

## **Choices**

### **GCSEs**

#### **What are GCSEs?**

GCSE stands for General Certificate of Secondary Education. They are qualifications taken by most students in year 11.

GCSEs are usually studied full-time at school or college.

Your work in the classroom and sometimes in an exam, count towards the GCSE.

#### **Types of GCSE**

GCSEs are available in more than 40 subjects. Examples include English, science, languages, engineering and tourism. There are lots more!

GCSE short courses are good if you need more time to study.

#### **What else will I achieve?**

- Skills to help you in learning and life.

#### **What can I do after GCSEs?**

- Study for a qualification at the next level up.
- Go into training
- Start work.

#### **Where can I get more information?**

- Parents and carers
- Teachers
- Connexions personal advisers.

## **Try these websites**

Direct Gov – information about GCSEs.  
[www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) - go to Education and learning

Future Finder – local learning and training opportunities.  
[www.futurefinder.org.uk](http://www.futurefinder.org.uk)

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