

National Careers Week

6th-9th March 2023



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National Careers Week, aims to **“empower young people to make informed choices about their next steps by making sure they are getting the best careers advice and information possible”**





Purpose of this PowerPoint

Sometimes it is hard to know all the options that are available to young people.

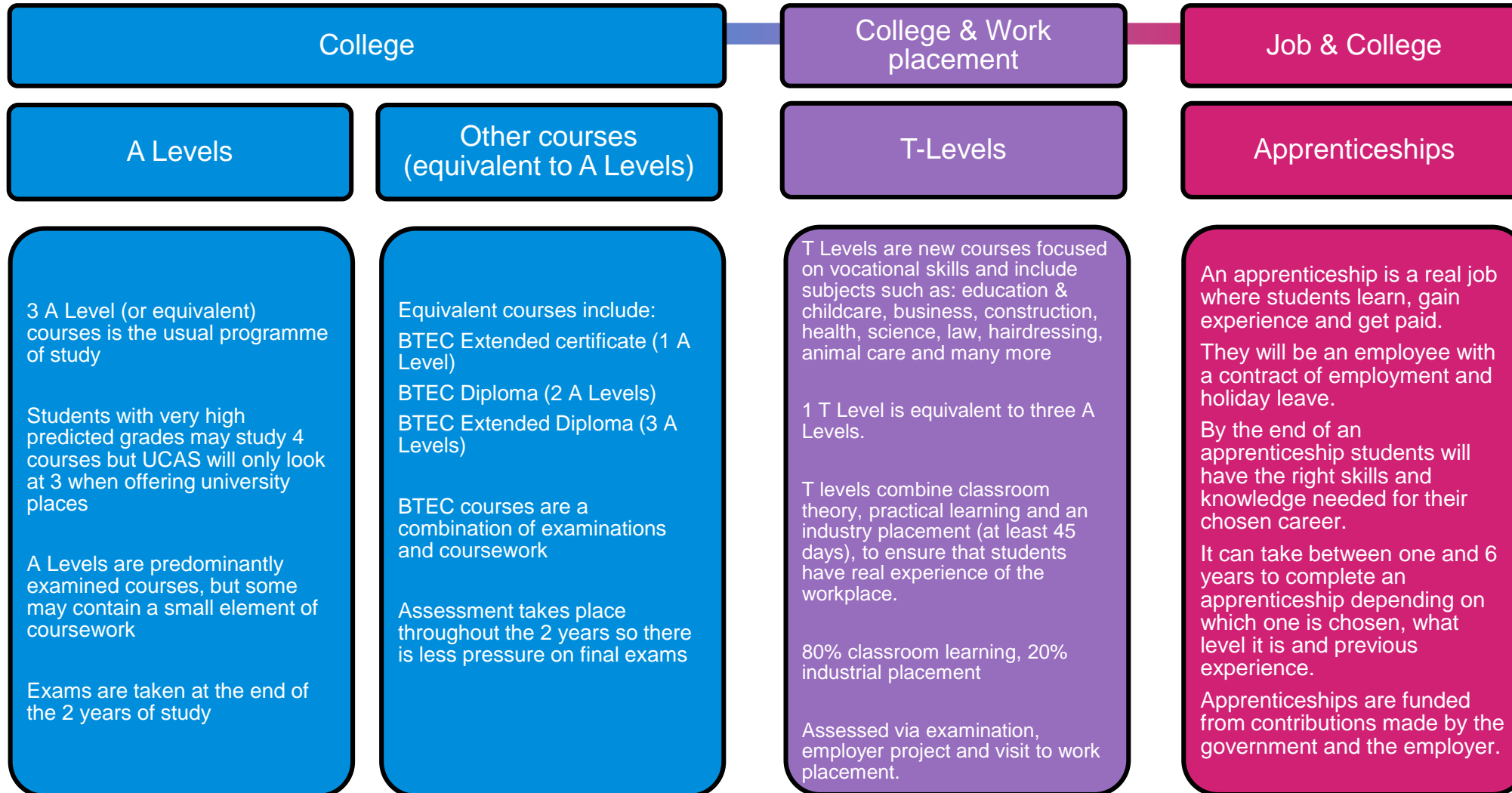
There is so much information, advice and guidance available that it can become overwhelming and challenging to find the right route for them

Hopefully, this PowerPoint will help you with this process and provide links for further information, if required



Routes after Thornden

These are by no means all the routes available, but they are certainly the mostly commonly taken by previous Thornden students





College



College: Questions to ask



- **What are the entry requirements?**

The entry requirements will vary in each college and each course. Ensure you check what each requires. Some courses will have a specific requirement e.g. a 7 in GCSE Maths to study A Level Maths

- **How will students be assessed?**

Many A Level courses are 100% examined but some include a small coursework element. The Vocational courses (BTECs etc) have a heavier coursework load.

- **Which subjects go well together?**

Most colleges will tell you that students can do any combination of subjects (not an A Level and other qualification in the same subject).

Ensure your student has met the requirements of any future career plans. The UCAS website has all the information about entry requirements for university courses <https://www.ucas.com/>

Enjoying a subject is likely to get students a higher grade than just doing a subject because they think they should.

Try to ensure there is a balance in subjects and don't take on too many coursework heavy courses that may be overwhelming

- **What UCAS points does each course provide?**

A level (or equivalent) grades will be converted into UCAS points if/when students apply to university. BTECs and Cambridge Technical carry the same UCAS points as an A Level, check the courses of interest or [click here](#)

- **Can students do 4 A levels (or equivalent)?**

If a student has very high predicted grades in each of their GCSEs they may wish to complete 4 A Levels (or equivalent) . It is not the standard programme so it is worth asking at each college being considered.

- **How will students get to college?**

The journey to college is often longer than the journey to school and may well include public transport. It is a good idea to find out about transport options, timings and cost.

T Levels:



- T Levels are a 2-year qualification that students can do after GCSEs as an alternative to A levels, other post-16 courses or an apprenticeship. **1 T Level is equivalent to 3 A Levels.** Students spend 80% of their time in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement with an employer to give them the skills and knowledge companies look for.
- T Levels were established to strengthen the technical education system in England and give young people the knowledge and skills that employers look for. They are available in a whole host of subjects including education & childcare, business, building services, catering, digital, engineering, finance, health, science and many more
- They were designed with leading businesses and are now supported by employers of all sizes to give students the workplace skills they need to succeed. Hundreds of employers – including Lloyds Banking Group, Nestlé, Yorkshire Water, Persimmon Homes and NHS Trusts across England – have hosted T Level students on industry placements.
- Combining theoretical knowledge with experience in the real world of work, T Levels give students a head start in their future, whether that's employment, a higher apprenticeship or further education.
- For more information click on the logos below:



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Local colleges offering T Levels:

See the individual college websites for the most up to date information



Eastleigh College

Education & Childcare



Richard Taunton College

Digital Business Services
Digital Support Services
Health

From Sept 2024:

Accounting
Building Services
Engineering for
Construction
Digital Business Services
Digital Support Services
Education and Childcare
Health
Legal Services



Itchen College

From September 2023 onwards:

Education and Childcare

From September 2024 onwards:

Digital Production, Design
and Development
Education and Childcare
Health
Legal Services
Media, Broadcast and
Production



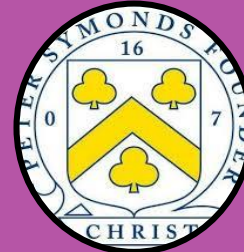
Southampton City College

From September 2023 onwards:

Digital Support Services
Education and Childcare

From September 2024 onwards:

Building Services
Engineering for
Construction
Catering
Design, Surveying and
Planning for Construction
Digital Production, Design
and Development
Digital Support Services
Education and Childcare
Health
Management and
Administration
Media, Broadcast and
Production
Science



Peter Symonds College

Education and Childcare



Brockenhurst College

From September 2023 onwards:

Education and Childcare

From September 2024 onwards:

Design and Development
for Engineering and
Manufacturing
Digital Production, Design
and Development
Digital Support Services
Education and Childcare
Engineering, Manufacturing,
Processing and Control
Management and
Administration



Sparsholt College

Digital Production, Design
and Development
Finance
Health
Onsite Construction
Science



Apprenticeships



Apprenticeships

- An apprenticeship is a real job where young people learn, gain experience and get paid. They are an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave.
- Apprenticeships are an exciting option and are available in a whole range of industries including agriculture, business, construction, engineering, health, IT, languages, leisure, retail, science and many more. Young people spend 80% of their time on the job and 20% studying for a relevant qualification.
- Young people get to earn money while they learn. What they will earn varies depending on the apprenticeship they choose. Current rates of pay can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>
- Apprenticeships are funded from contributions made by the government and the employer. This means there will not be any student loans or tuition fees. The only cost to cover is day-to-day expenses, such as lunch and travel.
- It can take between one and 6 years to complete an apprenticeship depending on which one is chosen, what level it is and previous experience.
- There are several levels of apprenticeships, **ADVANCED LEVEL** apprenticeships are the equivalent to A Level qualifications
- For more information, click on the logos below:



Useful Links



Overall Careers Information/Advice

- [Thornden School Careers Website](https://www.thorndenschool.co.uk/careers/)
- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/subjects>
- <https://www.ucas.com/further-education/find-career-ideas>

T Levels

- <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>
- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices/t-levels>

Apprenticeships

- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/become-apprentice>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/top-apprenticeship-employers-for-2022-announced>