

Post 16 Options Evening



6.00pm

Welcome & Introduction

Mr Wowczuk—Assistant Vice Principal

**Entry Requirements & Qualifications
UCAS Progress (Application Process)**

Miss Houlton—Head of Careers

6.30pm—8.30pm

Talk to Further Education & Training Providers

If you require any further information please contact

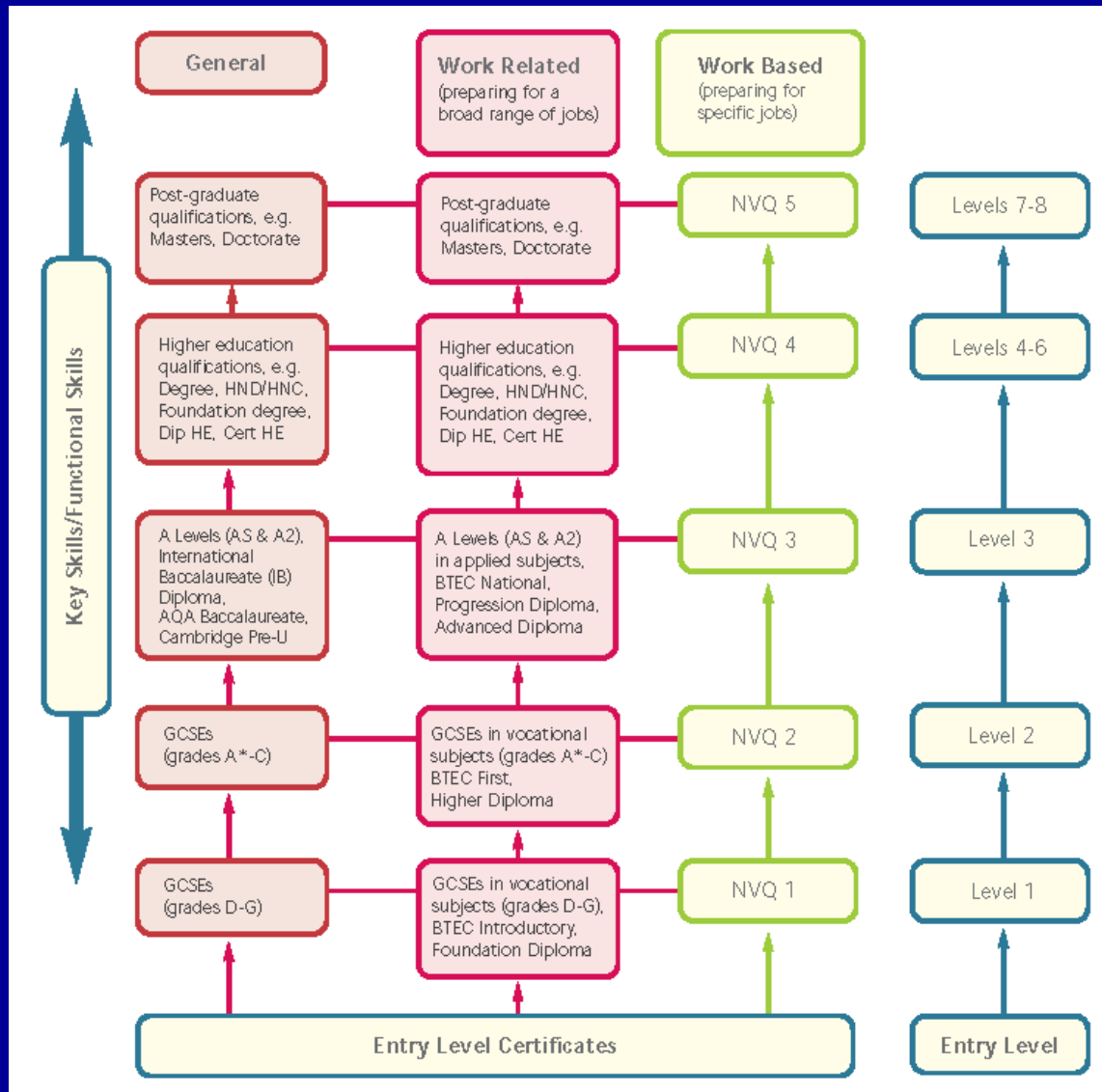
Miss C Houlton or Mrs S Patel

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Qualifications & Entry Requirements

What are the options?



5 GCSEs at A* - C (usually inc English & Maths = Level 2

GCSEs at D - G = Level 1

How do I work out my GCSE points score?

Some colleges use a point score system as part of their criteria for making offers.

Take each of your subjects and add up the score from your predicted grades, using the points system detailed below.

Now divide the total number of points by the number of subjects you are taking to give you your average GCSE score.

GCSE Grade	Points
A*	8
A	7
B	6
C	5
D	4
E	3
F	2
G	1

- You must have at least 5 A* - C including English & Maths to start on most Level 3 courses. It is important that you check entry requirements for individual courses. They will vary with different colleges. Some subjects will require a specific GCSE grade to study at L3 e.g. Maths & Science usually require a GCSE B grade.

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Post 16 Options for Education and Training

AS and A levels are **level 3** qualifications.

You can study AS and 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.

Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQ's) 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.

GCSEs are **level 1 and level 2** qualifications (**Gateway, Regent & Leicester College**)

GCSEs are usually completed in Years 10 and 11 at school. They are nationally recognised qualifications. GCSE's are only available in English & Maths.

Diplomas are available at **level 1, 2 and 3**.

Diplomas are new qualifications. They offer a combination of classroom learning, project work, practical activities and work experience.

Diplomas are available in lots of different subjects such as society, health and development, construction and the built environment and hair and beauty.

Apprenticeships are available at **level 2** and Advanced Apprenticeships are available at **level 3**.

Apprenticeships offer you the opportunity to earn while you learn. They involve both on and off-the-job training. As well as working for an employer, you'll spend some time at a college or with a training provider.

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.

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UCAS PROGRESS (application process)

UCAS

UCAS Progress step-by-step



Profile

Sections to keep up-to-date

Sections to complete before you apply

Sections your provider will complete for you

Search

Search for courses, now!

- Where do you want to study?
- How far away do you want to travel?
- What courses are you looking for?
- Which learning provider do you want to study with?
- Which courses or subjects do you want to look at?

Search

Favourites

Compare Learning

Compare Fees

Compare Jobs

Compare Adverts



Making an application

Interviews and offers

3 Offered

BEST LM

Conditional offer

View

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What is UCAS used for?

UCAS on-line can be used to apply for all post 16 learning opportunities in Leicester and many in Leicestershire. This includes:

6th form colleges

Schools with 6th forms

Further Education (FE) colleges

Apprenticeships and advanced apprenticeships

Foundation Learning

UCAS

Who can access the system?

Students & Parents

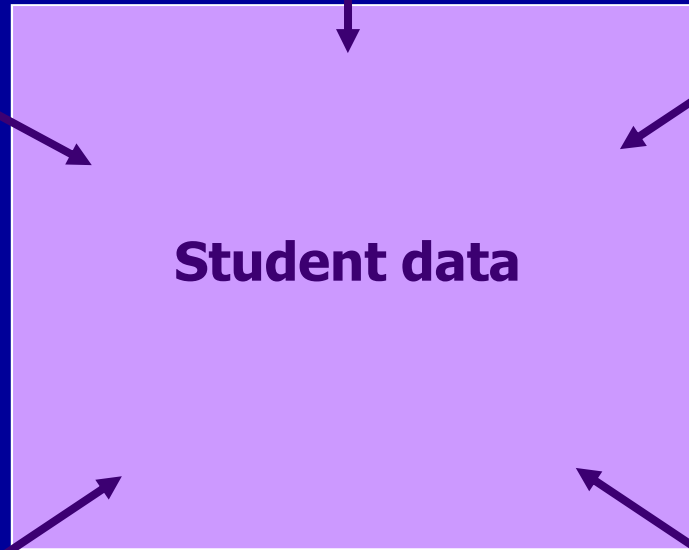
Form Tutors

**Careers Adviser
Mrs Simmi Patel**

Student data

**Careers coordinator
Miss Houlton**

**UCAS
Administrator
Simmi Patel**



? Student's predicted grades are realistic (This will prevent further changes to qualifications or grades)

Student's course choices are appropriate Gifted and talented

Personal Qualities **?**

Attendance (preferably as a percentage)

The box below must be completed before the student's application can be submitted

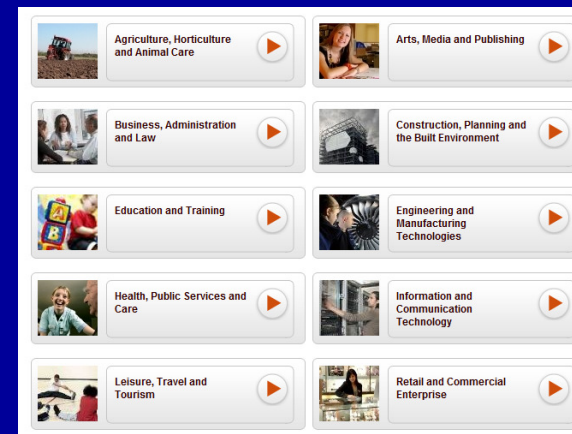
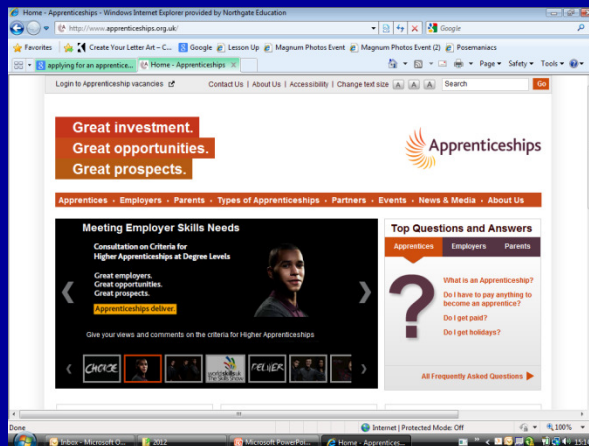
Aim for 94%

Excellent	Good	Average	Below average	Poor	
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:					

Applying for an Apprenticeship

You will need to do the following:

- Apply for an apprenticeship through a college or UCAS. Some colleges will help you find an employer/ work placement, but you should be prepared to be actively searching for your own placement. Due to high demand of apprenticeship placements, students should also select a college course (plan B).
- Register with <http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/> - select an area of choice and vacancies will be sent directly to you.
- **Although you can register your interest you can only apply for a vacancy that has a start date after July (when you leave school). Most vacancies come up after Easter**



Deadline

Online application MUST be submitted to
the Form Tutor by

4th December 2015

Preparation

Investigate and identify suitable courses and colleges / 6th forms. Look at course entry requirements carefully.

Speak to a Careers Advisor, form tutors and subject teachers in the area of interest.

Look at predicted grades and decide what courses are suitable for you (A Level, BTEC, Apprenticeships etc). Be realistic about your choice.

Look at college prospectuses or useful websites

Visit Colleges during their open days and don't be afraid to ask questions. If you are unsure about anything, please ask!

Sports Hall

Advanced Football Development Academy
Bebington Group
Besuchamp College
British Army
Brooksby Melton College
Connexions Leicester City
De Montfort University
E.S.B.M
(East Midlands School of Business & Management)
Heart of England Training
Juniper Training
LCC Women in Construction
Leicester College
Leicester City Council
Loughborough University
REACH (College Higher Education)
Regent College
Royal Air Force
Royal Navy and The Royal Marines
St Pauls Catholic School
Twenty Twenty Training
University of Leicester
University of Nottingham
Wreake Valley Academy
Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth 1 College
Ex Year 11 College Students

Dining Hall

City of Leicester College
English Martyrs
Gateway College
Kaplan Financial Training
Leicester High School
Loughborough College
National Space Academy
South Leicestershire College
Willmott Dixon Partnership
Ex Year 11 College Students

Main Hall

Welcome
&
Introduction

Main Foyer

Sign In Desk

Main Entrance

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 😊