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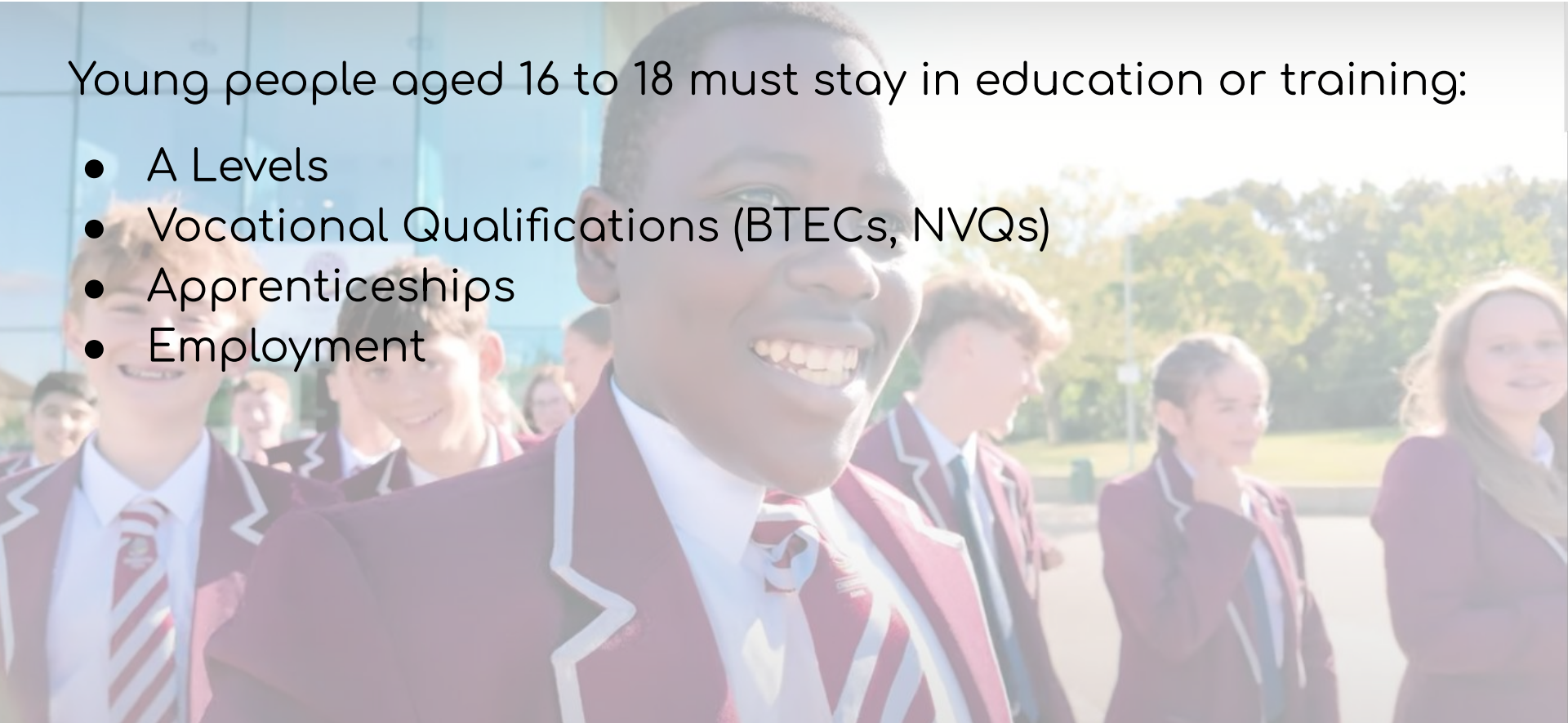
Support to date

- Full careers day in July 2024
- Assemblies from Nescot, Chessington Sixth Form, Hollyfield Sixth Form, Esher College, Kingston College and Way to Work (apprenticeship provider)
- Took part in a virtual work experience for a career of their choice in July 2024
- Deadlines for open evenings have been shared in tutor time, assemblies, letter home in September from Mr Davey
- Careers interviews began in Year 10 with careers advisor

Overview of Post-GCSE Options

Young people aged 16 to 18 must stay in education or training:

- A Levels
- Vocational Qualifications (BTECs, NVQs)
- Apprenticeships
- Employment

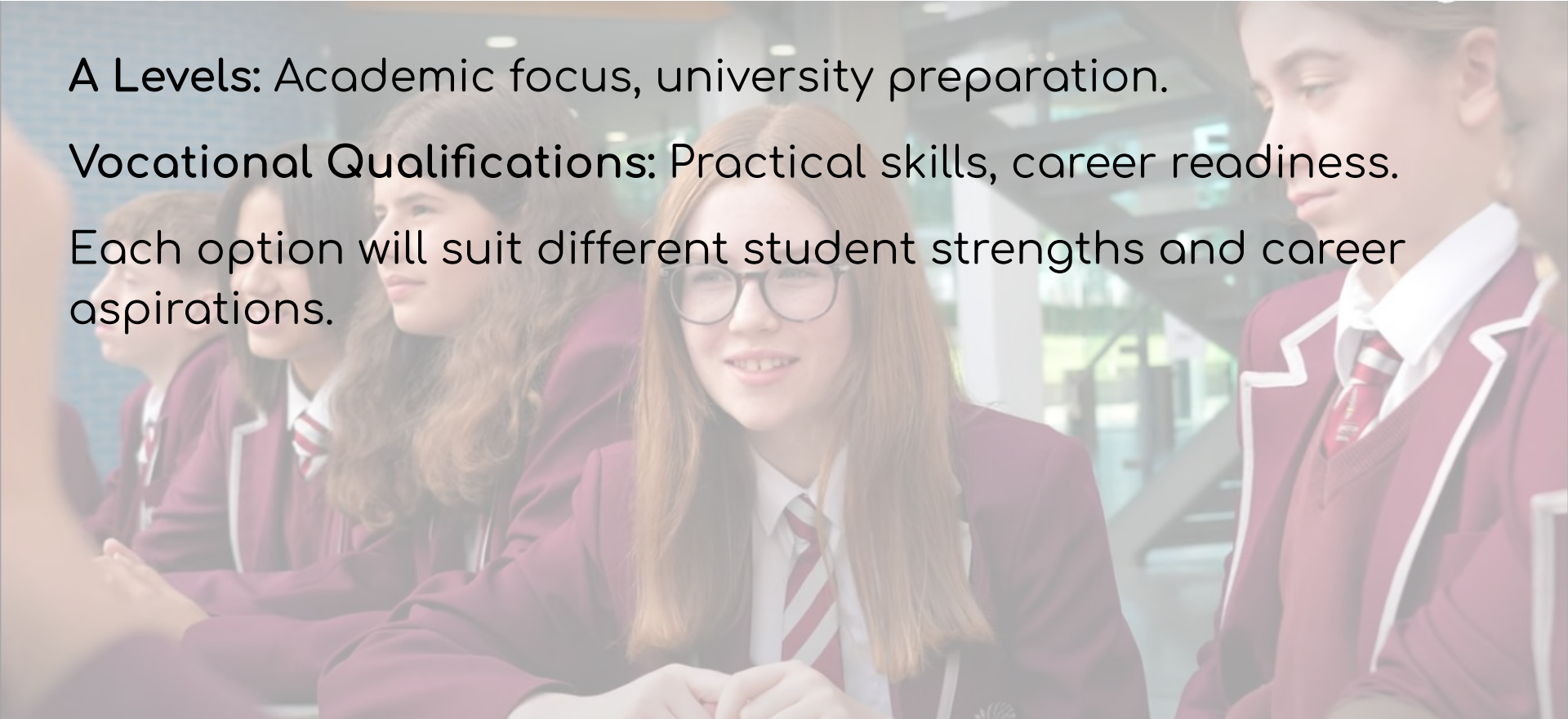


A Levels vs. Vocational Qualifications

A Levels: Academic focus, university preparation.

Vocational Qualifications: Practical skills, career readiness.

Each option will suit different student strengths and career aspirations.



Understanding Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a practical training program that combines on-the-job experience with classroom learning.

Benefits of Apprenticeships:

- **Real-World Experience:** Apprentices gain hands-on experience, making them job-ready
- **Earning While Learning:** Apprentices receive a salary, reducing the financial burden of further education
- **Career Progression:** Many apprentices go on to secure full-time positions with their employers
- **Industry Recognition:** Apprenticeships are recognised qualifications that employers value

Understanding Apprenticeships

Levels of Apprenticeships:

- **Level 2 Apprenticeships:**
 - Equivalent to GCSEs.
 - Suitable for those entering the workforce or looking to gain basic skills in a trade.
- **Level 3 Apprenticeships:**
 - Equivalent to A-levels.
 - Designed for those wanting to deepen their expertise or take on supervisory roles.
- **Higher and Degree Apprenticeships:**
 - Level 4 and above, including university-level qualifications.

College and Sixth Form Applications

It is important to have an aspirational choice, and a realistic choice.

Attend open events and get a feel of the college and Sixth Form.

Speak to course leaders - what will the course entail? What grades are needed at GCSE to get a place on the course?

Write a professional application - sell yourself, give detail.

College and Sixth Form Applications

College/Sixth form	Date & time
Chessington Sixth Form	Thursday 7th November, 6pm
Hollyfield Sixth Form	Thursday 14th November, 6pm
Kingston College	Wednesday 20th November, 4.30-7pm
Nescot College (Epsom)	Saturday 12th October 10am-1pm & Wednesday 20th November 4.30-7.30pm
Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)	Saturday 12th October 10am-2pm, Wednesday 16th October 5-8pm, Tuesday 19th November 5-8pm
Merrist Wood College (Guildford)	Saturday 16th November, 9.30am -12pm
Esher Sixth Form College	Open day was in July. Applications closed on 30th September, however contact them directly if you still wish to apply

Key dates and timelines

Deadlines for Sixth Form and college applications vary. You will need to check the providers websites for further information.

Deadlines will also be shared with you at the providers open events.

Do not leave applications to the last minute. Most applications will require a school reference.

Applications should be proof-read before submitting.

Key dates and timelines

Date	Event
Boosters start	w/c 14th October
Mock exams fortnight	w/c 18th November
Reports home	Monday 6th January 2025
Parents Evening (in person)	Thursday 9th January 2025
Mock exams fortnight	w/c 10th February (week before and after half term)
Reports home	Monday 17th March 2025
GCSE exams begin	Friday 11th May 2025 - Thursday 26th June
Year 11 Prom	Friday 27th June

Support for Students

Booster sessions will begin next week starting with core subjects: English, Maths and Science (and some option subjects)

Careers interviews for all students in Year 11 with a trained careers advisor.

Half term, and Easter holiday interventions will be offered.

Saturday classes are offered from Easter onwards.

Summary

- Sixth Form and college open evenings have now started
- Application deadlines can be found at the open events or on the providers website
- Ensure an aspirational choice and a realistic choice
- Revision is key to ensure you get the grades
- Open communication between parents, students and school staff is essential so we can support

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