

# Year 11 Information Evening 2024

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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: 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Predicted grades: 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 11 parents' evening: 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Post-16 applications internal deadline: 9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December



# The Year Ahead – key events later in the year

- Additional mock exams (core subjects): 29<sup>th</sup> January; 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February
- Exam information evening and Elevate Education parent presentation:  
5<sup>th</sup> March
- Final progress report: 27<sup>th</sup> March
- GCSE exams: tbc, approx 8<sup>th</sup> May – 19<sup>th</sup> June



# The Year Ahead – post-16 centre open evenings

- **The Oakes:** 8<sup>th</sup> October
- **Cambridge Maths School:** 17<sup>th</sup> October
- **Chesterton:** 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- **Impington:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- **CRC:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> November (*apprenticeships information evening*)
- **Bishop Laney:** 24<sup>th</sup> October
- **CWA:** 24<sup>th</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- **CAST:** 6<sup>th</sup> November
- **Cambourne:** 7<sup>th</sup> November



# Mock Exams: revision resources

**Sawston Village College**

**Top Revision Resources by Subject 202**

English

Year 11 GCSE Preparation  
**Mathematics**

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**Science**



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- Website
- Google classroom
- Class teachers



# Mock Exams: 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<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.



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> December, this will also be the **Predicted Grade** that will go to Post-16 centres.

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





# Support with post-16 decision making

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## Interests profile

✓ Quiz last taken 28 Nov 23: E and C and A

Start >

## Skills profile

✓ Quiz last taken 26 Aug 24

Start >

## Work environments profile

✗ Quiz not taken

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## Careers library

✓ Careers favourited

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## Subjects library

✗ Subjects favourited

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## Post 16 Options (2025-2026)

**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</b> <b>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	Impington International Sixth Form	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	Cambridge Regional College College of West Anglia (Cambridge)
	<b>IB Diploma Programme</b>		<b>T Levels</b>
	Impington International Sixth Form		Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Cambridge Regional College

There may be other local non-CAP post 16 centres

# 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 2025 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>	<p>A Level: At least 7 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Maths (5; 6 if studying sciences; 7 if studying Further Maths) and English (4) with at least a grade 6 in the subjects chosen at A Level.</p> <p>T Level: At least 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Sciences (5), Maths (5) and English (4)</p>
<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 2025 entry

<b>Comberton Sixth</b>	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. For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary). All information is available on our website and in the 2024 prospectus.
<b>Chesterton Sixth</b>	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.
<b>Cambourne Sixth</b>	For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths & 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. For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

# Minimum entry requirements for 2025 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 or the Cambridge Maths School, achieve our Minimum Entry Admissions Score of 58 and be qualified for at least three subjects you are applying for. We recommend that students include five A level choices as this keeps their options open if courses are oversubscribed.</p> <p>Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). 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). 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. There are subject specific requirements for particular A levels.</p>

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

# Minimum IB profiles for 2025 entry

## Impington International College

**International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme:** 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.

**International Baccalaureate Career Programme:** 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.

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.

# Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

<b>Bishop Laney Sixth</b>	<p>Level 3: Sport &amp; Exercise Science, Business, Media, Applied Science, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Health and Social Care, Criminology</p> <p>Level 2: Catering, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Barbering, Sport Coaching, Business Enterprise. Norwich City Football Regional Development programme available to students at all levels.</p>
<b>Cambridge Regional College</b>	<p>Level 1-3 course available in: Animation &amp; VFX, Architectural Technology, Art &amp; Design, Beauty Therapy, Business, Business &amp; Law, Cambridge United Scholarship Programme, Childcare &amp; Early Education, Catering &amp; Hospitality, Computing, Construction &amp; Trades, Engineering, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), E Sports, Hairdressing, Health &amp; Social Care, Media, Games Development, Media Make-Up, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Science &amp; Forensic &amp; Criminal Investigation, Sports, Supported Learning, Travel &amp; Tourism, Uniform Public Services</p>
<b>Cambridge Academy for Science &amp; Technology</b>	<p>T Levels in Science (Laboratory Science) and Health (Adult Nursing)</p>
<b>Comberton Sixth</b>	<p>Sport, Business, Science, Health and Social Care</p>

# Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

<b>College of West Anglia (Cambridge)</b>	<p>Animal Care, Equine and Dog Grooming.</p> <p>We also offer apprenticeships in Agriculture.</p>
<b>Long Road Sixth</b>	<p>Level 3 courses in Art &amp; Design, Business, Criminology, Graphics, Health &amp; Social Care, IT, Media, Musical Theatre, Sport, Science, Psychology and Music.</p> <p>Level 2 courses in Media, Health &amp; Social Care, Art and IT.</p>
<b>Northstowe Sixth</b>	<p>Forensic Science, Business, Sport, Music performance, Health &amp; Social Care, Applied Science and Dance.</p>
<b>The Oakes College</b>	<p>Level 3 courses in Media, Applied Psychology, ICT, Criminology, Health &amp; Social Care, which can be combined with A level subjects.</p>

# Employment options

<b>Apprenticeship</b>	<b>Employment with training</b>	<b>Traineeship</b>
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	

# Apprenticeships

Any apprenticeship will require a training provider to complete the course.

To increase a students' chance of success, it is advisable if there are options locally to contact more than one training provider for the apprenticeship area you are interested in.

To find out if there are other training providers in our area please see below.

To choose a training provider – go to the apprenticeship training service:

[Find apprenticeship training if you're an employer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Choose an apprenticeship training course and at the bottom of each apprenticeship there is information and a link to other training providers in your area.

## Find training providers for this course

### Apprenticeship location

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire [Remove location](#)

✓ 7 providers available for this apprenticeship location

[View providers for this course](#)



# T-Levels: what are they?

**Technical levels are new qualifications, examined nationally for the first time in 2022**

## **They are:**

- Equivalent to 3 'A' Level qualifications
- Directly linked to future employment through higher apprenticeships or straight into employment
- More hands on than academic qualifications

## **They consist of:**

- Scenario based teaching
- 3 months of work placement
- Learning employability skills (specific and general)
- Different assessment styles (not just exam based)

## **Colleges delivering T levels this year in Cambridgeshire are:**

Cambridge Regional College and Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology.

# 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></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.

# MyChoice16

About our prospectus

## Welcome to MyChoice16, your Online Careers Gateway.

MyChoice16 is an online prospectus and application system for young people to apply to school sixth forms, colleges and training providers.

Anyone can browse the prospectus to find out more about courses and opportunities, but to make an application you will need your log in details.

[Browse Courses](#)

[Login >](#)



## Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for upcoming open days and evenings as well as any other special activities going on in the area.



September 27, 2023  
17:30 - 20:30

**College of West Anglia - A-Level Open Evening - King's Lynn campus**

College of West Anglia (King's Lynn campus)



October 7, 2023  
09:00 - 12:30

**College of West Anglia - Open Morning - King's Lynn campus**

College of West Anglia (King's Lynn campus)



October 7, 2023  
09:00 - 12:30

**College of West Anglia - Open Morning - Sports campus**

College of West Anglia (Sports Campus)