

Y11 Spring Term: Post 16 Options

Important Dates: **VANDYKE**

Tuesday 9th January: Y11 Mock Results

Thursday 18th January: Y11 Parents' Evening

Friday 19th January: Vandyke Sixth Form Applications deadline

Thursday 1st March: Aim Higher Evening

Bedford College Open Day – Tuesday 23rd January

Shuttleworth College Open Day – Saturday 27th January

Central Beds College Open Day – Wednesday 17th January

Aylesbury College Open Day – Wednesday 7th February

Moulton College Open Day – Saturday 3rd February

Milton Keynes College Open Day – Saturday 20th January

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QUESTIONS:

Can I only apply for one course or college?

No – you can apply for as many colleges as you want and make a final decision in August when you receive your GCSE grades.

Most colleges expect you to 'enrol' at the end of August when your GCSE results are confirmed.

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QUESTIONS:

Do I have to visit an Open Day?

No – you don't have to, but open days are great opportunities to view the facilities, familiarise yourself with the campus, and test-run the transport to and from college.

Take a friend or a relative for a second opinion.

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QUESTIONS:

What different levels of courses can I do at College?

Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BTEC Diplomas• Access to Higher Education• Advanced apprenticeship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 GCSEs grades A*-C or 9-4 ideally including English and maths OR• Level 2 qualification
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BTEC Certificates and Diplomas• Intermediate Level apprenticeships	<p>One year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 GCSEs grades A*-D or 9-3 ideally including English and maths OR• A qualification at Level 1 <p>Two years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 GCSEs grades A*-G or 9-1 ideally including English and maths and a keen interest in a relevant subject <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other relevant levels of qualification or experience will be considered

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QUESTIONS:

Do I have to go to college or sixth form?

You must be in education, training or employment until the age of 18. This can also mean an apprenticeship where you have the opportunity to earn as you learn a skill.

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QUESTIONS:

What is an Apprenticeship? Where do I find one?

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

work alongside experienced staff

gain job-specific skills

earn a wage and get holiday pay

get time for study related to your role (usually one day a week)

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

Many local colleges offer apprenticeships (check websites at the end of this presentation) or you can register for local apprenticeships on the national apprenticeships website.

You may also know somebody who works in a business that might be able to offer you an apprenticeship.

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QUESTIONS:

What different levels of apprenticeships are available?

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

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QUESTIONS:

Do I have to pay for my college or apprenticeship?

No - you are entitled to free education until the age of 18. Some colleges may ask you to pay a contribution for practical equipment (overalls / paint for example)

Many colleges offer bursaries and support for students who might have difficulty financially; this also covers some transport costs.

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QUESTIONS:

How do I apply for college or an apprenticeship?

Apply online using the college websites.

You will need to provide an up-to-date address, and contact information.

You will also need to include predicted/mock grades.

All colleges, including Vandyke Sixth Form also require a short personal statement about why you want to apply for the course.

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Useful Websites

<https://www.bedford.ac.uk/>

<http://www.moulton.ac.uk/>

<http://www.buckscollegegrouop.ac.uk/>

<https://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/>

<http://www.centralbeds.ac.uk/>

<https://www.shuttleworth.ac.uk>

<http://www.vandyke.beds.sch.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide>

<https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>