

Careers Resources for Students and Parents



E-ACT Parker
Academy

Information for Parents, Carers and Students

Making the right option choices can determine what progression options are available after year 11. Entry to Sixth Form and some further education courses are based on the achievement of certain subjects and grades. As a guideline, further education at Level 3 requires the achievement of at least five GCSEs at grade 4 to 5 or above. There are a number of progression options for those who do not achieve their GCSEs first time; all further education college courses at Level 1 and 2 include the opportunity to re-take English and Maths if needed.

If you have a plan of the career and education route you wish to take then check what GCSE requirements are needed for entry onto the course of study. Please review the information detailed below which we hope will help answer some of the questions you may have.

Level of Study	Entry Requirements	Examples
Entry Level and Level 1	No Formal GCSEs 4 GCSEs at Level 2	Prince's Trust Level 1 Vocational Courses Plus, English and Maths
Level 2	4 GCSEs at Level 3 or above	Level 2 Vocational Courses Plus, English and Maths Traineeships
Level 3	5 GCSEs at Level 4 or above	A Levels Level 3 Vocational Courses T-Levels

Levels of Study and Progression Options

Education Provider	Age	Year Group	Key Stage	Level of Study	Qualifications	Status
Secondary School	11-13	7/8/9	Key Stage 3	Level 1	Pre-GCSE	Compulsory
Secondary School	14-16	10/11	Key Stage 4	Level 2	GCSE	Compulsory
Further Education (6th Form or College)	16-18	12/13	Key Stage 5	Level 3	A Level/BTEC/ Apprenticeship	Compulsory
Further Education (College)	16-18	12/13		Level 1 Level 2	Vocational Routes English and Maths	Compulsory
Higher Education (University or College)	18+	Undergraduate		Level 4 to Level 6	Degree/HND/HND/ Foundation Degree Higher Apprenticeship Degree Apprenticeship	Optional
Higher Education (University)		Graduate		Level 7	Master's Degree	Optional
Higher Education (University)		Masters		Level 8	PhD	Optional

Unifrog Careers Software – Personalised Student Profiles.

- All students have an individual profile and access to our online Careers programme, Unifrog, where they will find a range of activities to support career and GCSE option decisions.

- Please find links here: Unifrog Login:
www.unifrog.org



Interests, Personality and Work Environment Profile Quizzes Unifrog
Careers and Subjects Library: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers>

9-1 Grades Explained

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6 5 STRONG PASS 4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Daventry Sixth Form



E-ACT Daventry
Sixth Form

- The E-ACT Daventry Sixth Form offers a wide range of Level 3 programmes, including A Levels, BTEC and other vocational courses.
- The main difference between vocational courses and A Levels is that they are designed to relate to career routes and the work place, they are also largely internally assessed whereas A Levels are solely academic courses that are largely assessed through examination.
- Most universities will consider both A Levels and vocational courses when making offers to students. BTECs are highly regarded by universities although A Levels may be favoured by some Russell Group Universities.
- <https://theparkeracademy.e-act.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/10/The-Daventry-Sixth-Form-Prospectus-2023-2024.pdf>

Further Education 16+

- Moulton College: <https://www.moulton.ac.uk/>
- Northampton College: <https://www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk/>
- WCG: <https://wcg.ac.uk/>



Training Providers

- HOET: <https://hoet.co.uk/>



Labour Market Information

- SEMLEP – Local Labour Market Information for Students and Parents
- <https://www.semlep.com/school-labour-market-information/>



Our Careers Advice Service

- Prospects – Shaw Trust Midlands
- <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/directory/local-offer/8229dfaf-aba5-405c-9f32-64c1082174f3>

Useful Careers Weblinks

- BBC - Everything you need to know about choosing your subjects:
- [https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrjh92p Youth Employment UK, 19 Questions to Ask](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrjh92p)
- Youth Employment UK, 19 Questions to Ask Yourself:
- <https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/choosing-gcseoptions-19-questions-ask/> BBC: - How to Help You Teen Choose Their School Subjects (Parent Guide <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdswf4j>)

Apprenticeships



- Amazing Apprenticeships:
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>
- National Apprenticeship Service:
- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

E-Act Parker Contacts for Careers:



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- Mr Pat Mackie: Assistant Headteacher, 6th Form
- Heads of Year:
- <https://theparkeracademy.e-act.org.uk/about-us/meet-our-team/meet-the-team/>