

Choices after 16

Stay on at school or go to college

ASDAN qualifications

- Help you with your personal, social and career goals.
- You can take these at a pace to suit you.
- Can lead to further study, training or work.
- The Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (at level 3) can be used towards entry to higher education.

GCSEs

- You can take subjects like English, maths, science, languages, catering, engineering, leisure and tourism.
- They can take one or two years to do.
- They will help you with your personal, learning and thinking skills.
- Can lead to further study, training or work.

A levels

- You can take subjects like English, maths, science, languages, art and design, health and social care, travel and tourism.
- Can be studied for over one year (AS level) or two years (A2 level).
- You'll need GCSEs or other qualifications to start this course.
- Can lead to further study, higher education, training or work.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

- Equal to about four A levels.
- Takes two years to complete.
- Six subjects are studied.
- You'll need GCSEs or other qualifications to start this course.
- Can lead to further study, higher education, training or work.

The Diploma

- You'll learn in the classroom and the workplace.
- You'll find out about an area of work you like.
- You'll spend at least ten days with an employer.
- Can last one or two years.
- You'll get other skills that are useful for work and life.
- Can lead to further study, higher education, training or work.

Foundation Learning

- You'll improve your knowledge, understanding and skills.

- You'll build your confidence.
- You'll get ready for further study or work and learn to look after yourself.

Try these websites

Direct Gov – education and learning.
www.direct.gov.uk – go to Disabled people > Education and learning

Future Finder – local education and training.
www.futurefinder.org.uk

It's Your Choice – making choices at 16.
Address to be confirmed

Skill – National Bureau for Students with Disabilities.
www.skill.org.uk

Get some training or start a job

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Apprenticeships

- Get skills and experience in an area of work.
- Learn as you work. Go to college part-time.
- Usually take between one and three years to complete.
- You'll need to pass a test, have GCSEs or other qualifications to do an Apprenticeship.
- Apprenticeships can lead on to higher education.
- You'll earn money as you learn.

Get a job

- You'll earn money to live.
- You'll learn new skills.
- You'll meet new people.
- Supported employment might help you find and keep a job.

Try these websites

Apprenticeships – earn while you learn.
www.apprenticeships.org.uk

Direct Gov – employment support
www.direct.gov.uk – go to Disabled people > Employment Support

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