

Newhouse Academy

A Guide to Post-16 Options

The options available after Year 11 can often be confusing for students and their parents/carers. There are a number of routes and pathways for young people to take and choices need to be thought about carefully. This guide will give you an overview of the different post 16 options there are for a Newhouse Academy Student.

Students at Newhouse Academy are entitled to independent and impartial careers information. This includes; 1:1 advice from our Positive Steps Careers advisor, Christine Pugh, Curriculum activities embedded into each subject, Work Experience in Year 10 and guidance on a full range of post 16 options.

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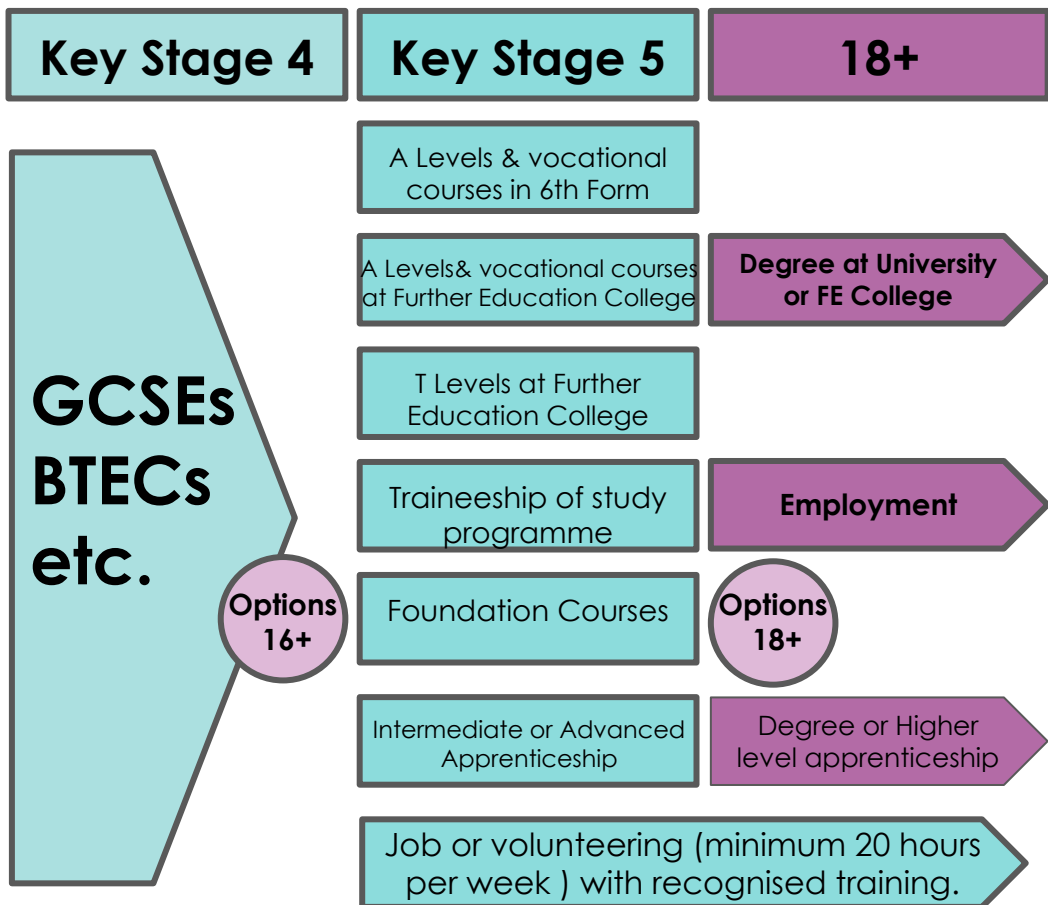
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CAREER PATHWAYS



Important to remember:

Taken from the Department for Education's website;

"The law requires all young people in England to continue in education or training until at least their 18th birthday...although in practice the vast majority of young people continue until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18."

The government have decided this back in 2015 because its widely recognised that if a young person stays in education or training they will have more successful career prospects.

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Apprenticeships:

Apprenticeships are an increasingly popular choice- but can be very competitive. They are advertised throughout the year and you must apply like a usual job. For more information use :

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

T Levels:

T Levels are new technical qualifications related to specific industry sectors. They were phased in from 2020 and are starting at Level 3 qualifications. For more information:

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>

Post 16 options:

College: Colleges provide further education courses, skill-based practical studies, and vocational programmes.

Sixth form: Some colleges in the UK offer academic or vocational courses to students aged 16–18 to prepare them for university or employment. Sixth forms can often be attached to Secondary Schools.

Apprenticeship: An apprenticeship is a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences.

Traineeship: a work-based training program that helps young people gain work experience and skills to prepare them for a career.

T-levels: T Levels are new 2-year courses which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to 3 A Levels. Not available in every subject or at every college

A levels: Advanced level qualifications (known as A levels) are subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work. You can normally study three or more A levels over two years.

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Apprenticeship Providers: Greater Manchester

1. **British Army(AFCO Manchester)**

Offers apprenticeships as part of trade training for those 16+. The Army Apprenticeship Programme covers many areas. (Army Jobs)
For general enquiries: (Army Jobs) You can also contact the Army Careers Office in Manchester: Albion Wharf, 19 Albion Street, Manchester M1 5LN. Phone: 0161 236 6840 (Army Jobs)

2. **Royal Air Force (RAF)**

Apprenticeships with the RAF — many roles, professional qualifications, training etc. (RAF Recruitment)
Contact via their recruitment team: for general enquiries / to apply: use the RAF Apprenticeships site; Email for "Medical, Dental and Physiotherapist Specialist Recruitment Team": (Royal Air Force) Also their recruitment "contact us" form. (RAF Recruitment)

3. **Royal Navy**

Also offers apprenticeship options through roles in the Navy / Marines etc. (Royal Navy)
Careers / recruitment team contact: Royal Navy Careers "Get in Touch" – phone: 0345 607 5555; Also via their help / careers-contacts form on the Royal Navy website. (Royal Navy)

4. **NHS Apprenticeships**

While not military, this is a non-college option for apprenticeships in the health service in Manchester. (nhsapprenticeships.co.uk)
Email: support@nhsapprenticeships.co.uk or
resourcing@nhsapprenticeships.co.uk – these are for enquiries / employer engagement etc. (nhsapprenticeships.co.uk)

5. **Rochdale Council Apprenticeships**

Could you be a future town planner, librarian or social worker? How about the future chief executive of Rochdale Borough Council? There are many excellent careers available in local government and we're looking for our next intake of stars. Our apprenticeships are open to anyone over the age of 16 – not just school leavers. They're available across the whole of the council. We advertise for and recruit apprentices during the months of May and June for apprentices to start in September. We advertise our apprenticeship vacancies on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Most apprenticeships are advertised on the [GOV.uk](https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/) website:
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/> - You can see a break down of the specific details of the role, including the entry requirements, how long the role will last, what qualification you'll receive and more.

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T Levels

Choose one subject - Equivalent of 3 A Levels.

Course names may differ slightly from college to college. Check websites for the most up to date information

Oldham 6 th Form College	OSFC	Hopwood Hall	HH
Oldham College	TOC	Manchester College	TMC
Hopwood Hall	HH		
Bury College	BC		

Health and Science

Animal Care and Management	HH/TMC
Assisting Healthcare	TMC/TOC
Healthcare science	HH
Supporting Adult Nursing	HH/TOC/TMC/BC
Supporting the Therapy Team	BC
Supporting Midwifery	TOC
Health	OSFC
Laboratory Science	TOC/TMC/BC

Business and Admin

Accounting	HH/TMC
Business Services	TOC
Team Leadership/Management	HH/BC
Business Management and Administration	TMC/HH
Legal Services – Business & Finance	TOC

Construction and Engineering

Maintenance, Installation and Repair - automotive	HH/TMC
Building Services Engineering	TMC/HH/TOC
Construction Design, Surveying and Planning	HH/TOC /TMC
Maintenance, Installation and Repairs for Engineering and Manufacturing	HH/TMC
Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control	TMC
Design Development in Engineering and Manufacturing	HH/TMC/BC
On Site Construction – Carpentry and Joinery	TMC

Digital

Digital Design and Development	TOC/HH/TMC
Digital Infrastructure	TOC
Digital Support	TOC/TMC/BC

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Digital Analytics Software Development Media & Broadcast Production Media Content Creation and Production	TMC Access Creative/ BC/OSFC/TMC HH/TMC TOC/TMC
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Education and Childcare

Assisting Teaching Early Years Education and Childcare	TOC/TMC/BC TOC/HH/TMC/BC
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Finance and Accounting

Accounting Investment & Asset Management Retail & Commercial Banking Analyst Finance	HH TOC TOC TMC
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Fashion

Textiles and Fashion Maker	TMC
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A Levels

You can choose 3 or 4 subjects. Sometimes with the blended Vocational courses over the page.

Oldham 6 th Form College	OSFC	Holy Cross	HC
North Chadderton 6 th Form College	NC	Rochdale Sixth Form	RSFC
Bury College	BC		

Course Name	OSFC	NC	BC	HC	RSFC
3D Design					
Accounting					
Ancient History					
Art/ Art and Design					
Biology					
Business Studies					
Chemistry					
Chinese (Mandarin)					
Classical Civilisation					
Computer Science					
Criminology					
Dance/Dance & Theatre Studies					
Design and Technology (3D Design)					
Drama & Theatre					
Economics					
Electronics					
English Language					
English Language & Literature					
English Literature					
Fashion & Textiles					
Film Studies					
Fine Art					
French					
Further Mathematics					
Geography					
Geology					
German					
Government & Politics					
Graphic Communication					
Graphic Design					
History					
Italian					
Law					
Mathematics					
Media Studies					
Medical Science					
Music					
Philosophy					
Photography					
Physical Education					
Physics					
Politics					
Product Design (3D Design)					
Psychology					
Religious Studies					
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE)					

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Sociology					
Spanish					
Statistics					
Textiles					
Theology, Philosophy & Ethics					

Blended Vocational Courses/Vocational A Levels

Can be studied as blended learning with A Levels. Can be worth 1 or 2 A Levels depending on programme.

Oldham 6 th Form College	OSFC	Rochdale Sixth Form	RSFC
North Chadderton 6 th Form College	NC	Holy Cross	HC
Bury College	BC		

Course Name	OSFC	NC	BC	HC	RSFC
Animation					
Applied Business					
Applied Law					
Applied Psychology					
Applied Science					
Business					
Childrens Play and Learning Development					
Computing					
Creative Digital Media					
Criminology					
Dance					
Digital Games Production					
Engineering					
Fashion And Clothing					
Financial Studies					
Graphic Design					
Health & Social Care					
Human Biology					
Information Technology (IT)					
Law					
Music Performance					
Music Technology					
Performing Arts (incl Acting or Dance)					
Photography					
Physical Education (PE)					
Public Services/Uniform Services					
Sport					
Travel and Tourism					

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Vocational Courses

Full time Level 3. Pick one of these. Some course names may differ slightly from the list below.
Please be aware that Hopwood Hall has two campus sites, Rochdale and Middleton.

Oldham Sixth Form College	OSFC	Manchester College	MC
Oldham College	OC	Rochdale Sixth Form	RSFC
Hopwood Hall	HH	Bury College	BC

Course Name	OSFC	OC	HH	MC	RSFC	BC
Accounting						
Animal Management/Animal Care						
Animation & Game Art/Design						
Applied Psychology						
Applied Science						
Art & Design			R			
Auto Electrical and Mobile Electric						
Automotive/Car Mechanical						
Aviation Operations						
Barbering			R			
Beauty			R			
Biomedical Science						
Brickwork						
Business/ Business and Enterprise						
Business Admin						
Carpentry & Joinery						
Computing/Computer Science						
Construction Management/ Construct & The Built Environment						
Content Creation & Digital Film Production						
Creative Media Production & Technology						
Criminology						
Dental Nursing						
Digital Art & Animation for Film, VFX & Games						
Digital Business & Social Media Marketing						
Digital Technology						
Early Years/ Childcare						
Electrical/ Electrical Installation						
Engineering						
Enterprise						
Equine Management						
Esports			R			
ESOL			R			
Fashion/ Fashion and Clothing						
Fitness						
Food and Beverage Services						
Forensic Science						

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Games Design/ Development			R			
Graphic Design			R			
Hairdressing			R			
Hardware & Networking						
Health & Social Care						
Information Technology (IT)						
Law						
Make Up						
Marketing and Digital Business Development						
Mechanical Engineering						
Media/ Media Production			R			
Motor Vehicle						
Music						
Music Production/ Technology (DJ)						
Nails						
Painting & Decorating						
Patisserie & Confectionery						
Performing Arts /Acting						
Performing & Production Arts (Musical Theatre)						
Performing Arts						
Performing Arts /Dance						
Photography						
Plastering						
Plumbing						
Policing						
Professional Bakery						
Professional Cookery			R			
Public Services						
Sport						
Sport & Exercise Science						
Sport with American Football						
Sport with Basketball						
Sport with Football						
Sport Womens Football						
Sport with Rugby						
Sports Coaching & Development (Football Coaching /Manchester City)						
Technical Theatre						
Theatrical/Media Make-Up & Hair			R			
Travel & Tourism						
Vehicle Accident Repair						
Web & Software Development						

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GMACS

Inspire. Explore. Apply.

Putting you on the path to great jobs in Greater Manchester

Aged 14-18? Not sure what jobs are out there or what qualifications you need?

Beeline puts you on the path to all the great job opportunities right here in Greater Manchester.

This tool is an important part of the **Greater Manchester Baccalaureate**, the Mayor of Greater Manchester's vision to give you a clear line of sight through technical education routes into high quality jobs within our city region.

Explore all the jobs in each gateway:

Construction and the Green Economy

Creative, Culture and Sport

Digital and Technology

Education and Early Years

Engineering and Manufacturing

Health and Social Care

Financial, Business and Professional Services

To explore the jobs above follow the QR code to the GMACS website



<https://www.gmacs.co.uk/beeline/>



Xello is an online careers programme we use at Newhouse Academy. All students have access and access to this unique resource. Students have a log in linked to their school Google Account.

Xello is also used in the OUR PEOPLE curriculum.

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College Open Days 2025-2026

Thursday 16 Oct

Bury College | 5pm–7:15pm



Saturday 18 Oct

Rochdale Sixth Form College | 10am–2pm

Sunday 19 Oct

Loreto Sixth Form College, Manchester | 10am–12pm or 1pm–3pm

Xaverian Sixth Form College, Manchester | 10:30am–2pm or 1pm–3pm

Wednesday 22 Oct

Hopwood Hall College (Middleton & Rochdale) | 4:30pm–6:30pm

The Blue Coat Sixth Form, Oldham | 6pm–8pm

Thursday 23 Oct

Rochdale Training | 3:30pm–7pm Check individual college websites for booking

November

Thursday 6 Nov

Cardinal Langley RC Sixth Form | 5pm–7pm

Saturday 8 Nov

Bury College | 10:30am–1pm

Saturday 15 Nov

Oldham College | 10:30am–1pm

Thursday 20 Nov

Rochdale Sixth Form College | 4pm–7pm



Check individual college websites for booking details.

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