



Welcome to Upper V Parents/Guardians

Sixth Form Information Evening

Weds, 11th Sept 2024, 6pm

We are here to help you

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What are my options after Upper V?

Until the age of 18 you have to stay in some form of education but you can choose from a range of options:

- stay in full-time education, e.g. at a college, doing A Levels, T Levels or other academic qualifications,
- start an apprenticeship
- work or volunteer for 20 hours or more a week while in part-time education or training.



What course should I choose?

What qualifications are right for me?

1. A-Levels



- Those who want to go to university
- Also good for those wanting to keep options open
- Pursue your favourite or strongest subjects
- Usually assessed by exams
- Three or more subjects at college
- Two-year course
- Colleges will often ask for GCSE grades higher than 6 or even 7 in those A Level subjects, in addition to a number of Good Pass Grade 5s
- A-Levels are still valued by employers as they show a high level of education

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2. T-Levels



- Designed between colleges and employers to provide skills and work experience of industry
- Combination of classroom (80%) and workplace learning (20%)
- Provides 45 days on placement
- Usually assessed by projects, assignments and exams
- Two-year course
- Entry requirements dependent on course; will deliver G4 English and Maths if not achieved earlier
- One T-Level is worth three A-Levels
- Can lead to work opportunities, high-level apprenticeships and university

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3. BTECs



- Business and Technology Education Council courses
- Designed to be high-level industry standard qualifications, respected by employers
- Full-time course
- Wide range of levels - Level 2 (GCSE) Level 3 (ALevels)
- Assessed by mixture of internal/external assessments
- Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction *
- Entry requirements are specific to subject
- Can lead to industry qualifications, next level of BTEC, university, work opportunities

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4. Apprenticeships



- Employed in a real job whilst earning a qualification
- Be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay
- work alongside experienced staff
- Intermediate = five good GCSEs (1yr-18months)
- Advanced = two A-Levels (2yrs)
- Higher = foundation degree level (3-6yrs)
- Degree Level Apprenticeship (3-6yrs)
- Entry requirements differ per apprenticeship levels

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5. NVQs



- National Vocational Qualification
- Good for those who know now what job they want
- Available in 1000+ subjects from plumbing to hairdressing
- Five levels of NVQ - no entry requirements from high school although progress steps through NVQ may need to be taken
- Assessed through portfolio and observation
- Usually a one-year course per NVQ, completed At college, work or both
- Develops skills for future employment

Post 16 Education for Pupils with Additional Needs

- Pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) have had their transition review meetings, designed to support you to make the move to post 16 education.
- Your EHCP will be updated by the Local Authority and a Final Plan issued by them before 31 March, it will move with you into post 16 education. Your EHCP will outline your support needs and let the post 16 provider know exactly what you need to successfully engage in learning and complete the course.
- Some pupils may have Access Arrangements to support them in examinations and assessments, this might include a reader, scribe or extra time. It is important that you let the new setting know that you have Access Arrangements so that they can support you appropriately from the beginning. The setting will need evidence from us that you have formal arrangements, we can release the paperwork to your new setting as long as we have yours and your parents' written permission. On the subsequent pages there is a data protection form for you to fill out and return to us. We will hold this on record which will enable us to action a request from your new setting in September.

Further Education College or Sixth Form College

- Local colleges offer a wide variety of qualifications intended to be accessible to a diverse range of learners of all abilities usually through a dedicated Additional Learning Support Team. Support enables you to work towards the outcomes in your Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), although support can also be available if you do not have an EHCP but have some additional needs.

Training providers

- Training providers are an alternative way of learning and gaining vocational qualifications. They usually offer study programmes, traineeships and apprenticeships. The training is usually combined with work experience. Training courses start at Entry/Foundation Level and progress onto Level 3. Training Providers will provide you with a key worker to help and support your learning and review your EHCP.
- Total People are a main training provider in Cheshire East, visit the Total People website for more information.

Consent to share Access Arrangement documentation

Name of Pupil:

Date of Birth:

College:

Contact name at college:

Contact email address at college

I give permission for Beech Hall School to release my Form 8, psychometric testing results and any supporting information regarding the exam access arrangements that I was awarded for my GCSEs. I understand that the original documents will be sent to the above named college and that a copy will be kept at Beech Hall School as per the Document Retention Policy along with this signed consent.

Pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or who are on SEND Support, will have their transition review meetings before the end of November. The SEND information will be reviewed and shared to support you to make the move to post 16 education.

Signed: (Pupil)

Date:

Name of parent/carer:



Beech Hall School



6th Form Offer: A-Levels, BTEC / Level 3 Extended Certificate
GCSE retakes in Eng Lang and Maths

General

Entry

Requirements:

1. Complete the expression of interest form **in Sept/Oct**
2. **Options evening** - date tbc
3. Application/options forms to be completed in **late February**
4. Confirmation of option blocks and **offers by Easter**

Sixth Form Curriculum



Beech Hall School



Sixth Form

www.beechhallschool.org



Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 21st November 6-8pm

6th Form Offer: A-Level, BTEC / Level 3 Extended Certificate

General Entry Requirements: Students wishing to study A Level courses must normally achieve a minimum of 5 Grade 5s at GCSE. Students wishing to study mainly BTEC / Level 3 Extended Certificate courses must normally achieve a minimum of 5 grade 4s at GCSE (including English and Mathematics).
Check for subject-specific requirements (G5s and 6s usually)

Visit: <http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/>



**Deadline for Applications
(open in Jan):**

Monday, 3rd February 2025

Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday 16th October 6-8.30pm

6th Form Offer: A-Levels

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**Deadline for
Applications
(open in Jan):**

Mid/Late January 2025

Visit: https://fallibroome.academy/sixth_form_page/fallibroome-academy-sixth-form/



Open Evening:

17th October 2024 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Other events in November, January & March

Offer:

BTECs, Vocational courses, Apprenticeships
Chef Academy; Lots of Level 3 Higher Education
Diplomas in many subjects including beauty therapy,
bricklaying, nursing, business management & computer science.
Full list of live apprenticeships available. Huge choice!

General Entry Requirements:

- Entry Level - Interview
- Level 1 – 2 GCSEs at grades 1-2
- Level 2 – 4 GCSEs at grades 3–4
- Level 3 – 4 GCSEs at grades 4-9
- Level 4 – Completion of Level 3 study

Visit: www.macclesfield.ac.uk

Deadline for Applications: **Apply directly onto courses via their website**



Open Evening: Wednesday 25th September (now passed) Subject Options Evening in November.

6th Form Offer: A-Levels (+ 2 BTECs)

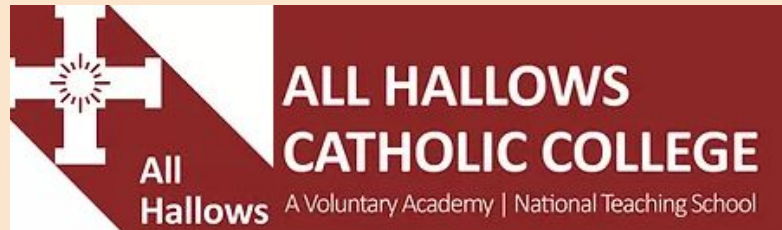
General Entry Requirements: Usually they want Grades 7-9 in the GCSE subjects being taken at A-Level and a range of other Grade 5-6s.

Application fee (non-returnable) is £75 followed by interview on Zoom in January

Deadline for Registrations:

Late November but call to check

Visit: <https://www.kingsmac.co.uk/academic/sixth-form-ages-16-to-18/>



ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

A Voluntary Academy | National Teaching School

Open Evening: Thursday 3rd October 2024 (4-7pm)

6th Form Offer: A-Levels, BTECs, Diplomas (can be combined)

(all pupils will follow a core RE course in addition to their choices)

One week's work experience placement and residential trip to
University in Wales

General Entry Requirements: 5 Grade 9-4s at GCSE including
Maths and/or English minimum Grade 4.

Check for subject-specific requirements

Visit: <https://www.allhallows.org.uk/sixth-form>



Deadline for Applications:

**5th January - interviews
through Spring Term**



Course Open Event: Saturdays - 28th September, then one a month,

Check for more...(book your place online)

Live Lambing and Zoo Weekends in March 25

6th Form Offer: T-Levels, Apprenticeships, BTECs, High Level Diplomas

Check for subject-specific requirements - Such a huge array of different courses and qualifications at Reaseheath, it is best to visit the website and apply online.

Visit: <https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/further-education/>

Deadline for Applications:

None published but apply online when ready - interviews will take place on the phone; earlier the better to avoid disappointment



**BUXTON & LEEK
COLLEGE**

Open Day: Saturday 5th October, 10am-1pm (register online)

6th Form Offer: T-Levels in Digital Support, Health Science, Chilcare and Education , BTECs, NVQs, National Level Diplomas, Apprenticeships

General Entry Requirements: Visit the college website to see what your course requires although for Level 2 courses (GCSE), five Grade 3-4s; Level 3 courses require five Grade 4-5s.
Check for subject-specific requirements

Live Apprenticeship Vacancies worth tracking

Visit: <https://www.blc.ac.uk/>



Deadline for Applications:

Not published - apply asap online
- interview - offers



Open Day: Saturday 21st September & Sat 19th Oct 10am-1pm

College Offer: A Levels and BTECs

General Entry Requirements: Six GCSEs including Eng and Maths but each course varies depending on the level of course (A Level, BTEC Lev 2 and Lev 3 - pupils can select a mixture!)

Check for subject-specific requirements

Visit: <https://www.aquinas.ac.uk/>



Deadline for Applications:
30th November (check)



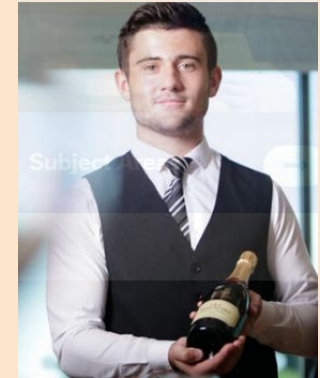
Open Day: Saturday 12th October 10am-2pm

College Offer: T-Levels, Apprenticeships, Level 1-3 Courses. Live apprenticeship course vacancies on website

General Entry Requirements: Varies depending on level of course being applied for - anything from 4 G2 GCSEs to 5 Grade 4-9 GCSEs.

Check for subject-specific requirements

Visit: <https://stockport.ac.uk/>



Deadline for Applications:

Not published - apply asap



THE
CHEADLE
COLLEGE



MARPLE
SIXTH FORM
COLLEGE



Open Evening: Saturday 12th October 10am-2pm

6th Form Offer: A-Levels, T-Levels and BTEC Diplomas

General Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, covering a wide range of subject areas. These must include English Language and Maths. Two of the subjects should be a grade 6.

Check for subject-specific requirements

Visit: cheadle.ac.uk marple.ac.uk



Deadline for Applications:
Not published - apply asap



**Cheshire College
South & West**

3 campuses: Crewe, Chester and EP
Including restaurants and salons!

Open Evening:

Weds 9th October
5.30-8pm all campuses

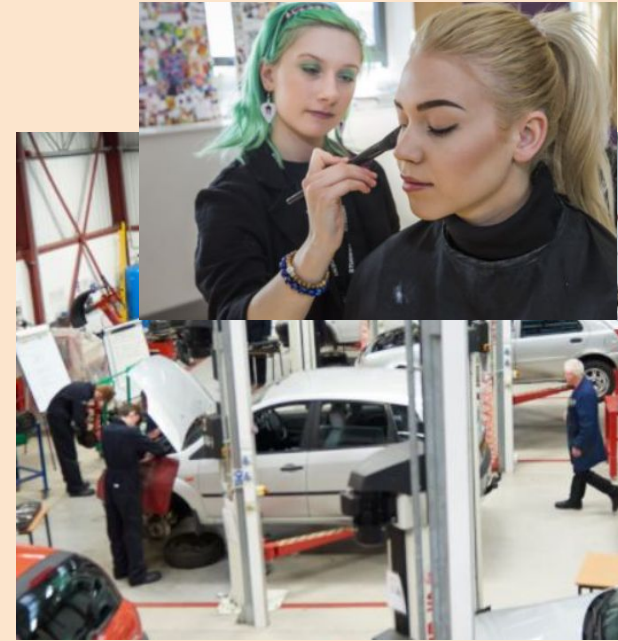
6th Form Offer:

A-Level, T-Levels, BTECs, National
Level Diplomas, Apprenticeships

General Entry Requirements: Such a wide array of different courses and qualifications at West and South Cheshire College, it is best to visit the excellent website and apply online.

Check for subject-specific requirements

Visit: <https://www.ccsw.ac.uk/>



Deadline for Applications:

Not published - apply asap -
interview 1 month after application



SIR JOHN DEANE'S
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
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Sixth Form

**Book
Disappointment**

- **Saturday 5th October (9.30am - 2.00pm)**
- **Thursday 24th October (5.30pm - 8.30pm)**
- **Thursday 21st November (5.50pm - 8.30pm)**

6th Form Offer:

A-Levels and BTECs

General Entry Requirements: Students wishing to study A Level courses must normally achieve at least a Grade 6 in their chosen subjects or relevant subjects.

Check for subject-specific requirements (Grade 5 or 6 in subject or related subjects)

Visit: www.sjd.ac.uk



**Deadline for
Applications:
Open in October, no
deadline yet**



WILMSLOW
HIGH SCHOOL

Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 24th October - time TBC on website

6th Form Offer: A-Levels & BTECs

General Entry Requirements:

- Five 9-4 grades at GCSE
- At least a 6 in chosen subjects for some (need to check)
- Grade 5 in Eng and Maths commonly expected

More than 2,000 pupils and growing! - oversubscribed and popular

Visit: <https://www.wilmslowhigh.com/>



Deadline for Applications:

The earlier better. First come first serve.
Best to be in by 30th November
to be in with a good chance



**Poynton High School
& Performing Arts College**

Deadline for Applications:

All enquiries to:

sacb@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 14th November 5.30-8pm

6th Form Offer: A-Levels & BTECs

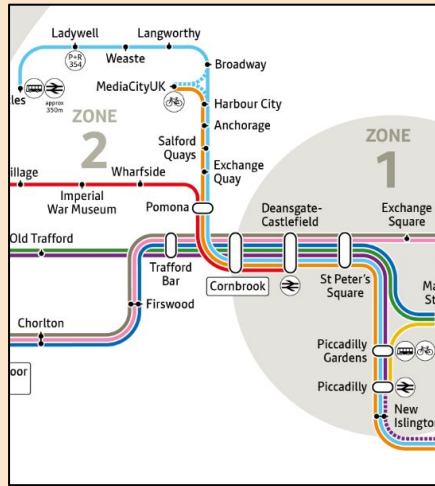
General Entry Requirements:

- Five 9-4 grades at GCSE
- Expect at least a 6 in chosen subjects for some (need to check)
- If Maths or English is below a 4, Poynton will provide retake opportunity





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Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday
October 16th - 5.30-7.30pm (book on
Eventbrite to get your ticket)

6th Form Offer: A-Levels & BTECs
Including Film and TV, Computer Game
Design, Graphics, Photography.

General Entry Requirements:

- Five Grade 4-9s at GCSE
- 6s in relevant subjects

**Deadline to apply - not provided - call
or email them:**

information@utcmediacityuk.org.uk



Pinc College

Specialist College For Creative Education

Located at Macclesfield Heritage Centre, Salford Art Gallery and Manchester Museum

Open Evening: Book Taster Days Online

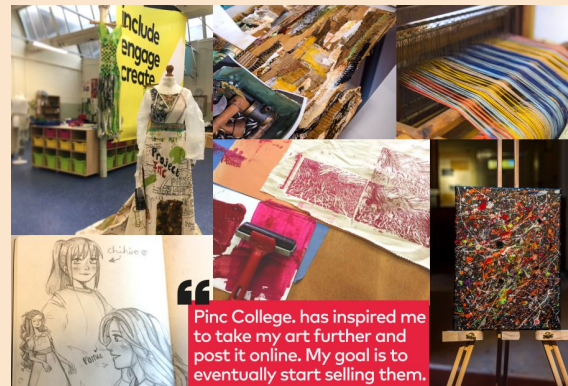
Offer: Level 2 and Level 3 Creative Programmes of Study linked to Art and Design

General Entry Requirements:

- None as it seems. Contact them!

Visit: <https://pinccollege.co.uk/>

A Specialist College for creative education in the UK, focusing on creative study programme pathways for 16-25 year olds. Art, digital art and complementary studies for neurodivergent young people.



Deadline for Applications:

Not published but their courses get fully booked really quickly.

What to do now

- **Research! Websites are generally superb**
- **Finalise online application booking process after choosing a range of options (first choice, reserve etc)**
- **Attend open days and evenings**
- **For references and predicted grades, email Mr Richards or myself in the first instance**
- **Get in touch if you have any questions; if you are unsure contact us; the colleges or schools you are interested in joining**
- **As a family, agree a plan of action around revision, attendance of extra-curricular activities, family time, meals, sleep - keep it balanced**
- **Academic targets and mock results reflected on**
- **Ensure your child is working efficiently and completing tasks properly at home**
- **Focused and positive in school**
- **Attend Parents Evening at Beech Hall**



Upper V's Countdown...

October 1st: Parents Evening

October 21st-25th: GCSE Revision Week in school

November 11th-22nd: Mock exams - Paper 1 and Paper 2

January 14th 2025: Parents Evening

March 3rd-7th: Second round of Mock Exams - Paper 1 and Paper 2

Easter break 7th-11th April: revision workshops

May/June: GCSE EXAMS



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Any Questions?