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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Monday 8th September 2025

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Stockport Council is committed to ensuring every young person receives the right advice and support to make confident choices about their future. That's why we are once again hosting **Post-16 Careers Week 2025** – a week-long virtual careers fair designed to showcase the fantastic education, training and employment opportunities available in Stockport and beyond.

This year's event runs from Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2025 and is completely free to access. Across the week, you'll be able to explore live online events, practical resources, and guidance to help you understand your next steps – whether that's choosing A-Levels, exploring vocational options, starting an apprenticeship, or planning ahead for higher education.



Last year, thousands of students took part, alongside teachers, parents and carers – and we're excited to make this year's programme even bigger and better.

Visit stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk/post-16-careers-week-2025 or scan the QR code now to explore the full programme and register for events.

Digital College & Sixth Form Prospectus 2026

If you're starting to think about your options after GCSEs, the **Digital Prospectus** is the perfect place to begin. Packed with details of local colleges, sixth forms, and training providers, it covers all your options – A-Levels, T-Levels, Apprenticeships, BTECs and more – with practical information on how and when to apply.

The prospectus is easy to use on mobile, tablet or desktop, and will be regularly updated with key dates, contacts and even virtual tours to help you make the best decision for your future.

Support for Students with SEND or an EHCP

Young people with an Education Health and Care (EHC) Plan can also access a dedicated **16+ Booklet for SEND students**, including guidance on supported internships, the Local Offer and specialist provision from local providers such as Stockport College and PURE College.

In addition, there is a **live lunchtime session on Thursday 2nd October (12.30–1.30pm)** for students with SEND or an EHCP, featuring input from PACT Stockport, PURE College, Stockport Council, Stockport College and other local partners.

Live Evening Q&A Events

Our popular evening webinars give you the chance to hear directly from local colleges, training providers, universities and employers. These interactive sessions are a fantastic way to ask questions and get expert advice about your next steps:

- **Choosing to Study A-Levels** – Monday 29th September, 7.00–8.00pm
Guest speakers include Aquinas, Loreto Sixth Form College, Hazel Grove Sixth Form, Marple Sixth Form College and Xaverian Sixth Form College.
 - **Studying T-Levels, BTECs and NVQs** – Tuesday 30th September, 7.00–8.00pm
Guest speakers include Stockport College, The Manchester College, The Growth Company and local employers.
 - **Apprenticeships at 16+ and 18+** – Wednesday 1st October, 7.00–8.00pm
Hear from Manchester Metropolitan University, Stockport College, The Growth Company and local employers including Nexperia and Stockport Homes Group.
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Free Resources


Throughout the week, you can also access a wide range of downloadable tools – from career pathway planners and college application guides, to budget worksheets, CV templates and interactive activities to help you feel fully prepared for the journey ahead.

To make the most of everything on offer, please visit the official webpage: stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk/post-16-careers-week-2025 where you can explore resources, book onto events, and start planning your future today.

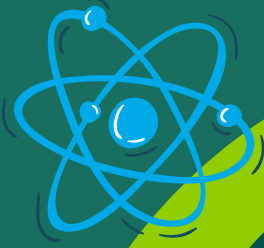
If you have any questions about the events or resources available during Post-16 Careers Week, please contact: info@stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk.

We strongly encourage all students, parents and carers to take advantage of these opportunities – and to continue conversations at home and in school about the exciting pathways available beyond 16 and 18.

Kind regards,

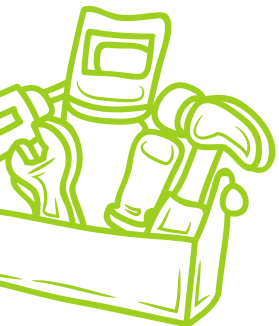


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Before you **GET STARTED**



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Welcome to Stockport's
interactive Post-16
Prospectus 2025/26 - your
guide to what happens
after GCSEs.



Inside, you'll find
everything you need to
explore your next steps:
from understanding the
difference between A-
Levels and T-Levels to
discovering courses,
colleges, and training
providers right here in
Stockport.

Look out for the Learn More
icon – it's your quick link to
extra information, tips, and
resources.

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**Your future is full
of possibilities
- this is your
chance to
explore them.**

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Your Post-16 CAREERS WEEK

Getting ready for life after school can feel like a big step - but we've got resources to help you feel prepared and confident.

From creating your first CV to practising application forms, from budget planners to sixth-form comparison tools, our Careers Week resources give you everything you need to start making choices.

Head to the Schools and Colleges Hub on **stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk** to find:

- Videos and guides to explore your options
- Worksheets and career planners to get organised
- Tools to spark conversations with teachers, parents, and carers



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05 FREE Events

BOOK NOW



Mon 29th Sept 7-8pm Studying A-Levels

Learn what colleges and sixth forms expect, how to apply, and what A-Level study is really like.



Tues 30th Sept 7-8pm T-Levels, BTECs and NVQs

Meet colleges, employers and training providers to explore vocational study options.

Weds 1st Oct 7-8pm Apprenticeships at 16+ and 18+

Hear from colleges, training providers and employers about apprenticeships at Levels 2-3, higher and degree apprenticeships.



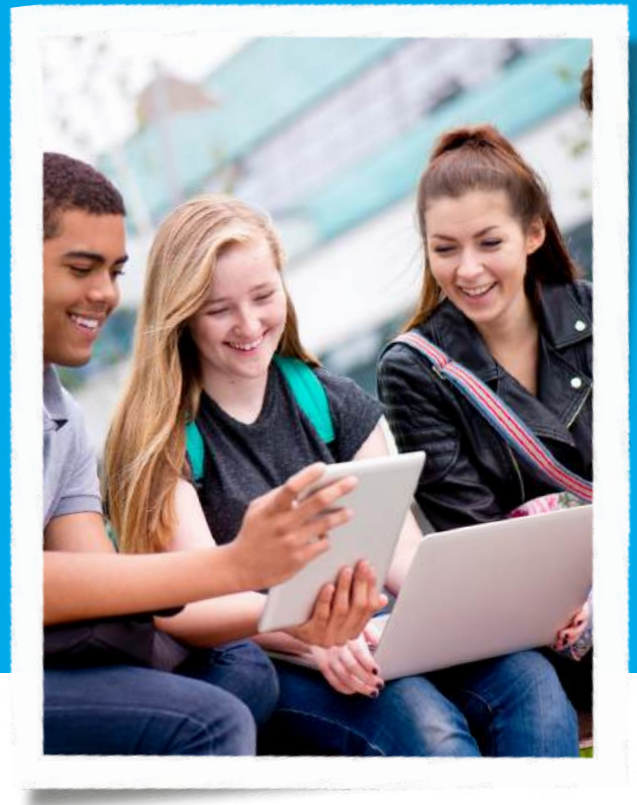
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UNTIL YOU TURN 18

Since 2013, the law has required all young people to stay in education, training or work with training until their 18th birthday.

This isn't about staying in school – it's about making sure you've got the skills and qualifications for your future career.



Choose from...

OPTION #1

Full-time Education

- Sixth Form School / College
- Further Education College
- Independent Education Provider

OPTION #2

Work-Based Learning

- Apprenticeship
- Vocational Study
- Supported Internship
- Traineeship

OPTION #3

Part-time Education or Study

- If you are:
- Employed / Self-Employed
 - Volunteering (at least 20 hrs per week)



Making DECISIONS

From Year 9 onwards, you'll have regular opportunities to think about your future - take full advantage! Ask questions, get advice, and explore all the routes open to you.

Things to consider:

- ② How do you learn best? (classroom, practical, hands-on?)
- ② What careers interest you? Research what qualifications they need.
- ② Thinking about university? Check entry requirements early.
- ② What are your strengths, hobbies and talents?
- ② Considering apprenticeships or vocational courses? See what's available.
- ② Visit open days to get a feel for different providers and facilities on offer.



Changes to GCSEs

GCSEs are now graded 9 to 1 (not A* to G).

- Grade 4 = standard pass (minimum to avoid re-taking English & Maths)
- Grade 5+ = strong pass
- Some courses require Grade 6 or higher to study at post-16

What's different?

- ① More challenging content and new topics
- ① Final exams at the end of Year 11 (not modular)
- ① Less coursework, except in practical subjects like drama
- ① Foundation and higher tiers now only for Maths, Sciences and Languages

Old	New
A*	9
A	8
	7
B	6
C	5
	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
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QUALIFICATIONS

Explained

Qualifications are organised into different levels. Each level shows how advanced your learning is and what you can progress onto next.

Entry Level qualifications are the starting point, split into three sub-levels (Entry 1, 2 and 3). Anyone can take them, and they're designed to build confidence and skills before moving on. By Entry Level 3, you'll be ready to step up to a Level 1 or 2 course.



At **Level 1**, you'll gain a foundation of knowledge and practical skills. This level acts as a springboard to the next stage of study.



From there, **Level 2** qualifications go further, showing you have a solid grasp of your subject. They're often required for entry into many job roles and usually need either lower GCSE grades (3–1) or a Level 1 qualification as a starting point.



Level 3 takes things deeper, giving you the skills and knowledge needed for higher education. With good GCSE passes (9–4) or a Level 2 qualification, you can move onto A-Levels, T-Levels, or other advanced courses.

Beyond that, Levels 4 to 8 cover specialist and degree-level learning, from foundation degrees through to bachelor's, master's and even doctoral qualifications. Each stage is another step in developing your expertise.



QUALIFICATION Levels

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FURTHER Education

Further Education (FE) is what you move on to after Year 11, before higher education such as university.

Most students take this route between the ages of 16 and 19, and it's delivered in different settings – from school sixth forms and sixth form colleges to larger FE colleges.

FE covers two main types of study.

- **Academic qualifications**, like A-Levels, focus on subjects in depth and are mainly classroom-based, with exams at the end.
- **Vocational qualifications**, like apprenticeships are designed to prepare you for specific careers. These are more practical and hands-on, often blending classroom learning with work experience, coursework, and projects.

There isn't a right or wrong choice – only the choice that works for you. Some subjects can even be studied in both ways, so you might take a purely academic route, a more vocational path, or a mix of the two.



Education after 16 is about shaping your future in a way that works best for you – whether that's in the classroom, hands-on, or a bit of both.

Studying A-LEVELS



A-Levels (Advanced Levels) are subject-based qualifications usually studied over two years. They give you the chance to continue with subjects you enjoyed at GCSE or branch out into something completely new.

Across the two years, you'll deepen your knowledge, sharpen your critical thinking, and develop transferable skills that universities and employers really value.

Assessments mainly happen at the end of the second year, and results are graded from A* to E.

When choosing your subjects, it's worth knowing about **“facilitating subjects”**. These are subjects that many universities prefer or require for a wide range of degree courses – so they help to keep your options open.

Examples include sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), English Literature, Maths and Further Maths, History, Geography, and modern or classical languages.

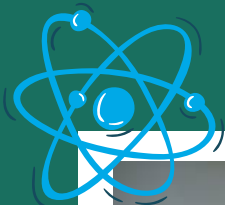
If you're not sure what you want to study later on, picking at least one facilitating subject alongside your interests can give you more flexibility for the future.



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Studying T-LEVELS



T-Levels (Technical Levels) are a newer type of qualification, designed for students who already have a good idea of the kind of career they want to move into. Like A-Levels, they are Level 3 courses studied over two years – but the focus is much more practical.

Each T-Level is equivalent to three A-Levels. You'll spend about 80% of your time in the classroom learning technical knowledge and 20% on a substantial work placement. That means at least 315 hours (around 45 days) in industry, giving you real-world experience and the chance to put your skills into practice.

T-Levels were developed with employers, so what you study directly matches the skills that industries need. They're recognised by universities and training providers, but especially valued by employers as preparation for specific careers.

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VOCATIONAL Qualifications

Vocational qualifications are practical, work-based courses designed to give you the skills and knowledge for a specific career. They're a great choice if you learn best by doing, as they combine classroom study with hands-on practice and often include work experience.

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Courses are available at every level – from Entry through to advanced – and the length of study depends on the level you choose. Subjects are wide-ranging, from Health and Social Care to Engineering, Animal Care, IT, Media, Logistics, Retail, Beauty Therapy and more.

Level 1 Courses

At Level 1, vocational courses introduce you to the basics of a subject area and help you build confidence. They're a good stepping stone into Level 2 qualifications or apprenticeships. Some providers also offer courses in Employability Skills, designed to prepare you for the world of work.

Level 2 Courses

At Level 2, vocational courses provide deeper knowledge and practical skills in areas such as Art and Design, Creative Media, Business, IT, and Health and Social Care. They can lead directly into employment, further study, or apprenticeships.



Level 3 Courses

Level 3 vocational courses, sometimes called Applied General Qualifications, are designed for students who want to focus on a particular industry while keeping doors open to higher education. Popular options include arts and media, business, crafts, technology and publishing.

Two of the most common qualifications at this level are:

- BTECs – These are widely recognised and come in many subjects. They blend theory and practice, often assessed through projects, assignments, and practical tasks.
- NVQs (National Vocational Qualifications) – Ideal if you want to combine working and learning. NVQs are based on industry standards, meaning you'll train and be assessed on the skills employers say you need for that job.

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ALTERNATIVE Study

Alongside (or instead of) A-Levels, T-Levels or vocational courses, there are other qualifications you might consider. These can be taken at school, college, sixth form or through independent training providers.

GCSEs

You may be able to re-sit Maths or English if you didn't get the grade you were aiming for, or take additional GCSEs to deepen your subject knowledge. GCSEs remain highly valued by schools, colleges and employers.

Entry Levels

There are over 100 Entry Level certificates, including core subjects like English, Maths and Science. These are broken down into smaller units, assessed through a mix of exams, written tasks, oral presentations or practical activities.



**There isn't just one path
after GCSEs – there are
lots of options to help
you build confidence,
gain skills and find the
future that fits you.**

Technical Baccalaureate

Launched by City & Guilds in 2014, the TechBac is aimed at 16–19 year olds who want practical qualifications combined with workplace skills. It's designed to make students “work ready”, covering both technical training and soft skills that employers value. Courses can range from 360 hours at Level 2 to over 1,000 hours for advanced study.

Greater Manchester Baccalaureate

A new initiative co-designed by education and business leaders, the MBacc aims to transform technical education across Greater Manchester. It provides a clear route from school to high-quality jobs in the city-region's growing economy, helping young people connect their studies directly with future career opportunities.

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**Different routes suit
different people – the
important thing is
finding the one that
helps you grow and
move forward.**

Studying an APPRENTICESHIP

An apprenticeship lets you learn on the job while you earn. You'll be employed, paid a real wage, and work towards a nationally recognised qualification – all at the same time. There are over 1,500 apprenticeship roles available, in industries ranging from Business and Media to Construction, Engineering, Health, IT and more.

As an apprentice, you'll usually work at least 30 hours a week. Around 80% of your time will be spent gaining real work experience with your employer, and the other 20% will be dedicated to study. Training is delivered through a college, training provider or university – either at your workplace, on campus, or even online.

Apprenticeships last a minimum of 12 months, though many take longer depending on the level and sector. Along the way, you'll be assessed on your progress and supported to develop the skills employers need. If you haven't yet achieved GCSE English or Maths at grade 9–4 (A*–C), you'll also work towards these as part of your programme.

If you have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), you can keep it during your apprenticeship, and it will continue to be reviewed.



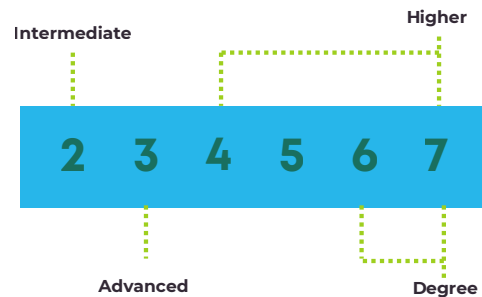
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APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS

Apprenticeships are available at different levels, so there's something to suit everyone.

- Intermediate Apprenticeships (Level 2) are a great starting point if you're new to a sector. They help you learn the basics and build experience.
- Advanced Apprenticeships (Level 3) take you deeper, often equivalent to A-Levels.
- Higher Apprenticeships (Levels 4-5) and Degree Apprenticeships (Levels 6-7) give you the chance to gain specialist knowledge – even a full degree – while continuing to work and earn.



It's important to check entry requirements before applying. If you don't yet have the qualifications or experience for a higher-level apprenticeship, you can start at a lower level and work your way up.

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for an apprenticeship is similar to applying for a job. You'll need to complete an application form and may be invited to an interview. Opportunities are advertised throughout the year, so it's worth checking regularly. You can search and apply online at:

- www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
- www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

For extra advice, visit the Greater Manchester Apprenticeship and Careers Service at gmacs.co.uk, or speak to an adviser at the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900.



20 Higher & Degree APPRENTICESHIPS

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships give you the chance to gain advanced qualifications while working and earning a salary. They're a real alternative to university – combining professional training, academic study and on-the-job experience.

Higher Apprenticeships are offered at Levels 4–7. Levels 4 and 5 are equivalent to a Higher Education Certificate, Diploma or a Foundation Degree, while Degree Apprenticeships at Levels 6 and 7 let you work towards a full Bachelor's or Master's degree.

More than 40 different subject areas are available, covering hundreds of roles in industries like business, accounting, construction management, and digital services. For Degree Apprenticeships, part of your training and assessment will usually be delivered by a university or higher education provider, so you may spend some of your time on campus.

Applications are made in the same way as other apprenticeships, via the government's apprenticeship website. You can also find Degree Apprenticeship opportunities through universities themselves or the UCAS website.



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SEND Provision

If you have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, planning for your next steps starts early. In Year 10 you'll have an Annual Review to begin exploring your options, and in Year 11 your school will arrange for you to meet a careers adviser who can help you think through choices and applications.

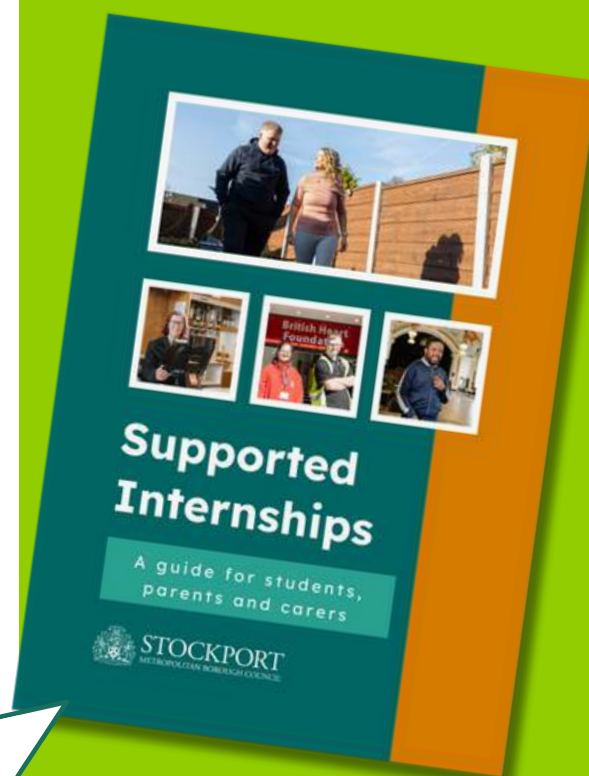
At 16, you can stay in full-time education at a mainstream or special sixth form or college, or combine volunteering or work with part-time study. Alongside academic options (A-Levels, T-Levels) and vocational routes (BTECs, Apprenticeships), you could also take part in a Supported Internship.



With the right support and opportunities, everyone can take the next step towards independence and employment.

Supported Internships

These are structured programmes designed for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). They usually last a year and include a six-month unpaid work placement with a local employer, alongside classroom learning and extra support in English and Maths if needed. Supported Internships help you gain confidence, experience and skills for future employment. Download the Supported Internship booklet for more information.



Local Offer

Stockport's Local Offer website brings together information about services and opportunities for young people with SEND and their families. It covers education and training routes, as well as health, care and support options in the local area.



[Send Local Offer](#)

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HIGHER Education



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Higher Education (HE) is study beyond the age of 18. UK universities and colleges offer a huge range of courses and qualifications, recognised by employers and academics all over the world.

Because HE courses are often competitive, you'll usually need good grades (often at least GCSE grade 5 in English and Maths), plus relevant experience can also give you an advantage.

HNCs & HNDs

Higher National Certificates (Level 4) and Higher National Diplomas (Level 5) are work-related qualifications designed to develop practical, career-focused skills. They are often delivered by further and higher education colleges. Both are valued by employers and can also provide a pathway into the later years of a degree course.

Foundation Degrees

Equivalent to the first two years of a Bachelor's Degree, Foundation Degrees combine academic learning with vocational skills. They usually take two years full-time (longer part-time) and are designed for students who want a clear link between study and employment.



The most common undergraduate qualification, a Bachelor's Degree usually takes 3–4 years full-time. With thousands of courses to choose from, it's the broadest and most flexible HE option.

- BA (Bachelor of Arts) – often linked to humanities, languages, arts and social sciences
- BSc (Bachelor of Science) – often linked to sciences, maths, engineering and technology

Some specialist degrees (such as medicine or architecture) take longer to complete.



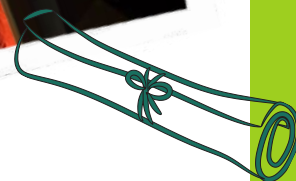
POSTGRADUATE Study

After completing a Bachelor's Degree, you may choose to progress further with postgraduate qualifications:

- PGCert / PGDip (Postgraduate Certificates & Diplomas) – Shorter than a Master's and focused on advanced skills in a specific area.
- Master's Degree (MA/MSc) – Usually 1–2 years full-time or up to 4 years part-time. Can be taught (lectures and seminars) or research-based.
- Doctorate (PhD) – The highest academic qualification. You'll carry out independent research and write a thesis that makes an original contribution to your subject. Full-time PhDs usually take 3–4 years.

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UCAS

Points

If the career you want needs a degree-level qualification, you'll probably be applying to university or considering a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship. That means it's worth thinking early about what subjects, grades and qualifications you'll need to get there.

UCAS Tariff points are a way of turning your grades into a numerical score. Each qualification and grade is given a value – for example, higher grades and higher-level qualifications carry more points. Universities and Higher Education providers use these points to help decide if you meet the entry requirements for a course.

Not every qualification has a UCAS points value, and not every course uses them, so it's always important to check the entry requirements carefully. Some universities may ask for UCAS points, others may just specify certain subjects or grades.

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Work EXPERIENCE

Work experience is one of the best ways to prepare for the world of work. Whether it's a short placement, a longer internship, or voluntary work, employers always value the experience you've gained in real workplaces.

It can boost your confidence, give you a sense of what it's like to be "work ready," and help you start building useful contacts for the future. Sometimes, it's the experience that helps you decide what you do (or don't) want to do as a career.



FINDING A WORK PLACEMENT

The first step is to think about the types of jobs or careers that interest you. If a particular course or qualification requires workplace experience, make sure you check this early so you can plan ahead. There are different ways to find opportunities:

- Through advice services – Careers advisers and local organisations in Stockport often know of placements and can connect you with employers. (See the Useful Contacts page for details.)
- By approaching employers directly – Look up companies you're interested in, then send an email or covering letter to introduce yourself. Be clear about the type of experience you're looking for, why you've chosen them, and what you can bring to their team. A polite follow-up call can also help.



PART-TIME JOBS

Many students choose to take on a part-time job alongside their studies. As long as it doesn't interfere with school or college, it's a great way to earn money, gain experience, and add valuable skills to your CV.



Even if your part-time role isn't directly linked to your future career, you'll still learn transferable skills such as teamwork, communication and time management. Popular choices for students include retail, hospitality, catering, leisure and administration roles.

EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEERING

You can be employed, self-employed or volunteer from 16, as long as you combine it with learning. That means working or volunteering at least 20 hours a week and completing 280 hours of accredited training a year.

If you're interested in volunteering, you can explore opportunities through the [Stockport Volunteer Hub](#). It lists local roles across lots of different areas – from web design, events and youth work to sports coaching, social media, retail or even presenting on community radio. Volunteering is a great way to build confidence, develop new skills, and gain experience that employers really value.



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WHERE

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SIXTH FORMS & SIXTH FORM COLLEGES

Sixth forms are often part of a secondary school, so you may already know the teachers and environment. They usually focus on A-Levels and some BTECs, with a more structured, school-like setting.

Sixth form colleges are larger, only for students aged 16+, and offer a wider mix of courses. The atmosphere is often more independent and “grown-up,” closer to what you’d expect at university.

COLLEGES

Colleges provide the broadest range of courses, from A-Levels to vocational qualifications at all levels. You’ll often have a more flexible timetable, wear your own clothes, and learn alongside students of all ages. Colleges are usually bigger and more varied, with tutors who combine teaching with real industry experience.



TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training providers specialise in vocational and professional courses such as apprenticeships, traineeships, and study programmes. Learning can take place in a centre, online, in the workplace, or a mix of all three. You’ll usually have a personal tutor, but also more independence in how and where you study.

A-Z COLLEGES

Choose **where** to study

Explore what each of the local FE providers has to offer, find out about courses, facilities, open days and more.



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**Aspire not
to have
more, but to
BE MORE.**

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AQUINAS SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Aquinas College is a Catholic sixth form college providing for over 2000 students over the age of sixteen. We were established in 1980, the college is owned by the Diocese of Shrewsbury and funded by the Learning and Skills Council.

The college's philosophy is based on the values contained in the Gospel, specifically those of freedom, justice and love. We welcome all young adults who wish to share in the Christian environment which we aim to foster. This environment is characterised by the individual care, guidance and support of each student as well as by the highest standards of academic work. The college aims to help each student grow towards fully mature adulthood by providing experiences which help in the search for truth, in making informed decisions, in accepting responsibility for one's actions and in co-operating with others. We strive to achieve this in an atmosphere that is adult, friendly and wholly supportive.



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Open Days

Saturday 20th September

Saturday 18th October



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STOCKPORT COLLEGE

**Welcome to Stockport College, the
home of brilliant futures.**

Stockport College helps you unlock your potential and take the next step toward a successful future. With a focus on vocational education, you'll gain hands-on experience in industry-standard facilities.

Whether you're interested in Construction, Digital, Engineering, Hair & Beauty, Motor Vehicle, Science, or the creative arts, our town centre campus offers the perfect space to thrive. With a dedicated University Centre on campus, Stockport College enables you to progress to higher education. Study locally and affordably on degree-level programmes backed by strong industry connections in construction, creative and digital, healthcare, engineering, and education.

College is not just about what happens in the classroom. It's also about the skills, opportunities and friendships you gain along the way. At Stockport College, you can enhance your college experience through College Extra and will have the opportunity to join student societies, volunteer, take part in sports or even get involved in student leadership. As part of this journey, you'll also benefit from a 'Skills Extra Toolkit', which is a package designed to support your development through work experience, enrichment activities, skills training, and wellbeing support.

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Open Day

Saturday 11th October 2025,
10am-2pm



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CHEADLE HULME SIXTH FORM

Welcome to the Cheadle Hulme Sixth Form. We are delighted that you have chosen to find out more about us.

We hope that the information we provide helps you to understand our high expectations and something about sixth form life. Should you choose to join us then we look forward to working with you to make sure that your time in the Sixth Form is successful, rewarding and enjoyable.

Academic Aspiration is one of the four Cornerstones and is a key element in your making the most of your time in the Sixth Form, achieving the best A Level results you can and progressing into higher education or the career of your choice. We expect you to demonstrate Academic Aspiration in your attitude to your lessons and independent studies and in turn will make sure that you receive all of the help and support that you need.

You will learn in a welcoming and professional environment, in a newly built and dedicated Sixth Form Centre with full classroom, laboratory, Refectory, Auditorium and Independent Study facilities. We expect you to work hard and share our vision, so that you may open the door to the future of your choice, regardless of background or circumstance.



"The vibrant 'super-curriculum' with diverse speakers, trips and visits inspires students. Students achieve exceptionally well, and most go onto aspirational destinations" (Ofsted, 2025)



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Open Evening

Thursday 6th November



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**Welcome to Hazel Grove Sixth Form.
We hope this information helps you to
understand both our high expectations
and commitment to ensuring that you
achieve the best results possible in
order to fulfil your ambitions.**

Academic Aspiration is one of our four Cornerstones and is a key element in you making the most of your time in the Sixth Form: achieving the best A Level results you can and progressing into higher education or the career of your choice.

We expect you to demonstrate Academic Aspiration in your attitude to your lessons and independent studies and we, in turn, will make sure that you receive all of the help and support that you need. We expect you to work hard and share our vision, so that you may open the door to the future of your choice, regardless of your background or circumstance. We offer a wide range of A Level academic qualifications, alongside an array of Electives and enrichment opportunities. We offer specific support for career paths such as medicine, dentistry and veterinary sciences as well as dedicated provision for those wishing to apply for the most competitive courses at both Oxford and Cambridge.

Our Post-18 support, known as our Life After Laurus Programme is unparalleled and involves guiding your journey through UCAS, bringing you into contact with some of the most prestigious universities via our in-house links and having access to opportunities such as voice coaching to prepare for interviews both at Universities and as part of Degree Apprenticeship applications. Our holistic provision allows us to afford our students a bespoke curriculum that meets their current and future needs and aspirations.



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Open Day

Wednesday 5th November



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**Loreto College is committed to
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spiritually and personally in your
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At Loreto, we are committed to enabling you to develop academically, spiritually and personally during your time with us and to get you ready for your next stage of your life whether it is university, apprenticeship, or employment. We have an excellent team of staff who are experts in sixth form education and will support and challenge you to achieve your very best and prepare you for the future.

Choosing your college is a big decision; our website and prospectus aims to guide you through the options so that in the important transition to foundation, intermediate or advanced level study you find the right college and course for you. We encourage you to take time to explore the range of options available. Be curious, research and ask questions. Visit our website where you will find more information about the superb facilities and campus and your subject areas of interest. We look forward to meeting you and to enabling you to get a sense of the values which underpin our ethos: Excellence, Freedom, Joy, Sincerity, Truth, Justice and Internationality.



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Open Day

Saturday 11th October and
Sunday 19th October
10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

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XAVERIAN SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Xaverian College is an outstanding Catholic Sixth Form College offering exciting opportunities to over 3000 students.

Students aged 16-19 join us from over 120 different schools in Greater Manchester to study a range of A Level and BTEC subjects. 98% of students go on to university, an Apprenticeship, employment or take a gap year.

The College has an enviable track record of success, and this is reflected in the results achieved by the 'Class of 2025'. The majority of students are now preparing for their next steps, having secured their first-choice destinations, including some of the UK's most sought-after university places as well as a number of competitive Higher and Degree Apprenticeships.

A Level students achieved a pass rate of 99% overall, with 58% of these being high grades of A*-B. Those studying Applied Subjects also had much to celebrate, with a 100% pass rate and over 78% achieving high grades of DDM or above.



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Open Days

Saturday 11th and Sunday 19th
October

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MARPLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

**Welcome to Marple Sixth Form College,
the home of brilliant futures.**

We're here to unlock your potential as you make those all-important next steps towards your successful future. We offer a wide range of A Levels, as well as Vocational and T Level qualifications.

Marple Sixth Form College is a small and friendly campus. We have a strong track record in unlocking the potential that exists in all our students to help create better futures. We are here to help you develop the skills, attitudes and behaviours needed to thrive in your career and personal life.

College is not just about what happens in the classroom. It's also about the skills, opportunities and friendships you gain along the way. At Marple Sixth Form College, you can enhance your college experience through College Extra and will have the opportunity to join student societies, volunteer, take part in sports or even get involved in student leadership. As part of this journey, you'll also benefit from a 'Skills Extra Toolkit', which is a package designed to support your development through work experience, enrichment activities, skills training, and wellbeing support.

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Open Day

Sat 11th Oct 10am-2pm

Thurs 13th Nov 4.30-6.30pm



PURE COLLEGE

Pure College is a specialist employability college for young people with an EHCP. Students will be exposed to enriching experiences, opportunities to engage in social networks, build resilience and confidence and develop an executive skill set that will support them to sustain and thrive in a variety of environments such as; academic, social, voluntary and employment.



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Open Days are 4-6pm on:

9th October, 26th November and
4th March

The Ambition for Life Pathway is the first step on the journey into Employment; providing the foundations of knowledge and skills that will enable our students to actively engage in the world around them and provide an introduction to the world of work.

The Ambition for Work Pathway is the next step on the journey to employment and is similar to a pre-internship. Employability opportunities are central to our curriculum delivery, and students will be studying a range of employability focused units. The skills and knowledge developed in the classroom will support work placements and visits from industry experts will provide students with real insight into the world of work. Students may then progress onto our supported internship, hosted by SMBC. This is a work-based study programme for students who will be classed as a full-time student, however approximately 70% of students time will be on a work placement. Students are supported by an experienced Job Coach who will provide coaching and guidance throughout the placement.



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CHEADLE COLLEGE

**Welcome to Cheadle College, the
home of brilliant futures.**

Our brand-new £27m campus opened in September 2025, offering brilliant facilities for all our A Level, T Level, and vocational courses. You'll find specialist spaces for Health and Early Years, including a clinical ward and a virtual nursery for hands-on learning in real-world settings. The new centre also has an upgraded learning resource centre, enhanced student services, and dedicated social spaces.

College is not just about what happens in the classroom. It's also about the skills, opportunities and friendships you gain along the way. At Cheadle College, you can enhance your college experience through College Extra and will have the opportunity to join student societies, volunteer, take part in sports or even get involved in student leadership. As part of this journey, you'll also benefit from a 'Skills Extra Toolkit', which is a package designed to support your development through work experience, enrichment activities, skills training, and wellbeing support.

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Open Day

Saturday 11th October 2025,
10am-2pm



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THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE

The Manchester College is one of the largest and most diverse further education colleges in the UK. We offer a variety of technical and vocational study programmes across 4 campuses; City Campus Manchester, Harpurhey, Openshaw and Wythenshawe.

We passionately believe in helping students to reach their ultimate goal, focusing on their future employability and developing the technical and professional skills, knowledge and behaviours they will need to have a successful career.

16-18 learners who study at The Manchester College benefit from:

- Industry-standard facilities
- Work placements with some of the city's best employers
- Learning in-demand skills from our expert tutors
- Courses co-developed with employers
- Award-winning Student Support Services
- Free breakfast on campus from 8am-9.30am
- Financial support for things like meals and kit for eligible students while at College.



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Campuses in Central, South,
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Open Day

Tuesday 21st October

REASEHEATH COLLEGE

Reaseheath College is one of the UK's leading land-based and technical colleges based in Nantwich, Cheshire. We offer a range of full-time diplomas, T Levels, apprenticeships and degrees, ideal for those looking for an exciting career in the land-based industries.

Reaseheath has some of the best specialist facilities and resources in the country, thanks to a continuing £100 million investment across campus.

This includes our £8 million Advanced Engineering and Agri-Tech Centre, £6 million Sports Sciences and Performance Academy, £8 million National Centre for Horticulture, the Environment and Sustainable Technology, £7 million Food Centre and our £13 million halls of residence.

Our world class facilities and industry focused technical courses help support continued student success. Our courses help students to become career ready and last year 97% of students gained a job or progressed onto an apprenticeship or a degree in their chosen industry.

To discover our range of courses visit the course pages on our website. You can also visit Reaseheath at one of our many Course Open Events. These events are a great opportunity to meet course staff, view our specialist facilities and find out about accommodation, finance, student support and transport!



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Open Days

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THE GROWTH COMPANY

The Growth Company Education & Skills is one of the largest providers of work-based learning for young people and adults.

The Growth Company has been a leading provider of high-quality training and education for over 35 years. We offer courses for 16-18 year olds, apprenticeships across a wide range of industries, adult learning opportunities and higher education programmes - helping people of all ages take the next step in their career.

Our comprehensive training programmes blend practical skills with theoretical knowledge, helping individuals launch new careers or advance in their current roles.



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We focus on business and professional services apprenticeships in areas such as management, law, accountancy, data protection, administration, travel and customer service.

Damar apprenticeships are available at different levels, from entry level right through to senior technical, professional and management positions.

An apprenticeship will develop your confidence and competence. It shows that you have achieved a nationally recognised standard for your area of work. It also shows your employer that you are committed to your job and that you want to develop your skills.

Over the years, Damar has worked with thousands of people, helping them to get jobs with good employers, improve their skills, and achieve nationally recognised qualifications. If you are looking to develop your career, achieve a qualification and earn a salary at the same time, an apprenticeship with Damar may be right for you.



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Since 1788, with the formation of The Philanthropic Society, we have designed and delivered services that build resilience and aspiration in people and communities.

Our vision for a strong society is one where everyone has the same three things to thrive: a purpose, a good place to live, and good people around them. All of our services help people to achieve at least one, if not all three, of these things.

Our Courses include:

Energise - Energise: powering lasting careers

Connecting people aged 18+ who face barriers to work to entry-level energy transition jobs and apprenticeships.

Digital Skills Academy - Digital Skills Academy

Delivering training to prepare and support young people across the UK in staying engaged in education and achieving career readiness, leveraging learning technology and using AI to empower their success.

Career Hive - Supporting care experienced young people aged 18-30 into employment across Manchester.



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THE KING'S TRUST

Aged 16-30? Want to work out what you're passionate about and gain confidence to start your career?


The King's Trust offers free support for 16- to 30-year-olds who aren't in education, employment or training. Our courses help you to build confidence and gain skills in a range of industries including digital, retail, music, sport, technology, sustainability, health and social care, and hospitality. We can even help you to launch your business idea!

With our support, you'll get guidance from mentors, make new friends, learn new skills and meet potential employers.

Over the past 50 years, over a million young people have started something with The King's Trust – becoming health workers, sports coaches, youth workers, fashion designers, builders, and business owners. Could you be next?

Follow the links to see what support is available near you.

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Sixth Forms



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	Aquinas Sixth Form	Cheadle Hulme Sixth Form	Loreto Sixth Form College	Marple Sixth Form College	Xaverian College
Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care					
Business and Administration	✓		✓	✓	✓
Care Services				✓	
Catering & Hospitality					
Construction & the Built Environment					
Creative & Design	✓			✓	✓
Digital					✓
Education & Childcare		✓			✓
Engineering & Manufacturing					
Hair & Beauty					
Health & Science	✓		✓	✓	✓
Legal, Finance & Accounting	✓				✓
Leisure, Sports & Tourism			✓	✓	✓
Protective Services	✓			✓	
Sales, Marketing & Procurement	✓				
Transport & Logistics					

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Colleges



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	Reaseheath College	Stockport College	The Cheadle College	Manchester College
Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care	✓			✓
Business and Administration	✓	✓	✓	✓
Care Services			✓	
Catering & Hospitality		✓		✓
Construction & the Built Environment	✓	✓		✓
Creative & Design		✓	✓	✓
Digital		✓	✓	✓
Education & Childcare		✓	✓	✓
Engineering & Manufacturing	✓	✓		✓
Hair & Beauty		✓		✓
Health & Science		✓	✓	✓
Legal, Finance & Accounting		✓	✓	
Leisure, Sports & Tourism	✓	✓	✓	
Protective Services	✓		✓	
Sales, Marketing & Procurement		✓		
Transport & Logistics		✓		

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Administration



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Hospitality



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Built Environment



Creative & Design



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Education &
Childcare



Engineering &
Manufacturing



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Legal, Finance &
Accounting



Leisure, Sports &
Tourism



Protective Services

Sales, Marketing &
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Useful CONTACTS



Greater Manchester Apprenticeship & Careers Service

A one-stop website full of advice, tips and information to help you explore options and plan your career.



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Education, Careers & Advice Service (ECAS)

Supports Year 11 students in Stockport with SEND, those in Pupil Referral Units, Children Looked After, and anyone at risk of not moving into education, employment or training.

Stockport Continuing Education

Offers a range of funded adult learning opportunities (19+), from functional skills to community courses, supporting lifelong learning and inclusion.

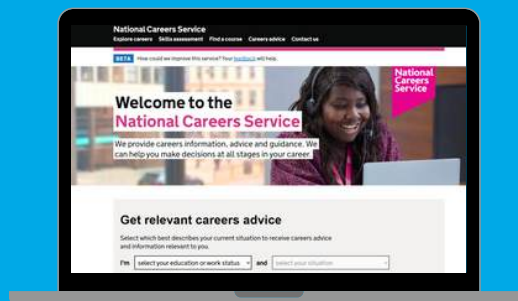


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National Careers Service

Free, impartial advice for anyone aged 13+ in England. Get tailored support to explore learning, training and work options at every stage of your career.



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Our Pass

For a one-off £10 fee, Our Pass gives Greater Manchester residents aged 16–18 free bus travel across the region – plus access to exclusive offers and events.

PACT Stockport

A local parent carer forum run by families, offering support to anyone caring for a child or young person (0–25) with SEND or additional needs.



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Build a Business

Practical support for anyone aged 18+ who wants to start their own business, with one-to-one advice, training and events from Stockport Central Library.

Work Well in Stockport

WorkWell is a free service designed to support people with health conditions or disabilities. You'll receive tailored support from a dedicated Work & health Coach, access to local health services, and careers guidance.



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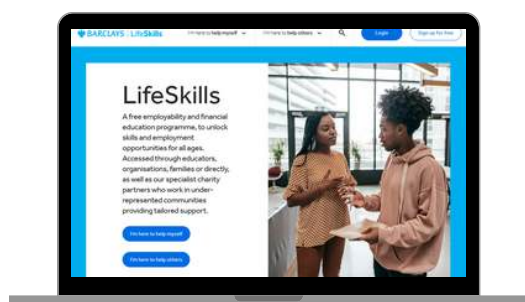
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A free online programme offering interactive tools, videos, and activities to build employability and financial skills like CV writing, interview prep, problem-solving, and money management.

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