



Soar Valley College
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Post 16 Options Evening

Tuesday 29th September 2026

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Welcome & Introduction

Mr Ridgeway – Assistant Principal

Entry Requirements & Qualifications **Positive Steps@16 (Application Process)**

Miss Houlton – Careers Leader

5.45pm – 8.00pm

Talk to Further Education & Training Providers

If you require any further information, please contact

Miss C Houlton or Mrs S Patel

Careers@soarvalley.aspirelp.uk



This evening is designed to;

- Further inform you about the Post 16 choices available
- Further inform you about the Post 16 application process
- Present an opportunity to speak to a range of Post 16 providers



Careers Education at Soar Valley College

The Careers Team

Miss C Houlton - Careers Lead

Mrs S Patel - Careers Advisor

Mr W Ridgeway - SLT Careers Link

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The law states that all students have to stay in full time education or training until at least their 18th birthday. Students can choose options from:

- A full-time course at a college studying for A levels or a vocational course.
- Learning while you earn on an apprenticeship, traineeship or study programme.





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Preparing Young Professionals



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SIXTH FORM**



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COLLEGE**



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LEICESTER
COLLEGE**

Positive Steps @16

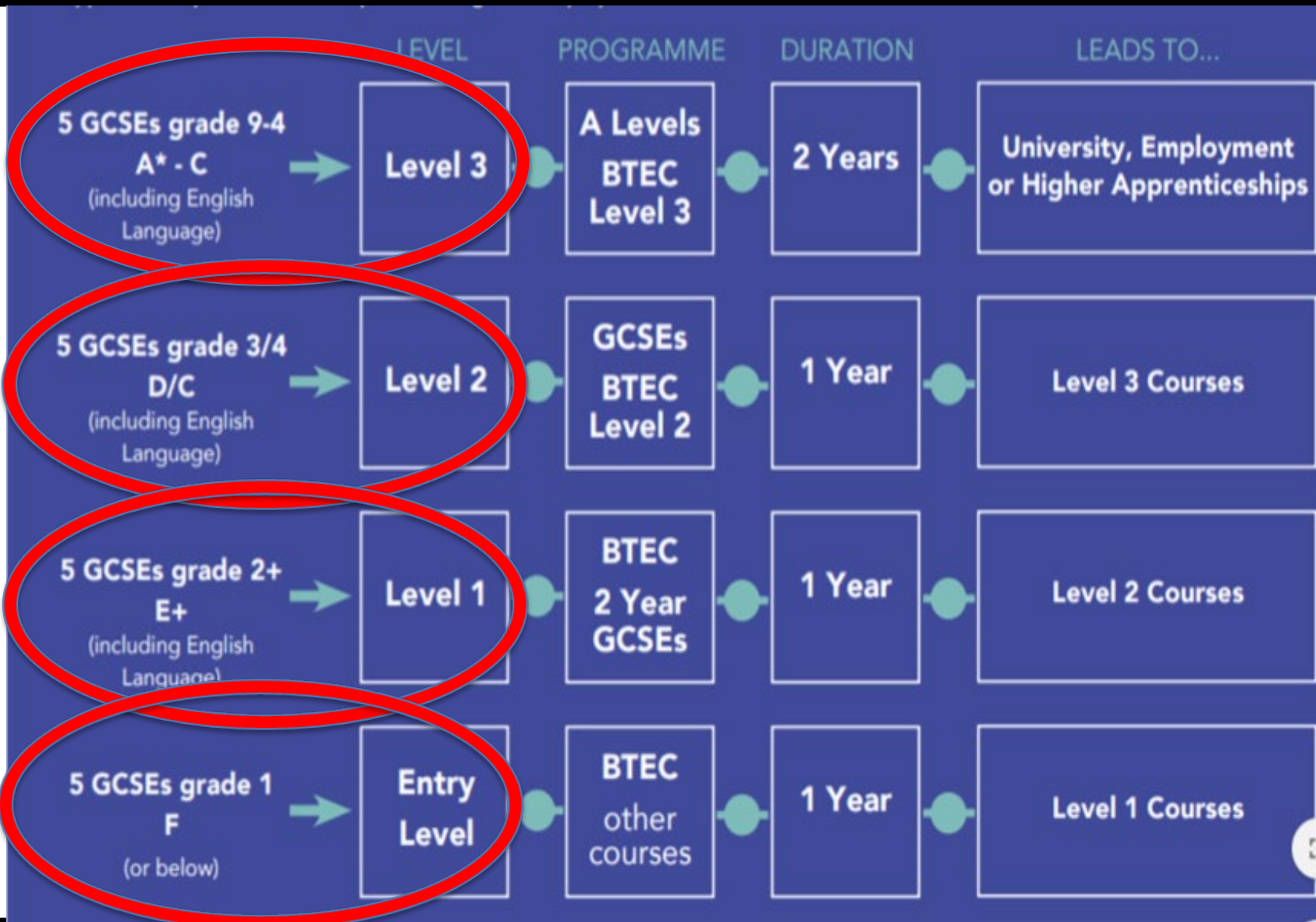
T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

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Entry Requirements



**5/6 GCSEs at 9-4
(usually inc English &
Maths level 4/5 = Will
enable you to access a
Level 3 course.**

GCSEs at 1-3 = Level 1

**Entry requirements will
vary according to
college and chosen
course.**



What are the options?

Post 16 Options for Education and Training

A levels are level 3 qualifications.

You can study A levels at sixth form or college. They are available in lots of different subjects such as Business, Drama, History and French. Most A levels are split into units and take two years to complete. Some colleges may still offer AS levels in some subjects.

Vocational Qualifications are Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications. These are BTEC Awards, Diplomas & Certificates. VRQs are work related and are designed to give you the skills that employers are looking for. They are available in many different subjects including animal care, art and design and accounting. These entry level courses are usually sector specific so (Health & Social Care, Construction, Hair & beauty, Motor Vehicle etc.)

NVQs are level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications.

NVQ stands for National Vocational Qualification. NVQs are recognised qualifications that prepare you for, or prove your ability to do a particular job, such as motor vehicle repairer or customer services assistant.

Functional Skills are Entry Level, level 1 and level 2 qualifications.

Functional Skills qualifications are a way of brushing up on your English, maths and ICT skills. They can be completed as part of a Diploma, an Apprenticeship or a Foundation Learning programme. They allow you to bring your English, maths and ICT skills up to level 2.

V Levels (Available from 2027)

A two year vocational course which students can study in a range of subjects. V Levels are designed around real skills and jobs that employers need and are closely linked to industry. These are a level 3 course of study.



T Levels are a relatively new 2-year course and are equivalent to 3 A Levels.

These courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and education providers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for entry into skilled employment.

T Levels offer students practical and knowledge-based learning at college and on-the-job experience through an industry placement of 45 days.

Courses include;

- Construction,
- Digital/ IT
- Education
- Healthcare
- Engineering

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The Apprenticeships logo, featuring a stylized blue sunburst or fan shape to the left of the word "Apprenticeships" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Apprenticeships

A Post 16 pathway where students can “earn while they learn”.

These are available at Level 2 and Level 3 and go on to higher level apprenticeships.

Students who want to pursue the apprenticeship route do still need to make a college application.

Apprenticeship Assembly – February 2027
Apprenticeship Workshop – March 2027 (Dates TBC)

Apprenticeship Providers are here this evening also.



What is it?

Positive Steps @16 is an online platform for students to search for and make college applications.

All Year 11 students **MUST** complete this form to ensure they have options available to them when you leave Soar Valley College.

PS@16 can be used to apply for all post 16 learning opportunities in Leicester and Leicestershire. This includes:

- 6th form colleges
- Schools with 6th forms
- Further Education (FE) colleges
- Foundation Learning



At a glance...

How much have you completed?

✓	Personal Details
✓	Address
✓	Health
✓	Parental Information
✓	Qualifications
✓	Work Experience
✓	Personal Statement
✓	Equality and Diversity

Full time courses

Course Finder

< Back

Search for courses

Search

Not quite sure what you're looking for or where to start? Try searching...

By Provider

By Sector

By Qualification

By Level

By Area



Get in Touch

Your account

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Your account

Get the most out of all the eProspectus services you use.

Welcome back, **Aiden**

What do you want to do today?

Apply

You need to fully complete both your profile and next steps before you can make an application.

Your profile

A record of your information.

Status: **complete**

Update your details >

Your next step

Where you plan to go after year 11?

Status: **incomplete**

Change destination >

Your Applications

Management centre.

Review applications >

At a glance...

Everything you need to know about in one handy place.

0 Applications
You haven't created an application yet.



DEADLINE

Tuesday 17th November 2026

- After the deadline, tutors will write their references.
- Soar Valley College will then send applications off.
- Colleges will be in touch to invite students to interview.

**Attendance
Minimum 97%**

- Attitude to work
- Independent study
- Aptitude for further study
- Effectiveness in group work
- Ability to meet deadlines
 - Self-motivation
 - Self-confidence
- Communication skills
- Relationship with staff
- Relationship with peers
- Overall Impression:



Year 11 upcoming key dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 29 th September	Post 16 Options Evening
Thursday 1 st October	PS16 Tutor Period – search courses Log intended destinations
Friday 17 th October	WQE Assembly
Tuesday 27 th October	Tutor Period
Monday 12 th October	PC1 grades added to PS@16 application form
November 2026 onwards	College Open Days – please attend
Tuesday 17 th November	PS@16 TP PS@16 Deadline
December 2026 onwards	College Interview prep
January 2027 onwards	College Interviews
February 2027	Apprenticeship Assembly and Workshops



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School Website

- All information can be found on our website.

Parents – Careers Education

- You will find key dates, useful resources and details of our careers programme as well as information regarding this evening and the PS@16 process.
- If there are any questions, please do email us at careers@soarvalley.aspirelp.uk



Dining Hall

Careers in Childcare
De Montfort University
Gateway College (Supported Internships)
Leicester College
Loughborough College Group and
Apprenticeships
Loughborough University

Sports Hall

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Advanced Football Development Academy
Beauchamp City Sixth Form
Bradgate Sixth Form (Wreake Valley Academy)
Cedars Martin Sixth Form
East Midlands Ambulance Service
FSD (Football & Sports Diploma) Academy
Gateway College
Heart of England Training
Leicester Education Business Company (Careers Advice)
Leicester High School for Girls
Natwest Bank
RAF
University of Leicester
WQE College

You can find all
of the important
dates &
information in
your Post 16
Options leaflet



This evening is designed **for students**, to help **them** make well informed decisions about **their** future.

Have a good evening 😊



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