

School Leavers Options Guide for Summer 2021 – South Essex

Employability and Skills Team

A guide to support a young person's next steps.

The ongoing Corona Virus epidemic may have left many young people unsure about their next steps, where to go for advice and maybe even unsure about their future career choices. With this in mind, we have produced this guide to support young people. The way that these opportunities are delivered may be subject to change.

Many of you will expect to achieve the grades needed and will be staying in your school sixth form, have secured a place at college, or have a start date agreed for an apprenticeship. If you do not have any firm plans in place then please read on:

Planning

When considering your next steps, it can seem confusing as there are so many options to choose from. Whether you are looking at further education, apprenticeships, work or training, we recommend that you research thoroughly. There are several websites listed in this resource which can help you to explore courses and careers. In addition, it is important to identify existing skills as well as your hobbies and interests to help you to make a good match. You could also speak with school or college staff, careers advisers and family networks to help you to make a strong choice. Remember to have a backup plan.

Extension to Child Benefit

If you are a school or college leaver, under 18, unemployed and do not have a course or training programme to start in September 2021, your parent/carer may be entitled to claim Extension to Child Benefit. There is a time limit in which you can register your claim. For more information contact the Employability and Skills Team on **0800 707 6384** to be put in touch with an Adviser in your local area.

College and Further Education options

If you have not already applied, then we suggest that you make applications quickly. There are broadly two different types of college course:

Academic Courses (e.g. A levels/ International Baccalaureate)

- Usually involves studying multiple subjects. This may provide increased progression options at the end of the course.
- Assessment is usually weighted towards exams with less emphasis on continuous assessment.
- Entry Criteria: Typically, applicants will be expected to achieve at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4. The specific requirements vary across schools and colleges.
- Some schools and Sixth Form Colleges may offer GCSE resit options for young people that have narrowly missed out on GCSE grades.

Vocational courses (e.g. BTECs/ T Levels/ NVQ/ CACHE)

- Vocational courses are typically designed around a specific industry/ occupation.
- Courses usually range from Level 1 and go up to Level 3 and higher.
- Vocational courses are an opportunity to specialise early in a subject that interests you.
- It often means studying one main subject (some schools and colleges allow you to blend academic and vocational options).
- If you have not achieved Grade 4 in GCSE Maths or English, you will be required to complete these qualifications alongside your main course.

Sixth Form & College options for summer 2021

For more information about course availability, application procedures, open events and entry requirements, please contact the establishment directly.

Anglo European School Ingatestone

Telephone: 01277 354018

Website: www.aesessex.co.uk

Basildon Academies

Telephone: 01268 552536

Website: www.basildonacademy.org.uk

Beauchamps High School Wickford

Telephone: 01268 735466

Website: www.beauchamp.org.uk

Becket Keys Brentwood

Telephone: 01277 286600

Website: <https://www.becketkeys.org/>

Brentwood County High

Telephone: 01277 238900

Website: www.bchs.essex.sch.uk

Brentwood Ursuline Convent School

Telephone: 01277 277156

Website: www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

Greensward Academy Hockley

Telephone: 01702 202571

Website: www.greenswardacademy.org

Mayflower High School Billericay

Telephone: 01277 623171

Website: www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk

Unified SEEVIC and Palmers College Benfleet/ Grays

Telephone: SEEVC 01268 756111

Telephone: Palmers 01375 370121

Website: www.uspcollege.ac.uk

Shenfield High School

Telephone: 01277 219131

Website: www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk

South Essex College

Basildon, Canvey, Leigh, Southend and
Thurrock

Telephone: 0345 52 12345

Website: www.southessex.ac.uk

St Martins School Hutton

Telephone: 01277 238300

Website: www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk

The Appleton School Benfleet

Telephone: 01268 794215

Website: www.theappletonschool.org

The Billericay School

Telephone: 01277 655191

Website: www.billericay.essex.sch.uk

The Bromfords School

Wickford

Telephone: 01268 471201

Website: www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk

The FitzWimarc School Rayleigh

Telephone: 01268 743884

Website: <https://www.fitzwimarc.com/>

The Ongar Academy 6

Telephone: 01277500990

Website: <https://www.theongaracademy.org/ongar-6/>

The King Edmund School Rochford

Telephone: 01702 545771

Website: www.kes.essex.sch.uk

The King John School Benfleet

Telephone: 01702 558284

Website: www.thekjs.essex.sch.uk

The Sweyne Park School Rayleigh

Telephone: 01268 784721

Website: www.sweynepark.com

Other Colleges close to South Essex

Barking and Dagenham College

Romford

Telephone: 020 8090 3020

Website: www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk

Chelmsford College

Telephone: 01245 265611 or 01245 293031

Website: www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk

New City College Havering Campus Hornchurch

Telephone: 01708 455011

Website: www.ncclondon.ac.uk/havering-colleges

New City College Havering Sixth Form Campus Hornchurch

Telephone: 01708 514400

Website: www.ncclondon.ac.uk/havering-colleges

Writtle University College Near Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 424200

Website: www.writtle.ac.uk

Still unsure?

- Where possible, speak with the Careers Adviser at your school or college who will have access to information about subject choices and career paths. Please check websites for contact details.
- **From Monday 28th June:** If you are aged 16–18, do not have access to a school or college Careers Adviser and do not have a firm plan for September, then please call the Employability and Skills Team on **0800 7076384** or email KeepInContactTeam@essex.gov.uk

Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Due to the Corona Epidemic, there may be fewer apprenticeships advertised. It is very important for you to have a backup plan. For up to date information about local vacancies, please visit: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship gives you the opportunity to gain work experience, a qualification and earn a wage at the same time. Apprenticeships are available from Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE 9-4) all the way up to Degree level in some occupational areas.

What are Traineeships?

Traineeships (sometimes referred to as Pre-Apprenticeships) are work experience placements with employers (occasionally paid) lasting from six weeks to six months. With a traineeship, you will gain employability skills, functional skills in English and Maths (if needed) and meaningful work experience. It could lead to an apprenticeship with an employer.

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Essex County Council

Training Providers that frequently deliver apprenticeship and/or traineeship opportunities for young people in the local area:

ACL Essex County Council

Apprenticeships in Business Administration, Customer service and more
www.aclessex.com/apprenticeships-in-essex

Central Training

Hairdressing, Barbering, Retail & Customer Service, Digital Marketing, Teaching Assistant and Business Administration
<https://www.centraltraininggroup.com/>

Crown College

Business Administration, Customer Service, Estate Agency, Lettings and Property Management, Learning and Development and Retail
<https://www.crownvocationaltraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

Debut Training Academy

Apprenticeships and funded training in Beauty and Nails with a training centre/ salon in Wickford
<https://debutacademy.com/>

Eden Training

Care and Child Care
<http://edentraining.co.uk/>

Hit Training

Hospitality and Catering
<https://hittraining.co.uk/contact-us>

Ixion Holdings

Offers Apprenticeships and Traineeships in: Business, Construction, Customer Service, Digital Media, and Marketing.
<https://www.ixionholdings.com/>

JET: Hairdressing

<https://www.j-ettraining.com/>

The Lightbulb

Business Administration, Digital Marketing and Teaching Assistant
<https://www.thelightbulbapprenticeships.com/>

Key Training Business

Administration and Customer Service
<https://www.keytraining.co.uk/young-person-looking-for-an-apprenticeship/>

QA Apprenticeships

Business Administration and IT related
<https://www.qa.com/learners/become-an-apprentice/>

TCHC Apprenticeships

<https://www.tchc.net/individual/apprenticeships>

Unified SEEVIC and Palmers

Accountancy, Business Administration, Early Years, Teaching Assistant and IT
<https://www.uspcollege.ac.uk/courses-apprenticeships/>

VTS

Business Administration, Child Care and Health and Social Care
<https://vts.ac.uk/information-for-apprentices/>

Multiverse

Business, Accountancy and Tech Apprenticeships in London
<https://platform.multiverse.io/apprenticeships>

Colleges that offer Apprenticeships

Barking and Dagenham College

<https://www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/find/courses-for-me/apprenticeship-vacancies>

Chelmsford College

<https://www.chelmsford.ac.uk/courses/apprenticeships-view.asp>

New City College

<https://www.ncclondon.ac.uk/apprenticeships>

South Essex College

<https://www.southessex.ac.uk/apprenticeships>

Foundation Learning Programmes

Foundation Learning providers offer English and Maths qualifications often alongside vocational elements to help improve your skills and get you ready to undertake an apprenticeship opportunity. This option often is usually accepted as approved training.

*Some Foundation Learning courses may have restrictions due to funding. Check with the provider when making your enquiries.

Crown College

<https://www.crownvocationaltraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

Level 2 Business Administration and IT Course based in Leigh on Sea. You will be required to attend 4 days a week over 20 weeks and will have the chance to improve your Maths and English

Debut

<https://debutacademy.com/training-courses/funded/>

A range of beauty related courses

Eden Training

<http://edentraining.co.uk/16-18/study-program/>

Level 1 and 2 Health and Social Care course based in Leigh on Sea, is a good starting point for a career in Health and Social Care or Child Care. The course includes college and work experience and a chance to improve Maths and English.

Lifeskills

<https://learnaliving.co.uk/centres/basildon/>

Level 1 and 2 courses in Employability, Construction, Customer Services, Health and Social Care and Motor Vehicle. Courses are run over 26 weeks and you will be required to attend either 4 mornings or afternoons a week and the opportunity to improve Maths and English

Plan B Programme (Via Essex Youth Service)

<https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/plan-b/>

Starts Autumn 2021: This is a 10-week programme includes Maths and English Functional Skills and Level 1 Health and Safety and Level 2 Customer Services.

TCHC: Positive Directions Programme and GAPS Programme

Both these options are currently being taught online with assessments at the training centre. Positive Directions is a short course aimed at re-engaging young people that are out of education or unemployed. GAPS is longer term. Both courses include functional skills in English and Maths with an opportunity to link into various areas.

Contact: deb.paine@tchc.net

Skills for Growth (Stratford): Traineeship Pre-Employment course

This is currently running remotely but ordinarily it runs from a training centre. It includes functional skills, a work placement, and additional qualifications. The programme lasts between six weeks and six months

<https://londonskillsforgrowth.co.uk/>

LearnerRecruitment@skillsforgrowth.org.uk

Steps to Success (Key Training)

A remote learning opportunity typically lasting 12-26 weeks. It focuses on improving functional skills with basic qualifications in business admin/customer services or recruitment resourcing.

Contact: Olivia.Park@keytraining.co.uk

<https://www.keytraining.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/KeyTraining-Steps-To-Success.pdf>

Useful Websites

Below is a list of useful websites ranging from careers advice, skills assessments, finding work to volunteering.

Virtual One Stop Shop providing young people and adults with information and advice on careers, skills, training, and employment opportunities.

www.essexopportunities.co.uk

National Careers Service- Job Profiles

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

National Careers Service- Skills Assessment

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>

Careers support

<https://icould.com>

Youth Employment-Help and advice getting a job

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/getting-a-job/>

Help, support, and opportunities for young people finding their first job

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

Job search website for the Job Centre Plus

<https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job>

Job search engine

www.indeed.co.uk

Jobs, training, and college options for those that may not go to university

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Higher Education courses

www.ucas.com

Essex Youth Service- Information for young people and details of online activities

<https://youth.essex.gov.uk/>

Connects 14- 25-year olds with volunteering opportunities in England

<https://vinspired.com/>

Raising of the Participation Age

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/education-and-training-for-young-people>

Mental Health Support

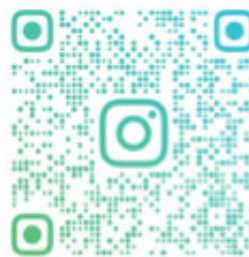
The Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service (EWMHS) provides advice and support to children, young people and families who are in need of support with their emotional wellbeing or mental health difficulties.

www.nelft.nhs.uk/services-ewmhs

Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm: call **0300 300 1600**

Email: nelft-ewmhs.referrals@nhs.net

Urgent or out of hours: call **0300 555 1200**



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