

# Year 11 Information Evening 2023

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# Overview

- Key messages for the year ahead
- Post-16 information
- Post-16 fair (Sports Hall)
- Core subject presentations (online)



# The Year Ahead – key autumn term events

- Mock exams: 30<sup>th</sup> October - 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Predicted grades: 30<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 11 parents' evening: 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Post-16 applications internal deadline



# The Year Ahead – key events later in the year

- Additional mock exams (Maths & English): 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February
- Exam information evening: 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Additional mock exams (Science): 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March (combined),  
15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April (triple)
- Final progress report: 21<sup>st</sup> March
- GCSE exams: tbc, last year 15<sup>th</sup> May - 21<sup>st</sup> June



# The Year Ahead – post-16 centre open evenings

- Bishop Laney: 19th October
- CAST: 1st November
- CRC: 18th October and 11th November
- CWA: 18th October and 18th November
- Cambridge Maths School: 18th October
- Chesterton: 17th October
- Impington: 18th October
- Parkside: 12th October
- The Oakes: 10th October



# Mock Exams: 30<sup>th</sup> October-13<sup>th</sup> November

The predicted grade for application to post-16 is partly informed by the mock exam result. However, all evidence about a pupil's performance will be taken into account.

Teachers use the mock exam result to inform planning and to identify gaps.

The Predicted grades will be the same as the Estimated grades in the December report.



# Mock Exams: revision resources

- Website
- Google classroom
- Class teachers



# Estimated and Predicted Grades

The **Estimated Grade** is the level that the teacher believes your child will achieve by the end of Key Stage 4 based on their current performance and assessments.

For the report released on 30<sup>th</sup> November, this will also be the **Predicted Grade** that will go to Post-16 centres.

The predicted grade to Post-16 centres is not adjusted in light of later assessments.





# Post 16 Options (2024-2025)

**Start an  
Apprenticeship**

**Study at college  
or  
sixth form**

**Employment  
with training**

**Traineeship  
Volunteering**

# Courses, Training & Qualifications

	<b>Academic</b> <i>Mostly exams</i>	<b>Applied</b> <i>Some coursework</i>	<b>Technical Vocational</b> <i>Mainly coursework based</i>	<b>T Levels</b> <i>Some coursework, industry placement</i>	<b>Apprenticeship</b> <b>Traineeship</b> <b>Supported Internship</b> <i>Employment/ training</i>
<b>Level 3</b>	A levels International Baccalaureate	BTEC/OCR L3	NVQ/C&G L3	T Level	Advanced apprenticeship
<b>Level 2</b>	GCSEs (Grades 4-9)	BTEC/OCR L2	NVQ/C&G L2		Intermediate apprenticeship and traineeship
<b>Level 1</b>	GCSEs (Grades 1-3)	BTEC/OCR L1	NVQ/C&G L1		Traineeship and pre-employment schemes

It is possible to combine Academic and Applied General route at some providers

# Maths and English for Full Time Students

- Students who achieve grade 3 or below in English and/or Maths will need to continue working towards their GCSE. Those with grade 3 need to retake GCSE, those with 2 and below can take qualifications that lead to GCSE or take GCSE. Students at CRC will retake GCSE English and/or maths if they have achieved a grade 2 or 3
- Students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, may be exempt from the above, but will still need to study Maths and/or English

# Where can I study?

A Levels	IB Careers Programme	Applied courses	Technical Vocational courses
Bishop Laney Sixth Form Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Cambridge Maths School Cambourne Sixth Form Comberton Sixth Form Chesterton Sixth Form Hills Road Sixth Form College Long Road Sixth Form College Northstowe Sixth form The Oakes College	IB Diploma Programme	Cambridge Regional College Bishop Laney Sixth Form College of West Anglia (Cambridge) Long Road Sixth Form College Cambourne Sixth Form Comberton Sixth Form Northstowe Sixth Form The Oakes College	T Levels
	Impington International Sixth Form Impington International Sixth Form Parkside Sixth		Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Cambridge Regional College

There may be other local non-CAP post 16 centers

# What do qualifications lead to?

Qualification	Leads to
A Level/IB	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
T Levels	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
Technical/Vocational	Apprenticeship, work, college or university
Applied	University/college, apprenticeship, work
Traineeship	Apprenticeship, further education, work
Supported Internship	Work, traineeship, apprenticeship
Apprenticeship	Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

# A general guide to entry requirements

A Level /IB	T Levels	Applied general (Level 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centres require a range of GCSEs including Maths and English.</li> <li>Some subjects need specific subjects and grades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 5 grade 4 GCSEs including Maths and English.</li> <li>Some require GCSE grade 4 or above in specific subjects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English</li> <li>Some require 5 GCSEs grade 4</li> <li>Some require specific subjects</li> </ul>
GCSE	Technical vocational	Applied general (Level 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 3 grade 4 GCSEs including Maths and English.</li> <li>Some subjects need specific subjects and grades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You start most courses at Level 1, progressing to Level 2 and Level 3 as your skills develop</li> <li>For some courses you can enter at Level 2 or 3 depending on skill level</li> <li>Some courses need specific subjects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English</li> <li>Some require specific subjects</li> </ul>

To confirm entry requirements and specific subject requirements please contact post 16 centres you are considering

# Minimum entry requirements for 2024 entry

<b>Bishop Laney Sixth</b>	Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject.
<b>Cambridge Academy for Science &amp; Technology</b>	At least 7 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including two Sciences (either double award or specific subjects) at grade 6, Maths grade 6 and English grade 4.
<b>Cambridge Maths School</b>	Be predicted seven GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE Maths grade 8 or 9, GCSE Combined Science 8-8 or higher (or separate science grade 8 or higher in the subject you wish to study) and GCSE English grade 5 or higher. All students with these predicted grades will be invited to an aptitude test. Students passing the aptitude test will be invited to an interview.

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

# Minimum entry requirements for 2024 entry

<b>Comberton Sixth</b>	<p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths and English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p> <p>All information is available on our website and in the 2024 prospectus.</p>
<b>Chesterton Sixth</b>	<p>Students need at least 5 grade 6s including Maths and English (either Lang or Lit) as well as subject specific requirements as detailed on our website and in our prospectus.</p>
<b>Cambourne Sixth</b>	<p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths &amp; English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p>

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.



# Minimum entry requirements for 2024 entry

<b>Hills Road Sixth</b>	<p>To be invited to an informal guidance meeting about your course, you will need to place Hills Road as your first choice A level centre, or second choice behind a CAP school sixth form, achieve our Minimum Entry Admissions Score of 58 and be qualified for at least two subjects you are applying for.</p> <p>Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent).</p> <p>Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject</p>
<b>Long Road Sixth</b>	<p>To study A Levels, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 5 in a range of subjects, usually including Maths and English. To study Level 3 Applied courses, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 4, usually including Maths and/or English. Additional requirements for each course are specified on our website. To study our Level 2 programme, we require three GCSEs at grade 4, with at least grade 3 in both Maths and English.</p>
<b>Northstowe Sixth</b>	<p>Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent).</p> <p>Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject</p>
<b>Oakes Sixth Form</b>	<p>Students require 7 GCSE grades 9-4 or in an appropriate range of subjects, including Maths and English grade 4. A minimum grade 6 is advised where a course is continued from GCSE</p>

# Minimum IB profiles for 2024 entry

<b>Impington International College</b>	<p><b>International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme:</b> at least seven GCSEs with Grade 6 or above, including English Language and Maths. For subjects you wish to take at higher level you will need at least a grade 7.</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate Career Programme:</b> at least five subjects at GCSE grade 5 or above, ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 6 in your area of specialism.</p>
<b>Parkside Sixth</b>	<p>At least 5 GCSEs, or equivalent, at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths. At least 3 grade 6 or above for all Higher Level subjects. These are minimum requirements; some IB subjects require higher GCSE grades than those specified above. We particularly welcome applications from students with very strong GCSE (or equivalent) results.</p>

Refer to post-16 centres for current entry criteria, specific subject requirements and how subject combination and putting a centre first when applying may affect your chances of success.

# Vocational Courses

<b>Bishop Laney Sixth</b>	Level 3: Sport, Business, Media, Performing Arts, Applied Science, Hair, Beauty, Health and Social Care, AAT Accounting, Criminology Level 2: Catering, Hairdressing, Beauty, Barbering, Sport Coaching, Business Administration. Norwich City Football Regional Development programme available to students at all levels.
<b>Cambridge Regional College</b>	Art & Design, Beauty Therapy, Business & Law, Childcare & Early Education, Catering & Hospitality, Computing, Construction & Trades, Engineering, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Hairdressing, Health & Social Care, Media & Games Development, Media Make-Up, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Science & Forensic & Criminal Investigation Sports, Supported Learning, Travel & Tourism, Uniform Public Services Technology, Some full time courses have 45 days work experience
<b>Cambridge Academy for Science &amp; Technology</b>	T Levels in Science and Healthcare Science
<b>Comberton Sixth</b>	Sport, Business, Science, Health and Social Care

# Vocational Courses

<b>College of West Anglia (Cambridge)</b>	Animal Care, Equine and Dog Grooming. We also offer Apprenticeships in Agriculture and Horticulture.
<b>Impington International College</b>	Business, Media, Performing Arts, Sports, Health & Social Care and Art and Design
<b>Long Road Sixth</b>	Level 3 courses in Art & Design, Business, Criminology, Graphics, Health & Social Care, IT, Media, Musical Theatre, Sport, Science, Psychology and Music. Level 2 Applied Courses: Media, Health and Social Care, Art and IT .
<b>Northstowe Sixth</b>	Forensic Science, Business, Sport, Music performance, Health and social care
<b>The Oakes College</b>	Level 3 courses in Health and social care, Media, Psychology, ICT, Criminology

# Employment options

Apprenticeship	Employment with training	Traineeship
Employer and Training Provider must be secured	Equivalent of 1 day per week of training	For those just short of the skills and qualifications required for apprenticeship or further study

# Apprenticeships

Name	Level	Equivalent Educational Level	Entry Requirements
Intermediate	2	GCSE	English and GCSE at 3 or above
Advanced	3	A Level	English & maths at 4 or above (other specialist L2 qualifications also might be required)
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above	Entry requirements may vary dependant on subject area
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree	

# How do I decide?

Things to consider	More advice or information needed?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future plans/aspirations</li><li>• Subjects you enjoy</li><li>• Entry requirements v projected grades</li><li>• Learning style</li><li>• Assessment methods</li><li>• Transport</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School careers/transition advisors</li><li>• Post 16 open evenings/days</li><li>• Post 16 centre websites/prospectuses</li><li>• <a href="https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/">https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/</a></li><li>• Family and Friends</li><li>• Local job vacancies with training</li><li>• <a href="https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk">Local Job Vacancies for 16+ and Apprenticeships Information - Learn Together (cambslearntogether.co.uk)</a></li></ul>

# How do I Apply?

## College or Sixth Form courses

- Use the online application process for centres in CAP <https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- For centres outside CAP, approach the centre directly

## Apprenticeship

- National Apprenticeship website  
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- Not Going to Uni website <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- In CAP area express an interest in an Apprenticeship area on  
<https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- Companies own websites
- Contact colleges and training providers that offer apprenticeships.