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School Leavers Options Guide Summer 2022 – West Essex

Employability and Skills Team

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

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 2022, 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.

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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 2022

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

Harlow College

Telephone: 01279 868000

Website: www.harlow-college.ac.uk

New City College, Epping Forest Campus

Telephone: 020 8502 8778

Website: <https://www.ncclondon.ac.uk/epping-forest>

BMAT STEM Academy, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 967060

Website: www.bmatstemacademy.org/

Davenant Sixth Form, Loughton

Telephone: 020 8508 0404

Website: www.davenantschool.co.uk

Debden Park Sixth Form

Telephone: 0208 508 2979

Website:

www.debdenparkhighschool.org/sixthp

Epping ST John's Sixth Form

Telephone: 01992 573028

Website: www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/926/head-of-sixth-form-welcome

The Helena Romanes School & Sixth Form, Great Dunmow

Telephone: 01371 872 560

Website: www.helena-romanes.essex.sch.uk

Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport (Near Saffron Walden)

Telephone: 01799 540237

Website: www.jfan.org.uk

Roding Valley High School Sixth Form Loughton

Telephone: 020 8508 1173

Website: <https://rodingvalley.net/sixth-form/sixth-form-welcome/>

Saffron Walden County High School & Sixth Form

Telephone: 01799 513030

Website: www.swchs.net

Sir Frederick Gibberd Sixth Form, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 307235

Website: www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org/1052/sixth-form

St Marks Sixth Form, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 421267

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

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Stansted Airport College

Telephone: 0127 966 3321

Website: www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk/

The Ongar Academy/Ongar 6

Telephone: 01277 500990

Website:

www.theongaracademy.org/ongar-6

West Hatch High School, Chigwell

Telephone: 020 8504 8216

Website: www.westhatch.essex.sch.uk

Other Sixth Forms/Colleges close to West Essex

Access Creative College, Shoreditch - London

Specialist Performing Arts/Creative Media
college

Telephone: 0800 281842

Website: www.accesscreative.ac.uk

Anglo European School, Ingatestone

Telephone: 01277 354018

Website: www.aesessex.co.uk

Barking and Dagenham College, Barking and Rush Green

Telephone: 0208 0903020

Website:

www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk

Beal High School, Ilford

Telephone: 020 8551 4954

Website: www.bealhighschool.co.uk/sixth-form-information

Birchwood School, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 655936

Website: www.birchwoodonline.co.uk

The Bishops Stortford High School, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 868686

Website: www.tbshs.org

The Broxbourne School

Telephone: 01992 411060

Website: www.broxbourne.herts.sch.uk

Cambridge Regional College

Telephone: 01223 418200

Website: www.camre.ac.uk

Capel Manor College, Enfield

Telephone: 0303 003 1234

Website: www.capel.ac.uk

Chelmsford College

Telephone: 01245 265611

Website: www.chelmsford.ac.uk

Colchester Institute, The College at Braintree

Telephone: 01206 712777

Website: www.colchester.ac.uk/about-us/campuses/braintree

CONEL, Includes Enfield Campus

Telephone: 020 8442 3055

Website: <https://www.conel.ac.uk>

Goffs Academy, Cheshunt

Telephone: 01992 630443

Website: www.goffs.herts.sch.uk

Haileybury Turnford School, Cheshunt

Telephone: 01992 308 333

Website: www.haileyburyturnford.com

Hertford Regional College, Broxbourne and Ware

Telephone: 01992 411400

Website: www.hrc.ac.uk

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The Hertfordshire & Essex High School & College, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 654127

Website: www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk

Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge

Telephone: 01223 247251

Website: www.hillsroad.ac.uk

Hockerill Anglo-European College, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 658451

Website: www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk

John Warner School, Hoddesdon

Telephone: 01992 462889

Website: www.johnwarner.herts.sch.uk

Lea Valley Academy, Enfield

Telephone: 01992 763 666

Website: www.leavalley.org.uk

Leventhorpe Business and Enterprise Academy, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 836633

Website: www.leventhorpe.net

Long Road Sixth Form College Cambridge

Telephone: 01223 631100

Website: www.longroad.ac.uk

Newham College, Includes Stratford/ East Ham Campuses

Telephone: 020 8257 4000

Website: <https://www.newham.ac.uk/>

Oasis Sixth Form, Enfield

Telephone: 01992 655 400

Website: www.oasisacademyenfield.org

Robert Barclay Academy, Hoddesdon

Telephone: 01992 410800

Website: www.robertbarclayacademy.co.uk

Sir George Monoux College, Walthamstow

Telephone: 0208 5233 544

Website: www.sgmc.ac.uk

St Mary's Catholic School, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 654901

Website: www.stmarys.net

St Mary's Church of England High School Cheshunt

Telephone: 01992 629124

Website: www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

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 27th 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**

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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

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 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.

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

Key Training

Business Administration and Customer Service

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

Steps to Success (Key Training)

A Traineeship typically lasting 12-26 weeks. It focuses on improving functional skills with a work placement with optional 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>

Hit Training

Hospitality and Catering

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

Halls of Ivy

Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy Apprenticeships and Traineeships in Chelmsford and surrounding areas.

www.hallsofivy.co.uk

Jet Hairdressing Academy

Hairdressing Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

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

Based in Basildon but some coverage of West Essex too

Just IT Training

Apprenticeships in IT Support, Digital Marketing, Software Development and more.

www.justit.co.uk/candidates/become-an-apprentice

London Hairdressing Apprenticeship Academy

Hairdressing Opportunities in London and into Essex.

www.lhaa.co.uk

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Debut Training Academy

Apprenticeships and funded training in Beauty with training centre/ salons in Wickford and Brentwood.

<https://debutacademy.com/>

QA

Apprenticeships in IT Systems and Networking/ Software and Website Development, Digital Skills, Business Admin.

<https://www.qa.com/learners/become-an-apprentice>

Multiverse

Business, Accountancy and Tech Apprenticeships in London.

www.multiverse.io/apprenticeships

The Lightbulb

Business Administration, Digital Marketing and Teaching Assistant.

www.thelightbulbapprenticeships.com/

TCHC

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

Ixion Holdings

Offers Apprenticeships and Traineeships in: Business, Construction, Customer Service, Digital Media and Marketing.

www.ixionholdings.com/apprenticeships-for-individuals/

Colleges that offer Apprenticeships

Cambridge Regional College

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

Harlow College

<https://www.harlow-college.ac.uk/study-options/apprenticeships>

Colchester Institute

www.colchester.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Hertford Regional College

<https://www.hrc.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies>

New City College

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

Barking and Dagenham College

www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/find/courses-for-me/apprenticeship-vacancies

CONEL (College of North East London)

<https://www.conel.ac.uk/courses/our-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.

London Apprenticeship Hairdressing Academy

Level 2 Study programme to gain functional skills and hairdressing skills in Loughton.

www.lhaa.co.uk/apprenticeships/level-2-hairdressing-study-programme

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Plan B Programme (Via Essex Youth Service)

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

Starts Autumn 2022: This is a 10-week programme includes Maths and English Functional Skills and Level 1 Health and Safety and Level 2 Customer Services.

Step Up (Run by Harlow College)

12-week study programme running three times a year with a focus on employability and functional skills

Please contact peter.oloughlin@essex.gov.uk

Youthbuild

<https://www.essexyouthbuild.co.uk/>

Construction based courses up to Level 1 in Chelmsford. They also offer a CSCS course and test which is required to work on construction sites.

Please contact -
admin@essexyouthbuild.co.uk

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 profile

<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

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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/>

Search for volunteering opportunities across Essex

<https://www.volunteeressex.org/>

Raising of the Participation Age

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

Mental Health Support

The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services (SET CAMHS)

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 **0800 953 0222**

Email: set-camhs.referrals@nelft.nhs.uk

Urgent or out of hours:

call **0800 995 1000**

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