achieve	Employers have their own recruitment processes, but most employers will try to do face to face interviews. Where this isn't possible they may use online packages such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom etc.	JTL offers guidance in creating an online CV and preparing for interview through your online account.	



Myerscough College

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Contact our Employer Services team on 01995 642255 or email us on employerservices@myerscough.ac.uk. Further details can also be found on our website here: https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/apprenticeships/	If you have an employer in place who is willing to take you on in the relevant sector, you will need to complete an application form. Please contact us to request one of these. All our current vacancies are here: Apprenticeship Vacancies Myerscough College	Once you have completed an application form, our Recruitment and Admissions team will be in touch with next steps.	Contact our general enquiries team for information a subject area you are interested in, whether a college based courses or apprenticeship and we will offer you information. There is a live chat on our website www.myerscough.ac.uk or email enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk	Depending on the circumstances, you could go down a different route, such as traineeships. Alternatively contact us and we can discuss if there are other apprenticeships that may be suitable.
If I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?	What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?	How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprenticeship ?	I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my appren- ticeship	
Contact us to let us know and we will be able to discuss options with you in further detail.	Please contact us as we may be able to offer you a traineeship or other opportunity at the college.	Employers will work differently but once you are ready to be signed up to the apprenticeship with your employer, we may be able to conduct the assessment visit virtually.	Please contact us and we can discuss options surrounding employability and provide you with information, advice and guidance.	



Nelson and Colne College

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For more information or guidance, contact the college's friendly Apprenticeship team on 01282 440319 or email apprenticeships@nelsongroup.ac.uk. You can access information on the college's website Find out more about apprenticeships	You can apply online through the college's website, which can be accessed here: Find out more about apprenticeships Select the subject area of the apprenticeship you wish to apply for and then click 'apply now', which is an orange button at the top right of the screen.	After you have applied, the college will process your application and contact you to arrange an interview with their apprenticeships team. This may be online or face to face.	School's Liaison Team at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk. If you would like some careers information, advice and guidance,	Don't worry! You can start the college's Apprenticeship Start Up programme which will help you develop the essential skills that employers are looking for in this competitive market. You will receive individualised advice, guidance and support from their team who will work with you to secure a placement as part of the programme.
If I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?	What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?	How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprentice-ship?	I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my appren- ticeship	
That's fine – just let the college know by emailing admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk. Please do not make a separate application – the college can update your existing one and add or remove courses in line with your preferences.	Please don't worry – the college will offer you an alternative that is right for you and can offer you a course whatever your grades. The college has courses at different levels for school leavers in a wide range of subject areas. More information can be accessed through this link: www.nelson.ac.uk/16-18/	Many employers are interviewing online via Teams, Zoom or Google Meet or by a phone call. The college can offer you help and assistance to get you ready for any interviews beforehand so that you feel prepared.	Once you have applied, the college will work with you to produce a professional CV, as well as a covering letter, sample email and even a telephone script that you may need when contacting employers. Their apprenticeship team will give you tips and guidance on how to ensure your CV stands out.	



North Lancs Training Group

Key contact details and where to get information

Visit NLTG's website at www.nltg.co.uk for full details of NLTG Apprenticeships and vacancies, useful information including careers advice, interview tips and answers to frequently asked questions.

Our expert Schools Liaison Team is available to provide 1:1 support, information, advice and guidance (IAG).

For queries relating to how to apply and NLTG vacancies, our Apprentice Recruitment Team is available on:-

Telephone: 01254 395355, or

Email: recruitment@nltg.co.uk

How do I apply for an apprenticeship

Applying is easy. Simply visit the NLTG website at www.nltg.co.uk, and click on the 'Apply' button at the top of the web page. You will be asked to complete a short online ceived your application, our Apregistration form and we will then receive your application remotely. Paper copies of our application form are also available on request should you need one. Simply contact our Apprentice Recruitment Team.

Once we have received your application our Apprentice Recruitment interview.

You are also able to view all NLTG vacancies via our website and to apply for those you are interested in. Don't forget to check our vacancies regularly so you don't miss out on your dream career

I have applied for an apprenticeship with a College/

If you haven't yet applied to NLTG, you can do so, even if you have applied to a College or other Training Provider. Once we have reprentice Recruitment Team will contact you to arrange an interview. The team will discuss the type Ali Shah of career and Apprenticeship you are interested in and match you to suitable vacancies.

They will then send your details to employers and arrange job interview dates for you. The team is Team will contact you to arrange an also able to help you with interview tips and techniques. After you have found a job, we will then sign you up to your NLTG Apprenticeship.

I haven't decided what I want to do after my GCSEs/ A Levels. What do I do?

NLTG's expert Schools Liaison Team We regularly receive vacancies is available to talk you through your for a range of different Apprenoptions and answer your questions about Apprenticeships.

Simply contact one of our team by email or phone as detailed below.

Call: 07548 562632, ⊠ email ali.shah@nltg.co.uk

Michelle Chambers

Call: 07525 850622, ⊠ email: michelle.chambers@nltg.co.uk

What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I have applied for?

ticeships, with a variety of employers. If you are unsuccessful at interview with a particular employer, we will continue to work with you and match you to other suitable vacancies in the same occupation/ Apprenticeship, or in other occupations which you may be interested in. Our expert Schools Liaison Team can also provide you with IAG regarding all your options and the different Apprenticeships available. Simply contact one of the team by phone or email.

Ali Shah 07548 562632, email ali.shah@nltg.co.uk

Michelle Chambers 07525 850622, email: michelle.chambers@nltg.co.uk



North Lancs Training Group continued

If I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?

What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?

I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my

If you change your mind after applying, this is not a problem; simply contact our Apprentice Recruitment
Team to let them know.

Telephone: 01254 395355

Email: recruitment@nltg.co.uk

Whether you receive the grades you are hoping for, or your results are not quite what you expect, we will be able to support you. As part of our application process you will undertake a Skills Scan to ensure your current level of maths and English is at the required level. (For a Level 2 Apprenticeship, you need to be working at a level equivalent to GCSE Grade 2/E or above in maths/English). If you are not working at the required level, we can talk to you about your options including our Traineeships and our exciting Study Programmes designed to help you develop skills and gain a maths and/or English qualification. For more information contact our Study Programme Team on

T: 01254 392835

E: hyndburn.sp@nltg.co.uk Information is also available by clicking here. Don't worry, NLTG's Apprentice Recruitment Team can provide you with advice on creating an up to date CV and support you with interview tips and techniques.

If you are not quite ready for an Apprenticeship, our Study Programme offers two exciting full-time options to help you build your confidence and develop skills for the workplace, further learning or an Apprenticeship.

You will also be supported to gain a maths and/or English qualification if you don't have GCSEs at Grade A*-C/9-4.

For more information and an informal chat about our Study Programmes, please contact us.

T: 01254 392835 E: hyndburn.sp@nltg.co.uk Information is also available by clicking here.



Preston College

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Dan Crumblehulme dcrumblehulme@preston.ac.uk Info www.preston.ac.uk	You can apply online through the college's website at Online Application - Preston College	All applicants will receive an immediate email response to confirm receipt of the application with a link to interview dates. Applicants from local schools will see the list of dates when the college will visit for interview. Applicants from out of county schools will be able to book on one of four interview evenings. All applicants will be interviewed and provided with relevant careers, information, advice and guidance (IAG) and support with alternative full time options including any SEND requirements and support needs that has been identified on their application or during the interview. A full time college place is also given as a backup to the apprenticeship if you do not manage to secure employment. Furthermore, you can transfer from a fulltime course to an apprenticeship at a later date, if an apprenticeship opportunity arises with an employer.	You can call the college on 01772 225774 or drop them an email at guidance@preston.ac.uk and one of their Careers Advisors can offer course advice and careers information in order to support with your potential next steps.	A full time college course is given as backup to all apprentice applicants. You can transfer onto an apprenticeship from a fulltime course at a later date if an opportunity arises with an employer.



Preston College continued

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I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my

It's not a problem if you change your mind about the area you are interested in. However, please do contact us on appsin-

fo@preston.ac.uk to let us know your intentions. Alternatively you can contact us on 01772 225774

With regards to a college place we will work with all learners to get them onto the correct level of programme. For an apprenticeship, this will be based on the completion of the telephone interviews initial assessments in Maths and/or English.

This will be very much dependent on the employer. Some employers may do face to face, Skype, Teams or Zoom interviews, and some may opt to do

Please visit our careers coach website Careers Coach

Here you will be able to browse careers and courses, build your own CV, and take a careers assessment to learn about yourself, and Career Coach will give you career suggestions based on your interests.



Runshaw College

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Key contact details and where to get information	How do I apply for an apprenticeship	I have applied for an appren- ticeship with a College/ Provider, what happens now	I haven't decided what I want to do after my GCSEs/ A Levels. What do I do?	What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I have applied for?
Email welcometo- runshaw@runshaw.ac.uk To speak to a Schools Liaison contact 01772 622677 or check the Runshaw Website: https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/ study-at-runshaw/ apprenticeships	Online by clicking 'apply' on the website, or follow https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/ap	The Apprenticeship team will be in touch with you. Continue to work hard towards any exams. Contact employers to secure a placement. Check the Runshaw website for any vacancies at www.runshaw.ac.uk/apprenticeships-vacancies	Attend open days/events of many different providers to see a wide range of opportunities, speak to a Schools Liaison contact for advice or people in industry about their experience	The college always offers back- up courses so you're not left with nothing to do in September. You can develop your skills over a year and try again the following year.
If I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?	What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?	How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprenticeship?	I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my apprenticeship	
Contact welcometo- runshaw@runshaw.ac.uk and we can update your appli- cation for you at any time.	It's good to have some safety net options ready. Runshaw offers back up courses to give you extra time to build the skills or gain the qualifica- tions you need to get to your end goal.	Many employers use online alternatives such as Skype or Zoom to conduct interviews, so it's a good idea to practice with a friend/family member beforehand!	The apprenticeship team will review your CV and offer advice on how to improve it. You can request interview advice and guidance to help build confidence. We can conduct mock interviews with an outside agency so you're prepared for interviews	



Springfield Fuels Ltd—Westinghouse

Key contact details and where to get information

Springfields are happy to chat through Follow the link below to find the any questions you may have about the apprenticeship or what to expect from your time with them.

Please contact Chloe Cooper on trainingadmin@westinghouse.com

Their website is a really useful source of information, to read previous apprentice's experience, read through the newsletter published by their apprentice team and find out what they produce.

How do I apply for an apprenticeship

Westinghouse webpage where you will find information on the appren- an online form for your chosen apticeships we offer, as well as our application link:

https:// www.westinghousenuclear.com/ careers

We do not accept emails with CVs attached as we have a specific recruitment process.

I have applied for an apprenticeship with a College/ Provider, what happens now

Westinghouse offer online applications initially, where you will fill out prenticeship.

As long as you have the predicted/ achieved minimum grade requirements, you'll then be invited to participate in online aptitude testing.

Following a successful pass, you'll be interviewed at Springfields by members of the apprentice training department.

I haven't decided what I want to do after my GCSEs/ A Levels. What do I do?

Work experience is invaluable. If you can demonstrate on your CV or covering letter that you're passionate about both your career prospects and personal interests, this will demonstrate to employers that you're a well-rounded individual that has transferrable skills in the workplace.

Not only does work experience benefit your CV, it will also allow you to refine your interests – it will show you what you would like to do, as well as identifying paths you would least like to follow.

Make the most of career events where you can speak to current apprentices to see how their chosen subjects helped them. If you're interested in a particular apprenticeship, make your subjects match this.

Even if change your mind, you can still explore the possibility and there will always be career opportunities in apprenticeships

What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I have applied for?

Not being successful for an apprenticeship can be disheartening, but do not let this discourage you from continuing with apprenticeships. Constructive feedback on areas that can be developed is beneficial.

Don't be afraid to re-apply the following year to the same employer, you'll be more confident and an additional year of experience in the industry you're focusing on will help



Springfield Fuels Ltd—Westinghouse Continued

If I have changed my mind since I applied what do I do?

GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?

What happens if I don't get the How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprenticeship?

I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my

Let the training provider/employer know as soon as you have made your decision. They may be able to offer further information that will help with the decision. However if you're certain, they will be able to offer another young person the opportunity.

Congratulations of exceeding expectations and doing better than you thought. However, sometimes things don't always go to plan and if you don't meet the minimum expected grades, then please speak viewing panel in your background. to your training provider who will be able to offer further guidance.

Online interview via Teams or Zoom is very popular – remember to make sure all your technology is working prior to the interview and check what is visible to the inter-

Preparing a presentation is also another technique. You may be given a question or a problem that you will need to research and relay it as part of your interview. Remember to always stick to any time limits given.

To really capture an employer's attention, a concise CV is key. Even if you don't have much employment history, feel free to write in detail about interests, aspirations and personal interests. Have a go at writing a CV and ask someone you trust to review it. If you're worried about the written words then make it factual and succinct.

Many schools, colleges and some local employers will provide mock interviews to help build your confidence.

Never be afraid to ask for a minute of two thinking time, an employer will appreciate this more than a rushed answer! The most important thing is to be yourself! Employers will always take nerves into account, especially if it is your first interview. Always have a couple of preprepared questions to ask the interview panel and have a notebook to write down their answers.



Training 2000

Key contact details and where to get information	How do I apply for an apprenticeship	I have applied for an appren- ticeship with a College/ Provider, what happens now	I haven't decided what I want to do after my GCSEs/ A Lev- els. What do I do?	What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I have applied for?
Email: info@t2000.co.uk Call: 01254 59659 Visit: https:// www.training2000.co.uk	You can view and apply for our Apprenticeship programmes using this link >> https://www.training2000.co.uk/our-courses/ You can view and apply for specific Apprenticeship vacancies using this link >> https://www.training2000.co.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies/	Your application will be pre-screened and a member of the Recruitment Team will contact you to discuss your application as well as the next steps for you. You will then be invited in for an interview and initial assessment. Once you have completed this stage we will work with you to find vacancies that match what you are looking for and work with you in preparing for company interviews.	Your school or college should have a Careers Coordinator or Liaison Officer that you can talk to, to understand the options available once you finish your GCSEs or A Levels. Look at the website, local providers and colleges to see what they offer and decide which type of learning is right for you.	If you don't succeed in getting the first vacancy you apply for, Training 2000 will work with you to look at why and then support you in applying for further vacancies until they find the position for you. Training 2000 also offer individual support programmes such as an Apprenticeship Preparation Programme (APP). These programmes aim at supporting learners with CV writing, interview techniques, employability skills, finding a work placement and general support after leaving school. Their APP will help you to prepare you for an Apprenticeship or full time employment, whichever you decide is the right path for you



Training 2000 continued

If I have changed my mind since I				
applied what do I do?				

What happens if I don't get the GCSE/ A Level grades I am expecting (better or worse)?

How will I be interviewed by an employer for an apprenticeship?

I don't have an up to date CV and/ or don't feel I am ready to be interviewed for my apprenticeship

If you change your mind just let If your grades meet the us know. We can either help minimum entry requirements, out their recruitment process have Careers Coordinator or you find an alternative route or Training 2000 will continue in their own way but inter- a Liaison Officer who will be wish you luck in whatever you with your application. decide to do next.

> If your grades are lower than ther over the phone or via a expected, contact them as video calling using platforms Following your application for there are multiple options such as Microsoft Teams, an apprenticeship with Trainmoving forward. This includes Zoom and Skype. additional maths and English support alongside your apprenticeship and also their APP can help when preparing you for an apprenticeship.

cancies are taking place ei- your CV.

All employers are carrying Your school or college should views for Apprenticeship va- able to help you with writing

> ing 2000, their Recruitment Team will look through your CV and give you pointers on how you can improve it to best appeal to employers. They will also work with you to give you tips on completing a confident interview.



What is a Pre-apprenticeship programme?

A Pre-apprenticeship programme (also known as a Traineeship) is a fully funded education and training programme for 16-24 year olds or 25 year olds with an Education, Health and Care Plan. It is a pre-employment course acting as a stepping stone to help you get into work as you develop your skills. You will attend a training provider and may gain valuable work experience with local employers. It can last from 6 weeks to 1 year, though many programmes last for less than 6 months.

YOU CAN APPLY FOR A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME IF YOU'RE:

- eligible to work in England
- unemployed and have little or no work experience
- aged 16 to 24 and qualified up to and including Level 3 (equivalent to A Level)

WHAT MIGHT I DO DURING THE PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME?

- help with getting work, such as writing a CV and finding a job
- a work placement of 70 hours or more
- help with the skills you'll need for an apprenticeship or job in the area you want to work in
- a job interview or feedback from an employer
- help with English, maths and basic digital skills (if you need it)

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MY PRE-APPRENTICESHIP?

Pre-apprenticeships require the employer to carry out an exit interview, or new job interview if appropriate. Your training provider will offer you support and guidance with your job search and help you to feel confident in applying for and securing an apprenticeship, employment or further training. You may be offered a job or apprenticeship at the company you did your work experience with. 75% of trainees go onto employment or further education

HOW TO FIND A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

Look at the Sorted Guide to discover the training providers that offer this route and register an interest with them Sorted | Lancashire Work Based Learning (lancsforum.co.uk)

You can also use the government website Find a traineeship (findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)





Accrington and Rossendale College

Applying for a place	Pupils apply online at our website address below: Accrington and Rossendale College www.accross.ac.uk/apply-now/			
How do I get selected	Pupils are invited on campus for a college interview with a member of the curriculum team after they have applied for a course. Interviews take place monthly, and applicants will be scheduled an interview slot and an sent an interview preparation pack in the post in advance of their interview explaining how this will work and what to bring with them as well as answering general FAQs. Interviews can be rescheduled if for any reason the date/time given is unsuitable – as long as we are aware in advance – we can amend this. Pupils are offered conditional course places after successful interviews. Any pupils that do not meet the course entry requirements will be offered an alternative course and/or careers advice and guidance.			
Course information	The School Liaison team regularly visits all schools in the area offering course guidance, information and 1:1 appointments amongst other activities. Pupils can check with their school Careers person when the team are next due in. College course information can be found in our prospectus, which is also available to download from our website, where more information and forthcoming open event details can be found. Schools are provided with hard copies of the prospectus. We do offer courses for all levels – from Entry Level to Level 3. We also have a University Centre and offer Higher Education courses too.			
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	We offer year 11 "Masterclasses" which are after school taster sessions for applicants to try out some course related activities in advance of starting their course. All schools have been provided with flyers/leaflets and information on these. All applicants are invited into college for a "New Student Day" at the end of June. This helps prospective students familiarise themselves with the college, meet the teaching teams and engage in some interactive activities and subject tasters. Course curriculum teams also give advice on reading lists, websites, any pre-work or general information they need to know before enrolling with us on GCSE results day. The day allows pupils to meet other applicants for their subject areas and helps relieve some of the anxieties or "first day nerves" as they will make new friends and can keep in touch with people before their course starts. Our curriculum teams also provide contact information too. Over the summer our School Liaison Team are also available for any questions or queries via email on schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk Many pupils will have met our School Liaison Team already, either in school or at Open Events. Virtual Tours for both colleges below Welcome to Accrington & Rossendale College (viewin360.co)			
Further infor- mation and guidance	For general information and advice – our School Liaison Team are available for any questions or queries via email on schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk For specific application or interview advice, updating details or changes to courses – our admissions team can be contacted on admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk Virtual tours for Accrington and Rossendale College www.accross.ac.uk/apply-now/			
Money Matters	Our student services team provide information on bursaries, finance, bus travel and other related queries. Tel: 01254 389 933 – Accrington and Rossendale College			
Additional information	Our School Liaison Team can offer after school call-backs, tours and visits to college and 1:1 chats in school on the contact details stated above. Our Open Event Dates and our Apprenticeship Employer Evening can be found on the back page of our prospectus and on our website. Accrington and Rossendale College and Nelson and Colne College are partner colleges. Both colleges are part of the Nelson and Colne College Group and are rated Ofsted Outstanding. Currently the only FE Colleges in Lancashire with this accolade at the time of publication			



Instagram: BlackburnCollege

Blackburn College

Applying for a place	Blackburn College is open for you to choose your course and apply online for 2023/24. You can visit www.blackburn.ac.uk/apply to complete an application for a large number of courses including Vocational, T-Level, A-Level and Apprenticeship programmes. All the information you need can be found on the college's website: www.blackburn.ac.uk .			
How do I get selected	Once you have submitted your application, we will invite you in for an interview in the evening with your course tutor. You will receive a letter in the post with your interview date and time, followed by a reminder text the day before. If you are unable to make your interview, please ring the Admissions Team on 01254 292936 Students will be invited to a dedicated Spotlight Evening once they have had their interview, this is chance to have a taster of your course and meet your course tutor once again before you start in September.			
Course information	For information on all of the college's A Level, Vocational/T-Level and Apprenticeship courses, please visit the college's website at: www.blackburn.ac.uk . If you can't find what you are looking for or have any other questions, please email the college's School Liaison Team at schoolliaison@blackburn.ac.uk .			
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	Blackburn College will be holding a number of Open Events throughout the year. You can explore our different areas to help you choose whether A-Levels, Technical/Vocational, T-Levels or an Apprenticeship is right for you. You can speak with tutors and students, see our fantastic facilities and find out about the support we can provide for you to reach your potential. Blackburn College is also hosting a New Student Day on Monday 1 st July for all Year 11s who have applied to Blackburn College. All applicants will be sent a post card in the post inviting you to this event.			
Further infor- mation and guidance	Support is available from the college's Schools Liaison team for any one-to-one advice. For any general enquiries regarding starting college, please email <a href="mailto:schoolliai-schoo</td></tr><tr><td>Money
Matters</td><td>The college has a dedicated Student Finance team who can answer any money-related queries; they know all about the support a 16-18 year old can access whilst studying at Blackburn College. If you have any queries or need any further information, please email studentfinace@blackburn.ac.uk .			
Additional information	You can find all of the latest information from the college on their website: www.blackburn.ac.uk . You can also visit their social media channels: Facebook: Blackburn College Twitter: @bbcollege			



Burnley College

Applying for a place

You can apply to study A Levels, Vocational Study, T levels or a Themis Apprenticeship via the Burnley College website: <u>Search - Burnley College Burnley Coll</u>

Applications close on the 31 March 2024, but we recommend you apply before Christmas so you can focus on your GCSEs once you return to school in January. You can change your application at any stage if you change your mind on the course(s)) you wish to study. Contact the School Liaison Team on admis-

sions@burnley.ac.uk

Once you have applied, you will be invited into Burnley College for an interview with a subject tutor/s.

How do I get selected

Your interview will take place in person at Burnley College. Tutors will ask you questions to get to know you and make sure the course is correct for your future aspirations and passions. Your interview will also give you the opportunity to potentially meet your future tutor and find out more about the course to ensure it is right for you. Based on your interview, predicted grades and future goals, you may receive a conditional offer: this means you have a place on your chosen course in the next academic year if you achieve the required grades.

Course information

You can find out more about all our courses via the Burnley College website: <u>Search - Burnley College Burnley College.</u> Clicking on the course in which you are interested will open up further information on entry requirements, assessment criteria, modules and lots more. If you have any questions or queries, contact the Schools Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or email <u>admissions@burnley.ac.uk</u>. Or, you can submit an online form through the College's website at: <u>Advice and Guidance Enquiry Form</u>

What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?

If you have applied to Burnley College or Themis, you will receive email updates from us, including information about those crucial next steps, including travel, extracurricular activities, our campus, how to prepare for college and opportunities to book on/take part in exciting activities such as Preview Day.

You can explore your course(s) further via our Year 11 Transition Work: https://www.burnley.ac.uk/year-11-transition-work/. Here you will find a suite of online subject packs to complete, including links to videos made by tutors introducing you to the teaching team, the exciting topics you will study as well as providing interesting activities linked to the subject.

Delve into our Burnley College Programmes, open to Year 10 and 11 students, to immerse yourself into the subjects you may be considering, to see if they are right for you before enrolling. The Programmes run in the evenings, after school, over several weeks and are led by expert tutors who you will meet on your course. Find out more and apply online via: Programmes - Burnley College Burnley College

Further information and guidance

If you have any queries, concerns or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the College's Schools Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or email them at admissions@burnley.ac.uk. Alternatively, you can submit an online form through the college's website at: Advice and Guidance Enquiry Form.. College advisors are more than happy to talk you through your options and discuss any questions you may have in person or you could also attend one of our Open

Events. For information on what happens at an Open Event – and to book your place – visit Events - Burnley College Burnley College

Money Matters

There's a lot of support at Burnley College from Careers Guidance, Safeguarding, Learning Development and Financial support. Contact admissions@burnley.ac.uk and the School Liaison Team will direct you to the correct department to access the information you need or you can visit Surnley College Burnley College Burnley College

Additional information

The College's website and social media channels have a huge array of information about Burnley College and Themis and are constantly updated with any changes and developments. www.burnley.ac.uk https://www.facebook.com/burnleycollege https://www.facebook.com/ThemisBurnley https://www.instagram.com/burnleycollege https://www.instagram.com/themisburnley/?hl=en <a href="https://w

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Instagram: Newman_College Phone: 01772 460181

Cardinal Newman College

Applying for a place	You can apply to the college online using their application form and can submit an application using this link: Admissions - Cardinal Newman College If you have any questions about the application process or your place at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.				
How do I get selected	Once you've submitted your application online, it will be processed and you will receive confirmation of a conditional place. You will receive details on how to access the Newman Portal to accept this offer of a conditional place. You can also use this portal to send any questions through to the Admissions Team.				
	If you have any questions about the application process or your place at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.				
Course information	For course information, please visit the college's website at: Courses - Cardinal Newman College If you have any questions about the courses available at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.				
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	All applicants will be invited to Newman Fest, where they can try out their subjects, meet their teachers and get a feel for the College before they enrol in the summer. This will take place at the start of July, after Year 11s have finished their GCSEs. To find out more about life at Cardinal Newman College, please visit their YouTube channel: Cardinal Newman College. The college contact all applicants with regards to opportunities to have a tour of the campus from June onwards.				
Further information and guidance	If you have any queries, concerns or require any advice, please email the college on admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can all 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media. The college offers GCSE re-sits in Maths and English Language. If you do not manage to achieve a grade 4 or above in your English or Maths GCSE, you will be asked to re-sit these alongside another course to make a full programme of study. For example, you may wish to study a BTEC Extended Diploma in Business with a GCSE resit in English alongside it.				
Money Matters	The College Bursary Fund is designed to provide assistance to students who are experiencing financial difficulty in accessing or completing their course. Funds can be provided to help towards the cost of travel, meals, books, equipment and materials needed for courses. You must be under 19 on the 31 August in the year in which you start your programme of study. Eligibility is assessed on parental income and home/personal circumstances. For more information, as well as a link to apply for a bursary online, please visit the college's website at: https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/student-services/college-bursary/ . If you require any further information or need help in making your application, please contact Student Services on 01772 460181 or email studentser-vices@cardinalnewman.ac.uk .				
Additional information	For the latest information, please visit: Website: www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk Twitter: @Newman_College Facebook: /cardinalnewman.college				



Clitheroe Royal Grammar School (CRGS)

Applying for a place	The online application form opens here from 16 th Oct 2023 – 26 th Jan 2024. For late applications, please contact the Sixth Form at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk				
How do I get selected	Students are initially asked to complete the online admissions form. They will then be contacted to send through their most recent school report or data tracker and a short personal statement. Students will then be invited to choose between a virtual or face-to-face Options Meeting in February or March to discuss A Level choice and answer any questions.				
	Entry requirements are available <u>here</u> .				
Course information	The sixth form offers 26 A Level subjects. A detailed subject guide for each subject can be found at: http://www.crgs.org.uk/sixth-form/curriculum/ The CRGS Sixth Form Guide is a very useful source of information and can be downloaded http://www.crgs.org.uk/sixth-form/curriculum/				
What can I do to help me	The sixth form prepare a transition pack for each subject. The new transition packs for September 2024 entry will be available from around mid-May. Applicants will be notified when these become available.				
prepare for Year 12?	These will be published on the 'New Year 12' pages on the website at: http://www.crgs.org.uk/sixth-form/new-year-12/				
	If you would like to visit our Sixth Form, please contact us at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk				
	All offer-holders will be invited to our Student Preview Events in June 2024.				
Further infor-	For any queries or further information, applicants and parent/carers can email the sixth form at: sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk				
mation and guidance	Students who would like to review their subject choices should contact us at: sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk It is usually possible to change subjects on Results Day (subject to timetabling constraints) and we run a Transition Period in September where students can change subjects if necessary.				
Money Matters	Full details of the Sixth Form's 16-19 Bursary Fund offer can be found on their website: http://www.crgs.org.uk/parents/financial-assistance/ If students or parent/carers have any questions about student finance, they can contact the school by email at: bursary@crgs.org.uk				
Additional	Information is available on the Sixth Form's website: http://www.crgs.org.uk/sixth-form/welcome/				
information	Follow the school on social media for the latest news and updates from the Sixth Form.				
	Facebook: Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Sixth Form				



D6 - Darwen Aldridge Sixth forms

Applying for a place	You can submit an application online via our website - https://www.darwen6.com/ . If you need any support with your application, or have any questions, then please email d6@aldridgeeducation.org . Crystal Ragnall, who leads on admissions, will be able to help you. You can also call 01254819500 (DACA's reception) and ask to speak to someone about D6.				
How do I get selected	Once we have received your application, you'll be invited into one of our three school sites for a discussion about the courses you'd like to study, your ambitions and your future plans. Following that meeting, and if you meet the entry requirements for the courses you've chosen, we'll be able to offer you a conditional place at D6. You will need to have a look at our website to check the entry requirements for each course, as these can vary slightly - https://www.darwen6.com/courses In general, to study A Levels, we ask that have at least 5 x GCSEs grade 9 to 6, to study at level 3 on our vocational courses, you will need 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above (including in English language). We do offer resits in Math and English. This is usually when you have achieved grade 4s in other subjects and haven't quite managed it in these 2 core subjects. In August, when you get your GCSE results and if you've met your course entry requirements, we'll be thrilled to make you a formal offer to D6, which we very much hope you'll accept! And then we'll be delighted to welcome you to D6 in September 2024				
Course information	Please look on our website for information on the courses we offer – there's a wide range of A-Levels and BTECs to choose from: https://www.darwen6.com/courses Please don't hesitate to email de@aldridgeeducation.org if you have any questions or would like more information about any of our courses.				
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	Once all our conditional offers have been made, we are planning to organise some taster days for our prospective sixth formers. We will be in contact with you about these nearer the time. In the meantime, you are welcome to come and have a look round any of the schools to get more of an idea of D6 – please send us email (d6@aldridgeeducation.org) to set this up. There's also more information about what to expect from D6 on our website: www.darwen6.com You'll find you have more freedom in Year 12 – you are choosing to come and study with us, and we want to help you develop the skills and knowledge to go on and achieve your next steps and live a happy, successful life – whether that's at university, as an apprentice, or in the world of work.				
Further infor- mation and guidance	Please email Crystal Ragnall on d6@aldridgeeducation.org or phone DACA's reception on 01254 819500 and ask to speak to someone about D6. We'd be really to hely you with any questions you might have.				
Money Matters	We understand that the cost of living is having a real impact on families and are looking at different ways we might be able to help our D6 students. More information on this will be available on our website in due course. Depending on the courses you choose, you may need to travel between different sites for lessons. Don't worry; any necessary travel will be covered by us, at no cost to you.				
Additional information	D6 is a new collaborative sixth form in Darwen, bringing together three established Aldridge schools to deliver a fantastic blend of post-16 learning. Depending on the courses you choose, you'll spend time at either one, two, or all three sites, and we'll help you travel between them as necessary. The idea is that you'll have access to the best possible teaching expertise and facilities across the Darwen area. We also have a football academy, run by Pro Elite, and a wide range enrichment opportunities, including the Duke of Edinburg Award scheme and various leadership and community opportunities.				

Please look on our website or find us on Facebook. We're also available at d6@aldridgeeducation.org to help answer any questions you might have.



Myerscough College

Applying for a place	Young people can still apply online for a place at the college. Please visit the college's website at: How to Apply.			
How do I get selected	Offers will be made based on expected or achieved grades at GCSE level. Young people who have received an offer would normally be invited to the college for 'Applicant Day' to meet tutors and current students and find out more about the content of their chosen course, work experience opportunities and future car progression. The college' will contact you to make these arrangements.			
	The application form contains a Personal Statement sections used by tutors to assess your application. Please use this to provide as much as much information as you can, highlighting your enthusiasm for the subject and any experience you might have.			
	Applicants who require Additional Learning Support will have their applications considered by the Inclusive Learning team. These may take slightly longer to process but, rest assured, the college will progress them as quickly as possible. The LiveChat function on the college's website remains active and staffed. If you have any questions, please use this to contact the college. Alternatively, please			
	email the college at: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk . Myerscough College offers courses at all levels in each of our subjects. So, on GCSE Results Day, if you've done better or worse than you expected, we've options for you. We might suggest you move up or down a level if we feel its likely to be better for you; allowing you to then progress to a higher level at the end of that course.			
Course information	For course information, please visit the college's website: https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/further-education/ . The college's next Course Advice Mornings are Saturday 3 rd February 2024, Saturday 16 th March 2024 and Saturday 8 th June 2024 (subject to confirmation.) For more information, please visit: https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/ . If you have any queries regarding the college's courses or if you are in the process of applying for a course, please call the college on 0800 652 5592 or send your enquiry via the college's Admissions Enquiry Portal .			
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	Once you have submitted your application, the college will be in touch to keep you up to speed with things like accommodation bookings, financial support and er ment information. They will also send you links to lots of activities you can be doing over the summer to help you to prepare for your new course in September. These will be on the college's website shortly, under the #MyFuture banner.			
Further infor- mation and guidance	If you have any queries about the courses on offer or if you are in the process of applying for a course, please get in touch with the college. The LiveChat function on the college's website remains active and staffed. If you have any questions, please use this to contact the college. Alternatively, please email the college at: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk .			
Money Matters	For information on student finance, please visit the college's website at: Student Finance . Alternatively, if you have a question or would like some advice, please contact the Finance Office on 01995 642398 or email bursary@myerscough.ac.uk .			
Additional information	For the latest information, please visit: https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/ . The News and applicant pages are regularly updated with the latest information. Twitter/X: @MyerscoughColl The college has LiveChat facilities on its website seven days a week. Students, parents and teachers are welcome to use this facility to contact the college			



information

Nelson and Colne College

Applying for a place	Pupils apply online at our website address below: Nelson and Colne College https://www.nelson.ac.uk/apply-now/			
How do I get selected	Pupils are invited on campus for a college interview with a member of the curriculum team after they have applied for a course. Interviews take place monthly, and applicants will be scheduled an interview slot and an sent an interview preparation pack in the post in advance of their interview explaining how this will work and what to bring with them as well as answering general FAQs. Interviews can be rescheduled if for any reason the date/time give unsuitable – as long as we are aware in advance – we can amend this. Pupils are offered conditional course places after successful interviews. Any pupils that do not meet the course entry requirements will be offered an alternative course and/or careers advice and guidance.			
Course information	The School Liaison team regularly visits all schools in the area offering course guidance, information and 1:1 appointments amongst other activities. Pupils can check with their school Careers person when the team are next due in. College course information can be found in our prospectus, which is also available to download from our website, where more information and forthcoming open event details can be found. Schools are provided with hard copies of the prospectus. We do offer courses for all levels – from Entry Level to Level 3. We also have a University Centre and offer Higher Education courses too.			
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	We offer year 11 "Masterclasses" which are after school taster sessions for applicants to try out some course related activities in advance of starting their courschools have been provided with flyers/leaflets and information on these. All applicants are invited into college for a "New Student Day" at the end of June. This helps prospective students familiarise themselves with the college, meet the teaching teams and engage in some interactive activities and subject tasters. Course curriculum teams also give advice on reading lists, websites, any pre-work or general information they need to know before enrolling with us on GCSE day. The day allows pupils to meet other applicants for their subject areas and helps relieve some of the anxieties or "first day nerves" as they will make new and can keep in touch with people before their course starts. Our curriculum teams also provide contact information too. Over the summer our School Liaison Team are also available for any questions or queries via email on schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk Many pupils will have met our School Liaison Team already, either in school or at Open Events. Virtual Tours for both colleges below Nelson Colne College (viewin360.co)			
Further infor- mation and guidance	For general information and advice – our School Liaison Team are available for any questions or queries via email on schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk For specific application or interview advice, updating details or changes to courses – our admissions team can be contacted on admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk Virtual tours for Nelson and Colne College https://www.nelson.ac.uk/apply-now/			
Money Matters	Our student services team provide information on bursaries, finance, bus travel and other related queries. Tel: 01282 440 200 – Nelson and Colne College			
Additional	Our School Liaison Team can offer after school call-backs, tours and visits to college and 1:1 chats in school on the contact details stated above.			

Our Open Event Dates and our Apprenticeship Employer Evening can be found on the back page of our prospectus and on our website.

Both colleges are part of the Nelson and Colne College Group and are rated Ofsted Outstanding. Currently the only FE Colleges

Accrington and Rossendale College and Nelson and Colne College are partner colleges.

in Lancashire with this accolade at the time of publication



Preston College

Applying for a place	Young people can apply for a course at the College using the online application form which can be found on the College's website at: www.preston.ac.uk/apply . For more information on making an application, please email applications@preston.ac.uk .			
How do I get selected	All applicants are invited to attend an interview with the College as part of the selection process. Interviews are conducted throughout the year; these can be conducted at the College or at the young person's school. The interview will include discussing predicted grades and the suitability of the course for the young person and their career goals. Following a successful interview an offer to study at Preston College will be made. Young people will subsequently receive information about how to secure their place and how to enrol. Enrolment is usually online only, however, for those needing face to face support college teams will be on-hand throughout the enrolment period.			
Course information	For course information, please visit: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can access the college's prospectus at: https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/ or you can acc			
	Preston College offers a range of courses for school leavers across a number of different industries including construction, hairdressing, health, early years, performing arts, engineering, science, accounting, business, automotive, creative arts, events, travel and tourism, media, IT, public services, dance and sport. If a young person does not achieve their GCSE grades, there is a range of Level 1 and Level 2 courses to support them in gaining the right qualifications and experience to progress to a higher level of study.			
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	The College hosts a number of events over the academic year these include masterclasses, workshops and welcome evenings. Year 11 Welcome Evenings are an excellent opportunity for young people to attend college and meet their tutors and other students who will be studying on their course. To find out what studying at Preston College is like visit our website at www.preston.ac.uk to see the latest news, case studies, facilities, and access resources such as career coach for planning your career.			
Further infor- mation and guidance	The recruitment and engagement team are on hand for any support needed. Please email guidance@preston.ac.uk or call 01772 225774. If a learner does not achieve a grade 4 in English and maths, they are required to continue their studies. GCSE resits are available as part of their study programm Preston College.			
Money Matters	The College has access to a number of bursary funds aimed at supporting learners with specific financial difficulties which may prevent them from taking part in learning. Eligibility for the funds will be based on household income and recent evidence of this must be submitted with your application. Bursary applications can be made online and staff are on hand by phone and email to offer support and guidance with the process. For more information and to apply, please visit: https://www.preston.ac.uk/support/financial-support/			
Additional information	For the latest information, please visit: Website: https://www.preston.ac.uk/ Twitter: @prestoncollege Facebook: @prestoncollege Instagram: @prestoncollege			



Queen Elizabeth Grammar School

Applying for a place	If you want to apply you should view our prospectus (available here) and take a look at the Sixth Form area of our website, here, to consider your future subjects and learn more about QEGS Sixth Form. If you decide to apply, you need to create an account on our admissions portal here. Once you have verified your account you MUST then follow the instructions to complete the application form to apply for Sixth Form. All communication will be through the admissions portal and to your registered email address so it is important you keep an eye on your incoming mail as this is where your invite to Taster Day and Enrolment Day will be sent. Please check our website and/or social media for updates. On GCSE Results Day in August (Thursday 22nd August 2024), if you have applied, you will be invited to enrol from 10am-3.00pm. Please bring your GCSE results to our school on West Park Road, Blackburn. You are also welcome to enrol on Friday 23rd August, from 9.00am-1.00pm.				
How do I get selected	If you achieve 5 Grade 5s at GCSE you will gain a place on your selected subjects. This must include Grade 4 in Mathematics and English. We encourage you to gain higher grades in your chosen subjects, where possible, to help with the transition from GCSE to A level. Those studying Further Mathematics will need to have at least a Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.				
Course information	Our website has a dedicated section for Sixth Form applicants, which can be found <u>here</u> .				
What can I do to help me pre- pare for Year 12?	We provide material on enrolment day and at the start of Year 12 to assist with transition.				
Further infor- mation and guidance	If you have any questions or concerns please email sixth@qegsblackburn.com. We can then address any admissions queries or liaise with teaching staff from here address more specific concerns.				
Money Matters	You or your parents/carers can email sixth@qegsblackburn.com for any questions on finance and support.				
Additional information	As well as our website, linked above, we update our social media pages on a daily basis, via @QEGS_Blackburn on Twitter and QEGSBlackburn on Facebook. We also have a dedicated Twitter account, @QEGSSixthForm1				



Runshaw College

Applying for a place	Apply before 1 st April through our application portal on the website. Attend an admissions interview. These will take place in certain partner high schools and/or at college over an evening or half term. Attend enrolment in person with GCSEs and a form of ID to be checked.				
How do I get selected	Students who have are in Year 11 at a partner high school (see on website) with receive priority. Places will then be given to students from non-partner high schools subject to a decision made following an admissions interview.				
Course information	Prospectuses, website, new student guides that are presented to students following a successful admissions interview. Courses offered on Entry 3, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, T Level, and A Level pathways.				
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	Subject Choice Day is held every July. This ensures that students who are considering Runshaw can have a taster day of the course(s) that they have applied to and learn about what the course will entail, meet classmates and teachers, and determine what studying at Runshaw will be like for them.				
Further infor- mation and guidance	Email <u>welcometorunshaw@runshaw.ac.uk</u> or call 01772 643000 and someone from the Schools Liaison department will assist them with any worries, concerns, changes, or queries that a student may have. Students who do not achieve a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths or English Language will re-sit this along with their course(s).				
Money Matters	Email funding@runshaw.ac.uk for information about bursaries and financial support that is available to students.				
Additional information	You can find all of the latest information from the college via their website: https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/ . Social media: Facebook: Runshaw College Sixth Form Centre Leyland Facebook Twitter: Runshaw College (@RunshawCollege) / X (twitter.com) Instagram: Runshaw College (@runshawcollege) • Instagram photos and videos Website: Runshaw College - Further and Higher Education				



St Wilfrid's Sixth Form

Applying	for	а
place		

Online applications open on Sixth Form Open Evening every year.

Apply via the Sixth Form page on the school website: http://saintwilfrids.co.uk/sixth-form/

Our prospectus is also available via the Sixth Form page, you can read through this to discover which courses we offer and the entry requirements for each subject.

We welcome applications from all schools – you do **not** have to be a Year 11 student at St Wilfrid's to apply.

How do I get selected

All applicants will be invited for a face-to-face interview with one of the Sixth Form Team to discuss their course choices and future career ambitions. The entry requirements vary for each subject and this will be part of the course discussion. If an offer of a place is made it will always be conditional on meeting the entry requirements.

The Sixth Form tab on the main school website http://saintwilfrids.co.uk/sixth-form/ has a virtual tour of the Sixth Form and short videos from students to help you get to know our school. These resources are being continually developed – so watch this space!

Course information

We are proud of our academic achievements at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form. The majority of courses we teach are A Levels with a limited number of vocational Level 3 options. Discover more by browsing through our courses on the Sixth Form homepage and watching short videos from each of the subject teachers. You can also read the Sixth Form Prospectus which is available to download or view online at:

http://saintwilfrids.co.uk/sixth-form/prospectus/

What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?

If you are given an offer of a place you will also be invited to an Induction Day after your GCSEs have finished. During this day you will have the chance to complete activities and taster lessons to allow you to sample your chosen subjects. These activities will include reading lists and web site links for further individual research. More formal Induction Tasks will be set following your enrolment.

The Sixth Form tab on the main school website http://saintwilfrids.co.uk/sixth-form/ has a virtual tour of the Sixth Form and short videos from students to help you get to know our school. These resources are being continually developed — so watch this space!

Further information and guidance

If you have any questions then please contact Mrs Willoughby (Sixth Form Study Support) on cwilloughby@saintwilfrids.com or phone 01254 604009.

You will be able to resit either Maths or English GCSE if needed. You will be timetabled additional lessons to cover these GCSE subjects and can sit the exams in the Summer term only.

Money Matters

The 16-19 Discretionary Bursary fund is designed to support students who have financial difficulty with accessing, or staying on, in education. Bursary funding is awarded on the basis of parental income and any Bursary funds awarded must be used towards the cost of travel, books and equipment etc. Additional support is available for students living independently.

In the first instance, please contact Mrs Watson (Sixth Form Student Welfare Officer) on awatson@saintwilfrids.com or leave a voicemail message on 01254 604773.

Additional information

Website: http://saintwilfrids.co.uk/

Twitter: @saintwilfrids Instagram: #WilfridsHST



Tauheedul Boys

Tauheedul Boys Sixth Form (TB6)

Applying for a place	Complete the online application form which can be found on www.tb6.co.uk
How do I get selected	Please see entry requirements on www.tb6.co.uk
Course information	All course information can be found on www.tb6.co.uk
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	Transition packs will be made available after your place is confirmed on results day
Further infor- mation and guidance	www.tb6.co.uk or contact Asia Ali Asia.ali@tighs.staracademies.org
Money Matters	www.tb6.co.uk or contact Asia Ali Asia.ali@tighs.staracademies.org
Additional information	www.tb6.co.uk or contact Asia Ali Asia.ali@tighs.staracademies.org



Tauheedul Girls

Tauheedul Girls Sixth Form

Applying for a place	Please ring school for an application to be sent out: 01254 54021 or contact by email: TIGHS_admissions@tighs.staracedemies.org to request an application form
How do I get selected	You can choose a course based on your last school report card, to show that you meet the entry criteria. You can easily change courses on enrolment day if you don't meet the entry criteria. We will be flexible and will take into account individual circumstances.
Course information	Visit the TIGHS website: https://www.tighs.com/sixth-form/curriculum/
What can I do to help me prepare for Year 12?	 ◆ Bridging booklets have been shared with existing Y11 students. ◆ Independent Programme for studies and useful links have been given such as MOOCS (massive Open Online Courses), free courses on line and links to useful websites for Careers. ◆ Transition work will be provided when you enrol into college, due to missed learning from Y11. ◆ A Virtual Open Day will provide an opportunity for students to meet teachers who will support with transition learning and reading lists. ◆ Longer time will be given to decide on a possible course change (this is usually 2 weeks). ◆ More time built in for one to ones with subject teachers.
Further infor- mation and guidance	Contact Muneera.Umerji@tighs.staracademies.org (Sixth Form Admin officer)
Money Matters	Contact TIGHS_admissions@tighs.staracedemies.org
Additional information	All updates can be found on our website: www.tighs.com