

POST 16 & POST 18 OPTIONS

Q. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS AFTER YEAR 11?

A. Your main options are Sixth Forms, Further education colleges and apprenticeships.

Traineeships are an option if you want to work but need extra help to gain an apprenticeship or job. Traineeships will give you the opportunity to develop the skills and workplace experience that employers require.

For more information about your options after Year 11, check out the [Icould videos](#). The Icould videos include people talking about their own choices at 16 and has articles about your options.

If you plan to go to a **sixth form** or **further education college** aim to apply by Christmas at the latest as some colleges fill up before the Christmas holidays! Check the course entry requirements and it is advisable to attend open days/evenings.

Most **apprenticeships** are looking for “immediate starts”, so the majority of the opportunities you can go for will be advertised later in Year 11 (such as April onwards). However, some employers recruit early, such as Jaguar Land Rover.

Use the [apprenticeship website](#) to create an account and to search and apply for vacancies. You can also set-up alerts for opportunities that interest you. Remember, some apprenticeship areas, such as motor vehicle, electrical work or childcare, are very popular!

If you have no idea what to do use the <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/>. Enter the password available from Mrs Sandra Jones and on the notice board opposite the careers room. Not only will you be able to look at A-Z of careers but you will also find the Careers Wizard which is designed to help you consider jobs and careers that relate to your qualifications and interests.

Your 1:1 careers interview and the taster days in Holyhead 6th Form will also help you decide what you can do after year 11.

Q. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS AFTER I FINISH MY A LEVEL/BTEC LEVEL 3 COURSES?

A. Your main options are higher education, doing an apprenticeship, finding a job, further education or taking a year out.

Apprenticeships

The UCAS website says that **Higher Apprenticeships** provide an opportunity to gain a higher education qualification, such as an NVQ Level 4, HND or foundation degree. They can take from one to five years to complete, and involve part-time study at a college, university or training provider.

Degree Apprentices will split their time between university study and the workplace and will be employed throughout – gaining a full Bachelor’s or Master’s degree from a top university while earning a wage and getting real on-the-job experience in their chosen profession.

Use the [apprenticeship website](#) to check out the latest apprenticeship vacancies. The [UCAS website](#) also has useful information about degree apprenticeships.

At Holyhead’s Year 12 and year 13 Careers Fairs students can discuss their ideas with local training and apprenticeship providers.

University

Going to university is a great way to expand your knowledge, meet new people, and enjoy new experiences. It is a place to study what you love and you're interested in. The average salary for graduates is 30% higher than for non-graduates aged 25-30. Choose from more than 50,000 courses in over 25 subject areas. <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate>

The usual [UCAS](#) deadlines are 15 October for the universities of Oxford, Cambridge or any professional course in medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry; 15 January for the majority of courses.

Some course providers require additional admissions tests to be taken alongside the UCAS application, and these may have a deadline.

You can choose up to five courses. There's no preference order and your universities won't see where else you've applied until after you reply to any offers you get.

However, you can only choose a maximum of four courses in any one of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or veterinary science. Also, you can only apply to one course at either the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge.

After you've sent off your application you can see how it's progressing by logging in to the UCAS system called Track.

Year 12/13 students will get help from their post-16 tutor, local universities and the school's careers adviser, Mr S Briaah. This help will include:

- Support to plan what to study and where.
- Help to understand the UCAS process and how to apply.
- Support to write your personal statement.
- Preparation for university interviews.
- Help to understand the student finance process.
- 1:1 Careers Advice (if needed).

If you have a specific question you want us to answer visit

<https://learnliveuk.com/partner/holyhead-school/>