

Thinking about destinations in Year 10

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Everyone valued • Every day an opportunity • Every moment focused on success

Future Choices: Potential growth in the job sector

- **Digital Technologies : software, AI, data, cybersecurity**
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- **Clean Energy / Green Industries**
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- **Construction / House-building**
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- **Engineering / Advanced Manufacturing**
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- **Adult Social Care / Health / Wellbeing**
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- **Sustainability / Environmental Management / Circular Economy**
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- **E-commerce / Supply Chain / Logistics**

Almost every job will require tech literacy, even if it's not a tech job.

But there is still a need for Human-Centered / Soft Skills:

Emotional Intelligence (EQ)- The ability to mixed with people from different backgrounds and be sensitive to their needs.

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving- The ability to question, challenge to thinking critically (Very important with AI!)

Collaboration & Teamwork- the importance of working together and recognising each other strengths to achieve a goal

Organisation skills -time management. Being able to work to a deadline and complete a project

Creativity & Innovation. Coming up with new and reactive ideas to face new challenge and problems

Adaptability & Resilience to be able to respond to with change and develop new skills.

Where next?

Three potential pathways...

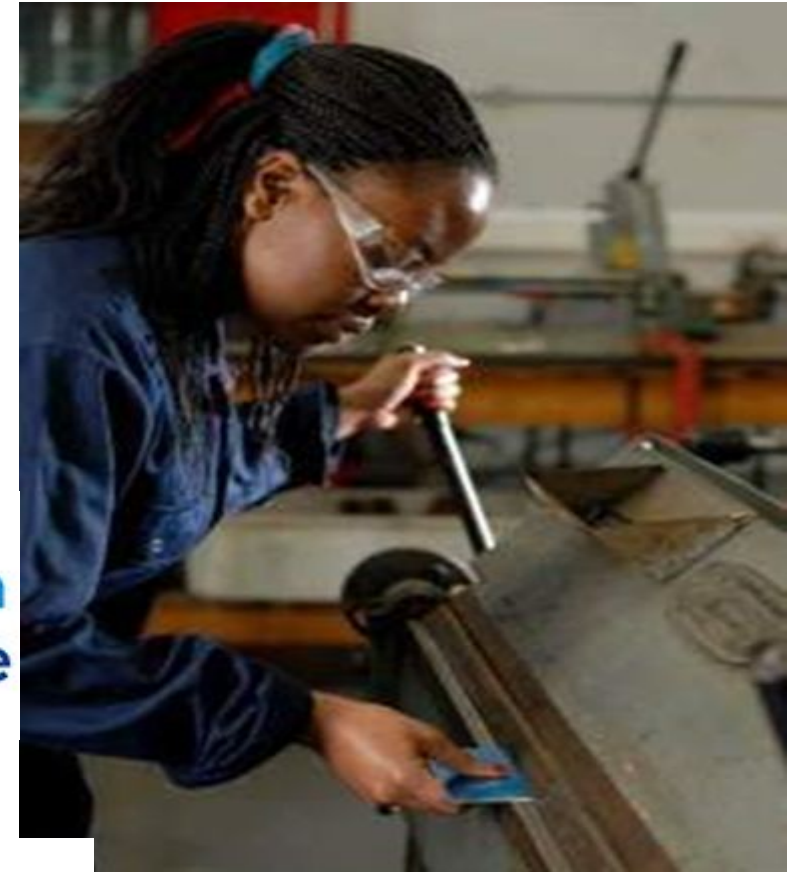


1. College/Sixth Forms:

- Chessington Sixth Form
- Hollyfield Sixth form
- Other School Sixth forms
- Esher College*
- Kingston College
- NESBOT
- Brooklands College
- Richmond College
- Guildford College



Richmond upon
Thames College



2. Apprenticeship

3. Employment

Brooklands College

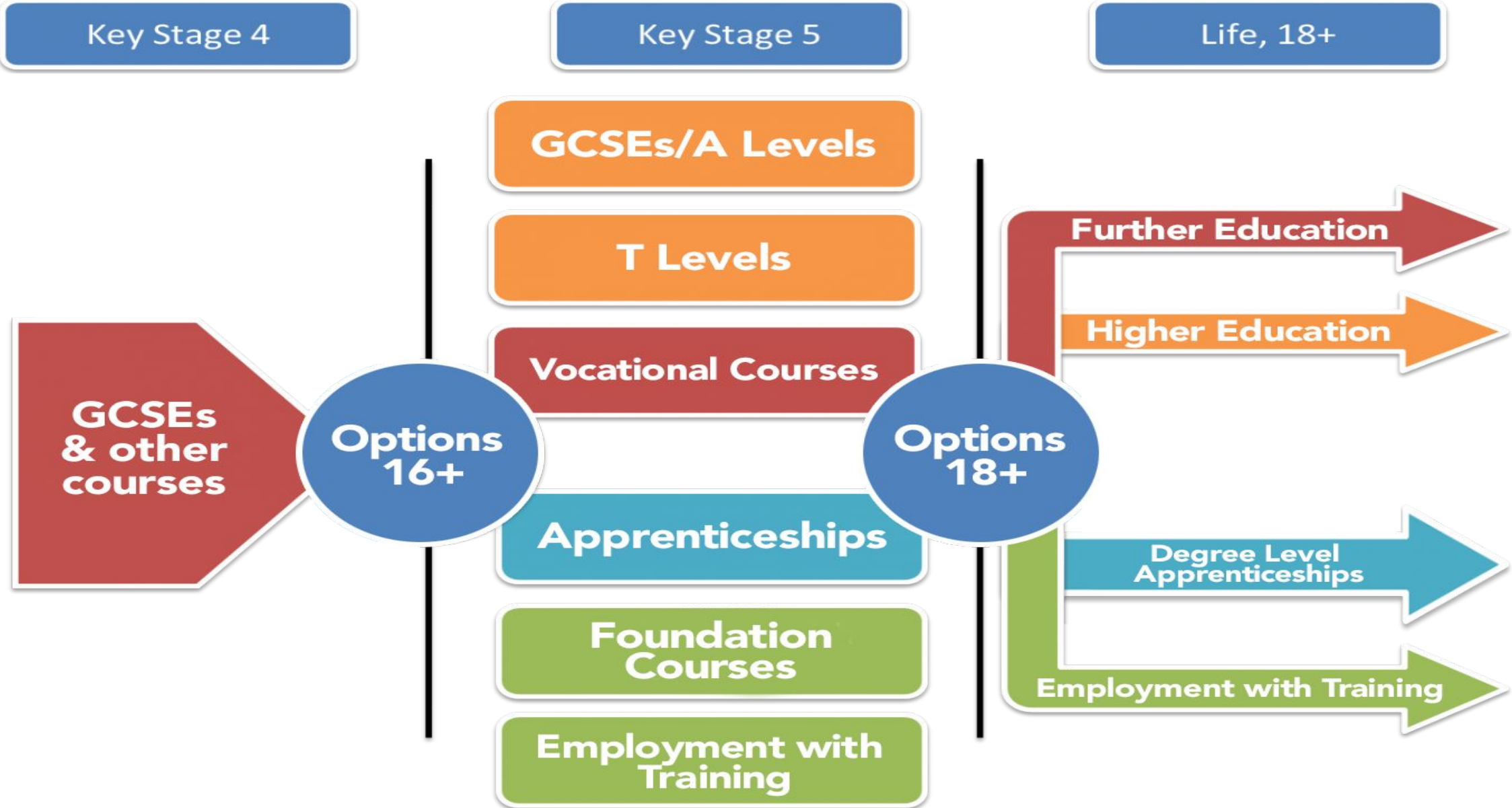


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What Next ? The Different Options



Key Questions to discuss with your child

What subjects do you want to study?

Why do you want to study these subjects?

Where do you want to study?

Which places offer the courses you want?

If you are successful in these subject what do you want to do next?

By the beginning of Year 11 students should:

- Aim to achieve at least **5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above including English** to start a Level 3 Courses (A Level or BTEC Diploma Extended Diploma)
- Students who achieve less than this minimum requirement can still have a huge variety of courses to apply for. These include:
 - BTEC Level 2
 - Level 1 courses
 - City and Guilds

Chessington Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 6th
November 6pm
(Y10 welcome)



Piglet's Pre-School

Esher College



Esher
Sixth Form College



@6thform_hollyfield

<https://www.hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=273&type=pdf>

Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs grade 4 or BTEC Pass

A-Levels			BTEC's
Art	French	Photography	Applied Science
Biology	Further Maths	Physics	Business Enterprise
Business	Geography	Product Design	Core Maths (not a BTEC)
Chemistry	Government and Politics	Psychology	EPQ
Computing	History	Sociology	ICT
Drama	Maths	Spanish	Health & Social Care
Economics	Music Tech		Media
English Language	PE		PE
English Literature	Philosophy		

Colleges



NESCOT

<https://www.nescot.ac.uk/further-education/>



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Kingston College

<https://stcg.ac.uk/kingston-college>

Brooklands College

The
BRIT
SCHOOL

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There are a number of colleges offering vocational and academic courses which students can apply to. Esher college applications open in summer term of Year 10 and the remainder you can start applying in late September and October of Year 11.

Schools with Sixth Forms

Chessington Sixth Form
Hollyfield Sixth Form
Grey Court Sixth Form
Tolworth Girls Sixth Form
Cheam High Sixth Form
Southborough
Glyn Sixth Form
Blenheim Sixth Form
The Kingston Academy
Raynes Park
Tiffin Sixth Form
Coombe Sixth Form



College/Sixth form	Date & time
Chessington Sixth Form	Thursday 6th November (Sport & Child Development only)
Hollyfield Sixth Form	Thursday 13th Nov 2025 6-8pm Sixth Form Prospectus
Kingston College	Sat 4th October 2025 10am-1pm & Weds 19th th Nov 4.30-7pm Events & Open Days - Kingston College
Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)	Sat 11th October 10am-2pm & Tues 18th Nov 5-8pm Register via: Open Events
Esher Sixth Form College	Open day was in July. Applications close on Midday on 30th September for 2026 entry.
Nescot College (Epsom)	Sat 11th October 10am-1pm & Weds 19th Nov 4.30-7.30pm Nescot Open Events They offer animal care, construction & many more courses!
BRIT School (Croydon)	Tuesday 23rd Sept - you must book a time between 1.30-6.30pm https://www.brit.school/openevents25 Offering performing and visual arts courses
Other Sixth Forms & Colleges	Check individual websites – usually late Sept, Oct and November

We all learn differently! What is your learning style?

VOCATIONAL

ACADEMIC



A Levels (Academic pathway)

- Advanced level qualifications are subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work.
- You can normally study three (or more) A levels over two years.
- They're usually assessed by a series of examinations the end of the 2 years.
- At least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 including English and Maths
- At least grade 5 or 6 in the specific subject(s) you want to study

BTECs (Vocational and Technical)

Depending on which college or sixth form you study at will depend on what they offer:

BTEC Level 3 Minimum requirements (4 or 5 GCSEs/BTEC including English and Math)

BTEC level 3 National Extended Diploma, which is equivalent to three A levels

BTEC level 3 National Diploma, which is equivalent to two A levels

BTEC level 3 National Extended Certificate, which is equivalent to one A level *

Offered at Hollyfield sixth form*

BTEC Level 2 Minimum requirement 4 GCSEs at grades 3 (including English & Maths). 1 year course which leads on to level 3 BTEC. Usually resit English/Maths alongside.

BTEC Level 1 - Minimum requirement 4 GCSEs at grades 2-1. 1 year course which leads on to level 2 BTEC. Usually resit English/Maths alongside.

T Levels - New qualifications!

T Levels (TECHNICAL LEVELS) are new courses which follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A levels. T Levels are offered in:

- Building services engineering for Construction;
- Digital;
- Education and child care;
- Health care services;
- Construction and Science.
- There are plans for many more!



Where can you study them? Nescot is offering T Level qualifications in two of specialist areas - Health Science and Digital - from September 2023

Kingston College is offering T Levels in Accounting, Finance and Education an Early Years

Entry requirements 5 GCSEs including English and Maths. Level 4 and above.



Equivalent to 3 A Levels

Equivalent in size to 3 A Levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or an Apprenticeship.

A 45-Day Industry Placement

Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

80% Classroom, 20% Work

T Level students spend 80% of the course in their learning environment, gaining the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action

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Work related courses

Work related Courses include:

- Hairdressing
- Beauty/Makeup
- Professional Cookery
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Carpentry
- Bricklaying
- Tree Surgery



Requirements: interest in that area of work plus they will look at your GCSE grades in English and Maths. If you achieve grades 4+ you can start on Level 2. If you don't you will start on Level 1.

Each level takes 1 year and can lead to an apprenticeship/Employment.

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a real job with training “ LEARN AS YOU EARN”

[Play video on this page: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbr346f](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbr346f)

An apprenticeship is employed by the company and receives:

- job-specific training
- earn a wage and get holiday pay
- be given time for study related to their role (the equivalent of one day a)

Intermediate Level 2

Advanced Level 3

Higher Level Level 4 & 5

Degree Level Level 6 & 7



Where to start your research....

In the summer and Autumn 2026

- Search websites - Colleges, 6th forms & apprenticeships.
- Log on to a Careers websites and search up different careers and subjects, university courses
- Talk subject teachers and tutors, Head of Year , SSO, Mr.Davey the Careers Leader
- Attend Open Evenings and Days: Esher, Kingston, NESCOT, Richmond
- Year 11 Careers Interviews Mr.Poole the Careers adviser will be interviewing from September
- Have 2 of 3 choices **Ideal , Realistic, & Back up plan**

Careers Websites

- ★ www.startprofile.com START is a careers programme for young people to help find information on careers. You can also complete the interests, skills, qualities section which will suggest matched jobs
- ★ Another user friend careers platform you can use for free <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>
- ★ www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk careers profiles which include - duties, hours, salary, and qualifications needed to get into each job.
- ★ <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree> See what jobs link in with your A Level subjects.

Careers and Application Timeline 2025-2026

July 2026 Esher College Open Evening and application process opens

July 2026 Careers Day & Networking Event at Chessington

September 2026 Esher College Applications Close

November 2026 Chessington Vocational and Hollyfield Sixth Form applications

October-November Open Days and Applications to Kingston College NESCOLT, Richmond upon Thames etc.

-December School Sixth Forms Open evenings and applications